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**Nil**
The House met at 14:15

The Serjeant-at-arms announced the Speaker, who was received by the House standing.

The Speaker took the Chair and requested the House to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation, and thereafter requested the House to be seated.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Members, Members of the Legislature, I would like to welcome and recognise the presence of the Chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders in Mpumalanga, Inkosi Lameck Mokoena, and Deputy Chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders in Mpumalanga, Inkosi S G Ngomane; Chief P P Mnisi of Mnisi Tribal Authority and other traditional leaders that are here, the Executive Mayor of Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Councillor R Khumalo; the Chief Whip of Bushbuckridge Municipality, the Speaker of Bushbuckridge Municipality, the Chief Whip of Ehlanzeni District Municipality, councillors,
Heads of Departments and members of the community that are present here that have come from all parts of the province, but in particular Bushbuckridge – you are all most welcomed to this Sitting.

Hon Members, do you have any Member’s Statements? Hon A M Benadie.

MEMBER’S STATEMENTS

DA’s MEETING WITH THE PREMIER
(Member’s Statement)

Mr A M BENADIE: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. On 3 July 2012, the DA held a meeting with the hon Premier in his office. We met to discuss three important issues, namely:

- Implementation of the Youth Wage Subsidy in the Mpumalanga;
- Rural Security Units that should be established within our province; and
- The possibilities of establishing an Illegal Land Invasion Unit.

The hon Premier, following this meeting, welcomed all these three discussions and agreed to each one of them with its own merits. Sadly, since that day on 3 July, we have heard no further word from the hon Premier about these matters. I have written English letters and English correspondence. We agreed to make a collective provincial submission on the Youth Wage Subsidy and the DA made a submission to the Premier’s Office to be included in a provincial submission to Nedlac.

The Premier and Nedlac met last week and it is unclear whether he made that submission on behalf of the province. As we speak, the youth of our province remain unemployed. As we speak, people across the province have been killed yet they have no rural safety unit. As we speak, land and government land is being invaded, with over a thousand invading council land in Witbank over the past couple of days and yet there is still no Illegal Land Invasion Unit.

The fact is, hon Premier, when we need to address issues, we do not need coffee, and we meet because we are serious about our province. We expect you to give us action and I am looking forward to the Premier’s response.

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Eh... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Sorry hon Majuba, I wanted to say hon M Masuku. Hon Premier, please continue.

RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I take note of the concerns raised. I do not know why the hon Member decided to raise this matter here because we have established a line and I thought he was raising this matter in confidence so that we can proceed to look at ways and means of how we better resolve these matters. So I am taking note of what he says.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you. Are there any other Member’s Statements? Hon K A P Madonsela.

THE FUTURE OF MATIKWANE HOSPITAL
(Members’ Statement)

Nk K A P MADONSELA: (IsiZulu): Ngiyabonga kakhulu, Mnumzane uSomlomo. Ngifuna ukuphakamisa i-Statement on behalf of the Congress of the People ngisho ukuthi i-COPE ikhathazeke kakhulu mayelana nentshisekelo ekuthathweni kwe-Matikwane Hospital yi-Department of Health.

(Translation of isiZulu paragraphs follows.)

[Ms K A P MADONSELA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I would like to raise a Statement on behalf of the Congress of the People and say that Cope is very much worried regarding the enthusiasm about the takeover of the Matikwane Hospital by the Department of Health.]

Speaker, yesterday I visited the Matikwane Hospital to see if people do get services [and] if the department is ready or making arrangements to take over the Matikwane Hospital.
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*Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.*

[As we know, we inherited the Matikwane Hospital in 1994 after the Gazankulu Government had signed a contract for the construction of that hospital in 1987. The agreement was that when the hospital admitted its first patient in 1988 the company – which is Life Esidimeni – would take care of the people, but at the end of 25 years the hospital would be taken over by the reigning government.]

**Ngifike lapha ukuthi:**

[Noticing that the first patient was admitted in September 1988, and being aware that the end of 25 years is in September 2013.]

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Member, please wind up your statement.
Nk K A P MADONSELA: (IsiZulu): ...ibona ukuthi ku-expensive ukunikezela ngama-ARV. Ngakhoke besibheke ukuthi i-department iyalungiselela ukuthi ngo-September 2013 ithathe over lesiya sibhedlela.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Ms K A P MADONSELA: ...is of the opinion that dispensing ARVs is expensive. We were therefore looking to the department to make preparations to take over the hospital in September 2013.]

(IsiZulu): Siyacela-ke kumnyango ikakhulukazi ku-MEC ukuthi akeze nohlelo lokulingiselela ukuthathi izintambo kulesa isibhedlela...

[Ubuwelewele.]

(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)

[It is thus our request to the Department of Health, especially to the MEC, for him to come up with a plan to take over that hospital...] [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Member, your time has expired.

Nk K A P MADONSELA: (IsiZulu): ...ngani ngoba abantu bayasokola; abatholi izinsiza ngokufanele.

(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)

[...because people are struggling; they don’t get proper services.]

Ngiyabonga. [Thank you.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Do you have any response, hon Mkasi?

RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT

The MEC FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (Mr R C MKASI): Thank you, hon Speaker. The matter raised by the hon Member Madonsela is a matter that actually is in front of the department. We are busy handling the matter.
(Xitsonga): Timhaka ta le Matikwana leti Xirho xi nga tivula Madonsela, i timhaka leti hi tirhanaka na tona. Xirho loko ha ha tirhana naswona u ta kuma mbuyelo hikuva a hi swilo leswi hi swiendlaka swi ri xuhundleni. Kontiraka leyi nga kona ya Life Esidimeni na ndzawulo, ha yi tiva hi leyi yi nga na ntsariso eGazankulu eka 25 wa malembe la nga hundza. Kutani loko nkarhi wu fika Xirho na tiko hinkwaro ri ta switiva leswaku hi kunguhate kuendlisa kuyini. Inkomu.

(Translation of Xitsonga paragraph follows.)

[The issues that the Member has raised concerning Matikwana are issues that we are busy dealing with. While we are busy resolving these issues. The Member will in turn get a progress report because we are not working in silos. The contract between Life Esidimeni and the department, it is known, as it was signed with the former Gazankulu Government for the past 25 years. After we have completed all processes, the Member will be informed of the decision taken. Thank you.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you very much. Are there any other Member’s Statements? Hon Chief Whip of the Majority Party, hon B T Shongwe.

THE ANC-LED GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVES IN MPUMALANGA
(Member’s Statement)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY (Ms B T SHONGWE):

Thanks, hon Speaker.

I want to move this Statement that since the 2009 National General Elections, the ANC-led government in Mpumalanga has placed economic development as an anchor programme to address matters of job creation and service delivery and to fight poverty.

In this context, we have seen various government infrastructure projects in the province and in particular Bushbuckridge, especially here in Hluvukani.

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport has made various infrastructure projects like building roads, schools, public libraries, clinics and many more.
Through these projects more people from Bushbuckridge, especially Hluvukani, have been employed and job opportunities were created. As we prepare to conclude the five-year period under review we encouraged our government to complete all projects so that more services and more jobs could be created for our people.

Indeed, hon Speaker, we can confirm that the face of this place where we are gathered today has been changing… [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Member, please wind up.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY (Ms B T SHONGWE): Hon Speaker, we have also seen that just nearby here a library is going to be opened. Our government is indeed committed to delivering a better life for all the people of Hluvukani and Bushbuckridge.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Do you have a response, hon D G Mahlangu, MEC for the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport?

RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT

The MEC FOR PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT (Ms D G MAHLANGU): Thank you, hon Speaker.

(Sepedi): Keleboga statement sa Chief Whip wa Majority Party (ANC). Re le Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport mmušong o [etilwengpele] ke ANC, re šomile ka go ikemišetša. Ge re ka bolela ka bontši bja service delivery – dinyakwa tšabatho tše re di tlišitšeng kgaufsi le bona – re ka bolela ka CHC e re legomogo yona eagilweng kerena Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport, rele mmušong wa ANC.

Re kgonne gore re fetše Hluvukani Library e a boletšeng ka yona. D39390, tsela ya go tloga Cottondale goya Manyeleti, le yona re e dirile re le department.

Re le department re dirile service delivery, hon Speaker, radira infrastructure – tlhabologo – sepetleleng sa Mapulaneng, ratliša tlhabologo bathong ba gabo rena ba e leng gore ka nako e fetileng ba be
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basa humane ditokelo, dinyakwa tše di swanetšeng (service delivery), ra batlišetša dinyakwa mo kgaufsi le bona. Ka kgopelo ya Department of Education le directive ya Premier, re kgonne go fetša go aga sekolo sa Mdluli Secondary, rakgona goba agela sekolo sa N’wanaxingele Primary School le tšedingwe tša go swana le Department of Social Development ka gore re a tseba gore re le batho baso re be rere ge re nyaka di services tša Social Development re tšee maeto a matelele mo re bego re hloka gona le transport. Ke a leboga, hon Speaker.

(Translation of Sepedi paragraph follows.)

[I thank the Chief Whip of the Majority Party (ANC) for his statement. We, as the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport in the ANC-led government, have done our work with great determination. Regarding the amount of service delivery – the needs of people which we have brought closer to them – we can mention the same CHC in which we are gathered, which was built by us as the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport, in the ANC-led government.

We managed to complete the construction of the Hluvukani Library that we have already referred to. The D39390, the road that connects Cottondale to Manyeleti, we have also constructed as a department.

As the department we have delivered services, Hon Speaker, and put infrastructure development in place at the Mapulaneng Hospital, and brought services to our previously disadvantaged people who did not have any rights and never received proper services in the past, and brought services closer to them. At the Department of Education’s request and as a directive from the Premier, we managed to complete the construction of Mdluli Secondary School, and also managed to build for them the N’wanaxingele Primary School and other structures for the Department of Social Development as we know that we blacks had to travel long distances in order to access services as we also did not even have transport. Thank you, hon Speaker.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you. Do you still have Member’s Statements? We move on to Motions without Notice. Are there any Motions without Notice? Hon S J Masango.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

FLOODING AT BUSHBUCKRIDGE: DWARSLOOP BRIDGE
(Draft Resolution)
Mr S J MASANGO: Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, I hereby on behalf of the Democratic Alliance move a Motion without Notice:

That the House –

(1) noting that –

(a) early this year Bushbuckridge area was affected by flooding;
(b) some bridges were washed away by the floods;
(c) Bushbuckridge was also declared a disaster area;
(d) this municipality was allocated funds to repair bridges; and
(e) one of the critical bridges is the Dwarsloop Bridge that connects Dwarsloop and Saselani Village.

(2) Further noting that -

(a) no work has been done on the Dwarsloop Bridge;
(b) there are allegations of irregularities involved with the matter; and
(c) there is an allegation that the contractor has been paid in advance.

(3) Therefore resolves as follows:

(a) that the provincial government investigates the alleged irregularities;
(b) that if ever there is corruption involved in this matter, those involved in the corrupt act should be charged, arrested and that the law must take its course; and
(c) that the Provincial Government assists in ensuring that the bridges are repaired as a matter of urgency so that those children who are still going to cross that bridge are not affected when heavy rains come very soon.

I so move, Chair.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): The question before the House is whether we agree to adopt the Motion as moved by the hon Member.
Agreed to? The Motion is defeated. Are there any other Motions without Notice? Hon M T Malinga from the ANC.

**CONDEMN THE KILLING OF COUNCILLORS: KWAZULU-NATAL**

(Draft Resolution)

**Tat M T MALINGA: (Xitsonga):** Inkomu Muchaviseki Xipikara.

**IsiZulu:** Somlomo ohloniphekile ngisukuma nokwenza isiPhakamiso esinganaso iSaziso:

Ukuthi le Ndlu ehloniphekile –

1. Igxeko ngokuphelele ukubulawa kwamakhansela; ikakhulu le KwaZulu-Natali;

2. Ibone ngokukhulu ukukhathala ukuthi ababili abangamalunga egatsha le-African National Congress, uDumisani Malunga ongusihlalo walelo gatsha, uBheki Chiliza ongunobhala walelo gatsha baye badutshulwa endaweni yaKwaZulu-Natali e-South Coast;

3. Ikhumbule futhi ngokudumala ukuthi kakhona amanye amakhansela asithupha abulewe kubomasipala abahlukene baKwaZulu-Natali ezinyangeni eziyi-15 ezindlulile;

4. Igxeko zonke lezi zenzo ezimbi ngamandla nangokuphelele ukuthi umsebenzi wokubulawa kwabantu kuwumsebenzi kasathane;

5. Iqaphele ukuthi la makhansela akhethwe ngumphakathi; asikho isidingo sokuthi baqhubeke nokubulawa ngendlela esihluku. Akuyona indlela yokulungisa izindaba zepolitiki ukuthi abantu babulawe ngodlame; futhi


Ngiyaphakamisa Somlomo.

*(Translation of Xitsonga and isiZulu paragraphs follows.)*

**[Mr M T MALINGA:** Thank you, hon Speaker.

Hon Speaker, I rise to move a Motion without Notice:
That this august House -

(1) condemns the killing of councillors, especially in KwaZulu-Natal;

(2) observes with great concern that two of these councillors who are members of the ANC branch in KZN, Dumisani Malunga, who was the chairperson of the branch and, Bheki Chiliza, who was the secretary of the branch, were shot dead on KwaZulu-Natal South Coast;

(3) recalls with sadness that there are other six councillors who were killed in different municipalities of KwaZulu-Natal in the past 15 months;

(4) strongly condemns in totality all these evil acts of killing people;

(5) notes that these councillors were elected by the community, there is no need to kill them in such painful ways; violent murders of people it is not a way of solving political problems; and

(6) welcomes the judgment handed down by the High Court to Sifiso Khumalo, who was given a sentence of 22 years in jail.

I so move Speaker.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): The question before the House is whether we agree to adopt the Motion as moved by the hon Member. Agreed to? The Motion is adopted. Are there any other Motions without Notice? Hon D G Mahlangu.

CONGRATULATE COSATU NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS
(Draft Resolution)

The MEC FOR PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT (Ms D G MAHLANGU): Thank you, hon Speaker. I rise to move a Motion without Notice:

For this House to -

(1) congratulate the national office bearers elected in Cosatu – the successful beginning of Cosatu’s 11th National Conference in Midrand;
(2) note that the working class movement depicted an unspeakable unity in action during this conference which started yesterday in Midrand Johannesburg at Gallagher Estate;

(3) proudly note that the conference started peacefully to the disappointment of the anonymous doomsayers who expected war and shedding of blood during this conference;

(4) further note that the NOBs (National Office Bearers) were elected without any challenge which is an indication of unity in all its forms;

(5) observe that the unity which exists within the ranks of Cosatu is an indication of peace, stability and comradeship within the tripartite alliance, a necessary element for all of us including the comrades who are going to represent the masses of our people in Mangaung during the ANC-elective conference, come December; and

(6) call upon support for this worker’s federation and its elected leadership – it is unity and only unity among us which will lead all of us to peace and stability.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): The question before the House is whether we agree to adopt the Motion as moved by the hon Member. Agreed to? The Motion stands defeated. Are there any other Motions without Notice? Hon R C Mahlobogoane, do you want to move a Motion? It does not look like there are any other Motions.

We move on to Notices of Motion. Are there any Notices of Motion? We move on to Formal Motions. There is a Motion standing in the name of the MEC for Human Settlements and also the Leader of Government Business, hon Masango. There is a debate on this Motion and I now call upon the MEC M S A Masango to formally table this Motion.

FORMAL MOTIONS

DA MEDIA STATEMENT REGARDING DUMPING OF TEXTBOOKS AROUND NKOMAZI MUNICIPALITY
(Formal Motion and Debate)

The LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): Thank you, hon Speaker, hon Premier, and hon Members. On 10 August 2012, Mr James Masango of the DA released a statement to all media houses wherein he claimed that textbooks have been dumped in and around Nkomazi Municipality. Mr Masango continued to make the same
claim when interviewed by a journalist on Ligwalagwala FM and he even undertook to resign from this Legislature if the textbooks could not be found.

As of today, these textbooks are not yet found. The question therefore is why is Mr Masango not resigning?

Mr A M GAMEDE: Hon Speaker.

The LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): Why did he choose to lie to the media and to the people of Mpumalanga? Does it mean that in future if textbooks could be found dumped in the veld, he should... [Interjections.]

Mr A M GAMEDE: Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon A M Gamede, is that a point of order?

Mr A M GAMEDE: Yes, it is a point of order. Is it parliamentary for a Member to speak while another Member is addressing the House?

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, hon Members! Can you please listen to the hon Member; he is on the podium at the moment. Can you continue, hon MEC.

The LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): Does it mean that in future if textbooks could be found “dumped” in the veld, he should be the first suspect? Does it mean that if such happens, he will demand that the hon MEC for Education should resign, or does it mean that he will take this matter to the police and show them the books as well as the suspect?

Why is the DA allowing hon Masango to conduct himself so dishonourably? Did he not as an hon Member of this House put his integrity at stake by wilfully and intentionally lying to the public?

Does it mean that in future if any property of government is lost and is found such as computers, laptops et cetera by the DA “dumped” in the
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veld, they should in fact be the first suspects in the commission of that crime?

Now that hon S J Masango has wished that the textbooks be found lost or dumped in Mpumalanga, is he and the DA prepared to assist the police to ascertain where books were found lost or dumped in Limpopo? It seems they know something about this crime. Otherwise, if they are not being questioned on this matter, they will try and invent the same thing here in Mpumalanga.

Hon Speaker, this House is entitled to an answer from hon S J Masango and the DA on why he is refusing to resign after undertaking to do so in public through Ligwalagwala FM.

In conclusion, if Mr Masango regrets his lie, then this Legislature must force him to go to Ligwalagwala FM and apologise to the people of Mpumalanga and he must also tell them not to take him serious in the future. I thank you.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you, hon MEC. The next speaker is the hon Member Benadie from the DA.

Mr A M BENADIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker and hon Members, the ANC should be ashamed of themselves. MEC Masango, a former MEC for Education, you should be ashamed of yourself. You, MEC, during your term as Education MEC, singlehandedly led that department to the brink of collapse. You, MEC, installed the culture of underperformance, bad management and unchecked corruption in this department. Till this day this department has not recovered from the damage you caused as its MEC... [Interjections.]

Mr J L MAHLANGU: Point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order!

Mr S J MASANGO: Mr Speaker, on a point of order. This microphone is not audible, we cannot hear... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Can the people who are dealing with the sound try and correct the sound, please.
Mr A M BENADIE: Shall I start again, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): No, continue where you stopped.

Mr J L MAHLANGU: Hon Speaker, I have risen on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! There is a point of order by hon J L Mahlangu.

Mr J L MAHLANGU: The point of order is that there is a subject before the House and the Member is speaking on another matter.

Mr A M BENADIE: But it is a true matter.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Continue, hon Benadie.

Mr A M BENADIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Yet, hon MEC, today you have the guts and courage to stand before this House and community and question the conduct of hon S J Masango for exposing the unthinkable act of illegally dumping school textbooks, and here it is.

Hon Speaker, I do not know whether there is somebody from the ANC sitting in that [sound] booth.

Here is the evidence and you must distribute it to all the Members; except the ANC does not want to see the truth and therefore all of it was returned back to me.

You have chosen not to debate the merits of the case, hon MEC. It is not the hon Masango that must investigate; the hon MEC for Education was asked to investigate.

You have chosen not to debate the dumping of textbooks or other LTSM, not to debate the findings of the departmental investigation ...

[Interjections.]

Mr V V Z WINDVOËL: Hon Speaker.

Mr A M BENADIE: ... but rather you have exposed ... [Interjections.]
The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon Benadie, order! Hon Windvoël.

Mnu V V Z WINDVOËL: (Siswati): Mhlonishwa Somlomo bengifuna kutfola kwekutsi lomhlonishwa lomhlonishwa lokhulumako angaba nesibindzi sekutsatsa umbuto na? [Mr V V Z WINDVOËL: Hon Speaker, I just wanted to find out if the hon Member presently speaking would be bold enough to take a question.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, are you prepared to take a question?

Mr A M BENADIE: No, I am not, hon Speaker, I have got limited time.

Mnu V V Z WINDVOËL: (Siswati): Ayasaba emagwala. [Mr V V Z WINDVOËL: Cowards are afraid.]

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, instead of the MEC and the ANC government apologising for the dumping of textbooks, we are here today seeing the desperation of the ANC, who resorts to the political attacks and cheap politics point scoring.

MEC, are we debating textbook dumping today because the ANC cares about our children or are we debating the conduct of hon Masango, who you choose to attack just because he is from the DA?

On 10 August 2012, we did issue the statement. In fact, on 6 September 2012, we issued another statement about the dumping of the LTSM in Ermelo.

If the ANC persists that the DA is lying, look and explain the photos we have distributed today. If you do not believe the photos, hon Speaker, I have an entire box of textbooks here with me. This is an entire box of textbooks found on the rubbish dump at Nkomazi, hon MEC.

We have reported this matter to the MEC’s office and we have... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, hon Members! Please continue.
Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, the issue here should not be the conduct of hon Masango, but rather why the ANC government, despite all the evidence that has been reported to the MEC’s office, has still chosen not to investigate this matter. Is this not evidence enough for government to launch an investigation or does the ANC first want thousands of learners of Mpumalanga to fail this year, then next year launch a commission of inquiry to find out why they have failed?

About Ligwalagwala FM, hon Speaker: the hon Masango – that is S J not the other one – invited the journalist to visit the site in Nkomazi and to see the books we had at our office. We made an appointment with the journalist and at that time that the appointment was supposed to take place, and the journalist to which the MEC refers did not arrive...

[Interjections.]

Mr V V Z WINDVOËL: Point of order, hon Speaker.

Mr A M BENADIE: These Members are not listening.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon Member, continue.

Mr A M BENADIE: This is an ANC Motion; the ANC must keep quiet and listen.

Subsequently, hon Speaker, the DA lodged a complaint with the Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, please round up.

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, I do not know if the hon Masango is listening to me. MEC, this is your Motion and you must listen to me and do not speak to the Premier.

We have lodged a complaint with the Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa, which has already launched an investigation into the conduct of the radio station and the journalist.

Hon Speaker, in conclusion... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, your time has expired.
Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, thank you. Hon MEC, here is your box of books, please.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Members, order! The next speaker is hon N C Mamabolo from the ANC.


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Ms N C MAMABOLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. Greetings to the hon Premier, D D Mabuza. Hon Speaker, I rise to deal with the matter of the conduct of the hon S J Masango of the DA, who told lies on Ligwalagwala FM about the dumping of children’s textbooks and study aids in Nkomazi. As well as his undertaking to renounce his membership... [Interjections.]]

Mr S J MASANGO: Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order, hon Mamabolo! That is unparliamentary.

Mr S J MASANGO: Yes, it is unparliamentary.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Mamabolo, that is unparliamentary, can you please withdraw that.

Nk N C MAMABOLO: (IsiZulu): Akakhulumanga iqiniso emsakazweni i-Ligwalagwala ngodaba lokulahlleka kwezincwadi... [Ubuwelewele.] [Ms N C MAMABOLO: He did not tell the truth on the Ligwalagwala radio station on the issue of books that went missing... [Interjections.]]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): You must say that you withdraw that.

Nk N C MAMABOLO: (IsiZulu): Ngiyahoxisa Mhlonishwa. [Ms N C MAMABOLO: I withdraw, hon Speaker.]
The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Okay.

Nk N C MAMABOLO: (IsiZulu): Mhlonishwa Somlomo, lesi senzo senza ukuthi sicabange ukuthi i-DA inesandla ku-Limpopo textbook saga. Inesandla ekulahlweni kwezincwadi zabantwana besikole. Loku kwenza sizibuze ukuthi iyini inhloso ye-Lunga le-DA. Ingabe kungukwakha isizwe noma qha?

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Hon Speaker, this act makes us think that the DA might have a hand in the Limpopo textbook saga … that it has a hand in the dumping of schoolchildren’s textbooks. This makes us ask ourselves why? What is the DA’s aim? Is it to build up the nation or otherwise?]

Hon Speaker, the Limpopo textbook saga cannot be repeated in Mpumalanga, where members of the opposition party have declared cold war to render the ANC-led government ungovernable. It is an unacceptable behaviour that must come to a cul-de-sac.

Discrediting the Department of Education’s performance and distributing fake evidence is misconduct by opposition members.

Through our oversight visits, we have established that the Department of Education strives to ensure that learners’ support materials are distributed equally and that monitoring systems are in place. We have observed that as a committee and have commended the department for improvement observed. Hon Speaker, let me indicate that as deployed cadres of the ANC-led government, we adhere to the ethics and values of the organisation, hence I would like to quote from the annual lekgotla statement to say that, and I quote:

ANC has focused on five priority areas and re-affirms that education is an apex priority that needs focus of all South Africans.

We are the vanguard of the poor and the working class, hence, our oversight work, is focusing on serving our communities in ensuring that they get proper... [Interjections.]
Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order, please. Hon Speaker, this Motion is about the dumping of textbooks and the conduct of hon Masango, and not on the five priorities of the ANC. The hon Member must speak to the issue at hand.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, hon Benadie! Your point of order is not sustained. Continue, hon Member.


Umbuso wombutho kaKhongolose wentando yeningi unenhloso yokubona isizwe sethu siphumelela sithuthuka, ngakho-ke inumansumane ayidingeki kuloku.


Uma ngabe zikhona lezo zincwadi azivele, kodwa kufanele sizibuze ukuthi zibuya kuphi, kungani ziboniswe yileli Lunga lesiShayamthetho? Ipheshana leli olibonisile alisho lutho, leso sithombe sithwetshulwe lena eLimpopo, hhayi lapha eMpumalanga.

Mhlonishwa Somlomo, kungaba kuhle ukuthi kube nophenyo olwenziwayo... [Ubuwelewele.]

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraphs follows.)

[It is absurd that the Department of Education could throw away textbooks. Why? Why would we do that? Do we want the black society to progress or not? What do we stand to gain, hon Speaker, by killing our own nation?]
The aim of the ANC-led democratic government is to see our nation achieving success, progressing; there is, therefore, no need for any fairy (that is, false) stories in this.

What hon Masango of the DA said must be viewed in a serious light. His action has no ring of truth in it – it is called a serious violation of rules, where an honourable Member of the legislature leaves the job they should be doing and goes around wreaking mayhem just like this textbook issue that has no supporting evidence. Let all this remind us of the reign of oppressive rule where the black nation was pulled down, where our ancestors had their land forcefully taken away from them. Our ancestors were enslaved and taken to other lands. It is acts like these that push us backwards.

If those books really do exist, let them come to light; but we need to ask ourselves where they come from and why they are brought forward by this (particular) Member of the legislature. The piece of paper that you have produced means nothing. That picture was taken out there in Limpopo, not here in Mpumalanga.

Hon Speaker, it would be fitting for an investigation to take place... [interjections.]

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): What is the point of order, hon Benadie?

Mr A M BENADIE: The hon Member is deliberately misleading the House. She says that these pictures were taken in Limpopo. She has absolutely no evidence to prove that they were taken there. These pictures come from Komatipoort in Nkomazi, hon Speaker, and there is evidence and we were there. How can she say that they are Limpopo’s photos?

Ms B T SHONGWE: Hon Speaker, point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order, hon Members! There cannot be two points of order at the same time. Order, hon Members!
Hon Benadie, it is a very difficult matter for me as a Presiding Officer to rule on, because the Member says that these pictures were not taken in Mpumalanga, and I cannot say whether they were taken in Mpumalanga or not taken in Mpumalanga. I see these pictures as well, but what I will allow is to investigate this matter further and not now. Continue, hon Member.

Mr V V Z WINDVOËL: Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon Windvoël, you cannot have a point of order because I have already ruled on this matter.

Mr V V Z WINDVOËL: The point I am rising on, hon Speaker, is that is it procedural for a Member without your authority to come and distribute pictures which have not been verified and their authentic source is not known, and such pictures are now being used to be part of disturbing the very serious debate with points of disorder which the Member is claiming now.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you, very much, hon Windvoël. Continue and finalise.


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Ms N C MAMABOLO: Hon Speaker, it is recommended that an investigation be carried out about this matter. Let there be a team to look into the investigation of learning resources so that it will be clear what the hon Member is up to – building up the nation and society or not.]

(IsiZulu): Emva kophenyo kubalulekile ukuthi iLunga lixolise kumphakathi, lixolise kumsakazo i-Ligwalagwala... [Ubuwelewele.]

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)
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After the investigation it will be important for the hon Member to make an apology to the community and the Ligwalagwala radio station...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Mamabolo, please round up.

Nk N C MAMABOLO: (IsiZulu): ... futhi lenze njengoba lithembisile; lishiye phansi ubulunga. Mhlonishwa Somlomo, angisho ngaphandle kokungabaza ukuthi iLunga libonakala line-conduct disorder. Loku kusho ukuthi iLunga libonakala lenza izinto ezikhombisa ukuvukela umbuso nokwenza izinto ezingahambisani nomthetho. ILunga malishiyi phansi izintambo.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Ms N C MAMABOLO: ... and to honour his word by giving up his membership. Hon Speaker, let me say without hesitation that the hon Member appears to have some sort of conduct disorder; that is, the Member seems to be doing things that smack of sedition and that go contrary to law. Let the hon Member resign.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Mamabolo, your time has expired. The next speaker, hon Members, is the hon K A P Madonsela from COPE.

Ms K A P MADONSELA: Hon Speaker, thank you very much. Speaker, it was interesting to hear...

(IsiZulu): ...i-Member eqeda ukuhlala phansi ukuthi nayo ithi makube ne-investigation ngale ndaba. [...the hon Member that has just sat down also saying there should be an investigation into this matter.]

When the DA released this statement, our expectation as the Congress of the People was that the Department of Education was supposed to conduct an investigation.

(IsiZulu): Ukube nje u-MEC njengoba azodibeyitha manje uzofika athi ‘qha mhlonishwa Masango, silwenzile uphenyo kodwa asikutholanga lokho’. Ngokungafani, Somlomo,nomhlonishwa uMasango ophakamise lesi siPhakamiso enze lento ayenzile ngaphambi kokuthi sithole i-report ebalulekile.
If only the hon MEC, as she is going to debate now, would say 'well, hon Masango, we have investigated and we did not find that'. Unlike the hon Masango, hon Speaker, who raised this Motion to do what he has done before we received the important report.

The Congress of the People refuses to allow the politicising of our children’s education provisioning by anyone. The progress of our society is directly dependent on our ability to have an educated nation. Teachers must be at school on time teaching and government must deliver all the necessary tools that allow such teaching and learning to take place. Hon Masango’s statement is a non-issue to us, but the Department of Education must be vigilant and ensure that delivery and disposal of books is happening according to their policies.

We know that...

(IsiZulu): ...i-EduSolution yiyo kanye lenkampani okutholakele ukuthi ilahle izincwadi eLimpopo, ngakho-ke bekufanele ukuthi i-department ibe nokukhathazeka ukuthi kungenzeka lokho nalapha eMpumalanga. Asithandi ukuthi siloku sidlala ngezimpilo zabantwana bethu. [...EduSolutions is the very company that was found to have dumped textbooks in Limpopo. The department should have worried that something similar could also happen here in Mpumalanga. We don’t want to keep playing with the lives of our children.]

(IsiZulu): Siyazi ukuthi i-Bushbuckridge ibingasebenzi kahle ngokwemiphumela, ngakho-ke sifuna ukuthi umnyango uze nesu; sibe nokukhathazeka ukuthi ngo-2013 asifuni ukubona izinkinga zezincwadi, noma ngabe zilahlwe noma ngabe izincwadi ziyathunyelwa (supplied) kodwa asenzeni kahle ukuthi izinto zihambe ngohlelo. Singasheshi ukuzokhuluma lapha sikhuluma into esinganabo ubufakazi ngayo. I-DA ithi sithole izincwadi; uMnyango bekufanele wenze uphenyo nje kufanele. Loko kungumbono wethu, mhlonishwa Somlomo, kule ndaba.

Masingadlali ngekusasa labantwana bethu. Ngiyabonga.

(Translation of isiZulu paragraphs follows.)

[We know that Bushbuckridge has not been performing well in terms of results; therefore, we want the department to come up with a plan; we should make it a point that in 2013 we do not experience textbook problems, even if the textbooks are dumped or supplied. But let us do things right and according to plan. We should not hasten to come speak
here in the Legislature about something that lacks evidence. The DA says we have found books, the department was supposed to investigate and that is just that. That is our opinion on this matter, hon Speaker.

Let us not play with our children’s future. Thank you.]

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** The next speaker is the hon V S Siwela, the Deputy Speaker of the Legislature.

**Ms V S SIWELA:** Thank you, hon Speaker, hon Premier and hon Members. I feel greatly honoured to be an active participant in one of the most important debates in which we have to deal with the conduct of one of our beloved colleagues. In acknowledgement of the resolution of the ANC-led government to declare September as heritage month and 24 September as Heritage Day, I would like to present my contentions in Xitsonga.

*(Xitsonga)*: Muchaviseki Xipikara. [Hon Speaker.]

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Order! Hon Deputy Speaker, Order! Can the people who are dealing with the sound assist us. Interpreters, can you also assist.

*(Xitsonga)*: Muchaviseki Xipikara, ndzi twa swi ndzi hlarisa ngopfu loko vanhu lapa ngulapula ku ri va kume tibuku, va hlulekile kuya komba vateki va mahungu na maphorisa va foda na vona vari kona. A hi swivanana hina la namuntshva va nga ta hi tela na swiphephane vata hi komba ku imifoda ya tibuku. Vateki va mahungu vava laville vakombiwa ntiriyiso a fodiwa Masango. Masango u switoleverile ku nyika switatimite swoka swi nga ri swa ntiyiso.

Loko hiya epalamente ha fungha hi ku hi ta tirha hi ntiyiso no tshembeka, lani swi hi khomisaka tingana loko un’wana wa hina... [Ku nghenelela.]

*(Translation of Xitsonga paragraphs follows.)*

[I am very surprised when people make unfounded claims that the find books dumped somewhere, but they have failed to call the journalists and police to take pictures in their presence of those books they have found. They must not come with unauthentic pictures claiming that are the pictures of the books that were dumped, we are not kids either. The police wanted proof and also to take the pictures of Masango. Masango is used to give false statements.]
When you are elected in parliament, you take an oath that you will uphold the Constitution of the Republic. It leaves much to be desired when one of us ... [Interjections.]

**Ms K A P MADONSELA:** Hon Speaker.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Order! Hon Madonsela.

**Ms K A P MADONSELA:** Is the Member prepared to take a question?

**XANDLAXA XIPIKARA (Man V S SIWELA):** *(Xitsonga)*: A ndzi tiyimiselanga ku hlamula xivutiso xa yena Xipikara.

*(Translation of Xitsonga paragraph follows.)*

[**The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms V S SIWELA):** I am not prepared to take her question, hon Speaker.]

I am not ready.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Madonsela, the Member is not prepared to take your question.

**XANDLAXA XIPIKARA (Man V S SIWELA):** ... loko un’wani wa hina aya vulavula a ri Xirho xa Palamente a nga vulavuli swilo leswi khomekaka, hi twa swi hi khomisa tingana swinene hiku i fanele makwerhu a tsundzuka ku hambi a huma eka nhlangano un’wana, kambe hi tirha hi ku hlanganyela. Loko ku ri ku intiyiso... [Ku nghenelele.]

*(Translation of Xitsonga paragraph follows.)*

[**The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms V S SIWELA):** ... if someone speaks something that has no proof on behalf of parliament, we find it very disturbing because even if my colleague is from the opposition, we work as co-operative governance. If it is true... [Interjections.]]

**Mr S J MASANGO:** Hon Speaker.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Order! Hon Masango.

**Mr S J MASANGO:** Hon Speaker, I want to find out if the hon Member is prepared to take a question?
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The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Please continue.

XANDLA XA XIPIKARA (Man V S SIWELA): (Xitsonga): Muchaviseki Xipikara, loko DA yi lava tivhoti a yi fambi ya khakhansa hi ndlela ya kahle, yi tshika ku lava vuyeriwa hi mikutlunya ya mavun’wa lawa va nga na wona. [Mavoko.]

(Translation of Xitsonga paragraph follows.)

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms V S SIWELA): Hon Speaker, if the DA wants votes, they must canvass in a good way, not to score cheap political points through the lies that they are telling. [Applause.]]

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon Benadie.

Mr A M BENADIE: I think we will have to ask our guests to respect the House.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Sergeant-at-arms, can you please assist us. Members of the public, you are not part of the deliberations, so please do not make a noise.

XANDLA XA XIPIKARA (Man V S SIWELA): (Xitsonga): Muchaviseki Xipikara, ndzi yima na mhaka yaku DA ya yi tiva husuhusu leyi nga kona eLimpopo yo lahliwa ka tibuku – vana xiyave eka husuhusu leyi vanhu lava. Se va lava ku swihoxa na la Mpumalanga kambe khombo ra kona a va nga humeleli. La Mpumalanga a swikona. A kuna tibuku leti nga lahleka. Mi tshika mavunwa n’wana va DA. Mi lava ku titatisela mikutlunya ... [Ku nghenelela.]

(Translation of Xitsonga paragraph follows.)
[The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms V S SIWELA):] I agree that the DA knows very well about the saga of books that were dumped in Limpopo – they’ve got a hand in it, these people. They want to escalate it to Mpumalanga. In Mpumalanga, there is none. There are not books that are lost. The DA must stop telling lies. You want to score points ... [Interjections.]

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! What is the point of order?

Mr A M BENADIE: The Deputy Speaker is deliberately misleading the House. She says that the DA is part and parcel of the problem in Limpopo and we are spreading it to Mpumalanga. That is not true, hon Speaker. It is the ANC that governs Limpopo and Mpumalanga and that delivers textbooks and not the DA.

Ms V S SIWELA: Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Hon Deputy Speaker, order! Hon Deputy Speaker, please do not say that, because I do not think we have evidence that the DA was part of the problems in Limpopo.

XANDLA XA XIPIKARA (Man V S SIWELA): (Xitsonga): Xipikara, ndzi lava kuvula ku MEC Masango a veke nsusumeto lowu wa leswaku a va nyiki vumbhoni, va nge tiheli vata n’wi hoxa swivutiso ku ri vona va nga nyika xitatimente. Vafanele va nyika vumbhoni byo tiya. Vata na swiphephana swo ka swi nga ri swa ntiyiso la Ndlwini, ene swi hoxekile. Hina ha swilava ku ri hi lwa na vukungundzwana kambe hayi hi ndlela ya mavun’wa. Mabokisi lawa Benadie a nga ya rhwala ... [Ku nghenelela.]

(Translation of Xitsonga paragraph follows.)

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms V S SIWELA):] Hon Speaker, MEC Masango has moved this motion in order for them to give proof, and then they cannot in turn ask him questions because they are the ones who gave this statement. They must give concrete proof. They bring unauthentic pictures in the House which is wrong. We are committed in fighting crime, but not in a wrong way. The boxes at Benadie’s disposal... [Interjections.]

Mr A M GAMEDE: Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Gamede.
Mr A M GAMEDE: Is it parliamentary? I want to read the Rules of the House, Rule number 7: it says any Member may not read or lager any newspaper, any material or bring any intrusive electronic equipment into the Chamber; the DA Members have these things. Can you rule over that, Speaker, because it is the rule of the House.

Mr A M BENADIE: I am glad the new Member is reading his rules.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Hon Benadie and hon Masango, the rule that hon Gamede is quoting is correct, so please, do not do that; do not bring in those flying papers. Please continue, hon Deputy Speaker.

Ms V S SIWELA: Thank you, hon Speaker.

(Xitsonga): lexi nga kona Muchaviseki Masango u fanele a nyika vumbhoni swilo leswi a nga swiveka hayi hi swiphephana. Hi ta pfumelelana na yena loko nyika vumbhoni swilo leswi a nga swivula kambe u hlulekile yena kufodiwa na tibuku a fodiwa na hi maphorisa. Swi n’wi tsandzile namutha u ta a khome swiphephana la Palamente leswi nga hoxeka. Hi kombela leswaku swilo leswi a wu swivulavula a wu fanele u nyike vuxokoxoko eka maphorisa hayi uta na swiphephana la ndzeni ka Yindlu leyiwa.

(Translation of Xitsonga paragraph follows.)

[What is left is that hon Masango must give proof of the matter he has raised not in the form of photos. He failed to take photos with the books in the presence of the police, but we will agree with him if he can give us the proof. He failed, then today he comes with unauthentic papers in parliament, which is wrong. The issues that you raised you should have given the police details of, not bring these papers to this House.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Deputy Speaker, please round up.

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): What is the point of order?

Mr A M BENADIE: The hon Member is deliberately misleading the House.
The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order, hon Members! Can we have some order, please!

Mr A M BENADIE: There are unruly councillors there, Speaker. The fact is that the hon Member is saying that according to this Motion the Member was supposed to come here and prove with some kind of evidence, and report to the police. There is no rule that puts that obligation on him. We are politicians in this House and we reported the matter to the MEC and it is her responsibility to investigate and not ours.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): The point of order is not sustained.

XANDLA XA XIPIKARA (Man V S SIWELA): (Xitsonga): Se a wu fanele u nga tangi naswona swiphephana sweswo loko i nga ku tirhelo wa ri tiva. [The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms V S SIWELA): You should have not brought those papers if you are aware of the procedure.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Deputy Speaker, your time has expired.

XANDLA XA XIPIKARA (Man V S SIWELA): (Xitsonga): Nkarhi wa mina wu herile kambe Masango loko a nga nyiki vumbhoni byo tiya a hlongoriwi ene hi mina mutshamaxitula wo tshinya, u taya eka komiti yo tshinya a ya hlongoriwa hi ku u na mavun’wa. Inkomu. [Mavoko.]

(Translation of Xitsonga paragraph follows.)

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms V S SIWELA): My time has expired, but if Masango is not going to prove beyond reasonable doubt, he must be fired and I am the one who is chairing the disciplinary committee. He has to appear before the committee, because he has told lies. Thank you. [Applause.]]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order, hon Members! Order!

Mr A M BENADIE: Is that the best you had?

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon J L Mahlangu.

Mr J L MAHLANGU: Hon Speaker, I was rising on a point of order whilst hon Benadie was speaking. He made a statement when he started speaking; he pointed a finger to our guests sitting over here and he said they are unruly councillors. I do not think it is proper for a Member of
Parliament to make such a statement. I think it is out of order and he must withdraw it.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Can you repeat that, hon Mahlangu.

Mr J L MAHLANGU: When hon Benadie started addressing you on a point of order whilst the hon Deputy Speaker was speaking, he pointed his finger and he said ‘these are unruly councillors’. Well, I may not be quoting him verbatim, but that is what he said and I think it is not proper for him to make such a statement in this House, where he points at people and calls them unruly councillors and he must withdraw. This is just the behaviour this House should not tolerate.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, please withdraw. Can I also appeal to all the people who are attending this sitting that the sitting is for the Members of the House; you are not part of this sitting, you are here to observe as guests. Can you please withdraw what you said, hon Benadie.

Mr S J MASANGO: Hon Speaker, can I just address you on the point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): No, no, no, hon Masango, I heard him myself saying that, so you cannot address me. I know you are the Chief Whip, but he said that, can he withdraw it.

Mr S J MASANGO: Hon Speaker, there is a ruling in this House that when you are not sitting there speaking you cannot be brought into order, and that was that... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): No, no, the Member was speaking as hon Mahlangu was saying and while I was trying to address his point of order, I forgot to deal with this matter. Hon Mahlangu is reminding me that that is what he said to the councillors and it is wrong; you are not supposed to say that, can you withdraw that.

Mr A M BENADIE: I withdraw, Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): The next Speaker is the hon... [Interjections.]
Ms B T SHONGWE: Mr Speaker, order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, hon Members, please.

Ms B T SHONGWE: I want to raise a serious... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon Chief Whip.

Ms B T SHONGWE: In terms of the rules, Members must not speak while seated because they are not respecting this House. So, hon Benadie must stand up and speak. He is now speaking to the phone; he does not listen, he is unruly. He must stand up and apologise, as said by the rules. He cannot speak while seated because he is disrespecting the Speaker and the House.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, can you please withdraw properly.

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order!

Mr A M BENADIE: I withdraw.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you. Order! The next speaker is the hon M R Mhaule, the MEC for Education.

The MEC FOR EDUCATION (Ms M R MHAULE): Hon Speaker, Deputy Speaker, hon Premier and hon Members, greetings to you.

Hon Speaker, the Department of Education is responsible for 1.03 million learners in the province and all these learners, more than 1 million, have parents and the parents of these learners have entrusted these learners to the Department of Education in Mpumalanga. The department is doing its best; *(Siswati):* Litiko Lemfundvo lenta lokusemandleni alo kwekutsi labatali labatsatse labantfwana labaniketa lona baneliseke. Kungako kuleminyaka mibili lendlulile ema-results akhuphuke nga-17%. Kungako futsi i-pass rate yebantfwana labenta tifundvo te Maths and Science ikhuphukile... [Kuhlaba lulwimi.]
Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, what is the point of order?

Mr A M BENADIE: The ANC tabled a Motion about hon Masango’s conduct and about textbook dumping; I do not know what the relevance of an analysis of the results is, to this Motion. There is a specific Motion relating to this gentleman’s conduct and nothing else. If we are debating results, then I also want an opportunity to debate results as well. We are not here to debate results.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon...

Mr M S A MASANGO: Point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Masango, we cannot have two points of order. Please take your seat, hon Masango.

Hon Benadie, please, the hon Member that is now debating in this Motion is also the MEC for Education. The fact that she is giving us a preamble on the matters affecting education does not mean that she is out of order in terms of this Motion. Can we allow her to continue?

The MEC FOR EDUCATION (Ms M R MHAULE): Thank you, hon Speaker. My time is seven-and-a-half minutes left. Hon Speaker, I am saying that that is why the number of matric exemptions has also improved.

Mhlonishwa Somlomo, sehlice linani letikolo letitfole ngaphasi kwa-30%. Umasingakhumbula kuleminyaka lendlulile, besinetikolo letitfole kufikela ku-3% ikakhulukati khona lapha e-Bushbuckridge. Asinaso nasinye sikolo
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kulemiphumela ka-2011 lesitfole ngaphasi kwa-10%. Sikhuluma nga-14 kuphela letitfole ngaphansi kwa-30% esifundzeni sonke.

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)

[Hon Speaker, we have reduced the number of schools that attained below 30%. If we can recall, in the past years we have had schools with a pass rate of up to 3%, especially here in Bushbuckridge. As regards the 2011 results, we don’t have a single school that attained less than 10%. We are talking only 14 that attained less than 30% in the province.]

Therefore, Bushbuckridge or rather Bohlabelo as a whole, hon Speaker, is the most improved district… [Interjections.]

Ms V S SIWELA: Point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, hon MEC! Hon Deputy Speaker, what is the point of order?

Ms V S SIWELA: Rule 38 does not allow any Member to be interrupted. Can hon Benadie be orderly; otherwise we will take him out.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, please listen to the MEC.


Asifuni tsine kwekutsi timfamona bese tima endleleni yentfutfuko kutsi lapho kuhamba kahle khona bese bayavimba. Lokusho kwekutsi lomuntfu lotfwebule letitfombe watifaka lapha ebhokisini, ungumuntfu lonelunya lonenhlitiyo lembi ngebantfwana baseMpumalanga.
[Speaker, this was also proved by the Auditor-General after he had checked all the books of the department, and he said the department is doing great. I am confused, hon Speaker, as to where all these jealous people are coming from when things are going well. We were crying about the results, saying the results of Bushbuckridge was not coming right; but now I am saying Bohlabelo is number one in terms of growth in results. Mariti Circuit is the only one that is dragging down the results of Bohlabelo. If this were not the case, the results of Bushbuckridge and Bohlabelo would have been very high.

Even now we are working closely with traditional leaders and religious people to improve the results of Mariti. If Mariti results can be improved, Bohlabelo will go high.

We do not want jealous people to stand in the path of progress, block where things are going smooth. This means that the person who took these pictures and put them in the box is a very false-hearted person and shrewd towards the children of Mpumalanga.]

The MEC FOR EDUCATION (Ms M R MHAULE): Hon Speaker, (Siswati): lokufutsi kufakazelwe ngu Auditor-General emva kokuba avule wonke lamabhuku elitiko, watsi litiko nenta kahle. Mine ngiyamangala, hon Speaker, kutsi letimfa mona letingaka lokutsi nakuhamba kahle konke, umasikhala ngema results sitsi ema results ase Bushbuckridge, ngitsi mine i-Bohlabelo ingu nombolo one ngeku imprüva.

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)

[This was further attested to by the Auditor-General, who, after opening all the books of the department, said the department is doing well. I am surprised, hon Speaker, at the high number of jealous people ... in that when all is going well ... when we complain about poor results in Bushbuckridge ... I am saying Bohlabelo is the number one as regards improving.]

(Siswati): I Mariti Circuit ngiyo kuphela ledvonsele phansi ema results ase-Bohlabelo. Kungesijalo ema results ase-Bushbuckridge ne-Bohlabela ngabe asetulu kakhulu.

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)
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[The Mariti Circuit is the only one that pulled down the Bohlabelo results. Otherwise the results in Bushbuckridge and Bohlabelo would have been very high.]

(Siswati): Namanje sobambisene nemakhosi nebentfukolo kutsi sitfutfukise ema results aseMariti, kwatfutfuka ema results ase-Mariti i-Bohlabelo ihambile.

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)

[At this moment we are working together with the chiefs and religious people to improve the results at Mariti, once the Mariti results improve Bohlabelo will go tops.]

(Siswati): Asifuni tsine kwekutsi timfa mona bese tima endleleni yentfutfuko kutsi lapho kuhamba kahle khona bese bayavimba. Lokusho kwekutsi lomutfu lotfwebule letifombe watifaka lapha ebokisini ungumuntfu lonelunya, lonenhlitiyo lembi ngebantfwana baseMpumalanga.

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)

[We don’t want jealous people to block the pathway to progress such that they are a hindrance even where things are going well. That means the person who took these pictures and placed them in the box here is a wicked individual ill-disposed towards the children of Mpumalanga.]

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon MEC, Order! Hon Benadie.

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, my point of order is simply this: don’t you think this is a long pre-amble? When is the hon Member going to get to the Motion? She is now talking about an entire Bohlabela District and not talking about the Motion. This preamble is three pages.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon MEC, can you please address the Motion.
The MEC FOR EDUCATION (Ms M R MHAULE): Hon Speaker, I have one page for everything. (Siswati): Ngitsi mine kuvisa buhlungu kakhulu, lentfo lengiyibone namuhla lapha; kufana nekutsi utfole umuntu umuntu bamshayise ngemoto afile sewuyamlayisha wena umumikisa emoshali senabatsi bufakazi buphi utsi wena busemoshali. Ngitfole umutfu abulewe ngabese ngimunukiwa emoshali, then you are the first suspect. Nangabe utfola umutfu ashayisiwe ubita emaphoyisa. Kanjalo ne-DA, uma itfole tincwadzi tilahlawe ngabe ilindze emaphoyisa yalandza nelitiko. Mhloniswa Somlomo nangingakutjela kwekutsi lendzaba bayivete mhlaka-10 August kodvwa batsi bona letitfombe batitsatse ngo-April... [Kuhlaba lulwimi.]

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)

[I am saying what I have seen here today is very heartbreaking. It is like a case where you find a dead person who was knocked down by a car and you take the corpse to a mortuary. When you are asked about the evidence, you say it is in the mortuary. I found a murdered person and took him to the mortuary – then you become the first suspect. When you find a person knocked down, you call the police. Likewise, if the DA had found books dumped, they should have waited for the police and fetched the department. Hon Speaker, if I were to tell you that they revealed this matter on 10 August and said they took the pictures in April... [Interjections.]]

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! What is the point of order, hon Benadie?

Mr A M BENADIE: The hon MEC is misleading the House here, hon Speaker. She is creating an impression here that this is the first time she hears about this issue, when the matter was reported to her, repeatedly. We have been told in this House to raise matters with government, to raise it in the portfolio committee; it was raised to her ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Hon Members, please take your seats. Hon Benadie, the hon MEC has not said that it is the first...
time she hears about this matter; she says that she does not understand
why you did not call the police when you discovered these books and also
the department to show them where you have found them; you did not
do that. Order, hon Members! Continue, hon MEC.

The MEC FOR EDUCATION (Ms M R MHAULE): Thank you, hon
Speaker. (Siswati): Lamabhuku batsi bawatfole ngo-April, mine
bangibhalela ngo-August mhlaka-8. Etindzabeni bayimikisa mhlaka-10
batfumela kuwo onke emaphepha anesitfombe lesibuya ku-hon Member
Masango. Akunaphethe lelitsetse sitfombe lapha, batsite Masango
sitfwale usimikise lapho ubone khona letincwadzi, wadla phansi,
wangavela. Nanamuhla njengoba ngikhulumuma kute sitfombe
lesitfwetjulwe bantfu betindzaba, sitfombe sitsetjulwe ngu-Masango...
[Kuhlaba lulwimi.]

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)

[They say they discovered these books in April. They wrote to me on 8
August. They took the matter to the media on the 10th, sending to all
newspapers a photo from hon Member Masango. There is no newspaper
that took a picture. They asked hon Masango to take them to where he
had seen those books, but he disappeared and never came forward. Even
as I speak today, there is still no picture taken by the media – the (only)
picture was taken by hon Masango... [Interjections.]]

Ms S J MASANGO: Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Yes, hon Member Masango.

Ms S J MASANGO: On a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): What is the point of order?

Ms S J MASANGO: The MEC is actually misleading the House that I was
called to go and show where I have found the textbooks and I ran away.
The issue is that – what did she do?

The MEC FOR EDUCATION (Ms M R MHAULE): It is not an order now,
it is not an order.
Order, hon Masango. The MEC says that you were asked to go and show the press and all the media people where these books are. They have asked you to do that and you were not been able to do that, that is what she says.

Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

If what you say is what she said, then I have a point of order on that. The point of order is that the MEC is misleading the House because the hon Masango did not fail to take them, but the journalist failed to arrive. The appointment was made, the time was made, the date was made, but the journalist did not come…

Point of order, point of order.

Hon Members, it is going to be difficult to deal with this matter - hon Benadie and hon Masango -because hon Mhaule is the MEC for Education. She says to this House, yes, it is not the first time that she hears about this matter; you told her on 8 August, but what she says is that you as the DA, you were unable to show members of the media these books. She says that you are bringing this photo that was taken by yourselves and not by any media house.

Hon MEC, can you please continue and round up.


(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)
[I am saying they told me on 8 August; they did not tell me on 8 August (sic), but they asked me a question on 8 August to which I had to answer in writing. They asked me a question again on 13 August as well as 14 August and I have given them a reply. They are saying I must investigate. The media also asked me, to which I responded by saying “Take me to the spot and show me”. They replied by saying the DA had not yet shown them and I asked just where I would go then.]

**(Siswati):** Bengicabanga kwekutsi loku lengikuphendvulile ngabaniketa kona e-Legislature kubanelisile, kodwwa ngiyamangala nyalu babuya nalesinye sitfombe, hon Speaker. Nginato letitfombe ku-computer yami batsi tase Emerlo, kunesandla semlungu sivelile lapha kulelibhokisi.

*(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)*

[I was of the opinion that they had found my reply to them satisfactory, but I am now surprised when they return with another photo, hon Speaker. I have (copies of) these pictures on my computer. They say these are from Ermelo. There is a hand of a white person showing in this box.]

**(Siswati):** Mine ngiyamangala nalapho kwekutsi i-media ize yahocisa yatsi lendzaba lena ayibhaleki. Bebasolo bangiphindzilita ngemibuto ngatsi mine kulaba be media ngifuna sitfombe senu, ningangibuti ngesitfombe lenisitfole ku-hon Masango batsi MEC sesiyayekela lendzaba, angeke sisayibuta ngoba nabo be-media banesithombe lesibuya ku-DA. Ngiyabonga Speaker.

*(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)*

[I am surprised by the fact that even the media had to withdraw, saying the story was not writable. They were constantly asking me questions and I said to the media “I want your own photo; don’t ask me about what you received from hon Masango” and they said they were withdrawing from the matter because the media also had (only) the photo from the DA. Thank you, hon Speaker.]

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Benadie.

**Mr A M BENADIE:** Hon Speaker, on a point of order. The hon MEC repeatedly says that the photos were not taken by journalists. I just want
her to turn the page; all the photos of Ermelo come from the Ermelo or Highveld Tribune – that newspaper. All of them were taken by journalists, last week, MEC. This is last week and she has done nothing about it.

**Mr V V Z WINDVOËL:** On a point of procedure; there cannot be a point of order when there is no speaker on the floor.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Order! Order, hon Windvoël!

**Mr V V Z WINDVOËL:** There cannot be a point of order when there is no speaker on the floor. The hon MEC, *(IsiZulu):* uyivale kahle inkulumo yakhe. Abasale bephethwe yibhabhalazi yalesi sithombe sabo. [...] concluded her talk well. Let them keep suffering from a hangover regarding this picture of theirs.]

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Members, order! I now call the hon M S A Masango to respond to this Motion and close the debate.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraphs follows.)

**UMHOLI WEZINDABA ZIKAHULUMENI (Mnu M S A MASANGO):** *(IsiZulu):* Siyabonga, mhlonishwa Somlomo. Indaba enkulu lapha, mhlonishwa Somlomo naMalungu ahloniphekile, wukuthi kungani umhlonishwa uMasango we-DA eqamba amanga futhi aziphathe ngale ndlela aziphethe ngayo. Kungoba kulo nyaka odlule uma uhulumeni ophakathi efaka u-Section 100 eLimpopo ngendaba yezimali... [Ubuwelewele.]

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

**[The LEADER of GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO):** Thank you, hon Speaker. The big issue here, hon Speaker and hon Members, is why the hon Masango of the DA lied and conducted himself in the manner in which he did. It is because in the previous year when the national government put Section 100 in Limpopo due to financial mismanagement... [Interjections.]

**Mr S J MASANGO:** Mr Speaker.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Order! Hon Masango, the hon Member is standing up because he wants you to withdraw what you have said.
UMHOLI WEZINDABA ZAKAHULUMENI (Mnu M S A MASANGO): (IsiZulu): Yebo, akakhulumanga iqiniso. [LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): Yes, he did not tell the truth.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): You must withdraw, hon Member.

Mr S J MASANGO: He must first withdraw.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): You must withdraw...
(IsiZulu): indaba yokuqamba amanga. [...]the matter of telling lies.]

UMHOLI WEZINDABA ZAKAHULUMENI (Mnu M S A MASANGO): (IsiZulu): Yebo, ngiyakuhoxisa loko, ngisho ukuthi akaqambanga amanga kodwa akasitshelanga iqiniso ... [Ubuwelewele.] [LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): I am withdrawing that. I mean he did not tell lies. He just did not tell us the truth... [Interjections.]]

Mr S J MASANGO: Mr Speaker.

UMHOLI WEZINDABA ZAKAHULUMENI (Mnu M S A MASANGO): (IsiZulu): Uyangiphazamisa, nginemizuzu emihlanu kuphela ukuqeda indaba yami ... [Ubuwelewele.] [LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): You are disturbing me; I have got only five minutes to finish my debate... [Interjections.]]

Mr S J MASANGO: Mr Speaker, he is taking a chance.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Hon Masango, the hon MEC has withdrawn.

UMHOLI WEZINDABA ZAKAHULUMENI (Mnu M S A MASANGO): (IsiZulu): Mhlonishwa Somlomo, ngithi mina ... [Ubuwelewele.] [LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): Hon Speaker, I am saying... [Interjections.]]

Mr S J MASANGO: Mr Speaker, he has repeated again.

USOMLOMO (Mnu S W LUBISI): (IsiZulu): Kahleni ngizoyilungisa le nto, kahleni Malungu ahloniphekile. U-MEC Masango uthe umhlonishwa S
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J Masango uqambe amanga, ngase ngithi kuye akahoxise ngoba loko akuhambisani nemigomo yePalamende wase uyahoxisa. Indlela abese uyibeka ngayo uthe akakhulumanga iqiniso.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Hold on, I will set the matter straight. Hold on, hon Members. Hon MEC Masango said hon S J Masango has told lies. I then ordered him to withdraw because that is unparliamentary, and he has withdrawn. He then rephrased to say he did not tell the truth.]

Even in English it is considered unparliamentary to say “you are lying” but if someone says the Member is economical with the truth, I cannot say the Member is wrong. Please continue. [Applause.]

Mr S J MASANGO: Mr Speaker, let me address you, maybe you did not hear alright.

(IsiZulu): Akakhulumanga iqiniso, uqambe amanga. Ukuzwile loko? [He did not tell the truth; he lied. Did you hear that?]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Please continue, hon Member.


Okwesibili futhi okubaluleke kakhulu wukuthi wonke umuntu olahla izincwadi zikhulumeni noma ama-laptop noma ngabe yini; umuntu othola lokho okwenzekile kufanele azi ukuthi kwenzeke ubugebengu. Ngaloko abantu bokuqala okufanele aye kubo ngamaphoyisa bese kutholakala i-case number ngaphambi kokuba ayotshela u-MEC nome ayotshela nanoma yimuphi umuntu.

Kuyamangaza ukuthi umhlionishwa uMasango nguye othola izincwadi, nguye obiza izintatheli, nguye othatha izithombe kodwa u-MEC akatshelwa konke loko. Ngiyathemba iNdlu iyabona ukuthi iLungu ehlioniphekile uMasango liziphatha kanjani.
Ngiyavumelana nesiphakamiso esenziwe liLungu elihloniphekile uMamabolo, Somlomo, ukuthi kufanele wakhe ikomiti elizohlola i-integrity yakamhlonishwa uMasango, libheke nendaba aziphethe ngakhona ngoba thina singamaLungu wePalamende lapha asifuni ukuthi omunye wethu owathatha isifungo sokusebenzela abantu baseMpumalanga ahambe aqamba amanga athi kwenzeke kanje kwaphinda kwenzeka kanje.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraphs follows.)

[The LEADER of GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): You are wasting my time. Hon Speaker, I am saying when Limpopo was put under Section 100 the DA quickly ran and said do not put Section 100 in Limpopo, but rather look into the finances of Mpumalanga. The Minister of Finance said there is no problem in Mpumalanga. Textbooks went missing in Limpopo and they said no, textbooks went missing in Mpumalanga, not Limpopo, and that is why the conduct of hon Masango is not going down well with us; I am just trying explaining that to the people.

The second, and very important, thing is that every person dumping government textbooks or laptops or any other resources, a person who finds any of that happening, they should know a crime has been committed. Therefore, the first people they are supposed to go to are the police and get a case number before they can go to tell the MEC or any other person.

It is astonishing that hon Masango is the one who finds books, he calls the journalists, he captures the pictures but the MEC is not told anything; I believe the House can see how hon Masango is conducting himself.

Speaker, I support the suggestion made by the hon Member Mamabolo that you must set up a committee that will check the integrity of hon Masango, and also look into the manner in which he is conducting himself because as Members of Parliament we do not want one of us who took an oath to work for the people of Mpumalanga to go around telling lies that this and this has happened.

We do not want a person who will do such things, because it is very unparliamentary to conduct yourself in the manner in which he did.]

(IsiZulu): Ngifuna ukuvumelana nomhlonishwa uSiwela ekuthini imiphumela yaseMpumalanga iphakamile kusukela kwangena loMEC. U-MEC uyafakaza naye uthi imiphumela ka-matric iphakamile futhi nokuthi i-Bushbuckridge iphekeme kakhulu selokhu angena. Okubaluleke kakhulu wukuthi kufanele sithokozise abazali nabafundi balapha.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)
I want to agree with the hon Siwela when she says Mpumalanga results have increased since this MEC took over. The MEC is also supporting this and says the matric results have increased and also that Bushbuckridge has improved since she took over. The important thing is that we should congratulate the parents and learners of Bushbuckridge.

What I want to say is that the cabinet has adopted 31 schools in Mpumalanga, including schools around here, to improve results.]

(IsiZulu): Ngakho-ke ngiyavumelana nesiphakamiso esishiwo ngu-hon Member Mamabolo ukuthi, Somlomo, yeza ikomiti eloqothola ukuqotho bukamhlionishwa uMasango; ibhekane nendlela aziphethe ngayo ngoba thina singamalungu epalamende lapha asifuni ukuthi omunye wethu owathatha isifungo sokusebenzela abantu baseMpumalanga ahambe eqamba amanga athi kwenzeke kanje kungenzekanga kanjalo; asifuni umuntu ozohamba enza njalo because it is very unparliamentary ukuziphatha in a manner which he did.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

I therefore agree with hon Member Mamabolo’s proposal that you, hon Speaker, should set up a committee to check on hon Masango’s integrity and focus on his conduct, because as Members of Parliament we don’t want one of us, someone who took an oath to serve the people of Mpumalanga, to go about telling lies and claiming that something has happened when, in fact, it has not. We don’t want someone who does that because the conduct that he has displayed is very unparliamentary.

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon MEC, there is a point of order.

UMHOLI WEZINDABA ZAKAHULUMENI (Mnu M S A MASANGO): (IsiZulu): Hhayi, loyo ungayi ngaye. [The LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): No, do not be influenced by what that one is doing.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie.

Mr A M BENADIE: I want to ask the MEC if he is willing to take a question.
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The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Hon MEC, are you prepared to take a question?

The LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): No.

Mr A M BENADIE: I did not think so.


Ngiyabonga, Somlomo.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Mr M S A MASANGO): In conclusion, I want the community to be very alert and vigilant that our complaint is about books that went missing in Nkomazi. We want to go and check if a case has been opened at the police station. They know that I moved a motion for this matter to be discussed today, but all of a sudden they are producing papers here saying the books are now dumped in Ermelo; yet all the time they are not telling us about any case number so that we can go and see if there is someone who loaded books from a certain warehouse which were not delivered and so that we can arrest somebody. Set up this committee – I support it – so that the conduct of the hon Masango can be investigated. Thanks, hon Speaker.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Members, the question before the House is whether we agree to adopt the Motion as tabled by the MEC and the Leader of Government Business, hon M S A Masango. Do we agree to adopt... [Interjections.]

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, on a point of order.
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The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order, please! What is the point of order?

Mr A M BENADIE: May I just get clarity from you. What is it that we are adopting? Because there is no “I shall move that” – it does not say anything - it only got a preamble, but it moves nothing. If we agree and not agree, what is it that we are agreeing to?

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, hon Member! The hon Member has moved that we adopt this Motion that he has moved. The question before the House is whether we agree to adopt the Motion as he has moved it or we do not.

Mr A M BENADIE: No, hon Speaker, no.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order, hon Members! Can I hear those who say “yes”? Can I hear those who say “no”? Order, hon Members! The Motion is adopted, hon Members.

QUESTIONs FOR ORAL REPLY

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Members, I have a Question Paper in front of me which is Questions for Oral Reply by the Premier. Although these questions were circulated duly on time, I want to point out that there were questions that were emanating from hon Members from the DA that could not make it onto the Question Paper.

I have investigated this matter and found that the reason why they did not reach the Office of the Premier is because the officials in the Legislature did not send the questions to the Office of the Premier and we have apologised to hon Benadie and hon Masango; and we are going to take action so that this matter does not recur.

We will then move to the Question Paper and begin with question number 1, hon P Ngobeni from the ANC to ask the hon Premier a question. Hon Premier over to you.

Question 1

Ms P Ngobeni (ANC) asked the hon Premier:
The state of health in the Bushbuckridge Municipality is of a great concern. There are three hospitals in the municipality but services rendered are not satisfactory:

i. What could be the main cause of the long queues in these hospitals?

ii. Are there plans in place to remedy this situation?

iii. What could be the cause of the continuous lack of medicines in these hospitals?

iv. What plans are there in place to remedy the situation?

**The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA):** Hon Speaker, thank you for the opportunity.

*IsiZulu:* Ngibingelele kubobonke labakhona phakathi. Ngibingelele usiHlalo wendlu yamaKhosi. [Greetings to everyone present. Greetings to the Chairman of the House of Traditional Leaders [iNdlu Yamakhosi].

The first question, hon Speaker, from the hon Member P Ngobeni from the ANC.

The state of health in the Bushbuckridge Municipality is of a great concern. There are three hospitals in the municipality but services rendered ...

**The MEC FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (Mr M S A MASANGO):** Sorry, hon Speaker and to the hon Premier. Can I suggest that the hon Premier speak into this microphone because it is more powerful? It will be better audible the other side, it seems that the microphone has a problem. Is it possible to make that request?

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Musa, why do you not get a microphone, or there is another one. Can you please get a powerful microphone?

**UNDUNANKULU (Mnu D D MABUZA):** *(IsiZulu)*: Manje sewuyibeka emlonyeni noma ngiyibambe. *(PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA):* Now you are putting it on the mouth or should I hold it?*]
Thank you. Well, we are trying to improvise here. Well, the sub-question to the question is as follows:

i. What could be the main cause of the long queues in these hospitals especially in Bushbuckridge?

The response to the question is that;

- The general shortage of doctors and nurses is the main contributory factor to the long queues around our hospitals here;
- Our patients that are attending these hospitals also are part of the problem, because they are bypassing community health facilities and clinics to receive treatment there and they go directly to hospitals.

ii. Are there plans in place to remedy this situation?

The answer to that question is as follows:

Yes. We are currently improving the referral system to our hospitals and increasing the number of health professionals in hospitals.

iii. What could be the cause of the continuous lack of medicines in these hospitals?

(IsiZulu): Engingakusho lapho, Somlomo, wukuthi imithi ayishodi ezibhedlela. Okwenzekayo nje wukuthi thina ngasohlangothini lukahulumeni silengezile inani lemithi esiyithumela ezibhedlela. Zonke izibhedlela zethu, ama-clinic anayo imithi. Kodwa siyathanda ukuthi uma ngabe kukhona ama-case lapho the hon Member is aware of such shortage, those cases should be brought to the attention of the department. Kodwa-ke okanye okufanele sikusho wukuthi eminthe eshodayo ezibhedlela akubi yinkinga yoMnyango kodwa kuba yinkinga yalabo abenza leyo mithi [the manufacturers] ngoba-ke sithi uma sifuna i-drug elithile ngesikhathi esithile singalitholi, ngoba zonke izibhedlela zase-South Africa zithenga kuma-manufacturer and suppliers afanayo.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)
What I can say on that, hon Speaker, is that there is no shortage of medicines in hospitals. What’s happened is that, as government, we have increased the supply of medicines to hospitals. All our hospitals and clinics have medicines. However, in the event of cases of shortage that the hon Member might be aware of, we would like such cases to be brought to the attention of the department. We would also like to mention that certain medicine shortages are not a problem caused by the department but by the manufacturers of such medicines, because at times we don’t get a particular drug that we place an order for, given that all SA hospitals buy from the same manufacturers and suppliers.]


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[However, one thing that we want to fix is that our medicines should go straight from our depot to the target hospitals or clinics and not via some major hospital that, in turn, distributes to clinics. Each clinic should get medicines directly from our depot. I think that will make a difference to the situation we now have. It’s one way of getting our present medicine situation right in hospitals.]

Ngibonge Somlomo. [Thank you, hon Speaker.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you very much, hon Premier. Hon Ngobeni, do you have a follow-up question?

Ms P NGOBENI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Let me also appreciate the responses from the hon Premier. What I would like to follow-up on the responses is on the issue of the general shortage of doctors and nurses: is there a recruitment strategy in place which maybe can assist us in recruiting from other provinces or another country?

Thank you, hon Speaker.
The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you. Hon Premier.


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

THE PREMIER (MR D D MABUZA): Thank you, hon Speaker. We also give bursaries to children so they can study to become nurses and doctors. We have sent a number of children to study in Cuba. It is a programme we are going to sustain in order to increase the number of children studying medicine. We have an agreement with Cuba to send doctors. This year we will, as a province, send 100 children as medical students and we aim to increase this number. But in our places such as hospitals with nursing colleges we are going to increase the number of children we take from there in order to address the shortage of nurses there.]

Ngiyabonga. [Thank you.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Are there any other follow-up questions? Hon S J Masango.

Mr S J MASANGO: Thank you, Mr Speaker. (IsiZulu): Ndunankulu, indaba yokuthatha abantu ubase eCuba ukuthi bayofundela ubudokotela ngiyacabanga ukuthi is a long term plan, Ndunankulu. Njengoba wazi kuthi lapha eMpumalanga sishoda ngabodokotela abaningi kakhulu. Chairperson, akungi ngivikele.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)
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[Hon Premier, I think the matter of taking people from Cuba to study medicine is a long term plan, hon Premier. As you know, here in Mpumalanga we are experiencing a big shortage of doctors. Hon Chairperson, please protect me.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon Skhosana, that is unparliamentarily. Please withdraw that.

Mnu S J MASANGO: (IsiZulu): Unesikhathi sokudlala. [Mr S J MASANGO: He has time for playing.]

Mr S P D SKHOSANA: I withdraw, hon Speaker.


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[How many, because we know that doctors are in short supply? What can be done to speed up their availability? You are also talking about nurses, nurses being trained in colleges, but if you look at the department’s budget it cannot accommodate everybody. Right now I know that the department has budgeted only for critical posts. How are we going to absorb these kids?]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)
Thanks, hon Speaker. The shortage of doctors and nurses is a universal problem in South Africa. We must therefore help our children in our schools to take up subjects that will enable them to train as doctors and nurses. The issue of education.

It is not a once-off event. It takes years to educate a child; it takes years to produce a doctor. It is not something that you can produce overnight...


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

...and you have a doctor. As South Africa we have seen that the shortage of doctors is huge and we are doing all we can. I am talking at provincial level but other provinces have sent 400 or 300 students, respectively. It depends on the money they pay for sending these children over to study.

It is not only the programme for Cuba (IsiZulu): baningi abantwana abasaphotwayo internally kuma-university ethu a-internal. Overtime inkinga yokuswelakala kwabodokotela namanesi sizoyiqeda. Ngiyethemba loku kuyakugculisa. Ayikho into esingayenza manje.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

Many children are getting support internally at our local universities. Over time we will overcome the problem of the shortage of doctors and nurses. I hope this is sufficient. There is nothing more we can do now.

To go and export doctors from elsewhere just to deal with our situation. The number of doctors that are here, they are not enough but I am saying there is no situation in any of our hospitals where there is no doctor at all. There are doctors; they are not enough for our communities out there, which is why there are these long queues.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you. Any other follow-up questions? Hon K A P Madonsela.
Ms K A P MADONSELA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I just request the hon Premier to please explain how the referral system is going to help. In the morning we heard here that old women get up as early as 04:00 in the morning to go and stand in the queue at the clinics and hospitals for 6 to 7 hours after taking their medication. I take it, hon Premier, that this is after these grandmothers have been seen at the hospitals and that at this stage theirs is only to fetch their monthly supply of medication from the local clinic. How will the referral system you are talking about help because this old woman has been referred to the clinic to take her medication; yet she still has to wait for some 6 hours. What will this referral system do there?

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.

UNDUNANKULU (Mnu D D MABUZA): Thank you. You are talking about a different case, one where I’m saying one thing, among others, that causes long queues in hospitals is that some people go directly from
home to hospital, sidestepping the clinic, whereas it is the clinic that
monitors her condition to determine the extent of her sickness. In the
event of not-so-serious illnesses the clinic attends to her, after which she
returns home. But if she goes to hospital, she will find a long queue.]

(IsiZulu): Sesithi-ke ebantwini bakithi kungcono ukuthi uye e-clinic, uma
usuka e-clinic ube sewunencwadi eshoyo ukuthi lo muntu simbhekile; nayi
inkinga yakhe; sibona ukuthi ngesifo lesi esimpethethe ngeke thina sikhone
ukumsiza lapha kodwa angasizwa yisibhedlela. I-referral system isebenza
kanjalo because you will understand that zonke lezi zindlela azikhulu
level eyodwa yokwelapha izifo. Kukhona isifo esingelashwa e-clinic,
kukhona isifo esingelashwa in a district hospital kukhona isifo
esingelashwa in a tertiary (tertian?) hospital.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[We are now saying to our people it’s better to go to the clinic. From the
clinic the person will be having a letter stating that the clinic is looking
after them, what the ailment is and that the clinic is unable to give
adequate care, but which is possibly obtainable at the hospital. That is
how the referral system works, because you will understand that all these
methods are not on the same level of treating illnesses. There is an
ailment that can be treated at the clinic, another that can be treated at a
district hospital and yet another that can be treated at a tertiary-level
hospital.]

(IsiZulu): Kunamanye-ke ama-patient okuthi uma ehambe through a
tertiary hospital siyakhona ukuthi at the end of the day simthumele
ngaphandle kwesifundazwe lapha thina singenawo amandla khona okuthi
singamsiza simthumele kuma-tartial hospitals in the main eGauteng.
Yiloko-ke engithi kungasiza ukuthi ama-queue ehole ngoba ngani umuntu
usuke eboniwe e-clinic. Uma esizakala e-clinic asizakale masinyane
abuyele ekhaya. Uma kubonakala ukuthi uyagula aqhubekile aye kwesinye
isibhedlela. Uya esibhedlela la sekathunyelewe khona ngoba sewubhekiwe
ukuthi inkinga yakhe ingakanani. Yiloko engikuchazayo.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[At the end of the day, we are able to refer some patients that have been
through a tertiary-level hospital outside the province in cases where we
are unable to help. In the main, we send them to tertiary-level hospitals in Gauteng. That is what I am saying can help reduce the queues, because at that stage the person has been seen by the clinic. If the clinic can help, the person gets quick help and returns home. If the illness is serious, the person is referred to another hospital. They go to a referral hospital after the extent of their problem has been established. That is what I am explaining.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you, hon premier. Any other follow-up questions? Hon A F Mahlalela.

Mr A F MAHLALELA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I agree with the hon Premier that the question here...

(Siswati): ...ikhuluma ngesibhedlela... ama-long queues asema-clinic. Ngifunake kutfola ke ndvunankhulu kutsi njengoba lelidwendwe leliiba lapha etibhedlela libonakele kutsi lentiwa kutsi bantfu bangayi ema clinic. ingabe hulumende unato tinhlelo tekufundzisa bantfu kutsi bangagijimeli etibhedlela abacale emtifolampilo? Nangabe tikhona tifaka ini ekhatsi kute bantfu bakhone lokufundziseka?

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)

[...is about hospitals ... long queues at clinics. Hon Premier, I just want to find out: given that the long queues at hospitals are caused by people not going to the clinics, does the government have any programmes for educating the people not to rush to hospitals but to go to clinics first? If they do exist, what do they entail so that people get educated?]

(Siswati): Kwesibili kwenkutsi njengoba imitsi kubonakala ingatsi ayifiki kahle katsi lelishu lenitanalo kufanele isuke edeph oyclinic. Yingabe tinsita ema clinic letitawukhona kutsi tibeke lemitsi kahle tikhona yini eluhlwani kute kutsi ingafiki lemitsi lapha kutfolakale seyingaphatseki kahle iphindze yonakale ingakacali nekusebenta?

[Secondly, just as it seems that medicines don’t come through satisfactorily, your proposal is for deliveries to go straight from the depot to the clinic. Do clinics have adequate resources for the proper storage of these medicines so that they don’t come through only to suffer mishandling and become unfit for use?]
The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you. It is important for us as government also to reach people in the rural areas. It takes time before people will appear before a doctor. Now, it’s critical for us to continue with the building of clinics. We also need to employ people to visit those with ailments who require regular treatment. There are people who take treatment for TB and there are people who take treatment for HIV and Aids. Those are people to be constantly monitored as to whether they are taking their treatment regularly.]


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Now, as government, we have seen it as important that we should help the dept by increasing the number of people working in the dept. We have given some the caption ‘community health workers’ and they will be able to help people. They will be quick to spot someone needing medical
attention and advise them to go the clinic and follow up on that. As
government, we want to have the particulars of people who are unwell. Our hospitals should have the information and be able to work on it. That means our information system must be improved about a patient and we should make home visits on the patient.]


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[It is clear there that it’s yet a long way before everybody will know that whenever ill they must see a doctor – from either a clinic or a hospital. But that must happen, since some people do so only when it’s already too late for them to get help. This is a problem we are facing, especially with regard to pregnant mothers who are have HIV and Aids; because after a certain period the disease escalates to the baby she is pregnant with. But if they come forward at a certain stage, doctors are able to help such that the baby is born without the disease.]

(\textit{IsiZulu}): Ngakho-ke siyabacela ukuthi abomama uma bekhulelwe basheshe babonane nodokotela ukuze umntwana amkhulelwe akwazi ukuphepha azalwe ephilele nakuba umama egula kodwa.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[We are thus appealing to pregnant mothers to see the doctor without delay so that the baby she is carrying can be safeguarded and be born healthy, even if the mother is ill.]

(\textit{IsiZulu}): Indaba yemithi yokufika ezihukhile ukuthi nje sonke siyicountry, ama-province sithenga kuma-suppliers, kuma-manufacturers angehlukene. Sengisho ukuthi the suppliers, the tender, it is the national
tender. Uma ngabe umuthi uphelile lapho anikwazi ukuwuthola kufanele niwulinde ukuze leyo supplier iphinde ikusapulaye. Kodwa-ke esikutholile manje esikuvelile wukuthi uma kuvela ukuthi i-manufacturer leyo noma leyo supplier iphelelewe ngumuthi leyo naleyo province ivunyelwe ukuthi iwendwe kweny emawulo leyo umuthi. Ingabi bound kulo muntu lo onikezwe lo msebenzi kanti ngaleso sikhati imithi efuneka ngasothole ukuthi akakhe elapho in stock.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[About the matter of supply of medicines to hospitals ... all of us at national and provincial levels purchase not from different suppliers ... manufacturers. I mean the suppliers ... it is a national tender. If the stock of a certain medicine runs out there, all of you (consumers) cannot get it. You have to wait until that supplier can supply you again. But now we have requested that if a situation arises where a manufacturer or supplier runs out of stock, each province should be allowed to go elsewhere (for) the medicine ... and not be bound to the entity that was granted (the contract) to carry out the task even when they don’t have the needed medicine in stock.]


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[We think that’s the way in which to try to improve the supply of medicines. It is important that where the medicines we have ordered are delivered ... when we collect the order that we take stock of the quantity we have received and have a record for our depot. We must also have a record at the clinic and at the hospital. That is why we want the depot to work together with each hospital so that we can trace the medicines that
we lose en route, because we have seen that we do lose some medicines. They leave the depot but do not reach the hospitals and clinics. We now want to make the depot accountable, the hospital accountable and the clinic accountable.

(IsiZulu): Siyabonga. [We thank you.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you, hon Premier. We now move to question number 2, hon K A P Madonsela from COPE to ask the Premier. Hon Madonsela.

Question 2

Ms K A P Madonsela (COPE) asked the hon Premier

Recently the Auditor General (AG), Terence Nombembe, released the 2010/2011 audit report on municipalities. In his media statement, the Auditor General said, “When officials and political leaders are not held accountable for their actions the perception could be created that such behaviour and its results are acceptable and tolerated. This could make even those people that are giving their best under trying circumstances despondent”:

i. Does the Premier agree with the statement above? Give reasons for your response.
ii. Which municipalities received disclaimers and qualified audit opinions?
iii. What action will be taken for the abovementioned municipalities in line with the statement of the AG?
iv. Some of the mentioned above were under administration Section 139(b) prior to the 2011 elections. Which ones were those and why did the Province withdraw the administration?
v. Is the province proud of the status of the municipalities mentioned in 4 above? If yes, why. And if no, why not?

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you, hon Speaker. The question:

Recently the Auditor-General, released the 2010/2011 audit report on municipalities. In his media statement, the Auditor-General said, “When
officials and political leaders are not held accountable for their actions the perception could be created that such behaviour and its results are acceptable and tolerated. This could make even those people who are giving their best under trying circumstances despondent”. The first question:

i. Does the Premier agree with the statement? Give reasons for your response

Yes, I agree with the statement by the Auditor-General. The statement is correct. Accountability for results at all levels is critical towards improving our governance and our overall institutional performance. That is why we have always insisted in our engagements with municipalities that they need to provide political leadership to the institutions that they are leading and that there should be consequences for any failures.

Part of what needs to be done includes:

- Strengthening council oversight to ensure that the Executive is held accountable; and
- Ensuring that the Executive holds the administrative leadership accountable.

As government we are taking the findings of the Auditor-General very seriously. To improve on oversight, Municipal Public Accounts Committees have been established for all municipalities in the province. Their function is to play an oversight role in those municipalities. Political office bearers and administrators in a municipality will be held liable for unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

ii. Which municipalities received disclaimer and qualified audit opinions?

Only two municipalities received qualified opinions – I mean three municipalities, that is:

- Dipaliseng,
- Emalahleni, and
- Thembisile Hani.
These three received a qualified opinion.

The following local municipalities received disclaimers:

- Chief Albert Luthuli,
- Dr J S Moroka,
- Lekwa, Mkhondo,
- Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme,
- Umjindi, and
- Thaba Chweu.

These ones are still in the woods.

iii. What action will be taken for the abovementioned municipalities in line with the statement of the AG?

Response:

The MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the MEC of Finance have developed a comprehensive support programme to respond to various financial management issues and reporting challenges facing these municipalities.

Both MECs have taken it upon themselves to visit all affected municipalities and develop individual action plans to assist these individual municipalities.

iv. Some of the mentioned above were under administration Section 139(b) prior to the 2011 elections. Which ones were those and why did the province withdraw the administration? That is question roman figure iv.

Our response to that question is as follows:

With regard to Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme, Mkhondo, Thembisile Hani, Lekwa, and Thaba Chweu, it must be noted these interventions were intended to run for a defined period of time and the period in all these municipalities has ended. So we had to pull out of these municipalities. In all respects, the time for these interventions, like I said, has just come to an end, and the new leadership and administration was put in place after
the elections to implement some of the resolutions that were left by the administrators to improve service delivery.

v. Is the province proud of the status of the municipalities mentioned in 4 above? If yes, why? And if no, why not?

Response:

Most of these municipalities are what we call low-capacity municipalities; considering the number of people, the posts that are there, levels the shortage of skills because some of these municipalities are more rural. The situation is undesirable, but it is understandable that their finding is that it is very difficult to attract the relevant skills and to retain good skills. Their situation is a bit difficult, but as government, as a provincial government, we are doing everything we can to support them.

The Operation Clean Audit programme is now prioritising these municipalities for specific support in overcoming these challenges. I am quite confident and happy with the programme designed by the two MECs, Finance and the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs. The intervention is spelt out in that document; I am sure if we implement it correctly there will be a change in these municipalities.

We are also trying our part to assist leadership to resolve conflict within the leaders of these municipalities, because in the main these conflicts also add to poor performance by some municipalities. Thank you.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Madonsela, do you have a follow-up question?

**Ms K A P MADONSELA:** Thank you very much, hon Speaker. The last question, my interpretation is that, Premier, I am proud of those municipalities that received the disclaimers or qualified audit opinions because in his response he is saying it is understandable. I am proud but I understand that is why they get disclaimers. The disclaimers, when they are interpreted, mean that...

*(IsiZulu):* ...imali umasipala asuke enayo enikeziwe noma i-national government, yehlulekile ekupheleni kwesikhathi sezimali ukuletha isiqiniseko sokuthi ngithe ku-IDP ngizokwakha umgwaqo, nawu umgwaqo ngiwakhile, nawa amaphepha ayasho ukuthi ubize malini. Ngamanye
amazwi, laba u-Premier ababalile abangu 7 behlulekile ukusho ku-Auditor-General ukuthi naku esikwenzile okusho ukuthi kungenzeka, Premier, ngendlela engibona ngayo, ukuthi yindlela okuntshotchwa ngayo imali kulab’ omasipala. Indlela okuntshotchwa ngayo le mali ngoba bayazi lab’ omasipala ukuthi uzothi unamba 1 we-province.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[...the money that the municipality has from the national government ... at the end of the financial year they were unable to produce confirmation that such as ... I said to the IDP I am going to build a road and here is the road I have built; here are the papers to prove how much it cost. In other words, the hon Premier has pointed out that the 7 have been unable to declare to the Auditor-General ... here is what we have done. The way I see it, hon Premier, that is the way that money gets stolen from those municipalities. It is the way of stealing money because those municipalities know number 1 of the province.]

It is understandable because we are a low-capacity municipality.

(IsiZulu): Ngakho-ke ngifuna ukwazi kuwe, Premier... [Ubuwelewele.] [I would, therefore, wish to know from you, hon Premier... [Interjection.]]

Mr A M GAMEDE: Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Gamede.

Mr A M GAMEDE: Is it parliamentary as a Member to put words in the mouth of another Member? I think that is not parliamentary.

Ms K A P MADONSELA: The hon Member is not the Premier. (IsiZulu): Akalinde... [Ubuwelewele.] [Let him wait... [Interjection.]]

Mr A M GAMEDE: ... hon Speaker on the matter. I have not heard the hon Premier saying this word.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Well, the Premier will ... order, order! The Premier will still respond because the Member says she understands that the Premier is happy, then the Premier will respond to that. Can you wind up your question?
Ms K A P MADONSELA: No, hon Speaker, the hon Gamede...

(IsiZulu): ...akalinde mhlawumbe nje u-J G Zuma uzoomcabangela ukuthi uyoba yi-Premier ngelinye ilanga. [...]should wait; maybe J G Zuma might consider him to become a Premier someday.]

(IsiZulu): Speaker, umbuzo wami kulezi zimpendulo zika-hon Premier; le accountability ngabe kukhona abomasipala lapho i-political leadership kubomasipala abahlukahlukene eke yenzeka khona yena ayaziyo ukuthi yenzekile lapho uma ngabe kutholakele i-disclaimer njengaseMkhondo iminyaka emithathu ize ilandelana. Lapho kuthiwe ‘phuma, Mayor, ake sitathethe omunye u-mayor ngani ngoba izinto azenzeki kahle’.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Hon Speaker, my question as regards the answers given by the hon Premier are ... as for this accountability, does he know of any municipalities where the political leadership in various municipalities ... where it ever happened when there was a disclaimer such as at Mkhondo where it happened for three consecutive years? That is, where it was said: “Get out, mayor, and let us appoint another mayor because things don’t happen correctly”?]

(IsiZulu): Yimaphi la ma-consequence afuna ukuchazela le ndlu ukuthi ake enzeka afune ukuchazela le ndlu ukuthi ake enziwa u-government ekuzameni ukuthi ilungise lesi simo sabomasipala abahlulekayo ukwenza izinto okufanele ngabe bayazenza?

[Which consequences would he like to spell out to the House that the government ever brought about in its endeavour to straighten out this state of affairs of municipalities that fail to do what they should be doing?]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.

sakhe nomasipala olaphayana eMbombela; akafani nomasipala olaphayana eMalahleni, akafani nama-metro. Kunesioko lapha sokuthi asikwazi uku-retain(a) certain skills. Umuntu uyaqashwa namuhla kuthi ngelanga elilandayo uyekile ngoba kunzima, akakwazi ukutholela abantwana bakhe isikole, akakwazi... akakhoni ukusebenza; uyasishiya. (Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Please don’t speak for me. That is not right because she heard what I said. Nobody wants what is not good. Also, nobody said the poor performance in our province is something good. I didn’t say that. I stated reasons that I see, that you also can see, namely, that where municipality is located ... the circumstances of one municipality over here are different from those of another municipality over there. This municipality is not the same as the one in Mbombela or the one in eMalahleni; it is not the same as the metros. There is a situation that causes us to be unable to retain certain skills. A person is appointed today, only for them to leave the following day because they are unable to find a school for their children ... they are unable to work (here) and they leave us.]

(IsiZulu): Kunesikhathi-ke... [Ubuwelewele.] [There is time... [Interjection.]

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Premier, on a point of order. On a point of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): What is the point of order?

Mr A M BENADIE: The hon Premier is misleading the house. I think he is just randomly giving us an answer now. Where is there any evidence to suggest that our province cannot attract skills because a municipal manager cannot find a school for his child? There are schools in every municipality. There is no evidence to suggest what you are saying is true.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon Benadie, you are out of order because you know that what the Premier is telling you is the truth. No, I can tell you I am not going to debate that. You know there are towns in this country, not only in Mpumalanga, were you cannot attract certain skills, so do not make us debate this. Continue, hon Premier.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you, Speaker. One thing I would like to point out is that there are people who have never faced a situation such as our black people are confronted with. That is why when we talk about these things it appears to them as if these things never happen. A white boy that grew up in town does not know what we are talking about. But we are talking from experience about a situation we live in that we have seen and to date we are still fighting for the situation to improve.]

Manje-ke thina... uma nje iLunga elihloniphekile lingangilalela ngoba ngifuna ukuliphendula. Yithi thina esemukela izicelo zomsebenzi. At a particular point the post can be advertised twice because singamtholi umuntu o-qualified kuleyo ndawo. Asimtholi nje ngoba mhlawumbe ekhethile ukuthi “mina angeke ngi-fake isicelo somsebenzi lapha, ngizosifaka laphaya”. Kodwa-ke sesikushilo loko akufanele sikubalekele ukuthi abantu abasebenza kwamasipala kufanele bazi kamhlophe ukuthi abantu bakithi bafuna izinsiza. Kuzawufuneka basebenze ngokuzimisela balandele futhi imithetho ekwenzeni umsebenzi wabo.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Now as for us ... if only the hon Member can give me an ear because I want to answer him. We are the ones who receive applications for work. In some cases we have to advertise a post twice because we can't find a qualified person locally. Sometimes we can’t find a person because they have made a decision “I don’t want to apply for a job here but I will do it over there”. Having said that however, we should not run away from the fact that people who work at the municipalities should know very well that]
our people want resources. They will have to work much harder and follow the rules in doing their work.]

Siyamhlonipha umasipala ukuthi uhulumeni omunye naye athi labo okufanele ukuthi bathathe izinyathelo ezithile uma abantu bangasebenzanga kahle abazithathe lezo zinyathelo. Amalunga lawa kufane azi ukuthi mina ngiyi-Premier ye-province, engikwaziyo okusemthethweni wukuthi uma kunenkinga lapha…

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[We respect the municipality in that another sphere of government says those that need to take certain action when people did not do their job well must take such action. The hon Members should know that I am the Premier of the province. What I know according to the law is that when there is a problem here …]

…I can only support. I am not responsible for firing an official in a municipality; it is a different sphere of government.

(IsiZulu): Ngicela ukuthi ningadidi abantu. Ubab’ uZuma ungu-President. [Please don’t confuse the people. Mr Zuma is the President.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY (Ms B T SHONGWE): Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Yes, hon Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY (Ms B T SHONGWE): Hon Speaker, I think in terms of the Rules of the House it is unparliamentarily to shout while there is a speaker on the podium. I think what it is being done by the opposition is not acceptable in this House. They must listen because they have asked questions and not shout. I think you must rule in that regard, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, order! Hon Madonsela, please. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY (Ms B T SHONGWE): Besides that, the behaviour is unacceptable really. (Siswati):
Kuyatsetswa lana kuyathukwana; [People are shouting and using vulgar language here;] it is not acceptable... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, order! Hon Madonsela.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY (Ms B T SHONGWE): They must listen to the Speaker now.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Madonsela, can you please behave yourself. Hon Premier.

UNDUNANKULU (Mnu D D MABUZA): (IsiZulu): Ngiyabonga. Besengizama nje ukuchaza kuthi thina singuhulumeni ophakathi sisebenzisana nabomasipala ukubasiza. We are not here to judge them. Kodwa-ke kunabantu okungumsebenzi wabo abaqashiwe ukuthi babhekelele omasipala. Umasipala ungu-government, uyi-council, une-executive futhi wenza umthetho. Angisuye uPremier wabomasipala mina. Umasipala uno-mayor. U-mayor is responsible to run the municipality. Engingakwenza wukuthi ngibasize benze umsebenzi wabo ngcono, bese kuthi ama-organisation lawa awine ama-election abese athumela abo-mayor, athumele abo-Speaker ukuthi baphathe i-council. They are always responsible to see to it ukuthi laba abantu abalaphayana abaholayo bayahola ngempela.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you. Well, I was just trying to explain that as middle government we work together with the municipalities to help them. We are not here to judge them. However, there are people appointed whose responsibility it is to monitor the municipalities. The municipality is a government; it has a council and an executive. It makes laws. I am not a Premier for municipalities. A municipality has a mayor. The mayor is responsible for running the municipality. What I can do is help them so they can do their job better and then the organisations that won at the elections send in Mayors and Speakers to run the Council. They are always responsible to see to it that the people leading there are actually doing so efficiently.]

(IsiZulu): U-mayor uma u-municipal manager angasebenzi kufanele amxoshe. U-mayor... uma uCFO... sithole ama-result afana nalawa kuyi-

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The mayor should dismiss a municipal manager that does not work. The mayor ... if the CFO ... we found results such as these, it is the mayor’s responsibility that the CFO must account. The Auditor-General is right in that we are not going to ignore this situation that is pulling us down. We must state that, as a province, we are not happy about these results and that’s why we send the MECs to help you. But we request the municipalities to do better.] We are calling upon their leadership to do better.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you, Premier. We move to question number 3, hon B T Shongwe from the ANC to ask the Premier. Hon Premier.

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker, sorry. May we request through you, hon Speaker that the Premier keeps his answers a bit shorter so that we can ask follow-up questions, because he is making a speech on every question; he is using all the time and we are just sitting here.

Mr V V Z WINDVOËL: Point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Hon Members, please take your seats. Order! Take your seats, hon Members. Hon Benadie, when the Executive Council gives you short answers, you complain, they give you long answers, you also complain. Please allow the Premier to give you his replies. Hon Premier, please continue.


(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I took it that everyone has rights. It is my right to speak, it is a right that I fought
very hard for so that I can speak and be understood by you. Please just listen to me.]

I fought for it.

**Question 3**

Hon B T Shongwe (ANC) asked the hon Premier:

The shortage of water and sanitation is but one of the challenges faced by the people of Bushbuckridge Municipality:

i. Is the hon Premier aware of the above-mentioned adverse situation?

ii. What plans are there to improve the situation, especially in Mandela, and Shatale villages, where there has been no water since March 2012?

iii. What could be the cause of this water crisis in Bushbuckridge and surrounding areas?

iv. Can the hon Premier outline for the benefit of the community some of his initiatives he has undertaken to address the water challenge in the entire Bushbuckridge region?

**The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA):** The next question:

The shortage of water and sanitation is but one of the challenges faced by the people of Bushbuckridge Municipality:

i. Is the hon Premier aware of the above-mentioned adverse situation?

The response to that question is, yes.

ii. What plans are there to improve the situation, especially in Mandela and Shatale villages, where there has been no water since March 2012?

The response says that we need to properly account for the abovementioned areas in a manner that will make Members understand the history of this problem.
Whilst there has been progress made with the construction of the Acornhoek bulk water pipeline that has benefited, amongst other villages, a large proportion of Shatale, a serious drawback happens when people took to themselves to settle in areas that were not initially planned for that purpose.

As a result of an informal settlement that emerges unexpectedly, one would immediately assume that basic services, such as water and sanitation would be compromised. This Mandela Village is a result of an unplanned settlement that has pushed government to reprioritise its development plans for providing services to the people. The water supply in this area remains a challenge because of mushrooming, unplanned settlements.

Currently water is supplied through a water tanker, which is available weekly; it is a temporary measure. The municipality is actually tasked to ensure that the services are rendered in this village. There is an opportunity that through proper planning on Municipal Infrastructure Grant projects and the IDP this matter will be amicably resolved.

Otherwise, the formal settlement in Shatale has safe running water supplied from the bulk pipeline.

Of course, as they are continuing with the construction, you might have one or two days’ disruption, but in the main, there should be no disruption; Shatale should receive water,

The Mandela Village in Maviljan: we must acknowledge the problems faced by the community of this village. The sudden undersupply and shortage of water has been caused by the technical failure of the booster pumps in the nearby pump station, a pump station that I have visited. The Bushbuckridge Water Board has been assigned with the responsibility to correct this problem, upgrade the pumps and ensure that water is supplied to the community. But in the meantime, the municipality is giving water to the people through water trucks.

iii. What could be the cause of the water crisis in Bushbuckridge and surrounding areas?
The answer says that the challenges of Bushbuckridge are historical and are mostly common in the poverty pockets of the province that emerged from the former homeland governments as the R293 towns and R188 towns.

You will find these towns in areas like Bushbuckridge, Nkomazi, Chief Albert Luthuli, Thembisile Hani and Dr J S Moroka Municipalities. These municipalities in their nature share common features and government would not compromise but continue to fight against these challenges that are faced by these municipalities.

Probably that is what made us take a decision to make these municipalities our priorities in terms of development. We are bringing a package of services in a very comprehensive way in these municipalities, given their historical nature.

You will understand that this place came into being because of the apartheid spatial planning patterns, where communities were allowed to settle on what was designed as farms without changing their land use.

We must not forget that these rural areas of Bushbuckridge were taken as dense farm and homeland areas not so very long ago. The change in land use has not been applied or formed to address the current challenges.

These unrecognised human settlements have high population density and weak infrastructure for delivering basic services. Infrastructure was mostly prioritised for agricultural purposes and the system has since been overburdened by the growing settlements and sudden escalating demand for water consumption.

This is impacting on the infrastructure provision for water and other amenities. The villages that are in question were small in size and every day they grew into these big settlements that were supplied by small infrastructure. In certain cases no infrastructure.

Some of the villages were supplied by boreholes, but these settlements have since grown, like I have said, and have invaded the mass of land that was previously made for grazing and dry land farming with little capital investment for the required infrastructure.
It is only during our dawn of democracy that lots of investments were made to improve the lives of people in these areas. In Bushbuckridge area alone, this is what has happened since the dawn of democracy:

i. Inyaka dam was built; a very new dam that today is the main source where people draw water. That dam was constructed at an amount of R1 billion;

ii. A pipeline was constructed from Inyaka Dam to Acornhoek, which is still under construction, and it will be finished, but some areas are receiving water;

iii. The Hoxane Water Scheme was extended to the tune of R70.46 million;

iv. A pipeline was constructed between Hoxane and Lillydale to the tune of R44.08 million; and

v. Sewage facilities to the tune of R29.45 million.

These are some of the interventions that have come with democracy.

We are also aware that there is an acute shortage of reticulation networks to all villages that have since expanded.

It is also intended that with the reticulation network every single household should be reached by connecting them from the bulk networks, upgraded storage reservoirs to the distribution network that gradually feeds the household.

This work cannot be completed overnight. Government is equally desperate to accelerate all of these developments so that our people can get water in a short space of time. During the course of the year I will outline the intervention that we have made to try to speed up this process.

iv. Can the hon Premier outline for the benefit of the community some of his initiatives he has undertaken to address the water challenge in the entire Bushbuckridge region?
We must bring to the attention of this House that the communities of Bushbuckridge have been taken seriously by government. The provincial government in partnership with the Department of Water Affairs has progressively monitored and continuously addressed the situation of water in this area. The construction of Acornhoek Bulk Pipeline that will provide water to the nine villages, you can name those villages; you know them and we think it will be a major boost.

Currently, this project is 70% complete and I am aware that before the end of the year this project must be completed.

The Hoxane project will also provide water to 10 villages. This project we intend upgrading to cover the remaining areas that are not covered by this scheme.

Parts of the communities of Madras, Cunningmore, Mkhuhlu, and all those areas are also getting supply from the project, the Hoxane scheme. These are bulk infrastructure projects rolled out from the Department of Water Affairs, which we hope as province we must come close to assisting.

Hon Members, I have, together with my provincial government, engaged Mega to mobilise additional funding to accelerate the process of extending infrastructure to all our communities. The studies have shown that it would rather take a while, if we continue at the current pace, to reach all our communities in a short space of time.

Like I have said, we are going to announce our plans and I we are at a point where we are ready to roll out this infrastructure. Thank you.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon B T Shongwe, do you have a follow-up question?

**Ms B T SHONGWE:** Thank you, hon Speaker. *(Siswati):* I-opposition ingangikhulumeli nginemlomo wami. [The opposition must not speak for me; I have my own mouth.]

Hon Premier, thank you very much for outlining all the initiatives and the infrastructure projects with regard to water in Bushbuckridge and also thank you for your outreach programme that you took to visit the pump stations, not only here in Bushbuckridge but all over the province.
Hon Premier, *(Siswati):*

...ngabe kukhona indlela yokwenta i-public education in terms of umphakatsi wakitsi, kufundzisa kwekutsi nangabe hulumende azamile kufaka infrastructure bangabotsi uma sebakwatile babaye bayayi vandaliser leyo infrastructure because loko kwenta kwekutsi hulumende wetfu asebentele emuva.

*(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)*

[...is there a way of giving education to the public in terms of our people? Educating them that after the government has made an effort to install the infrastructure they should not vandalise it just when they are angry because that causes our government to retrogress.]

*(Siswati):* Nalokutsi ikhona yini indlela yekutsi hulumende lomkhulu wesifundza asebentisane namasipala ekutseni tisebenti takamasipala leti letisebenta ngemanti tikhone kusebenta ngendlela lefanele. Ngikhulumela loko nje ngemuntfu lobuya emakhaya eNkomazi emalayinini, ngiyacabanga kwekutsi-Bushbuckridge iyafana nalapho ngibuya khona, utfole kwekutsi umakufanele kuvulwe emanti, lelo official lelo alikho alitfolakali ngesikhatsi sekutsi ngabe uvulela bantfu emanti. Ingabe ikhona yini indlela yokushukumisa lohulumende wasekhaya kwekutsi asebente ngendlela lefanele.

*(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)*

[Also, is there a way that the more senior provincial government can work together with the municipality so that the municipal employees that work with water can work properly? I am saying this as a person from the rural areas of Nkomazi where people stand in queues. I think Bushbuckridge is similar to where I come from, where at the time when the water should be opened to the people you find that the official is nowhere to be seen to enable people to get water. Is there some way of getting the local government to work properly?]

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Premier.

**UNDUNANKULU (Mnu D D MABUZA):** *(IsiZulu):* Ngiyabonga. Engingakusho kule comment ka-hon Chief Whip wukuthi abomasipala kufanele bakwazi kamhlophe ukuthi umthetho ugunyaza bona ukuthi
banikeze abantu amanzi. Manje ke umsebenzi lona bangawuthathi kalulane. Abawuthathe ngendlela le ukufanele wenzeke ngayo. Kufuneka ukuthi bazimisele uma benza lo msebenzi; babheke ukuthi amanzi siyawonga. Singathi uma sihamba lapha sibone amaphayiphile adabukile, amanzi ayaphuma; we must save water, firstly.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you. What I can say on this comment by the hon Chief Whip is that municipalities should know fully well that the law authorises them to provide people with water. Now, they shouldn’t take this responsibility lightly; let them consider it in the way that it has to be done. They must focus when they are carrying out this task; and make sure that we save the water. When we move about here we must not see broken pipes leaking water; we must save water, firstly.]

(IsiZulu): Okwesibili, la manzi lawa esiwathumelela abantu kufanele sibe nesiqiniseko sokuthi la manzi a-clean futhi angaphuzeka. Loku kufanele siwazi ukuthi kungumsebenzi wethu. Uma abantu baphuza amanzi angekho esimeni sokuthi angaphuza, umasipala, u-mayor kufanele azi ukuthi kungumsebenzi wakhe ngoba umsebenzi wokunikezela abantu amanzi ngumsebenzi kamasipala.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Secondly, we must be certain that the water we supply to the people is clean and drinkable. We must know that that is our responsibility. When people drink water that is not fit for consumption, the municipality, the mayor must know that it is their job because water provision is the duty of the municipality.]

(IsiZulu): Thina abanye esikhona sibambisana nani ukuthi sinisize ukuthi umsebenzi lo ungabi nzima. Sifuna ukuthi abomasipala bahambele phambili. Njengoba sizifaka izimali, sisiza umasipala, sisiza... [The rest of us co-operate with you in order to lend a hand so that the job is not too heavy. We want the municipalities to lead the way. By providing funding we are helping the municipality; we are helping...] 
...the authority, the authority that must provide water, therefore, the authority must stand firm...
(IsiZulu): ...sakhe amandla athile ukuthi lo msebenzi sikhone ukuwuthwala. [...]and build some capacity so that we can bear the responsibility]. The required capacity must be built, that’s very important.

(IsiZulu): Esizokwenza wukuthi sisizane nabomasipala ukuthi sifake i-infrastructure. Nathi ezimalini zikahulumeni wesifunda sithathe imali siyifake kumaspalal; sibalekelele ukuthi bafake i-infrastructure balethe amanzi. Sibalekelele futhi ukuthi amanzi ethu a-treat(we) abe-clean, sibalekelele futhi ukuthi siwamanenje la manzi; singawamoshi.

(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)

[What we will do is work together with the municipalities and put the infrastructure in place. From the provincial government’s revenue we will also take some funds and inject them into the municipality and help them put the infrastructure in place in order for them to supply water. We will also assist them so that our water is treated and cleaned as well as help so that we manage this water and do not waste it.]

(IsiZulu): Esikucelayo kubomasipala ukuze sikhwazi ukuthi i-infrastrucutre esiyifakayo silokhu siyi-maintain(a) njalo. Kuzawufuna sicele abantu bakithi ukuthi nabo phela uma bethola amanzi, kuzawufanela bakhokhe kubomasipala; bakhokhele amanzi ukuthi uma i-pipe lidabukile sikhwazi ukuyilungisa. Uma kunendawo entsha okufanele sifake kuyo amanzi, umasipala abe namandla okuthi awuthwale lo msebenzi.

(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Our request to the municipalities, in order that we are able to constantly maintain the infrastructure that we have put in place, we will have to ask our people to pay the municipality for the water they get ... pay for the water so that we are able to repair a pipe that bursts. And so that in the event of a new place where we must supply water the municipality should have the capacity to shoulder the responsibility.]

(IsiZulu): Singakhona ukuphumelela uma siyobambana sisebenze Sisonke, nesizwe futhi lesi esisiholayo.

(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)
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[We will be able to succeed if we all take one another’s hand and work together, as well as the nation that we are leading.]

(IsiZulu): Ngifuna ukusho kumasipala waseBushbuckridge ukuthi thina ohlangothini lwe-province sizimisele ukubambisana nani ukuthi le nkinga yamanzi siyiqede kungesikudala. Kodwa esikucelayo wukuthi umasipala naye akazilungiselele ukuthwala lo msebenzi ngoba akekho omunye ongathwala lo msebenzi wokunikeza abantu amazi ngaphandle komasipala. [I want to say to the municipality of Bushbuckridge that we, on the part of the province, are committed to working with you so that we can resolve this water problem before long. But our request is that, for its part, the municipality must also gird itself for shouldering this task because there is no one else other than the municipality to carry out the duty of providing people with water.] [Interjections.]

Ms K A P MADONSELA: Hon Speaker, the Premier is addressing the municipality, instead of addressing the House; he was supposed to do it through you if he wants to speak to the municipality. The Premier is out of order.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier, please address the House.

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): I thought I am addressing the House, hon Speaker. I am talking about the municipality, but addressing the House. What is your problem?

Hon Speaker, (IsiZulu):
...angeke ngithi uma ngikhulumina every time ngibheke wena. Nginelungelo lokubhekela noma yikuphi, kodwa ngi-address(a) wena, hon Speaker. Through you, I am addressing the House, but I am talking about the municipality. Uma ungenayo indlebe ngizokusiza ngani mina? Awuzwa; ngizokusiza ngani?

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[...when speaking I will not always be looking at you. I have a right to look around anywhere, but I am addressing you, hon Speaker. Through you, I am addressing the House but talking about the municipality. If you
don’t have an ear, how am I going to help you? (If) you can’t hear how am I going to help you?]
I think I am done.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you very much. We move on to question number 4, hon L T Maabane from the ANC to ask the hon Premier. Hon Premier. Question number 4 from hon L T Maabane.

Question 4

Hon L T Maabane (ANC) asked the hon Premier:

Road infrastructure is a serious concern in the Bushbuckridge Municipality:

i. Is the hon Premier aware of the bad road infrastructure in this municipality?
ii. When is the road linking Thulamahashe and Hluvukani going to be given the necessary attention?
iii. What could be the main cause of this road infrastructure crisis?
iv. Are there any immediate plans in place to remedy this situation?

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Question number 4.

Road infrastructure is a serious concern in the Bushbuckridge Municipality:

i. Is the hon Premier aware of the bad road infrastructure in this municipality?

The response to that question is that provincial roads infrastructure in this municipality is in a fair state. Of course there are certain roads that are still under construction, a few roads that still need to be constructed.

ii. When is the road linking Thulamahashe and Hluvukani going to be given the necessary attention?

Road D4400 stretches from over a distance of 15 km of gravel between Thulamahashe and Hluvukani. The road is being maintained, though, on a
monthly basis and I am sure down the line, this road is going to be paved.

iii. What could be the main cause of this road infrastructure crisis?

Like I said, there is no crisis. There has never been a crisis with our roads. The hon Member will be aware that a number of our roads in this municipality has been damaged by the floods. If it was not because of the floods that washed away our bridges and caused a lot of damage to our roads, I think we could be far in terms of road infrastructure in this municipality.

However, the bridges which have been damaged by floods, we are in the process of repairing them. Monies have been assigned to the municipality to deal with issues that are within their capacity. The Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport will deal with the bridges. We think they need their attention. So I am aware that all the designs for the bridges have been completed. They need to go out to tender to get the necessary service providers to build the bridges.

I am aware it has been taken too long but I am also aware that it took us too long to get the national department to approve all the plans that were before them. So I am sure that all the roads that have been damaged by the floods will be attended to as soon as possible. But there is a road network that belongs to the municipality which is not a provincial road infrastructure where we request the municipality to continuously repair those roads that link villages. We have assisted the municipality by giving them graders from time to time to maintain those roads. As per the provincial government, we are going to do our best to complete all the roads that are still under construction now. You know the Rolle/Oakley road, which we want to complete this financial year and I am sure the department will make it a point now that the contractor that has been terminated on that side, a new contractor will be appointed speedily so that that road can be finished.

iv. Are there any immediate plans in place to remedy this situation?

Like I said, in terms of the flood relief money, all processes are in place. The money that has been earmarked for those bridges and for those roads will be used there, and our plan to upgrade certain roads in the municipality will continue as planned. But we are going to call upon the
municipality also to take its share and repair the streets that are connecting villages that are connecting amenities to our schools. These small streets must always be continuously maintained because this is our access to all our public amenities.

There should be no problems for our children to access our schools. There should be no problem for people to access places that render services for them. Because of a road, we must make it a point that that does not happen. Yes, working together with the municipality, we are going to attend to this situation of our roads. Now in terms of the Comprehensive Rural Development programme, all the roads that need to be attended to have been prioritised. So, yes, we are following a programme and we think we are not in a crisis. Thank you.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Thank you very much. Hon Maabane, do you have a follow-up question?

**Mr L T MAABANE:** Well, we are satisfied with the response from the Premier. Hon Speaker, maybe I just want to find out from the hon Premier whether there is no way on which maybe when we take a decision to construct a road, that budget for that particular road that is going to be constructed, there is in no way in which we can be make it compulsory that there should again be a budget set aside for the maintenance for that particular road, because I know that our government is trying by all means to build these roads, but within a very short space of time because those roads are not maintained accordingly, you find that those roads get damaged.

Is there in no way in which we can make it compulsory that once you decide to construct a road you also allocate that particular budget for the maintenance of that particular road? Thank you very much.

**The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA):** Thank you, hon Member Maabane. In a normal country is very necessary and it’s very necessary and it’s a prerequisite for infrastructure maintenance. Now in a country like ours emerging from the bad past, where all of a sudden we are emerging, we have got a democratic budget and entrusted with this huge responsibility of attending to the backlog, the legacy of the past. This government is overstretched: each community needs a road, each community needs water.
All of a sudden it’s government that must service the entire nation, moving from a government that was servicing only a section of this community into a situation where government is now servicing everyone.

Understandably, our budget, our resources are so overstretched. Correctly speaking, when a road is built, that road must be maintained over a certain time; but because, all over here, communities are crying out for services. Some in certain areas have not even tasted the fruits of democracy. Some have not received water, some have not received roads, some have not received houses.

Mr L T MAABANE: Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Hon Maabane.

Mr L T MAABANE: I have asked the Premier to clarify for me and there is irritation here. The hon Member is making lot of noise; I cannot even hear what the hon Premier is saying.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, please do not do that. Continue, hon Premier.

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Well, hon Speaker, it is really disturbing to be called into the House to answer and people make a noise. And I think we are not taking to this very kindly. I think the decorum of the House must be kept as such. We are busy attending to the problems of our people. If we have got children that want to play, they can go outside. Well, I was saying the challenges that we are facing of maintaining our infrastructure it is an ongoing challenge because we are overstretched as a government. It is important that as we budget we try to increase our maintenance budget because to leave a road to finally get destroyed is as good as starting a new road, so it is better to repair at a time when the road must be repaired. So the point that you are making is equally very important: that government must take it very seriously. Maintenance is important to prolong the life of our infrastructure. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Are there any other follow-up questions? Hon B T Shongwe.
Ms B T SHONGWE: Thanks, Speaker. I just want to find out from the
hon Premier...

(Siswati): ...ukutsi ikhona i-plan lekhona ku-provincial government in
terms of assisting umasipala wa la because you will recall ngalesikhatsi
kune-strike two wama-graders were burned down and this municipality is
a low-capacity municipality.

(Translation of Siswati paragraph follows.)

[...whether the provincial government does have a plan in terms of
assisting this municipality here because you will recall when there was a
strike here two graders were burnt down and this municipality is a low-
capacity municipality.]

Are there any plans to assist this municipality, because if i-provincial
government cannot assist because they are unable now to grade the
roads, so what can we do as i-provincial government?

Kukhona kuma-plan ethu ukuthi sisize umasipala. Sibonile lapha ukuthi
ama-grader amabili ashiswe. Manje ngaphandle kokuthi sisize sesiyathula –
kufanele sisho ukuthi lesi senzo sokushisa asilunganga. Abantu uma
bekwatile sebeyakushisa okungokwabo ngoba down the line sizokufuna
loko futhi ukuthi sikusebenzise. Uma sibhikisha siksikwete amanzi
singashisi i-grader, ungashisi i-library, singashisi isikole. Asikhulumeni si-
resolve(e) izinkinga zethu. Nazi ukuthi lezi zinkinga lezi azaqalwanga
wuholwani oholwa yi-ANC. Zqaqalwa wuholwameni wobanduluLo. Thina
nje siyalungisa kaphela nje. Ngiyabonga.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Thank you, hon Speaker. Helping the municipality is part of our plans.
We have seen that two graders were burnt down here. Now, besides our
helping, we are keeping quiet. We must state that this action of arson is
wrong. When people are angry they burn what is theirs because down the
line we will need that again in order to use it. When we riot because we
are angry about water, we should not burn a grader, a library, a school.
Let us talk and resolve our problems. You should know that these
problems were not caused by the ANC-led government. They were]
initiated by the apartheid government. All we are doing is getting things in order. Thank you."

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Thank you very much. We move on to question 5, hon K A P Madonsela from COPE to ask the hon Premier. Hon Premier.

**Question 5**

Hon K A P Madonsela (COPE) asked the hon Premier:

Recently the North Gauteng High Court upheld its previous ruling compelling the Albert Luthuli Municipality to supply residents of Carolina with water:

1. Which level of government is mandated to supply water to the community of Carolina?
2. Why did the Albert Luthuli and Gert Sibande Municipalities challenge the former High Court ruling?
3. What support has been provided by the province to the municipalities in order for them to be able to comply with their mandate (water supply)?
4. Is the province embarrassed about the action of these municipalities, given the support mentioned above? If yes, how is the province going to intervene in this regard?
5. The judge ordered that the municipality should submit a portable water supply plan within 30 days. Is the statement correct? If yes, what role has been played by the province in the development of and monitoring of compliance with the plan?

**The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA):** Thank you, hon Speaker.

Recently the North Gauteng High Court upheld its previous ruling compelling the Albert Luthuli Municipality to supply residents of Carolina with water:

1. Which level of government is mandated to supply water to the community of Carolina?
A response to this question: section 84 of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act provides for the division of functions and powers between district and local municipalities. In terms of section 85 of the mentioned Act, all local municipalities in the province are water services authorities. Therefore, in this regard, Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality is mandated to supply water to the community of Carolina.

ii. Why did the Albert Luthuli and Gert Sibande Municipalities challenge the former High Court ruling?

The response to this question: the Gert Sibande District Municipality challenged the High Court ruling because it is not the water service authority in terms of the provincial powers and functions.

On the other hand, Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality challenged the court order on the basis that no ruling was made against the municipality. Therefore, the judge erred in ordering Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality to be jointly and severally liable for the costs.

The next roman figure question, roman figure iii:

iii. What support has been provided by the province to the municipality in order for them to be able to comply with the court ruling?

The following key interventions have been implemented:

- A task team was formed comprising local government, the district municipality, Cogta, the Department of Water Affairs and its Rapid Response Unit, the Inkomazi Catchment Management Agency, the Department of Health, mines, councillors and community development workers to support the municipality in addressing its water challenges.

- The municipality installed additional filters supplied by the Department of Water Affairs to the new water treatment plant, and a rinsing component at a cost of R14.2 million to cope with the heavy metals that were contaminating the water from the source, that is the Boesmanspruit Dam.

- Process controllers were also re-trained in order to sustain the operations at the plant. The amount spent was collectively from the
MIG fund and funding from the Gert Sibande District Municipality. The current value of water projects registered thus far for MIG funding amounts to R484 million.

The municipality was also helped to improve its operations and maintenance. We have further appointed water scientists and they regularly test the water quality to ensure that it remains at an acceptable consumption level. This appointment brings the number of people appointed to seven.

iv. Is the province embarrassed about the action of these municipalities, given the support mentioned above? If yes, how is the province going to intervene in this regard?

The province is focused on and committed to resolving the water challenge and access in the province. In this regard, we will continue to support our municipalities, design a very comprehensive support programme for all our municipalities in the province, including providing support to municipalities to register water infrastructure projects through MIG funding.

v. The Judge ordered that the municipality should submit a portable water supply plan within 30 days. Is the statement correct? If yes, what role has been played by the province in the development of and monitoring of compliance with the plan?

The response to the question: the task team assisted the municipality to work out a plan to supply portable water and monitored the implementation of the plan frequently to ensure continuous provision of water through water tankers. The quality of water in these water tankers was also monitored. Furthermore, the task team monitored the work carried out to turn around the water situation in the municipality and ensure that the new water treatment plant is working efficiently. Thank you.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Madonsela, do you have a follow-up question?
Nk K A P MADONSELA: (IsiZulu): Yebo, Mnu Somlomo. Ngicela ukwazi lapho ku-Premier ngoba ngibona i-question yami u-roman figure number four la ngithe khona...

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Ms K A P MADONSELA: Yes, hon Speaker. I would like to know from the Premier ... because I see my question in roman figure number four ... where I said ...]

...is the province embarrassed?

(IsiZulu): U-Premier angikamuzwa ukuthi uthi yebo or qha ngale action le yokuthi umasipala athethe abantu ababhadlele le ntela abamukise ekhortho. Ingabe u-Premier u-embarrassed ngale action eyenziwe yilo masipala na? Angikezwa lapho, Speaker. The hon Premier uvele wangena ngokuthi the province is focused wase uyaqhubeka. Angikakuzwa lapho. Manje ungangichazela?

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[I didn’t hear whether the hon Premier answered yes or no on the question of the municipality taking to court the people that paid the tax. Is the hon Premier embarrassed about the action taken by this municipality? I have not heard that part, hon Speaker. The hon Premier just started by saying the province is focused and then carried on. I have not heard that part. Can you please explain to me?]  

(IsiZulu): Okwesibili, indaba yalama-water tanker. I note that in most areas where there are problems of water ama-water tanker ase-tshenziswa njengama-alternative. I am not saying it is wrong, but do not you think ukuthi nabo lama-water tanker... aba-supply(a) la ma-water tankers bangaba nesandla ekwenzeni ukuthi izinkinga zamanzi endaweni ethile zingaxazululeki ukuze ba-continue(e) bethola la ma-contract na? Nike nakubheka niyi-province niyi-government? Ngiyabonga.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Secondly, the issue of the water tankers. I note that in most areas where there are problems of a lack of water, water tankers are used as]
alternatives. I am not saying it is wrong, but do you not think that these water tankers ... the suppliers of water tankers could have a hand in water problems of certain areas not getting resolved so they can continue getting these contracts? Have you considered that as the province, as the government? Thank you.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Hon Speaker, let me get the first question correct if I may request that the hon Member may repeat the question.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Member, can you repeat your first question?

Ms K A P MADONSELA: Hon Speaker, (IsiZulu): u-roman figure number four uthi, [Roman figure four says] is the province embarrassed about the action of this municipality, given the support mentioned above?

(IsiZulu): U-Premier uma ephendula uvele wathi the province is focused. Akaphenduli ukuthi u-embarrassed na? Ngicela nje asho ukuthi u-embarrassed noma akekho embarrassed ukuthi umasipala uke waya ekhotho e-challeng(a) i-order ebikade inikezwe kubahlali ngenxa yezidingo zabo zamanzi na. Yebo noma qha. Yimpendulo qha engiyidingayo.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The hon Premier just said the province is focused. He did not respond to whether he is embarrassed or not. I am only asking him to state whether or not he is embarrassed about the municipality going to court challenging an order given to the residents due to their water needs. Yes or no? I only need an answer to that.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA):] Thank you. Well, I have understood you now. I thought I was explaining in a manner that another person would follow what I am saying. I can see that the person has not understood me. Let us try again, hon Speaker, so that he may understand.]

Ms K A P MADONSELA: Hon Speaker, (IsiZulu): ngicabanga ukuthi ngiyi-hon Member la ku-Premier angisuye umuntu. Ngicela u-Premier angi-address(e) kanjalo.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[Hon Speaker, I think I am an hon Member to the Premier, not a person. I request the hon Premier to address me in that way.] I am an hon Member of this House. Please, Speaker.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier, we address each other as hon Members. Please address the hon Member as an hon Member.


(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA):] Thank you, hon Speaker. I was thinking a human being is a person, taking it that I am talking to people and not animals. If we don’t want to be human beings, my apologies. I will then address you as hon Members. At the end of the day we are persons.]

(IsiZulu): Bengichazile ukuthi ijaji lithole iGert Sibande inecala. Manje ke i-judgement yejaji leli ayikho correct because umuntu okungewona umsebenzi wakhe ukuletha amanzi yamthola enecala. So the judgement does not stand. Asibalekeli indaba yokuthi amanzi laphaya anenkinga kodwa i-judgement kufanele iye kulo muntu okuwumsebenzi wakhe.
I had explained that the Judge found Gert Sibande guilty. But the Judge's judgment is not correct because he found guilty a person who has no responsibility for providing water. So the judgment does not stand. We are not dodging the issue of water there as being problematic, but the judgment must go to the responsible person. Maybe the correctness is that Gert Sibande must also go ... it is we ... it is not our responsibility. We are challenging it on that basis, namely, that in terms of the Constitution we are not ... in terms of the Act ... we are not liable. We are not responsible for water provision I have said that the people legally authorised are the municipalities. All the rest of us are only giving them a hand. You cannot find guilty a person who is only helping and query why they are not helping.]

(IsiZulu): Ukuthi isenzo lesi sokuya ekhotho ukuthi si-challenge(e) le-decision ngicabanga ukuthi umasipala ubefuna ukuthi ayihlali kahle le decision. Ayizi kubo. Akusiko ukuzieembarrass(a) loko. Wukulungisa isimo because ibizohlala injalo ithi i-Gert Sibande District Municipality is responsible. Abantu badideke njengelunga elihloniphekile lididekile. Yingako kufanele ukuthi ilungiseke le ntotokuya phambili.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[By challenging this act of going to court and decision I think the municipality wanted to scrutinise the decision. It should not come to them. That is not embarrassing oneself. It is setting matters straight because it would stay like that, saying the Gert Sibande Municipality is responsible. The people would be confused just as the hon Member is confused. That is why this thing must be corrected going forward.]
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(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[The blame we take is that it was the people who saw that the water was not drinkable. The municipality should have been the first to see that the water was not drinkable. That is where I see the shame. The rest is not a shame. Thank you.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Are there any other questions? S J Masango.

Mr S J MASANGO: Thank you, Speaker. Hon Premier, (IsiZulu): inkinga isekhona eCaroline naseSilobela yokuthi i-capacity yamanzi is not enough ukuthi abantu ingabanelisa. Angazi noma uyangizwisisa. Amanzi lawo ageziwe awasi-enough ukuthi anganela labo bantu yingako kusathunyelwa izitenke. Ingabe i-government izokwenzani ukuthi abantu baseSerobela nbaseCaroline bathole...

[There is still a problem in Caroline and Silobela, namely, that the capacity is not adequate to satisfy the (need of the) people. I am not sure you understand me. The cleaned-up water is not enough for all the people and that is why dispatching tankers there remains necessary. What is the government going to do to ensure the people of Serobela and Caroline get] enough water that is purified, not from tankers?

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Well, (IsiZulu): ngine-problem yokuzwa umbuzo ukuthi uthini. Angifuni uku-attempt(a) ngifuna ukuthi mhlawumbe awu-repeat(e) ngizomuzwa.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[I have a problem understanding what the question is. I don't want to attempt; I would like him to repeat it maybe so I can understand it.]
The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Masango, can you please repeat your question?

Mr S J MASANGO: Let me rephrase it. There is a shortage of water that is purified to give every household enough water at Silobela. (IsiZulu): Kuyini-ke ngoba kwamanje sikhuluma nje asekhona ama-tanker. Asekhona ngoba i-capacity ayisi-enough ukuthi inganela abantu.I-goverment yenzani ukuqeda i-Albert Luthuli ibe na-enough purified water ukuthi ilingane...

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

[What is it? Because even as we speak the tankers are still there ... because the capacity is not enough to satisfy the people. What is the government doing to finish up so that Albert Luthuli can have enough purified water to satisfy] all the households in Caroline and Silobela?

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.

UNDUNANKULU (Mnu D D MABUZA): (IsiZulu): Ngiyabonga, Somlomo. Inkinga esibhekene nayo inje: amanzi esiwatholayo from the source which is the dam, a-contaminated. Sishilo ukuthi imayini ekhona ngaphezulu, uma kumayinwa lapha certain metals ayahamba ayo-contaminate(a) i-source bese laphayana kule treatment plant uma sidonsa amanzi from the source sifuna kuwapurify(a) before siwathumela ku-community, angapurifayeki because certain metals are just too heavy for our purification plant. Ayaphuma agcine ezithola aze ayongena emphakathini. Therefore, kusho ukuthi i-purification plant yethu has got a problem to deal nale nkinga ye-contamination. So into okufanele siyenze wukuthi silungise i-purification plant. So abasi-advice(ile) lapho bathe sifake amanye ama-filter senze loku senze lokuya. Uma sisa-deal(a) nale problem kwakufanele ukuthi abantu bebe bethola amanzi. Kwangena i-ruling yokuthi nina nikezani abantu amanzi. Umasipala-ke bekufanele ahambe ayothola manzi elsewhere not from that source, because that source is contaminated. Awathwale ngama-truck, awadilive ebantwini amanzi a-clean.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)
Thank you, hon Speaker. This is the nature of our problem: The water we get from the source, which is the dam, is contaminated. We have said that because of the mine there on the top ... during the mining operations some metals escape and contaminate the source. And at our treatment plant the water that we draw from the source for purification purposes is not purifiable because certain metals are just too heavy for our purification plant. It [water] flows (or, they [metals] flow) out right up to the community. It therefore means that our purification plant has a handicap in dealing with this contamination problem. So, we need to fix the purification plant. Our advisers have said we must install more filters and do this and that. While we are still dealing with this problem, people must get water. A ruling was made that people must be supplied with water in the meantime. The municipality was to go and get water elsewhere – not from that source – because that source is contaminated. Carry the clean water by truck and deliver it to the people.

(IsiZulu): Manje-ke kulesi sikhashane esidlulile for sure nibonile u-MEC ewaphuza la manzi athi no, naye uyagaranta ukuthi a-clean. Manje-ke uma ephuzwe wuMEC kunanokuthi aphuzwe yimi. Uma ephuzwe uMEC aphuzwe yimi amanzi. Kusho ukuthi i-system efakwe laphayana is starting to deal with the problem. The new water storage plant, the filters are starting to yield good results. Kusho ukuthi sesiyakwazi ukuyi trap(a) le element that is contaminating the water ukuthi ingangeni kule reticulation system ukuthi ingaphuzwa ngabantu. Ngiyabonga.

(Translation of IsiZulu paragraph follows.)

Now, a short while ago, you surely saw the hon MEC drink this water saying he too can guarantee that the water is clean. Now, if the MEC drank the water, it is just as good as I drank the water. That means the system that was installed there is starting to deal with the problem. The filters in the new water storage plant are starting to yield good results. It means that we are now able to trap the element that is contaminating the water so that it doesn’t get into the reticulation system and is not to be consumed by the people. Thank you.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): We move on to question number 6, hon N S Mtsweni from the ANC to ask the hon Premier. Hon Premier.

Question 6
Hon N S Mtsweni (ANC) asked the hon Premier:

The people of Mpumalanga Province, especially Bushbuckridge, welcome the efforts of the provincial government to build a traffic academy in Hoxane:

i. When will the building process start?

ii. How long will it take for the construction process to be completed?

iii. What developmental benefits will the people of Mpumalanga and this region derive from this initiative?


[The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you, hon Speaker.]

The people of Mpumalanga Province, especially Bushbuckridge, welcome the efforts of the provincial government to build a traffic academy in Hoxane:

i. When will the building process start?

The building process will start in March 2013. The project will be done in phases to cater for budget availability.

Phase 1 of the project will be implemented in the 2012/13 financial year. The main activities will focus on the installation of bulk electricity supply and bulk water services infrastructure.

Phase 1B of the project will be implemented in the 2013/14 financial year. The focus will be on the construction of the following centres:

- Educational buildings;
- Accommodation Building;
- Fencing and gatehouse, and
- Shooting range.

Phase 2 will be implemented in the 2014/15 financial year. This phase will encompass the key activities such as the construction of an advanced driving circuit, and the K53 truck circuit.
Planning of this phase has commenced. All planning and design activities are scheduled to be completed by January 2013.

ii. How long will it take for the construction process to be completed?

- Phase 1A will be completed by the end of April 2013;
- Phase 1B will be completed by the end of March 2014;
- Phase 2 will be completed by the end of August 2015.

iii. What developmental benefits will the people of Mpumalanga and this region derive from this initiative?

- The community will have a testing ground close by;
- The province will not be paying other provinces for the traffic training, thereby keeping the revenue and savings within the province;
- It will improve the professionalism of our traffic profession;
- It will create employment for the local people in terms of cleaning the college and providing security services for the college and a number of issues that will be needed by the college; and
- There will be a centre for overloading, so this will be protecting the roads infrastructure as overloading of trucks will be checked.

Now the municipality as a whole will also benefit in terms of this infrastructure, because through this college a number of infrastructural projects that will go hand in hand with the college are also going to be built, like these overloading facilities that learners who are learning in the college can have onsite training in. These facilities are nearby the college.

Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon N S Mtsweni, do you have a follow-up question?

Kszn N S MTSwENI: (IsiNdebele): Ngithokoze Somlomo begodu ngithokoze uNdunakulu ngeempendulo zakhe. Ngithi kuNdunakulu koke akutjhwile ukuthi kuzokwenzaka ngama-phase siyakuthokoza. Umbuzo wami uthi ingabe likhona na ihlelo lokwenza ukuthi ngalesikhathi esiyokuthoma ngaso kilomnyaka ukuya ku-2015 singurhulumende sikwazi ukuqalana bisisombulule imiraro esinayo esiyivezileko, okumraro wokutlhogeka kwemiberego nomtlhago?
(Translation of isiNdebele paragraph follows.)

[Ms N S MTSWENI: Thank you Speaker and also thanks to the Premier for his responses. I am saying to the Premier we are appreciating all that he said will happen in phases. My question says – is there a plan put up by government from this year to 2015 to enable us to fight and defeat the problems we are facing, the problems of unemployment and poverty?]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.

The (Mr D D MABUZA): Was that a question? It was a comment. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Can we get other follow-up questions? We move on to question 7, hon V S Siwela from the ANC to ask the hon Premier. Hon Premier.

Question 7

Hon V S Siwela (ANC) asked the hon Premier:

As part of the school reopening programme in February, the Premier visited Mugena High School (Hluvukani Village) in 2011, which was one of the underperforming schools with 16% in 2009 and 37% in 2010. But after Premier’s motivation the school got a 70% matric pass rate in the 2011 matric results despite it facing major challenges such as the lack of a library, a laboratory, proper toilets for learners and sporting facilities, and facing overcrowding:

i. Is the hon Premier aware of the above-mentioned challenges at this school?

ii. What plans are there to improve on the 37-year-old infrastructure of this school?

iii. What plans are there to put a laboratory in place, a library, sports facilities and toilets for the school and its learners?

iv. As you have made a commitment, hon Premier, after visiting this school, when can our government intervene to address all the challenges faced by this school?

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you, hon Speaker.
As part of the school reopening programme in February, the Premier visited Mugena High School (Hluvukani Village) in 2011, which was one of the underperforming schools with 16% in 2009 and 37% in 2010. But after Premier’s motivation, the school got a 70% matric pass rate in the 2011 despite it facing major challenges such as the lack of a library, a laboratory, proper toilets for learners and sporting facilities, and facing overcrowding:

i. Is the hon Premier aware of the above-mentioned challenges at this school?

The response to the question is yes, I am aware of all the challenges that are facing the school.

ii. What plans are there to improve on the 37-year-old infrastructure of this school?

Our analysis indicates that most of our schools, particularly in Bushbuckridge, have infrastructure challenges and Mugena is one such school. These schools were built by communities, homeland governments and in some instances have poor structural qualities.

For this reason, the department has been directed to scientifically assess the condition of and space needed by all schools in the province with a view to developing a backlog strategy. This assessment has been completed and has actually confirmed our observations.

As government, we prioritised socio-economic infrastructural development to address challenges of underdevelopment, including dealing with infrastructure backlogs in education.

Mugena is one of the schools that have been prioritised during the term of this government. Bushbuckridge, in particular, is one of the areas targeted for comprehensive rural development interventions. And I am sure in the process a number of schools will benefit from our Comprehensive Rural Development Programme. Mugena as a school will benefit because it will be done immediately. We have started with the toilets, followed by the library, and I am sure we will come to the laboratory and finally do the entire school.
iii. What plans are there to bring a laboratory in place, a library, sports facilities and toilets to this school?

Like I said above, we have started. We started with the toilets. We will bring all the necessary amenities progressively to that school, and not only Mugena school alone. I want to assure the community of this area of Bushbuckridge that we are here to turn the situation around. All what we can say as government is that we are proud that this community has taken upon itself to be part and parcel of government’s work in this area to improve the situation that is confronting our people here.

This is an indication of the manner in which our parents have been involved in the education system, our learners; our teachers have taken a cue and guidance from the provincial government. We are quite pleased about the improvement they have made. It was not easy. All of us were here working and I am sure that the slogan that says “Together we can do more” has been put into real practice and it has worked.

iv. As you have made a commitment, hon Premier, after visiting this school, when can our government intervene to address all the challenges faced by this school?

Like I have said, the school has been in our priority list, is going to be provided with the necessary facilities progressively with all other schools. The Department of Education has already put in place a plan that includes all the schools that are not safe in the municipality, the schools that need urgent attention. I am sure our programme for this year has included a number of schools that needed our attention and I am proud to say as I was driving here I saw some of the schools completed, which indicates progress. Thank you, hon Speaker.

As I indicated earlier, future infrastructural development will be part of our long-term Infrastructure Master Plan.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Thank you very much. Hon Deputy Speaker, do you have a follow-up question?

Khensa na ku kombekisa eka masipala wa hina ku hakunenenene hina Holobyenkulu loyi a tikarhatelaka ndzhawu hinkwayo ya xifundzankulu. Ngopfu ngopfu Xipikara ndzi khensa hi mhaka ya ku swintshunxo leswi nga endliwa hi Holobyenkulu eka xikolo lexiya, yi hi vuyisele mihandzu tani hi xifundzankulu.


(Translation of the Xitsonga paragraphs follows.)

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER (MS V S SIWELA): Thanks, hon Speaker. I am thankful to the hon Premier for responding positively to my questions. I don’t have any question. I am grateful to the municipality that we truly have a premier who focuses on the needs of the entire province. Hon Speaker, I would particularly like to express thanks for the solutions provided by the hon Premier regarding that school; this has benefited us as a province.

This brought many changes. The benefits increased as a result of their intervention and visit. Even now they are promising that Mugena School, as is true with other schools that need help, is included on the list. I am delighted as a result. I am also hopeful that the community is equally delighted. We express our thanks to the Premier since the existing damage does not emanate from this government; it is from the old government. Thanks for the responses that you provided us with. Even on the matter of speech, what is the issue with you, hon Benadie?]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Order!

Mr A M BENADIE: On a point of order, hon Speaker.
The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Benadie, please take your seat. Order! Order! Order! Hon Benadie, please take your seat. Hon Deputy Speaker, can you please wind up?


(Translation of the Xitsonga paragraph follows.)

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms V S SIWELA): Thank you, hon Speaker for the responses provided by our hon Premier. No issue has been left hanging. Thank you.]

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Members, do have any other follow-up questions? Hon Benadie.

Mr A M BENADIE: Hon Speaker and thanks for the light. It says here after the Premier’s motivation the school got a 70% matric pass rate in 2011. The Premier did not refute that statement. I would like to ask the Premier, what is the magic he used at this school that will result in such a drastic increase and whether it was not possible for him to go and do this magic at some more schools, please?

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order! Order! Order, hon Premier, that question, you do not answer it.

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): I must not answer it.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Members, we move on to question number 8, the hon R M Mtshweni from the ANC to ask the hon Premier. Hon Premier.
Question 8

Hon R M Mtshweni (ANC) asked the hon Premier:

The establishment of Bushbuckridge as a fully fledged district municipality is part of the plans by the ANC-led government to make sure there is better service delivery coordination for the people of these regions:

i. Can the hon Premier give an indication of how far the process is to establish Bushbuckridge as a district municipality?

ii. How will such a decision impact positively on service delivery in this region?

iii. How long will it take for all processes and the construction of the district?

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): The establishment of Bushbuckridge as a fully fledged district municipality is part of the plans by the ANC-led government to make sure there is better service delivery coordination for the people of these regions:

i. Can the hon Premier give an indication of how far the process is to establish Bushbuckridge as a district municipality?

It should be noted that the name of the new district municipality has not yet been finalised, so we will call it the way we call it; but I am sure finally it will have a name. However, the application has included the incorporation of Bushbuckridge Local Municipality and Ward 1 of Mbombela Local Municipality that is the Hayzview area into Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Thaba Chweu Local Municipality and Emakhazeni Local Municipality.

Currently the application for the establishment of the new district has not been considered by the Municipal Demarcation Board and once that process has been completed, the province will begin with the process of ensuring that this new district is in place.

The honourable House should bear in mind that the process is reliant on the approval by the demarcation board, meaning that the motivation that the MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs will give must be able to give a convincing argument for the board to consider this
application very favourable. Of course there are a number of structures that are entitled to make submissions so we are hopeful that this application will be considered favourably because there are merits to this application.

ii. How will such a decision impact positively on service delivery in this region?

The establishment of the proposed district municipality will ease the burden of co-ordination from the Ehlanzeni and eNkangala District Municipalities (the two municipalities). I mean, Thaba Chweu and Bushbuckridge will move out of Ehlanzeni; Emakhazeni will move out of Nkangala and they will be in one new district that will ease co-ordination and probably give more attention to these municipalities, because of their nature, like I have explained.

Some of them we are calling “poverty pockets”, “poverty zones” because of their historical nature. So more and more focus, dedicated focus, is needed to turn the situation around. So we think the establishment of these municipalities will help improve the co-ordination of service-delivery mechanisms in this area that is so challenged by services.

iii. How long will it take for all processes and the construction of the district?

I have indicated earlier that it will depend upon the application being considered by the Demarcation Board. Then, if this application is approved, the necessary announcement will be made in terms of where the new district will be placed in the three municipalities and what is going to happen. For now we are waiting for the Demarcation Board to pronounce itself. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon R M Mtshweni, do you have a follow-up question?

Ms R M MTSHWENI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you very much, hon Premier, for the response. Maybe just a comment on what the Premier has said that in the interests of the community of Bushbuckridge we hope that the Demarcation Board will expedite the process so that the people of Bushbuckridge do benefit as alluded to by
the hon Premier in terms of co-ordinating service delivery processes. Thank you very much.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** That was just a comment. Hon Members, do you have follow-up questions? Hon B T Shongwe.

**Ms B T SHONGWE:** Hon Premier, thank you very much... *(Siswati)*: ...ngale information le usinikete yona... [...for the information you have given us...]

...with regard to the establishment of the fourth district in the province, we appreciate that.

Hon Premier, I just want to check... *(Siswati)*: ...ukutsi akhona amaplan... [...if there are plans in place...]

...to level the ground because I think we must prepare so that when the Demarcation Board pronounces them we are ready in teaching our own people...

*(Siswati)*: ...kulabo masipala labo kufanele bamuvele... [...in those municipalities to which they must move...] to form a district.

*(Siswati)*: Ungabo mphendulela wena. [You must not answer for him.]

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Premier.

**The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA):** Thank you, hon Speaker. I am sure the leading party in government is the one that has made a proposal and probably all the municipalities under its leadership have been told about this move in an effort to better our co-ordination effort and to respond to the challenges of our people. Emakhazeni Local Municipality has been consulted, Thaba Chweu, Bushbuckridge Municipality. All of them have been consulted. It is in the best interests of service delivery to have these districts so that an additional source can be created where these municipalities can be assisted. So, yes, we have done a bit in terms of consultation and I am sure we will still go on and on to consult communities at large. Thank you.

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Benadie.

**Mr A M BENADIE:** Hon Premier, I have few questions on this one and I understand that ANC is in government and they are the ruling party and
they are making this proposal to the Demarcation Board and that process must follow, I understand that. But throughout today you have referred to low-capacity municipalities, you have referred to the fact that due to a variety of challenges we are unable to attract the proper skills to municipalities. It would now seem that the ANC would like to create another low-capacity municipality. Thaba Chweu got a disclaimer; Bushbuckridge is 98% grant dependent, Emakhazeni is financially bankrupt. They use their conditional grant to pay their salaries and you want to create another municipality which will have no income base, which will be totally grant dependent and which will also not have financial skills or have the same challenges of skills attraction?

What on earth, except for ANC internal political interests, could be a logical reason for the establishment of another district? We have conducted research, and international research has found district municipalities in South Africa to be the most ineffective service delivery level of government. Nkangala under S P D Skhosana was unable to make any difference; Gert Sibande under Gamede was unable to make any difference, hon Premier... [Interjections.]

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Order! There is a point of order, hon Benadie.

**Ms B T SHONGWE:** Hon Benadie must not mislead this House, because we have two districts in our province that have got a clean audit in terms of audit reports. I do not know what he is talking about. And the research cannot be his research; it must be the research that is done by government. Hon Member, order!

**The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI):** Hon Benadie, please continue and please be specific with your question.

**Mr A M BENADIE:** My question is very specific, hon Premier. Given your own responses to local government questions the whole range from water to capacity, what would be the ANC’s logic for doing this? Because if I listen to everything you said today, then I do come to this conclusion that doing this will have positive impact on service delivery and bring services closer to the people. But I do not make that conclusion, how do you in the ANC make that conclusion?
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The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Hon Premier.

The PREMIER (Mr D D MABUZA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Benadie, don’t you think it’s a new question? I am just asking, don’t you think this is a new question? I do not think so. I think this is a new question.

The SPEAKER (Mr S W LUBISI): Order, hon Members. Hon Benadie, you will have to put in a question for this question. Hon Members, do you have other follow-up questions? Thank you very much, hon Premier. We have come to the end of the question paper. [Applause.]

Hon Members that concludes the business of the day. The House is adjourned until Thursday, 20 September 2012 at 14:15 in the afternoon at this very chamber here in Hluvukani. The House is adjourned.

- The house adjourned at 17:35 -