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**VERBATIM REPORT  
[HANSARD]**

**OF THE  
DELIBERATIONS AND DEBATES  
OF THE  
SECOND SESSION  
OF THE  
SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE**

**THURSDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2020**

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**VERBATIM SPEECHES OF THE  
LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE  
LEBOWAKGOMO LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER  
THURSDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2020  
MEETING OF THE HOUSE: 10:00**

**1. PRAYERS/MEDITATIONS**

**THE SPEAKER**

We shall now have the opportunity for a moment of silence for prayers and/or meditation.

[SILENCE]

Thank you. You may be seated.

**2. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Are there any motions without notice in terms of House Rule 145? Hon Seono, you are recognised.

**MS SEONO**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I, Mmaishibe Rebecca Seono, rise on behalf of the ANC to table a motion without notice as follows:

**THE VIDEO FOOTAGE TRENDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT OFFICIAL LOADING ALCOHOL IN A STATE  
VEHICLE**  
(Motion without Notice)

The House should note that we had been made aware of a video footage circulating on social media platforms depicting a government official within the Department of Transport and Community Safety loading what appeared like alcohol in a state vehicle. This happened at a parking lot of a retail outlet that operates a liquor store. This amounts to gross negligence and misuse of state resource.

We implore the department to conduct investigation into the matter and report back to this House.

These stringent economic circumstances that we operate within do not allow anyone amongst us to misuse and abuse any of our state facilities. The fact that it involves an official who could conduct himself in this reckless manner in a public place like a parking lot of a shopping complex goes to show how people are prepared to risk their jobs and undermine policies that govern the public sector.

We do not have proof that the alcohol was consumed in a state vehicle, but these types of actions, if left to flourish, will lead to the collapse of the rule of law.

It cannot be condoned to continue as they have the potential to make our people, those who vote for us to be in this House on their behalf, to lose confidence in this government.

I so move, Hon Speaker. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Seono. Is there any seconder? Hon Aphiri, you are recognised.

**MS APHIRI**

Thanks very much, Hon Speaker. I rise to second the motion as presented by Hon Seono.

**THE SPEAKER**

Thank you very much. Are there any other motions without notice? Hon Smalle, you are recognised.

**MR SMALLE**

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS DESMOND TUTU**  
(Motion without Notice)

I rise on behalf of the Democratic Alliance to move a motion without notice that this House:

- Notes that Archbishop Desmond Tutu turned 89 years yesterday. He was born on 7 October 1931. Archbishop Tutu devoted his life to God; he fought against apartheid and fought for human rights for all. In 1984, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his fight against apartheid.
- Archbishop Tutu popularised the phrase “Rainbow Nation” for post-apartheid South Africa, and as the Chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he was instrumental in bringing about the restoration of justice in the spirit of Ubuntu;
- Further notes that Archbishop Tutu warned in 1998 that yesterday’s oppressed can be quite easily become tomorrow’s oppressors;
- In 2013, he declared that he will no longer vote for the ANC; stating that while the party was very good at leading us in the struggle to be free from oppression, it has done a poor job in countering inequality, violence and corruption in South Africa;
- Further notes that in August 2020, the Archbishop and Leah Tutu Foundation stated that allegations of corruption relating to the procurement of Covid-19 supplies have eroded the trust between the state and the citizens, and warned

that the window of opportunity for the state was closing to show the courage and the muscle in holding culprits accountable regardless of who they are.

I move that this House congratulates Archbishop Tutu on his birthday and thank him for his life-long dedication to humanity and justice.

May he live long!

I thank you, Hon Speaker.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Smalle. Is there any seconder to the motion? Hon Phala, you are recognised.

### **MS PHALA**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I rise to second the motion as read by Hon Smalle.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you. Is there any further motion without notice? Hon Lebea-Olaiya, you are recognised.

### **MS LEBEA**

#### **RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORLD TEACHERS' MONTH AND CONGRATULATORY REMARKS TO MOKHUDU MACHABA, THE TOP 10 FINALIST OF THE GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE**

(Motion without Notice)

Hon Speaker, I rise on behalf of the ANC to table a motion without notice that this august House notes the following:

October month is the International World Teachers' Month dedicated to men and women who are entrusted with the responsibility of nurturing and educating billions of learners throughout the world. We want to use this hallmark occasion to demonstrate our unwavering support to build a platoon of educators who are empowered to discharge their responsibilities with excellence.

The work of our educators has not been made easier with the advent of the Covid-19 which has stifled the process of learning and studying in our schools.

We are elated as we celebrate this World Teachers' Month that one of our very own, Ms Mokhudu Machaba of Ngwanamago Primary School, Capricorn-South District is the top 10 finalist of the Global Teacher Prize.

We applaud the department for having held an appreciation ceremony last week Monday in her honour at her school where they got to hear her very encouraging story.

Hers is a story of commitment, dedication and love for what she does. It is a story of desire to see an African child rising despite the daily hardships that confront them. It is a story that we must not get weary of narrating so that we encourage others to emulate her good deeds.

This is an educator who started with just a single cell phone for internet access in a classroom and went on to win prizes for integrating ITC in the classroom. Her recognition comes after her unwavering determination to use information technology to improve teaching and learning in an environment where resources are limited. Her achievement at this level of the competition has put her school, circuit, district, our province, our country and the continent on a world map.

We are proud of her, and we are all rooting for the overall winner position. She is a living example and testimony that there is no substitute for determination, commitment and making use of the little resources to make a difference in the education of our learners, especially in the foundation phase.

Appreciated and supported teachers will ultimately become or turn into caring teachers because they themselves feel cared for, supported and appreciated.

We know that once we have caring teachers, we will be having educators who believe that every child can learn. Such a teacher will be able to connect and motivate the child, because they, themselves as educators, are highly motivated and their morale is at all times high.

As the ANC, we would like to wish a blessed and progressive month to all the teachers in the world.

I so move.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you. Is there any seconder? Is it Hon Mdaka or Hon Selamolela? I can't recognise you well, honourable Members, because of these masks.

### **MR SELAMOLELA**

Hon Speaker, I am Donald Selamolela of the ANC. I stand here to second the motion by Hon Lebea-Olaiya. Thanks very much.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you very much, Hon Selamolela. Is there any further motion without notice? Hon Mohlala, you are recognised.

### **MR MOHLALA**

## **APPRECIATION OF JUSTICE SERVED IN MOGALAKWENA MUNICIPALITY IN THE WATERBERG DISTRICT**

(Motion without Notice)

I, Manamane Charles Mohlala, rise on behalf of the EFF to move a motion without notice that the House notes:

That the EFF in Limpopo welcomes the arrest of senior officials in the Mogalakwena Municipality in Waterberg District. These officials and other senior ANC politicians have been arrested in connection with tender corruption.

The Hawks impounded a luxury vehicle worth R1,4 million bought through proceeds of corruption in Mogalakwena Municipality.

The Hawks further arrested ANC former Member of Parliament who has been ...  
[INTERJECTION]

**THE SPEAKER**

Hon Mohlala, do you have the rule book with you?

**MR MOHLALA**

I do.

**THE SPEAKER**

You don't have it.

**MR MOHLALA**

I do.

**THE SPEAKER**

You do have?

**MR MOHLALA**

Yes.

**THE SPEAKER**

Can you open section 143?

**MR MOHLALA**

You are not audible.

**THE SPEAKER**

Can I read it for you?

**MR MOHLALA**

143?

**THE SPEAKER**

Yes, section 143.

**MR MOHLALA**

Yes.

**THE SPEAKER**

“No matter may be proposed for discussion in the House which is the same in substance as the matter that has been discussed during the same year.” The matter you are raising, was raised by the ANC on Tuesday. Can you therefore sit down?

**MR MOHLALA**

Hon Lebea has just said what Hon Manganye said on Tuesday. This rule was not applied.

**THE SPEAKER**

Honourable Member, I did not notice that. You should have raised an objection.

**MR MOHLALA**

I was not aware of the rule. You are making me aware of the rule. That is why I am raising it.

**THE SPEAKER**

Sit down, Hon Mohlala. You will know it as from today.

**MR MOHLALA**

It must be applied in both cases. Order on top of order. I am with you.

**THE SPEAKER**

Hon Mohlala, I have ruled on it.

**MR MOHLALA**

I am not disputing the fact that you have ruled. What I am saying is that it must apply on both sides.

**THE SPEAKER**

You should have raised it then as an objection, Hon Mohlala.

**MR MOHLALA**

You are raising it now. As the presiding officer, you should have done the same that side.

**THE SPEAKER**

I did not notice it then. [MIC OFF]

**MR MOHLALA**

I am not denying the fact. What I am saying is that you should have done the same that side.

**THE SPEAKER**

Sit down, Hon Mohlala.

**THE SPEAKER**

Are there any other motions without notice? Order, honourable Members. Are there still further motions without notice? Hon Phala, you are recognised.

**MS PHALA**

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

**CONCERN OVER THE MONEY SPENT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
BEITBRIDGE BORDERLINE  
(Motion without Notice)**

I move a motion without notice on behalf of the DA that this House notes:

- That this past Monday, 05 October 2020 marked the third anniversary that the then Safety and Security Portfolio Committee of this august House had an oversight visit to the Beitbridge port of entry and the borderline. By then the main criminal threats at this port being vehicle smuggling, cigarettes smuggling, human trafficking, amongst other criminal activities;
- Further notes that the oversight report was debated and adopted in this House along with its resolutions, and referred to MinMec through the honourable MEC;
- The securing of the border being a national competency is no excuse for the leadership of this province to be silent on the R37 million washing line excuse of a border fence. It is the people of this province who feel the harsh consequences of the lack of security.
- The leadership of this province should be at the forefront of demanding participation when it comes to securing our border;

- Hon Speaker, the utterances by the Minister that the R37 million fence will not work should be motive enough for this province to put its foot down. Her drone suggestion is a pipedream for now, just like the bullet train;
- Hon Speaker, we need real solutions that are implementable immediately in securing our border;
- The MEC for Transport and Community Safety of this province needs to wake up the Minister from her drone dreams and focus on securing more scanners on the port of entry that are needed on this country's biggest border in order for us to compete on the safety levels with our counterpart that had seven scanners at that time.

The drones are just a dream.

I so move.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Phala. Is there any seconder? Hon Smalle, you are recognised.

### **MR SMALLE**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I stand to second the motion as read by Hon Phala.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you very much. Do we still have other motion without notice? Ms Mphahlele, you are recognised.

### **MS MPHACHELE**

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

### **THE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL STATE LAND BY GOVERNMENT** (Motion without Notice)

I rise on behalf of the EFF to move a motion without notice that this House notes the following:

- The EFF in Limpopo noticed the announcement made by government regarding allocation and distribution of agricultural state land as part of government planned reform programmes;
- Limpopo will be allocated 121 567 ha as announced by the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development;
- Such a process should include an immediate intensive training and support system to all the individuals who will be beneficiaries;

- The EFF calls upon government to identify markets for emerging farmers. This is precisely due to an unbalanced realisation markets where only few qualify to participate;
- We, furthermore, call upon the department to ensure fairness and avoid any isolation to those who are not members of the ANC;
- Any efforts to factionalise the allocation of farms will reverse and undermine the primary objective as outlined ... [INTERJECTION]

### **THE SPEAKER**

Hon Mphahlele, there is a hand from the Chief Whip.

### **THE CHIEF WHIP**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I rise to object to the motion as presented by Hon Mphahlele based on section 145(2). I will read it for her to understand ... [INTERJECTION]

### **THE SPEAKER**

Hon Chief Whip, can she finish to read her motion?

### **MR SESHOKA**

O a phapha.

### **MR MATHE**

Madam Speaker, we want Hon Seshoka to withdraw unconditionally, because as and when you were advising the Chief Whip to allow Hon Mphahlele to finish, Hon Seshoka said in this House, “O a phapha”, which, I think, is unparliamentary. Therefore, he must withdraw with immediate effect. If not, that process of the *Hansard* and all those things I was subjected to, he must be subjected to the same.

### **BACKGROUND**

*Hansard* or no *Hansard*, he must withdraw.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Hon Seshoka, I have heard you, can you withdraw.

### **MR SESHOKA**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. Now I see the pain that Hon Mathe went through after withdrawing. I did not say those things; and, I am not going to withdraw, Hon Speaker.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Hon Seshoka, I have heard you saying “O a phapha”. I, as the Speaker, also heard you. Please withdraw.

**MR SESOKA**

I am saying to you, I have never said that. I have never said it.

**THE SPEAKER**

Okay. Let's leave it for now. We will check the *Hansard*, Hon Seshoka.

**MR SESOKA**

Okay. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER**

Proceed, Hon Mphahlele.

**MS MPHACHELE**

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER**

No, we will check the *Hansard*.

**MS MPHACHELE**

Speaker, can I be protected, please.

**MR SESOKA**

Hon Speaker, if you want to call us to order, you must also call all the other Members to order. The [inaudible] complained, and you have never even taken any [inaudible]

**THE SPEAKER**

[MIC OFF]

**MR SESOKA**

No, no, no, you can't call me to order when you are leaving the other comrades out.

**THE SPEAKER**

[MIC OFF]

**MR SESOKA**

I accept that. But, I am also calling on order to say it should not be biased.

**THE SPEAKER**

[MIC OFF]

**MR SESHOKA**

You are biased, because you are leaving Hon Mathe to call us names.

**THE SPEAKER**

[MIC OFF]

**MR SESHOKA**

You mentioned my name and it is only now that you are saying all Members.

**THE SPEAKER**

[MIC OFF]

**MR SESHOKA**

It was him who started. Why didn't you call him to order?

**THE SPEAKER**

Hon Mphahlele, please proceed.

**MR SESHOKA**

I am not accounting to all of you.

**THE SPEAKER**

Hon Mphahlele, proceed. Honourable Members, order! Honourable Members, can we be orderly, please. Proceed, Hon Mphahlele.

**MS MPHACHELE**

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

- We furthermore call on the department to ensure fairness and avoid any isolation of those who are not members of the ANC;
- Any effort to factionalise the allocation of the farms will reverse or undermine the primary objective as outlined;
- Young people, women and people living with disability should be given priority;

- Consideration should also be taken with regard to those who have started participating in farming sectors without government's intervention;
- The EFF in Limpopo calls on the government to establish an interparty monitoring process from ... [INTERJECTION]

### **THE SPEAKER**

Your time is up.

### **MS MPHACHELE**

Aowa, mara ... [INTERJECTION]

### **THE SPEAKER**

Yes, your time is up. Thank you. Is there any seconder to the motion? Hon Managa, you are recognised.

### **MS MANAGA**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I, Managa Lilian, rise to second the motion as presented by Hon Winnie Mphahlele. Thank you.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you. Hon Chief Whip, you are recognised.

### **THE CHIEF WHIP**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I took note of you when you were stopping Members presenting motions based on objections. That is why I raised my hand when the Member was still speaking. My apologies for that. But, I saw you doing it.

Hon Speaker, I stand to object to the motion in terms of section 145(2) of the rules. I will read it. "Motions without notice must be confined to provincial issues and must comply with the following ... Okay, I shall leave it just there: "... must be confined to provincial issues". What the honourable Member was raising is a national issue as proclaimed or pronounced by the national Minister.

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, honourable Members. The motion is objected to. I would like to check with all Members. Those who are agreeing with the motion will say 'Yes' and those who disagree will say 'No'. Those who agree with the motion?

### **BACKGROUND**

Yes. No. Yes. [LAUGHTER]

## **THE SPEAKER**

Honourable Members, those who agree with the motion will say 'Yes' and those who disagree with the motion will say 'No'. Can we start? Who said 'Yes'? Let's hear those who agree with the motion?

## **BACKGROUND**

Yes.

## **THE SPEAKER**

Those who disagree with the motion?

## **BACKGROUND**

No.

## **THE SPEAKER**

There 'Noes' prevail over the 'Yes'. [APPLAUSE] Therefore, the motion falls off. Is there any other motion without notice?

## **MR MDAKA**

Thank you very much, Hon Speaker. I, Falaza Mdaka, stand on behalf of the ANC to move a motion without notice on condolences.

### **CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF CDE IGSHAAN DANGOR AND CDE WILBERT MADZIVHANDILA MUDIANDELO**

(Motion without Notice)

The ANC has learned with great sadness about the passing on of Igshaan Dangor, who is the brother to the Deputy Secretary-General, Jessie Duarte. Cde Igshaan Dangor passed on as a result of Covid-19 complications. Igshaan Dangor went into exile in 1984 to join the ranks of the people's army, uMkhonto weSizwe (MK). He joined the ANC and MK at the time it was extremely dangerous to do so. He served our movement with selfless and relentless dedication.

The ANC conveys its heartfelt condolences to the Dangor family, the Mass Democratic Movement and the people of South Africa as a whole. We hope they will find strength and comfort, and the knowledge that the entire country shares in their grief.

In the same vein, Hon Speaker, allow me to pass a message of condolences to Musanda Vho-Tshifovhedze Mukandangalwo Wilbert Madzivhandila of Tshakhuma village. Vho-Tshifovhedze Wilbert Madzivhandila is one of the local boxing legends whose name will not be forgotten easily. He was born on 08 April 1929 and passed on 01 October 2020 after a short illness. He was awarded amongst others the following boxing trophies:

- Boxing legend in 2004 at the provincial Premier Sport Decoration Event and was entered in the Book of Fame, and
- Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Nzhelele Women's Sport Promoters in December 2019.

May his soul rest in peace!

I so move. Hon Speaker.

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Mdaka. May we rise for a moment of silence.

[SILENCE]

May their souls rest in peace! Thank you.

### **3. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Honourable Members, are there any notices of motions in terms of House Rule 142? Hon Smalle, you are recognised.

#### **MR SMALLE**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I hereby wish to table the following notice:

#### **THE INABILITY OF THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES AND WATER BOARDS TO PROVIDE CONSTANT WATER SUPPLY** (Notice of Motions)

I hereby move on behalf of the Democratic Alliance that this House debates the viability of the five Limpopo district municipalities, Lepelle Northern Water Board and Magalies Water Board to effectively provide sustainable water service delivery to the local municipalities and their residents.

The Constitution guarantees the right to basic water supply. There is a duty on government to ensure that water services are provided in an efficient, equitable and sustainable manner. There are still too many rural villages that relied on a natural source of water. Residents in these rural areas are deprived of their right to water and degraded to sharing water with animals. Only 57% of the population in the province receives water from a service provider. Sekhukhune is the worst with 41% of the population receiving their water from a service provider. The lack of water service delivery results in protests and community unrests.

The Auditor-General raised concerns over the growing trend of water shortages in the province and reported water losses of R341 million in the 2018/19 audit up which was by R114 million in the previous year. This was due to poor management of water distributions resulting in significant losses due to water leakages and deteriorating infrastructure. The escalation of water losses is indicative of leadership's lack of

concern or inadequate actions to address the right to water due to poor management of water distributions.

I so move, Hon Speaker.

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you. Are there any further notices of motions in terms of House Rule 142? There is none.

## **4. MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Is there any Members' Statement in terms of Rule 200? Hon Seshoka, you are recognised.

### **MR SESOKA**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I rise on behalf of the EFF to present the following Members' Statement.

#### **THE ANC GOVERNMENT PITTING COMMUNITIES AGAINST EACH OTHER** (Members' Statement)

The EFF is disappointed with the ANC government because instead of resolving and providing lasting solutions to traditional leaders' disputes in the province, they pour petrol on the fire. The government is directly responsible for many traditional leader disputes in this province and this has led to communities rising against each other.

The royal house of GaLedwaba near Lebowakgomo is under serious rift because of the traditional leadership dispute which Premier Mathabatha's administration caused. Kgošigadi Rangwato Priscilla Ledwaba has been leading her people since 1979 until her throne was challenged by Malesela Andries Ledwaba in 2018. Mr Andries Ledwaba claims that he is the rightful heir to the throne and has challenged Kgošigadi Priscilla Ledwaba in order to take over the reign. The matter is currently before the Polokwane High Court.

What shocks us the most is that the Premier awarded Malesela Ledwaba a certificate of recognition while the matter is still before the court. This move has sown hatred among community members and has led to fights amongst our people in GaLedwaba.

Why does the Mathabatha administration pits black people against each other, sowing division in this community? The logical thing that could have happened was that the Premier could have waited for the court case to be finalised and then award the certificate of recognition to the rightful leader as per the ruling of the court. It is clear that we are being presided by government that is only existing to create problems rather than solving them.

We call upon the MEC for CoGHSTA to investigate this matter and resolve speedily the impasse created by the administration at Ledwaba Royal Council.

I thank you.

**THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Seshoka. Is there any other Members' Statement?

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES**

Objection! Objection!

**THE SPEAKER**

Order, Members. Hon Selane, you are recognised.

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES**

I want to object to the Members' Statement raised by Hon Seshoka. On the matters of GaLedwaba, he must first consult before he makes desperate arguments in this august House. Thanks.

**THE SPEAKER**

Hon Selane, we don't object to Members' Statements. Do we still have any Members' Statements? Hon Managa, you are recognised.

**MS MANAGA**

Am I protected, Speaker?

**THE SPEAKER**

Yes.

**MS MANAGA**

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

**COMPANY IMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENT PROJECTS ABUSING WORKERS**  
(Members' Statement)

Hon Speaker, the ANC government continues to award tenders to shoddy companies that do not have the interests of workers at heart. All these happen because the contractors are friends and relatives of politicians while there is complete disregard to the plight of poor workers. These companies continue to exploit and abuse workers under the watch of the government and there is no intention to blacklist such companies from doing business with government.

Tshiamiso Construction Company in Vuwani, which is implementing water project on behalf of Vhembe District Municipality, is one of such companies that exploit workers. The company is only obsessed with profit making and greed while it cares less about the poor workers. Salaries are not paid according to the days of the month, and

workers are not registered with the UIF (Unemployment Insurance Fund). Workers were not paid Covid-19 money because they are not registered with the UIF.

There are many such complaints against companies including racist white companies that still refuse to pay workers a living wage. Government should not be doing business with such companies because they violate the rights of the workers.

We call upon the MEC for CoGHSTA to investigate this matter and make the necessary interventions on behalf of the workers.

I thank you.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Managa. Is there any further Members' Statement? Hon Smalle, you are recognised.

### **MR SMALLE**

Thank you, Hon Speaker.

### **THE ARREST OF MOLEMOLE MUNICIPAL MANAGER AND OTHER ACCOMPLICES BY THE HAWKS**

(Members' Statement)

On 03 October 2020, the Municipal Manager of Molemole Local Municipality, Mr Mosena, was arrested by the Hawks for committing theft, corruption to a value of R4,8 million. A day later Mr Mosena's accomplices were arrested – a former Member of Parliament, the former Chairperson of Makgatho Community Association and a bank employee. The suspects' charges are related to an agricultural tender that was awarded to a company linked to Mr Mosena's wife. Mr Mosena is in custody pending his bail application.

Yesterday, a virtual special council meeting was held by the Molemole council. Mr Mosena's leave application until 23 October 2020 was granted by council and an Acting Municipal Manager was appointed instead.

It is unacceptable that Molemole council did not immediately suspend Mr Mosena, but instead playing for time by delaying Mr Mosena's disciplinary processes within government either to cover up for the wrongdoings or to prevent Mr Mosena from implicating others.

Can the MEC confirm that he finds the Molemole council's decision reckless and inappropriate given the seriousness of the allegations. And will the MEC request the Mayor of Molemole to immediately suspend Mr Mosena pending the outcome of the criminal trial.

I thank you.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Smalle. Honourable Members, the reason why we do not object to Members' Statements is because they do not form part of our House resolutions and that is why we do not call for seconders on them. Is it clear? Can I check from the Members of the Executive if they want to respond to the Members' Statements? MEC Hon Makamu, you may take the floor.

### **THE MEC FOR COGHSTA**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I shall as the MEC for CoGHSTA respond to all the three Members' Statements as raised by honourable Members. The first one is the traditional leadership dispute over the Ledwaba Royal House. The Member rightfully indicated that kgošigadi started to rule the traditional community of GaLedwaba from 1979. The government since it came into power never raised an issue about that until the family had to review the matter which is provided for in terms of the Act passed by this House. I should emphasise maybe for Members to understand that it is the family who appoints a senior traditional leader and government recognises. I want us to separate these two words properly for the purpose of understanding the role of government on issues of senior traditional leaders. The family appoints a senior traditional leader and government only comes and recognises what the family has appointed. The dispute will never come from government or government will not try to pit family members against each other.

The matter of Ledwaba is receiving attention within the Department of CoGHSTA and rightfully said by the Member it is before the courts. I should indicate that when a matter is before the courts, there is no court order that restricts government to perform its duty as the administer of justice. We would continue to implement the decisions unless if we have a court order that would direct us to do otherwise. The matter is receiving attention. We are aware that the matter is in the courts, but we are continuing to do what we think is appropriate, because we cannot sit as this government and wait for a court order that we do not even know when it will be issued while government is watching and looking when communities do not have a leadership. I must indicate that the matter is receiving serious attention. I said in the previous Sitting that we do have a register of traditional leaders disputes, and the Ledwaba royal house is amongst those disputes.

The matter between Tshiamiso company and Vhembe District Municipality wherein employees are said to be poorly treated will be taken up with the municipality. We will investigate this matter and will be able intervene appropriately on that matter.

The issue of Molemole Municipal Manager, who was arrested for a criminal case, we only became aware of the matter when the manager was charged with theft for having played a role in the CPA and we were told that this happened before he was employed as the Municipal Manager of Molemole. The activities that relate to this crime has nothing to do with the municipality. Of course, after being told that he has been given leave of absence, we have requested the Mayor to furnish us the conditions of the leave, so that we can see whether the conditions will not interfere with the investigations within the municipality. It must be indicated that even if the municipality can suspend the Municipal Manager, they will have nothing to investigate, because that matter happened before the Municipal Manager was appointed by the municipality. It has nothing to do with the municipality; but the conditions of the leave of absence is what worries us as CoGHSTA and we have already engaged the Mayor

in order to see the merits surrounding his leave of absence so that it does not jeopardise the investigation by the police.

I thank you, Hon Speaker.

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, honourable MEC for the response. Can I check with other Members of the Executive Council if they also would like to respond? There is none.

## **5. EXECUTIVE STATEMENTS**

Are there any Executive Statements? There is none.

## **6. TABLING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER REPORTS AND PAPERS**

None.

## **7. ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

### **7.1 PRESENTATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS BY DEPARTMENTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCOPA RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2014/15, 2015/16 AND 2016/17 FINANCIAL YEARS**

We shall now call upon the MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism to present the progress report on the implementation of Scopa resolutions.

## **THE MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Hon Speaker, honourable Members, colleagues in the Executive Council, the Chief Whip of the ruling party, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great privilege to be afforded this opportunity to present progress on the implementation of House resolutions for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years for the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism; the Limpopo Economic Development Agency, Limpopo Tourism Agency and Limpopo Gambling Board. LEDET had 7 resolutions for the 2014/15 financial year which were:

- litigation against the department;
- underspending of the budget;
- irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure;
- audit of performance information and strategic planning;
- procurement;
- contract and consequence management; and
- asset management.

For the 2015/16 financial year the department had 6 resolutions as follows:

- movable, minor, immovable and tangible capital assets;
- commitments and accruals;
- litigation against the department;

- unauthorised expenditure;
- performance information; and
- irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

Hon Speaker, for this financial year the department managed to implement 4 of the resolutions. Two resolutions were not implemented successfully, that being litigation against the department and irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure. As a regulatory department, we continue training officials through various workshops to ensure that litigation against the department are eliminated.

For the 2016/17 financial year, the department had 9 resolutions as follows:

- non-reporting of implementation of House resolutions to the House;
- expenditure management;
- regression in audit outcomes;
- movable, minor, immovable and tangible capital assets;
- litigation against the department;
- underspending of the budget;
- irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure;
- material misstatements in the financial statements; and
- tabling of investigation reports.

Honourable Members, during this financial year 3 of the resolutions have been implemented successfully. The outstanding resolutions relate to:

- expenditure management;
- regression in audit outcomes;
- litigation against the department;
- irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure; and
- tabling of investigation reports.

Subsequently the department has improved its audit outcome and progressed to an unqualified audit opinion. As a regulatory department, we will continue to ensure that our officials are vigilant and trained to ensure that litigations against the department are eliminated.

For the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years the department had 19 cases of irregular expenditure and of these 19 cases of irregular expenditure 14 have been condoned. The department remains steadfast in its efforts to ensure that unwanted expenditure is cleared.

In summary, for LEDET, over three financial years, the implementation of resolutions is at 64%. The department has the following plans in place to resolve outstanding resolutions:

- An annual financial statements preparation project plan is in place to ensure that the department does not have the recurrence of material misstatement in preparation of the annual financial statements.

- The recruitment of a director for supply chain management to prevent irregular expenditure is underway;
- An unwanted expenditure and consequence management chaired by the Head of Department has been established;
- A contract management register is in place;
- The director internal control assumed duty on 01 September 2020 and is tasked with facilitating the improvement in the control environment of the department;
- Prudent decision-making to limit litigation against the department as well as efficient management of existing litigation; and
- Efficient management of assets to prevent audit findings and regressions from positive to negative outcomes.

The agency that still requires significant work is the Limpopo Economic Development Agency. Of the 12 resolutions in the 2014/15 financial year, LEDA was able to implement 8 resolutions. The 4 unresolved matters relate to procurement and contract management; revenue management; leadership; and financial and performance management. For the 2015/16 financial year, there were 8 resolutions. These resolutions remain outstanding and relate to material impairment; irregular expenditure; significant events regarding an associate; significant uncertainties; strategic planning and performance management; and procurement management; internal controls; leadership; financial and performance management; and governance and audit related services.

In relation to 2016/17 financial year, LEDA had a total of 9 resolutions of which one has been resolved. The outstanding resolutions relate to the implementation of House resolutions for the 2014/15 financial year; key audit findings; regression of the audit outcome; property, plant and equipment; material impairment; irregular expenditure, achievement of planned targets; and investigation reports. In summary for LEDA over three financial years, the implementation of resolutions is at 31%.

Honourable Members, I have urged the new board of LEDA to prioritise the implementation of House resolutions with special focus on unwanted expenditure and consequence management as well as strengthening contract management. The board has developed a new strategy which sets the agency on course to prevent the recurrence on a finding that culminates in House resolutions. The agency has put the following plans in place to resolve the outstanding resolutions. The Auditor-General action plan developed to clear audit qualification matters, and to this end all prior qualifications have been addressed. The Provincial Treasury has granted an approval to fill critical positions which will assist with eliminating issues relating to diminished human resource capacity.

As part of LEDA's board strategy, the entity will be reviewing the current investment asset base. The recruitment of the CEO position is underway and a new strategy for LEDA has been developed.

Hon Speaker, in terms of Limpopo Tourism Agency, during the 2014/15 financial year the entity had the following resolutions:

- property, plant and equipment;
- commitment and significant uncertainties;
- irregular expenditure;
- performance information and management;
- annual financial statement;
- procurement management;
- contract management;
- expenditure management;
- revenue management;
- asset management;
- leadership;
- governance; and
- consequence management.

For this financial year the entity managed to implement 12 of these resolutions, and 3 resolutions were not implemented successfully those being: consequence management; irregular expenditure; and expenditure management. The entity has been lacking in its investigative abilities. The entity has, however, been able to develop internal capacity through the help of the shareholder department. To this end consequence management has improved which include, but is not limited to, recovery in deserving circumstances.

For the 2015/16 financial year, the entity had 7 resolutions as follows:

- property, plant and equipment;
- payables and commitments;
- significant uncertainties;
- fruitless and wasteful expenditure;
- irregular expenditure;
- leadership and governance; and
- investigations.

For this financial year, the entity managed to implement 4 of the resolutions. Three of the resolutions were not implemented successfully and those being: fruitless and wasteful expenditure; irregular expenditure; and investigations. The entity has intensified its training of supply chain management staff as there has been an identification of internal control deficiency to circumvent recurrence of this shortcoming.

For the 2016/17 financial year, the entity had 8 resolutions as follows:

- implementation of House resolutions for 2014/15 financial year;
- key audit findings;
- key positions not filled;
- significant uncertainties;
- irregular expenditure;
- restatement of corresponding figures;

- achievement of planned targets;
- annual financial statement;
- performance and annual reports; and
- investigations.

For this financial year, the entity managed to implement 2 of the resolutions. Six of the resolutions were not implemented successfully and those being:

- implementation of House resolutions for 2014/15 financial year;
- significant uncertainties;
- irregular expenditure;
- restatement of corresponding uncertainties;
- achievement of planned targets; and
- investigation reports.

In summary, for Limpopo Tourism Agency over three financial years the implementation of resolutions is at 63%. The entity has the following plans in place to resolve the outstanding 6 resolutions:

- All irregular expenditure cases were investigated and reported on. To this date all matters have been referred to Provincial Treasury in line with the PFMA.
- On significant uncertainties, matters that were related to litigation against the entity. Work has been done and only 2 matters are still pending with the entity being the respondent. To this end the entity is confident of a watertight case.
- Consequence management has been administered to a liable official for occurrence of irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure. The entity has initiated the recovery process which has started yielding positive results.

Honourable Members, during 2014/15 financial year the Limpopo Gambling Board had 2 resolutions and managed to implement both of them. For the 2015/16 financial year the Limpopo Gambling Board had 2 resolutions and managed to implement both. For the 2016/17 financial year the entity had 2 resolutions and managed to implement one. In summary, for the Limpopo Gambling Board over the three financial years the implementation of resolutions is at 83%.

The Limpopo Gambling Board has improved on expenditure management; compliance to supply chain management; financial management; as well as management of performance information.

I hereby submit this progress report on the implementation of House resolutions for the 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years for LEDET and its entities to the House.

As I conclude, Hon Speaker and honourable Members, I wish to bring to the attention of this august House that October is the productivity month, during which time the department will intensify its efforts to support productivity initiatives for businesses to unlock productivity for sustainable competitiveness and economic growth post the COVID-19 pandemic.

I thank you. Ndza khensa. [APPLAUSE]

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, honourable MEC for the progress report. We shall now call upon the MEC for Health to present the progress report on the implementation of Scopa resolutions.

## **THE MEC FOR HEALTH**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, colleagues from the Executive Council, the Chief Whip of the ruling party, the chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, esteemed Members of the House, HODs who are here and our distinguished guests. Let me thank you, Hon Speaker, for this opportunity for us to report the summary of the progress that we have made in the implementation of the resolutions of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. The significance of this House and Scopa can never be overemphasised. It is through this important committee that the Legislature is able to ensure the necessary checks and balances on the work of the Executive.

Hon Speaker, the Premier on Tuesday was spot on when he said that the Executive truly supports the important work of this august House and Scopa in particular. There can be no doubt that your work goes a long way in ensuring a functional democracy. We appreciate the sterling work done by various committees to ensure oversight, promote good governance and prudential use of state resources. The good work done by these committees is owed to a large part to the oversight role played by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. The interrogation, criticism and recommendations from this House empower us to administer the affairs of government in an effective, efficient and progressive manner. The oversight work of the Legislature serves as an oil to lubricate our governance systems and power our service delivery machinery.

As the Department of Health, Hon Speaker, we are committed to a clean government which will enjoy credibility and legitimacy in the eyes of the masses of our people. We are loyal to the prescripts of the Public Finance Management Act and any other law governing public service. We are committed to the latter in the spirit of PFMA which directs us to ensure that all revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities of this government are managed efficiently and effectively.

Without any fear of being justly contradicted I can report to this august House that while a lot still needs to be done to achieve our goals, we have made important strides in dealing with the issues raised by the committee over the years. In this regard we are guided by an understanding that accounting before this House is accounting to the people of Limpopo. Implementing recommendations of this House is a way of showing deserved respect to the people in whose names we are called leaders. It is for these reasons that we had no other choice, but to do well with regard to the task of implementing the recommendations of the standing committee. In particular, we have made huge progress to implement Scopa resolutions for the 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years. The summary of the progress made is as follows:

- For the year 2014/15 of a total of 11 resolutions, we managed to resolve 55% of the those which is 6 and 45% are still in progress;
- For the year 2015/16, we had 8 resolutions and we managed to resolve 4 which is 50% and 50% is still in progress;
- For the year 2016/17, 14 resolutions were identified, and we managed to resolve 29% which is 4 and 71% which is 10 are still in progress.

In summary 33 resolutions have been identified and 42% of those have been resolved while 57,6% is in progress.

Although the following issues remain unresolved, urgent and necessary attention is given; and allow me a few minutes to just take you through each and every item that is still in progress of being resolved. The first one being the fruitless and wasteful expenditure. There has been a significant improvement in bringing this unwanted expenditure down. We can confirm to this august House that our fruitless expenditure has reduced tremendously from the financial year 2014/15 where we were at R247 million and in 2015/16 when we went down to R162,335 million. A further reduction was observed in the 2016/17 financial year to R15,713 million and, of course, for the 2019/20 financial year to just over R2 million. You can see that we are moving from R247 million to over just R2 million. That is work in progress.

On the issues of procurement, contract management, compliance to the rules and regulations in this space has improved which also saw the irregular expenditure going down. There has a radical reduction in irregular expenditure in the last five financial years. The figure for 2014/15 was at R544,880 million and, of course, there has been a drastic reduction of irregular expenditure for the financial year 2015/16 to a figure of just over R259 million. For the financial year 2016/17, it went again down to R217,342 million; and for the 2017/18 financial year, it went just over R45 million and for the 2019/20 financial year we are at R14,400 million.

In terms of financial management, payment of suppliers within 30 days, which has been a headache in this department, has also improved and the department has been able to record 85% compliance at the end 2019/20 financial year compared to 2014/15 financial year which was at 72%. We are hoping while this is also one of the outstanding resolutions, the work in progress is being observed and the results are there for everyone to see.

In terms of assets management, Hon Speaker, the management of assets within the department has also improved. In the 2014/15 financial year, the department was using the manual asset register compared to the electronic asset register that we are currently using. Other challenges experienced previously related to completeness and existence of assets which were resolved with the Auditor-General in the past two financial years of 2017/18 and 2018/19.

The department is confident that the remaining issue relating to valuation of assets will also be resolved and will no longer be another issue. There is also an issue on human resource management and compensation. As directed by Scopa resolution of 2014/15, the department has subjected all appointments that were made during that financial year to investigations by the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission conducted the investigation on a simple base and recommended that the department finishes the entire population. The department is currently implementing

the Public Service Commission recommendation and where deficiencies are observed consequence management is also applying. We are anticipating the completion of the process by the end of the calendar year.

In terms of the implementation of House resolutions, we must indicate that as a department we have also not done well through all the years by failing to come and account in this particular august House. We would like to appreciate hence we continue to remain grateful for being given this opportunity to come and account to this House. We will therefore continue, and are committed, to brief this House on the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions as we have started today. This will continue doing and we will never lapse again.

In terms of the restatement of corresponding figures, the financial management in the department has also improved and errors have been minimised when preparing annual financial statements. We will continue improving in this regard.

In terms of accruals and payables not recognised, errors and omissions in this matter have been dealt with. The department is confident that this matter will no longer be an issue in the current year audit outcomes.

In terms of investigation reports, on irregular expenditure we must indicate that internal investigation process with regard to the bids advertisement within 21 days has been completed. The department is currently implementing the recommendation and consequence management, we can confirm that, has already started to apply in this case.

The case regarding advertisements of bids within 21 days as well as irregular expenditure of non-tax compliance were forwarded to the SA Police Service specifically the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation on 01 August 2019 for further handling and investigation is continuing. A comprehensive progress report, as I have indicated that this is a summary, has been duly submitted to the House. We are confident that this report will go a long way in providing answers and facilitating the work of this House.

It will, of course, Madam Speaker, be a great injustice if I step off this podium without reminding honourable Members of the persisting dangers of COVID-19 especially considering the possibility of another surge. We are saying while we have made a significant progress in the fight against this disease, the virus is still very vicious and alive. We are continuing to lose on a daily basis our loved ones and as leaders we must continue to lead by example in personifying the message of social distancing, wearing of masks and hand sanitising or washing our hands with water and soap.

I must indicate and I must warn that a second wave will be very difficult to deal with. We have to be honest and look at the reality that all our frontliners, whom I refer to as the last line of defence, are currently exhausted and drained. For over seven months they have never rested. They have been working throughout. It is important that we fight so that we never get any second wave. If we do that, we will be able to triumph and be able to protect the lives of the people of Limpopo. Should we get another wave, the department is already strained in terms of resources be it human resources or any other resources required to fight COVID-19.

We have to spend much of our time pushing back this virus so that it does not infect our people. It will be difficult to survive it if it infects you during the second wave. I am not threatening, but that is the reality, hence ... [INTERJECTION]

**MR SESHOKA**

Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

**THE SPEAKER**

Hon Seshoka, you are recognised.

**MR SESHOKA**

Hon Speaker, I am sorry. Actually, it is not a point of order to the presenter; I am just disturbed to see Hon Mathe sleeping in this House. [LAUGHTER]

**THE SPEAKER**

Honourable MEC, you may continue.

**THE MEC FOR HEALTH**

Hon Speaker, as I conclude, October is World Mental Health Month. And 10 October is a significant day for us to remember and to do our own introspection in terms of mental health issues. We must remember that this has been a difficult year especially brought by COVID-19, as such our mental health status will be affected. I am calling upon all Members of this House to use the opportunity tomorrow and visit any of our facilities. They will find mental healthcare professionals who will screen them for any symptom or sign of mental health. This will go a long way in preventing complications of mental health. Let us continue to wash our hands and avoid unnecessary public gatherings. Thank you, Hon Speaker. [APPLAUSE]

**THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, MEC, for the progress report and the advice you gave us. We shall now call upon the MEC for CoGHSTA to present the progress report on the implementation of Scopa resolutions. MEC Makamu, you may take the floor.

**THE MEC FOR COGHSTA**

Hon Speaker and Deputy Speaker; Hon Premier, Chupu Stanley Mathabatha in absentia; colleagues in the Executive Council; honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature; chairperson and members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts; all Members present in the House, good morning.

I am standing in front of this House to present the responses to Scopa issues raised in the financial years ending March 2015, March 2016, and March 2017. As I am presenting these responses, I must indicate that the department has implemented most of the issues raised with the implementation rate as follows: 2014/15 financial year at 80%, 2015/16 at 75%, and 2016/17 at 60%.

As a department, we have committed ourselves to public accountability and scrutiny. This we are not only doing because we subject ourselves to the principle of openness transparency, but also that the services that we render to the public are offered through public funds. It is in this regard that I am appearing in front of this august House today to give account on issues raised by our accountability structure, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Hon Speaker, the update on issues raised by Scopa covers three financial years as indicated above. As you are all aware, the issues raised in the years under review relate to the following:

Material underspending of the conditional grants, especially, the human settlements development grant; irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure; reliability of reported performance information; compliance with legislation; compliance with annual financial statements and annual reports; internal control deficiencies; leadership; financial management and performance management; non-achievement of planned targets; procurement and contract management; audit-related services especially on the acquisition of land in Tubatse; and possible supply chain management irregularities in awarding bids for the 2014/15 financial year; accruals and payables not recognised; and the implementation of resolutions for 2014/15 financial year.

With all of the above issues raised, I must hasten to say that both the department and I subscribe to the full implementation of Scopa resolutions and its recommendations. Measures that were taken in implementing these resolutions include amongst others: the development and implementation of a turnaround strategy on spending on conditional grants in the period that covers 2016/17; 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years and that has improved performance significantly.

The strategy to prevent future recurrence of underspending of the budget includes but not limited to the following:

- Procurement is done in the year preceding the implementation year of the project. Furthermore, the department ensured that it no longer procures contract on yearly basis but rather appoints a panel of contractors over a period of three years. This ensured easy implementation or allocation of units to contractors before the beginning of the financial year and that will assist contractors to take sites immediately when the financial year starts.
- The development areas are approved for three years to ensure that geotechnical reports are generated for designated villages or townships upfront.
- Improved contract management with enforceable punitive clauses in the event of poor performance.
- With regard to annual financial statements and annual reports, the department together with the Provincial Treasury Audit Committee do reviews prior to the submission to the Auditor-General for audit. As a result, we observe some improvements in this regard.

There are, however, some recommendations and resolutions that are still under the watchful eye of other legal institutions and processes that are beyond the reach of the department. Among some of these resolutions is the Tubatse land acquisition, which is still a subject of law enforcement agencies such as the Hawks. The forensic investigation with regard to this matter has, however, cleared all department officials of any wrongdoing.

Action with regard to material underspending of conditional grants has been taken holistically especially on developing and implementing the turnaround strategy and acting against affected officials who have caused these problems. In this regard, we have observed significant improvements with regard to the spending of outer years for the period under review. Disciplinary actions were taken against some of the senior officials who try to resign during the process. This is a matter of concern to the department and is being reconsidered in liaison with our legal services.

Hon Speaker, I take full responsibility on the omission by the department for not providing progress report to the House on the implementation of some of these resolutions for the year under review. The department has however during the previous years developed and implemented the action plan as recommended by Scopa to take corrective actions hence a significant improvement alluded to earlier.

In future, a commitment is made to this august House that as the MEC I will ensure that department adheres to the Scopa recommendations by providing progress report as and when it is due. Furthermore, the department has developed and implemented standard operating procedures to ensure improvements on internal controls. Action plans are also developed and monitored on the implementation of Auditor-General and internal audit recommendations from previous year. All these have been done in ensuring that we improve our departmental audit performance.

We have since in the outer years of the period under review experienced improvements in our performance. This has been made possible by some of the actions taken by the department including but not limited to amongst others having to develop an audit action plan to address issues raised in both the audit report as well as management reports. Detailed responses with attachments to all issues raised by Scopa have been submitted to the House. This input is therefore a summarised version of what has been submitted in terms of how far the department has addressed the issues raised by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in the years ending 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Once more, let me reiterate that as the department we are committed to good governance and accountability. Therefore, we will continue to subject ourselves to scrutiny by the oversight bodies of our governance regime.

I take this opportunity to thank the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the portfolio committee and the Legislature for their continuous support and guidance that you give to the department. I thank you, Hon Speaker. [APPLAUSE]

**THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, honourable MEC for the progress report. We shall now call upon the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture to present her progress report on the implementation of Scopa resolutions.

## THE MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Deputy Speaker of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature, the Chief Whip of the ruling party, colleagues in the Executive Council who are present here, the Members of this august House and officials from various departments that are here, ndi matsheloni.

I rise on behalf of the ANC-led government in this House to give the progress report on the House resolutions for the 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years for the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo. The department has had a total of 27 House resolutions for the three financial years which were 7 during the 2014/15 financial year, 7 during the 2015/16 financial year and thirteen during the 2016/17 financial year.

Most of these resolutions emanate from the repeated findings over the years which include immovable and tangible capital assets; minor assets; irregular expenditure; unauthorised expenditure; material underspending of the conditional grants; annual financial statements; performance and annual reports; human resource management and compensation. The department was able to resolve and close almost 10 House resolutions out of 27 House resolutions. For the 2014/15 financial year, the department had a total number of 7 House resolutions and managed to resolve 2 resolutions which are around issues of assets management and significant uncertainties.

The department resolved 4 resolutions out of 7 for the financial year 2015/16 and they were around issues of material underspending of the conditional grants; achievement of planned targets; leadership; annual financial statements and performance and annual reports. Four out of thirteen resolutions were resolved for the 2016/17 financial year and they were around issues of achievement of planned targets; annual financial statements, performance and annual reports; and expenditure on conditional grants.

I'm pleased to report to this august House that progress has been made with regard to the unresolved resolutions for the 2014/15 financial year as indicated. With regard to irregular expenditure, the department is in the process of compiling additional information as required by our Provincial Treasury. This includes information regarding adjudication register from IDT. This information will then assist the department in the process of acting against officials who were found in the process of disregarding the PFMA regulations.

With regard to material underspending of the conditional grant, the accounting officer, Ms Nchabeng Tsebe, continues to make several follow-ups with the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in Limpopo in order to speed up the implementation of infrastructure projects which contributed to the underspending of conditional grants. The 12 libraries were since maintained and upgraded in the 2014/15 financial year and were completed in July 2015. The following libraries which contributed to the underspending of the conditional grant were since constructed and completed between the 2015/16 and 2017/18 financial years; and I'm pleased to report to this House that those libraries were Nzhelele library, Phokwane library, Eldorado

library, Rooiberg library and Ramokgopa library. All these libraries have since been completed and are being handed over to our communities for their utilisation.

When it comes to financial statements, performance expenditure and annual reports, the department has an approved skill development plan and about 23 employees from the financial management branch have been capacitated in this regard. The department has an established dedicated record management unit. It has also made significant progress in the process of filling the position of a director for supply chain management, because it contributed to the underspending and poor performance of the department.

The reported performance information has improved and substantiated by the request forms and manual handwritten registers.

With regard to procurement, contracts and consequence management, the department could not take appropriate action against Mr KG Baloyi, because this official has since retired from public service. With regard to disciplinary action against Mr Shilowa S, the department has written a letter to the Department of Public Works directing this department to institute disciplinary action against the said official. The department will, of course, update the House with regard to progress made in this regard.

Irregular expenditure and significant uncertainties were not resolved by the department for the 2015/16 financial year, but progress has been made towards resolving these House resolutions. The department had a total amount of R74 million on irregular expenditure and the amount was reduced to R51 million. In order to clear up the remaining amount, the department has developed a turnaround plan to address irregular expenditure and through this plan the department was able to prevent the recurrence of irregular expenditure since 2018/19 financial year.

When it comes to significant uncertainties, the department has developed a register for all legal claims in terms of the nature and the rules of those cases to minor and to develop and monitor and develop the strategy to prevent and clear all these issues raised with the department. The department is also monitoring cases on a monthly basis to ensure their speedy resolutions.

For the financial year 2017/18, the department has revisited the organisational structure and submitted to the Office of the Premier and the Department of Public Service and Administration for consultation processes when it comes to key audit findings. Other posts such as the Deputy Director: Salaries and Expenditure have been reprioritised and will be considered during the next financial year in order to enhance the capacity of the department with regard to this decision. The department has also commenced with the process of recovering the unauthorised expenditure from responsible persons and the matter has also been referred to legal services for recovery process.

When it comes to uncertainty relating to future outcomes of exceptional litigation, the department believes in the correctness of defences it is going to make in respect of claims made against it. However, the case depends on court roll and the plaintiff. Lerato Moloko Event Management case has been finalised and a court order has been issued against the department amounting to R2,8 million. The case against Magula

Promotions (Pty) Ltd has been finalised and judgement granted against the department amounting to an amount of R2,9 million with interest of 10,25% commencing from 05 June 2017. The department is in the process of paying Magula Promotions (Pty) Ltd as directed by the court of law.

The department has just received the forensic investigation report on the 2017 Mapungubwe Arts Festival from the Provincial Treasury and is in the process of implementing the recommendations of the report as a matter of priority. The House will be updated on progress made in this regard.

In conclusion, the department would like to thank the Scopa members who always play a robust oversight role on the department and members of the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture for their guidance at all times. I want to take this opportunity and indicate that indeed we need to make it a point that we ensure prudent financial accountability in our public service in the province of Limpopo. I thank you.

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture for the progress report. We shall now call upon the MEC for Social Development to present the progress report on the implementation of the Scopa resolutions.

## **THE MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you so much, Hon Speaker. Greetings to the Deputy Speaker, Members of the Executive Council, chairperson of Scopa and honourable Members, ndi matsheloni. Good morning. Thobela. Avuxeni. Firstly, let me take this opportunity and appreciate the opportunity to come and present to the House the progress report in terms of the Scopa resolutions. Let me indicate that during the 2014/15 financial year, Limpopo Department of Social Development had a total of 11 resolutions and managed to resolve 10 and one is yet to be resolved.

In the 2015/16 financial year, the department had a total of 4 resolutions and managed to resolve 2 with 2 still outstanding. In the 2016/17 financial year, the department had a total of 8 out of which 3 were resolved and 5 were not yet resolved. In summary, over the past three years the department had a total of 23 resolutions and managed to resolve 15 of which 8 are still outstanding. Chairperson, if I was to share with you in terms of the cases that you are talking about starting from 2014/15 financial year, we speak of eleven resolutions and we managed to resolve 10 and 1 still outstanding.

I must indicate that it was an incomplete investigation and it was about overcharging by a catering company and the department engaged state attorneys on the matter and summons for recovery of money amounting to R393 594 were issued in August 2014. The state attorneys indicated that the matter has been taken back to court, so we await the court proceedings.

For 2015/16 financial year, we had 4 resolutions and managed to resolve 2 and 2 are still outstanding. Here we talk of irregular expenditure, where bid documents of two losing bidders amounting to R14 million were not submitted to the A-G for audit purposes. I think on this one there was an indication that the department participated in the Department of Education bids for pack-houses and continuous consultation and

requests were made with the Department of Education to avail the requested documents and we have not yet been favoured with such documents. We have requested the Provincial Treasury to intervene and assist us on the matter. I must indicate that we were not making much progress on this matter. The procurement of school uniform from the non-profit organisations instead of open bidding and the security services are other issues whereby we have not made progress. It was then decided that we will have to utilise the documents that are available in order to finalise the matter, because the challenge has always been the unavailability of documents. It was during the transition from the Department of Health to the Department of Social Development, when these documents got lost. We are trying to follow up on the matter.

There was an issue of performance bonuses and the investigations have been completed. The recommendations are implemented and deductions from four officials were implemented and to date an amount of R41 774 has been recovered. We are still pursuing the matter to make sure that we recover the entire money.

There was also an issue of no declaration of interest by an employee who did business with the state to the amount of R554 000. The employee is currently with the Department of Economic Development. The two departments are in discussion to make sure that that official is brought to book and that the said money is recovered.

On the issue of fruitless and wasteful expenditure, we do have a case of Phasha-Selatole One-Stop Centre. You might have heard of this case; and it has been there for quite some time wherein the department has spent money to construct a one-stop centre on a land that does not seem to belong to government. Therefore, the matter is being dealt with between ourselves and the Department of Public Works. As I'm talking to you, the matter is between our state attorneys together and the Department of Public Works to make sure that there is going to be a determination of land which belongs to government and which land that belongs to the person that has taken us to court.

There was a case of no show because officials were booked accommodation and arrived at the venue and said that they were not happy with the hotel venue and therefore they drove back. What is happening is that a debt has been created against four officials and deductions are being effected to recover the whole amount. To date an amount of R6 432.00 has been recovered.

There was an issue of service provider [inaudible] tax which, I think, investigations are still taking place. There was an issue of Standard Bank, which was just amongst the issues of irregular expenditure that have happened.

There was also an issue wherein a Member of Executive Council was booked for accommodation in Cape Town to attend SONA and that SONA was cancelled. That debt will have to be written off, because no official could be charged for any wrongdoing in this regard. The event was cancelled when accommodation had already been booked and the hotel refused to refund us the money.

For 2016/17 financial year, we had 8 resolutions and 3 were resolved while 5 are still outstanding. We are still dealing with the issue of irregular expenditure. It's a recurrence and I have already indicated that the department participated in the bid for

the Department of Education. On the issue of packhouse, the matter is being resolved between the two.

The other one on fruitless and wasteful expenditure is also a recurrence. We still talk about Phasha-Selatole One-Stop Centre. The issue of no show is also a recurrence. I just want to reiterate the fact that it is a continuation of the same cases from the previous financial year.

In the main, those are the cases we are still dealing with as per the resolutions. I must indicate that we are trying our level best, because some of the cases, as it was indicated on Tuesday, that departments seem to allow cases to be – that legal term to say – that English decided to go back home – prescribed. We are revisiting some of them to ensure that we can still be able to get money out of those cases. Inasmuch as they have been prescribed, but as long as the officials are still with the department, we are following up on some of these cases.

Hon Speaker, I hereby submit the progress report on the implementation of the Scopa resolutions for the 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years to the House. I thank you. [APPLAUSE]

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, honourable MEC.

### **7.2. RESPONSES BY POLITICAL PARTIES**

We shall now call upon political parties to respond to the presentation made by the Members of the Executive Council. We shall start with the DA represented by Hon Smalle.

#### **MR SMALLE**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. You will note that there was only one MEC here today and yesterday who took full accountability for the late submission and I must give my thanks to the MEC for CoGHSTA for standing up as the accounting officer in this department and taking recognition for the failures of that department. One of the other resolutions that is going forward from this committee is that on a six-months basis, all Members of the Executive Council will now report to this august House on the failures of the implementation of the Scopa resolutions.

You will also further note, Hon Speaker, that not one department stood up here on Tuesday and today and said that they have implemented a 100% or very close to 100% of those resolutions. Yes, the Department of Cooperative Governance was higher up on 70%, but the average is anything between 30% and 60% depending on the year in and year out of those financial years. We can no longer wait for five years to get progress reports on the implementations if we want to be serious about holding people accountable for their actions and the implementations of those various KPIs and sometimes incredibly important KPIs.

There are serious transgressions under section 38(1) and (2) of the PFMA and section 9(1)(1) of the Treasury Regulations. These are all got to do with holding people

accountable to make sure that assets of government are being looked after and where there are irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure that those issues are being dealt with. There are still irregular expenditures that must be condoned by Treasury that have not turned to full circle and those are the issues that must be expedited so that we can start not referring to Scopa resolutions on actions of 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years. We have started to talk to what is currently happening in the Executive and what the Executive is currently doing.

Today I do take note of the actions of the Executive, but the problem is that when we are in the House, we always refer to the previous years. Sometimes when we get to the disciplinary actions or hold people accountable, you find that those individuals have left the public service or have changed from one department to another. It is unacceptable that there is no will to go after people regardless of where they are, in which department and on which authority. When they have transgressed, they have got to answer to government and its institutions.

I hope that in the near future we will see Scopa starting to call on specific individuals to appear before it and not just the department. Scopa must use its mandate to subpoena people to appear before it. A day before yesterday we heard that when this province was placed under administration, there was no will by the administrator to appear before Members of this august House, before a recognised portfolio and when this administrator has taken decisions that have severe consequences to this province.

We cannot allow people who make decisions on behalf of this government that have effects on financial viability of this government not to appear before this august House.

I will err towards caution and remind the Executive Council that in six months' time from today, we will hear from you once again on the previous resolutions of Scopa and may those resolutions not be between 30% and 55%. May they all be at 70% and above. I thank you, Hon Speaker.

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Smalle. I call upon Hon Seshoka from the EFF.

## **MR SESOKA**

Thank you, Hon Speaker. I think that as the EFF we are much worried about the presentations made by the departments today. We are worried because even after two years, the reports on the financial year under review, none of the departments has shown us 100% implementation of these resolutions. What also worries us is that there is commonality in the departments in terms of the funding. You will find that in all the departments, there is a question of irregular expenditure, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and litigation mainly in the LEDET and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture. All these issues will remain with us unless the departments start doing things the right way.

I heard most of the MECs who presented their reports today spoke much about consequence management. Where we are sitting as the EFF, we feel that this issue of consequence management is not taken seriously. The departments are not enforcing it. That is why you see the recurrence of these findings by the Auditor-

General. We urge the department to go back and look at this matter of consequence management, because if we are to address all these issues, surely there are culprits who should be brought to book. We must ensure that we clean the system by flushing them out of the system. In addition to that, we must also in our recruitment system ensure that we stop recruiting unethical members of the society who occupy strategic positions in the departments.

It is not going to give us anything good. I'm giving an example of what happened to the case of Molemole Municipality recently. I know the Department of CoGHSTA was not responsible for whatever the Molemole Manager did. He did not do it during his tenure in the Molemole Municipality. But, it tells you that the issue of ethics was not considered when this person was recruited. Surely, there were cases the department or the municipality would have looked at before hiring that particular person. As long as we have got those cases, we are definitely not going to arrive where we want to arrive.

Nonetheless, we would also like to congratulate those departments that have shown progress in implementing the Scopa resolutions especially the Limpopo Gambling Board. I heard that they were sitting at 83% in terms of the implementation. That is commendable. We congratulate other departments which have also shown the same willingness.

We are also worried about the Department of Health, because the overall performance was at 42%. You begin to worry that you still have a department that has not resolved many of the issues raised by Scopa over two years ago. This is indeed worrisome.

In conclusion, we would like to commend the MECs for coming here. I think we are starting on the right footing by insisting that MECs must come and present progress reports on the implementations of resolutions. As my colleague has already said that maybe in the next months, we should see this happening over and over again. Surely, with this kind of presentations and accountability we would reach somewhere. I thank you, Hon Speaker.

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Seshoka. I will now call upon the ANC which is represented by Hon Makhurupetje.

## **MS MAKHURUPETJE**

Hon Deputy Speaker is worried that what will happen if my iPad goes off. I have got a backup. I brought the backup system. [LAUGHTER]

Hon Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Premier in absentia, all MECs, Chief Whip of the majority party, Leader of the Opposition, Hon Mitileni, who is the chairperson of Scopa as well as the Deputy Chairperson of Association of Public Accounts Committee in South Africa and all members of Scopa, honourable Members of this august House, good morning. Ndi matsheloni. Avuxeni. Thobela.

I stand here today on behalf of the ANC as we close processes of the progress reports of House resolutions that came as recommendations of the Standing Committee of

Public Accounts from as early as the 2014/15 financial year. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Premier and all MECs for tabling progress reports. It has been a very long journey for us to arrive where we are today.

Section 114(2)(a) and (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa provides that “a provincial legislature must provide mechanisms – (a) to ensure that all provincial executive organs of state in the province are accountable to it; and (b) to maintain oversight of the exercise of provincial executive authority in the province, including the implementation of legislation”. To that effect, section 84 of the Standing Rules and Orders adopted by the Limpopo Legislature explains in detail powers and functions of Scopa.

Hon Speaker, standing here today on behalf of my party, the ANC, I confidently say that the ANC through its own government has developed the right policies and respects all the laws of the country including ensuring accountability by all its public representatives.

The ANC in its 54<sup>th</sup> national conference has resolved that the ANC government and leadership must implement a programme to prevent irregular or fraudulent practices within the ANC and its government including ethics, monitoring transparency in procurement decisions, checks and balances and oversight mechanisms, the disbarring of public servants and public representatives at all levels from doing business with the state and the introduction of probity and lifestyle audit.

It is for this reason that as Scopa we work as a collective without fear or favour because any unwanted expenditure delays a better life and the future of our people. As the ANC, we are more worried that those who remain vulnerable to the triple socioeconomic challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment are women, youth and children. Indeed, we will not accept anything from our executive that shows non-compliance, because that will be a sign of betrayal to the dreams and vision of our leaders who came before us such as O R Tambo, Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki, Charlotte Maxeke, Winnie Mandela and many more as Hon Mitileni has so said on Tuesday.

The intention of the recommendations was to ensure a focused attention on implementing resolutions of the House once they are passed. This is because the recommendations are designed to improve the books of the provincial departments and entities so that the province achieves clean audits. Operation Clean Audit was launched in 2009 with a target of five years, which says that all departments and entities were expected to have achieved clean audit by 2014. There is no reason why you still have departments that celebrate qualified audit opinion as that remains an insult to the public.

It is also because clean audits are not for the sake of, but a tool to achieve better, faster, effective and efficient service delivery. Clean audits are also attractive to potential investors to the economy of the province. Clean audits by provincial departments will be exemplary to our local and district municipalities to show them that they are achievable and not just a distant dream. You will notice that in most instances, we have taken resolutions that action must be taken against anyone responsible for fruitless, wasteful and irregular or unauthorised expenditure. This is also because

sections 38, 39 and 40 of the PFMA compel us to act against anyone responsible for such.

Accounting officers are instructed by the PFMA to put systems in place to avoid occurrences of unwanted expenditures and to take effective and appropriate steps to prevent the occurrence of such expenditure. Coming here to try and motivate why unwarranted expenditures have happened is an insult to our people because accounting officers should have put systems in place to avoid these occurrences. Where wrong things have happened, action must be taken. In other words, consequence management must apply.

We generally recommend the following to all departments and entities and we hope that they will be implemented: Effective audit committees; efficient, internal audit function; adequate audit action plans; fill the vacancies of key and critical staff; monitor and ensure that public servants do not engage in Remunerative Work Outside Public Service (RWOPS); payment of all invoices within 30 days; monthly and quarterly financial statements; implement recommendations of investigative reports; accounting officers must take effective and appropriate disciplinary action on all those contravening the PFMA and other legislation and recover irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, because we cannot allow the money of the state to continue to get lost.

As recommended above, we hope that the executive authority will play their oversight role to monitor and ensure the PFMA and all its regulations are implemented without failure. Indeed, that could see Limpopo going a long way to be counted amongst the top performing provinces in the country.

On that note, I take this opportunity to thank the chairperson of Scopa and the entire committee for a good job well done. Hon Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Leader of Government Business, the Deputy Speaker, who is the chairperson of the Programming Committee, we thank you for creating a space for the Executive Council to come here and present the reports to this Legislature. Please, remember that the recommendations are saying that they must report to the Legislature every six months in terms of the Scopa resolutions. Continue to consider that during your programming meetings. We thank our staff led by Mr Mukhari and the entire team of researchers, the legal teams, communication teams, Auditor-General and Provincial Treasury for the continued support to the committee. We thank the chairpersons of different committees who always join Scopa. Your inputs will remain valuable.

Once more, congratulations to team Legislature for your achievement of a clean audit. You really lead by example. We can learn a lot from you. You have made us proud. Keep up the good work. I thank you. [APPLAUSE]

## **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Hon Makhurupetje. Thanks also to all political parties who reacted to the progress reports which were tabled by the Members of the Executive Council.

## **8. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS**

Questions which were sent to the Executive Council for written responses. Item 9.1: Responses to questions 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 of 2020 for written reply by MEC for Social Development have been published in the ATC dated Wednesday, 07 October 2020 and are disposed of.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Are there any announcements?

### **THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

Hon Speaker, there are no announcements. There is no lunch.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Hon Deputy Speaker, we can't hear you.

### **THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

On the lunch aspect, I was saying that there is no lunch. But, we thought that you will also announce that the questions that are sent to the Executive are meant to be answered within 21 days and that the Hon Speaker has said and urged through the Leader of Government Business that Members of the Executive should respond promptly. Otherwise, we would invoke the rules which say that if they are not responded within 21 days, then you will have to take them orally in the House. We just thought that we should advise the Executive on that aspect. Thanks.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Thank you, Deputy Speaker. It is noted. That was a reminder to the Members of the Executive Council in terms of the duration for responding to questions. Thank you very much.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

This House is adjourned to Tuesday, 13 October 2020 in this Lebowakgomo Legislative Chamber. Thank you.

**[THE HOUSE IS ADJOURNED]**