



**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

Chairperson:  
Speaker

Committee Secretary:  
A Mbanga x 3218

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Thursday, 4 July 2019, E249 at 08:30

Present:

T R Modise (Speaker)

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| Bongo, B T   | Mulder, Dr C P                                  |
| Boroto, M G (House Chairperson)                        | Ngwezi, X                                       |
| Dlakude, D E (Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party) | Ntombela, M L D (House Chairperson)             |
| Dyantyi, Q R   | Ntshayisa, L M                                  |
| Frolick, C T (House Chairperson)                       | Pilane-Majake, Dr M C C (Programme Whip)        |
| Hendricks, M G E                                       | Steenhuisen, J H (Chief Whip of the Opposition) |
| Lesoma, R M M  | Swart, S N                                      |
| Majodina, P C P (Chief Whip of the Majority Party)     | Tsenoli, S L (Deputy Speaker)                   |
| Mazzone, N W A   | Wessels, W W                                    |

Staff in attendance:

Mr M Xaso (Secretary to the National Assembly), Dr T Ganyaza-Twalo (Committees) and Mr N Bell (Constitutional and Legal Services Office).

**1. Opening remarks**

The Speaker opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies from Dr G W Koornhof (Parliamentary Counsellor to the President) and Mr N Singh were tendered.

### **3. Consideration of draft agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

### **4. Consideration of minutes of meeting of 27 June 2019**

On the proposal of the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, seconded by Mr Swart, the minutes of 27 June were adopted, with a textual correction that the parliamentary programme was presented by Dr Pilane-Majake instead of Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party.

### **5. Matters arising**

The Chief Whip of the Opposition expressed concern in that the date for questions to the Deputy President had not been provided as members would not be able to meet the notice period for submission of questions as prescribed in the Assembly Rule 139(6). The Chief Whip of the Majority Party explained that they were awaiting confirmation from the Office of the Leader of Government Business for the scheduling of questions to the Deputy President either on the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **6. Report by Committee Section**

Dr Ganyaza-Twalo advised that the closing date for calling of public submissions on the Appropriation Bill was 12 July. She further outlined the programme of the Standing Committee on Appropriations on consideration of the Bill.

The Chief Whip of the Opposition suggested that it would assist if the Programme Committee could be advised on which legislation would be revived during the current term in order for committees to prepare themselves, once the budget process was finalised. The Speaker advised that the matter was being considered.

### **7. Report by Bills Office**

Mr Bell advised that his office was in consultation with the National Treasury and South African Revenue Services in preparation for the tabling of legislation accompanying the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement in October.

### **8. Consideration of draft Parliamentary programme**

Dr Pilane-Majake presented the draft programme for the First Term and highlighted the following:

Mini-Plenaries on Budget Votes were scheduled to commence on 9 July. She advised that, in addition to the combined debate on the Trade and Industry and Economic Development votes, the following budget votes would also be combined as one debate:

- Telecommunications and Postal Services, and Communications
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Rural Development and Land Reform

The National Treasury budget vote had been rescheduled to start at 18:30, instead of 16:30.

In response to queries about when the Joint Programme Committee would meet, it was **AGREED** that the Joint Programme Committee would meet on 11 July, immediately after the National Assembly Programme Committee meeting.

In response to the request of the Chief Whip of the Opposition, it was **AGREED** that parties would be allowed to submit questions to the Deputy President at the latest by next Tuesday in order to meet the 16 day notice period, once the date had been confirmed.

With regard to the budget vote on State Security, Mr Xaso advised that as the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence had not yet been established, an *ad hoc* committee would have to be established in order for it to be briefed in preparation for the budget vote debate. He proposed that an early plenary be held the following week in order to consider the matter and indicated that the *ad hoc* committee would cease to exist after the briefing. It was **AGREED** that this plenary would be scheduled after consultation.

With regard to the above a draft resolution was also distributed to Members and guidance was sought from the meeting in respect of the composition of the proposed *ad hoc* committee. It was **AGREED** that the *ad hoc* committee would comprise of 11 members as follows: ANC 6, DA 2, EFF 1 and other parties 2. The Chief Whip of the Majority Party proposed that the Minister of State Security be approached in order to provide a security pre-screening of members to serve on the *ad hoc* committee.

After discussion it was further **AGREED** that, subject to consultations with the National Council of Provinces, a meeting of the Joint Rules Committee would be scheduled immediately after both Houses had adjourned on Tuesday, 10 July, in order to set up joint structures.

Dr Mulder expressed a concern that there was confusion on whether committee meetings had been scheduled at the same time as party caucuses on Thursday mornings. House Chairperson Mr Frolick indicated that he had not given permission for committees to meet in time slots dedicated to caucuses. The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party advised that the Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration had, however, been given permission to meet the following Monday in preparation for the budget vote on Statistics South Africa which was scheduled for Tuesday, 9 July.

## **9. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

## **10. Closure**

The meeting adjourned at 08:58.