



**DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS:**

***NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES PROGRAMME COMMITTEE***

Chairperson: M J Mahlangu, Chairperson of the NCOP

Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces ☎ 403 2110 / 2115

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***WEDNESDAY, 31 July 2013***

**(08:30, S12A)**

**Present:**

Mahlangu, Mr MJ	Chairperson of the NCOP
Memela, Ms TC	Deputy Chairperson of the NCOP
Magadla, Ms NW	House Chairperson: Co-operative Government and Intergovernmental Relations
Tau, Mr RJ	House Chairperson: Committees and Oversight
Ntwanambi, Ms ND	Chief Whip of the NCOP
Rantho, Ms DZ	Provincial Whip – Eastern Cape
Jacobs, Mr P	Provincial Whip – Free State
Mncube, Ms BV	Provincial Whip – Gauteng
Mzimande, Mr LP	Provincial Whip – KwaZulu-Natal
Mabija, Ms L	Provincial Whip – Limpopo
Mokgoro, Mr GG	Provincial Whip – Northern Cape
De Villiers, Mr MJ	Provincial Whip – Western Cape
Gunda, Mr JJ	Party Representative – ID
Bloem, Mr DV	Party Whip – COPE
Zulu, Prince MMM	Party Representative – IFP
Kubayi, Ms MT	Parliamentary Counsellor

**Staff in attendance:**

NCOP Staff, Office of the Leader of Government Business, relevant Sections in Parliament, Political Staff, SALGA and Provincial Liaison Officers.

**1. Opening**

The Chairperson of the NCOP declared the meeting open and welcomed all present.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Honourable MG Boroto (Provincial Whip – Mpumalanga & Programming Whip) and Honourable EC Van Lingen (Party Representative – DA).

### 3. Consideration of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without additions.

### 4. Consideration of Minutes of the meeting of 20 June 2013

Corrections: Page 1 and Page 3: the spelling of the word “Plenary ” corrected.

The minutes of 20 June 2013, as amended, were adopted.

### 5. Matters arising

The Chairperson responded to a question raised by Honourable De Villiers regarding the expenditure statements of Select Committees. He stated that he received it from the Section Manager: Committees and will ensure that the expenditure statements are distributed to all Select Committee Chairpersons.

Honourable De Villiers further enquired about the report regarding logistical problems experienced during the follow-up visit to KwaZulu-Natal. The Chief Whip indicated that the report would be made available to the Chairperson of the NCOP.

### 6. Programme

The Chief Whip outlined the Third Term Programme, highlighting the Plenaries and Committee activities for the period 31 July – 20 September, including the items that will be considered such as:

1 August	Debate on Mandela Day: <i>Paying tribute to a fearless warrior for social justice and champion of our people</i> Debate on National Women's Day: <i>Unity in Action for the advancement of Women's Socio-Economic Freedom</i>
6 – 8 August	Local Government Week
12 – 13 August	Women's Parliament
14 August	Debate on National Credit Amnesty: <i>Our collective path to building a credit healthy society</i> Debate on World Humanitarian Day: <i>Advancing our spirit of ubuntu and building a caring society</i>
15 August	Consideration of the Provincial week (15 – 19 April 2013) report: <i>Moving with utmost speed to ensure socio-economic advancement in our communities</i> Debate on International Youth Day: <i>Expanding opportunities and empowering the youth for social advancement and development</i>
20 August	Sub-Committee on Review of NCOP Rules meeting
21 August	Debate on Housing: <i>Finding ways to respond and address South Africa's housing backlog</i> Debate on Maritime: <i>Waging a war against poaching</i>
22 August	Debate on Disaster Management: <i>Building viable and innovative disaster response and management systems</i> Debate on Intergovernmental Relations: <i>Finding a viable solution for the settlement of intergovernmental debt</i>

*Constituency Period*

26 August – 6 September

10 September	Joint Sitting: Debate on Heritage Day
11 September	Questions to the President
12 September	Questions: Cluster 3 - Governance
17 – 20 September	Preliminary Oversight visits: Taking Parliament to the People - Gauteng

*Constituency Period*

23 September – 4 October

The Chief Whip stated that Joint Standing Committees usually convene their meetings on Friday mornings and that the NCOP Plenaries scheduled for Fridays would impact on the attendance of NCOP delegates at meetings. Honourable Tau reminded delegates that it was agreed at a meeting held on 19 June between Chairpersons of Select Committees and Whips that more time will be allocated to Committees to process the Bills expected during the third term and to allow for dedicated oversight time slots. Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be utilized for Committee meetings, whilst Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings for Plenaries. It was agreed that the Joint Whips Forum and Programme Technical Committee should discuss this matter further and report to the NCOP Programme Committee.

Honourable Mncube raised a concern regarding the number of petitions before the Select Committee on Petitions and Members' Legislative Proposals. It was agreed that a meeting would be convened between the Chairperson of the NCOP, Chief Whip of the NCOP, House Chairperson: Committees and Oversight and; Chairperson of the Select Committee on Petitions and Members' Legislative Proposals in order to resolve this matter.

Honourable Mncube further enquired about topical issues proposed by provinces for debate in the NCOP. The Chairperson referred the matter to the Chief Whip and requested her to look at possible dates to schedule these debates.

The Deputy Chairperson of the NCOP responded to a request that Committee meetings scheduled for 13 August be cancelled in order for delegates to attend the Women's Parliament. She stated that Committee meetings should go ahead as planned while delegates who were available to attend the Women's Parliament should be in attendance.

Honourable Mzimande raised a question regarding the approval of an application of the Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs to undertake visits to Local Municipalities in terms of section 139 (1)(b) of the Constitution. The Chairperson requested that the matter be discussed with the Chief Whip after the meeting.

## **7. Report on Select Committee Business and the report on legislation before the NCOP**

Honourable Tau tabled the report on Select Committee Activities.

He stated that the follow-up visit to KwaZulu-Natal on matters related to Taking Parliament to the People was a success. The Free State and Northern Cape will be visited at a later date. The consolidated report will be made available to delegates as soon as it's finalised.

## **8. Parliament's legislative programme**

Mr Bell presented the report on Parliament's legislative programme and stated that the following Bills were introduced since the last NCOP Programme Committee meeting:

- Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Bill [B 15- 2013](prop s75)
- Insurance Laws Amendment Bill [B 16- 2013](prop s75)
- Electronic Communications Amendment Bill [B 17- 2013](prop s75)
- Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Amendment Bill [B 18- 2013] (prop s75)]
- Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Bill [B 19- 2013](prop s75)
- Merchant Shipping (Civil Liability) Bill [B 20- 2013](prop s75)
- Lotteries Amendment Bill [B 21-2013](prop s75)
- Electoral Amendment Bill [B 22- 2013](prop s76)
- South African Weather Service Amendment Bill [B 23- 2013](prop s75).

The Electoral Amendment Bill was identified by the Office of the Leader of Government Business as a prioritised Bill.

The Tourism Bill [B44 D – 2012](s76) was adopted by the Select Committee on Trade and International Relations with amendments and appear on the NCOP Order Paper for consideration by the House. Honourable Kubayi enquired whether the Bill would be considered during the week ending on 1 August. It was agreed that the Bill would be scheduled for consideration by the NCOP but not before 1 August.

## **9. Matters related to provincial legislatures, MPs and MPLs**

The Chief Whip requested an update on the procurement of Blazers for Members of Parliament. Honourable Kubayi stated that Honourable Skosana's Office (Member of the National Assembly) was responsible for co-ordinating the procurement process. It was agreed that an explanatory memorandum would be circulated to all Members of Parliament regarding this matter.

**10. Closure**

The meeting adjourned at 09:26.

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**HON. MJ MAHLANGU, MP**  
**CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**