



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Chairperson:
Speaker

Committee Secretary:
A Mbanga x 3218

DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 27 August 2015, E249

Present:

S L Tsenoli (Deputy Speaker)

Bhengu, F	Matiase, NS
Frolick, CT (House Chairperson)	Steenhuisen, JH (Chief Whip of the Opposition)
Khubisa, Prof NM	Waters, M

Staff in attendance:

M Xaso (NA Table), T Mbata (Constitutional and Legal Services) and S Tshabalala (Committees).

1. Opening remarks

The Deputy Speaker opened the meeting at 08:34.

2. Apologies

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Ms B Mbete (the Speaker), House Chairpersons Ms AT Didiza and Ms MG Boroto, Dr GW Koornhof (Parliamentary Counsellor to the Deputy President), Messrs N Singh, Dr CP Mulder and Ms HO Maxon.

3. Consideration of the agenda

The proposed agenda for the meeting was adopted.

4. Consideration of Minutes of 20 August 2015

On the proposal of Mr Bhengu, seconded by Mr Waters, the minutes of 20 August were adopted.

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Report by the Committee Section

Mr Tshabalala presented a document on Bills and other matters before committees. He reported that the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services had advised that a commissioner would resign from the South African Human Rights Commission at the end of the year and had requested the respective Committee to begin the process of recommending candidates for appointment.

Mr Tshabalala also reported that twelve petitions had been referred to various committees, however, only some of these committees had scheduled meetings to consider them. The Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation had finalised the *Petition from the residents of Tsakane, Sunnyridge, Symhurst, Bedfordview, Primrose and Gerdview, calling for an investigation into causes of water crisis in Gauteng*. Mr Waters thanked the Committee Section for the information.

In response to Mr Waters' enquiry about why there was no progress in the processing of the *Medical Innovation Bill*, House Chairperson Mr Frolick indicated that the Portfolio Committee on Health had a meeting with the Central Drug Authority as recently as 12 August 2015 and that the committee was also seized with other matters before it.

7. Report by Bills Office

Ms Mbata presented a report on bills before the National Assembly committees and indicated that her report was in line with the Committee Section's report. She reported that the *Public Service Commission Amendment Bill* had recently been introduced and that the Bills Office was following progress on the preparation of bills that would have to be prioritised by Parliament.

8. Consideration of draft Parliamentary programme

Mr Bhengu presented the Third Term programme and indicated that there was no legislation ready for consideration by the House in the week beginning on 31 August.

Members' statements, a ANC motion, the motion of the Leader of the Opposition regarding the establishment of an *ad hoc* committee to enquire into whether the President should be removed from office in terms of section 89(1)(a) of the Constitution were scheduled for Tuesday, 1 September. Questions to Cluster 4: Economics were scheduled for Wednesday, 2 September. Members' statements and committee reports were scheduled for Thursday, 3 September.

In response to Mr Waters' question whether the date for Questions to the Deputy President, to make up for 26 August had been decided, Mr Bhengu indicated that there were still consultations on the matter and that he would provide feedback the following week.

9. Announcements

The Deputy Speaker reminded the meeting that the Women's Roundtable discussion was scheduled for 1 and 2 September from 08:30 to 13:00.

10. Closure

The meeting adjourned at 08:52.