

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2009

1. The House met at 14:00.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.
3. [14:01] Notices of motion.
4. [14:03] Mr M Waters, on behalf of the Chief Whip of the Opposition, moved without notice: That the House –
 - (1) notes with pride that a South African doctor, Dr Linda-Gail Bekker, has won the Royal Society Award for HIV and TB infection research;
 - (2) further notes that Bekker's research focused on how TB epidemiology has changed in the HIV era with a specific focus on the six-fold increase South Africa has seen over the past 20 years;
 - (3) commends Bekker for her innovative thought and research into finding novel answers and effective strategies to turn the unacceptably high HIV and TB infection figures in South Africa around;
 - (4) congratulates her on winning this award; and
 - (5) encourages her to keep up the important contribution she is making in the fight against this insidious disease.

Agreed to.

5. Mrs C Dudley moved without notice: That the House –
- (1) acknowledges that October is International Marine Month;
 - (2) further acknowledges that Africa's first – and largest – transfrontier marine conservation area has been established connecting iSimangaliso Wetland Park, one of South Africa's world heritage sites, with Mozambique's first marine conservancy, the Ponto do Ouro;
 - (3) notes that this creates a vast protected marine area covering 300 km of unbroken coastline and near pristine beaches, from St Lucia in the south to Mozambique's Maputo Special Reserve;
 - (4) further notes that this reserve protects an important feeding area for turtle, dugong and migratory birds including the flamingo, and the highest latitude coral reefs in the world; and
 - (5) congratulates the Ponta do Ouro/Kosi Bay Transfrontier Conservation Task Team and South African and Mozambican environment ministries and other private entities involved in establishing the park.

Agreed to.

6. The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved without notice: That the House –
- (1) notes with concern the leaking of mathematics, physical science and accounting examination papers in Mpumalanga;
 - (2) further notes that this kind of behaviour is allegedly presumed to have also spread to Durban and Newcastle though this is without substantial evidence; and
 - (3) condemns this unbecoming behaviour with the contempt it deserves.

Agreed to.

7. Mr M Waters, on behalf of the Chief Whip of the Opposition, moved without notice: That the House –
- (1) notes with pride that 31 South African beaches, of which 7 are in and around Cape Town, are to receive Blue Flag status from the Foundation for Environmental Education;

- (2) further notes that this status is only awarded to those beaches that manage to meet certain standards of cleanliness and environmental management;
- (3) congratulates those responsible for the upkeep and management of these national treasures; and
- (4) encourages all beach goers to respect the environment and contribute to the cleanliness of our beaches.

Agreed to.

8. The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved without notice:
That the House –

- (1) notes that on 21 October 2009 ANC stalwart Albertina Sisulu celebrated her 91st birthday;
- (2) further notes the recent award that was bestowed upon her by Denosa in recognition of her contribution to the transformation of South Africa's healthcare system;
- (3) acknowledges that MaSisulu –
 - (a) has a special place of honour in the long and difficult struggle in South Africa and has been at the forefront of the struggle for more than half a century and suffered cruel and vengeful persecution by the racist regime;
 - (b) spent ten years under house arrest and raised five children as well as nieces, nephews and grandchildren while her husband spent 25 years as a political prisoner; and
 - (c) refused to be intimidated and never wavered in her commitment to the struggle for freedom and non-racism;
- (4) congratulates her on her birthday and with her award; and
- (5) wishes her many more years of health.

Agreed to.

9. The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved without notice:
That the House –

- (1) notes that the month of October marks the 10th anniversary of the South Africa–Nigeria Bi-National Commission (BNC);

- (2) further notes that the Bi-National Commission was established in October 1999 as a means to provide a framework for collaboration between the two countries so as to maximize the potential for business and development in South Africa and in Nigeria;
- (3) acknowledges that Nigeria is regarded as the 12th largest producer of petroleum in the world and that petroleum accounts for about 40 per cent of its GDP;
- (4) further acknowledges that there are currently more than 100 South African companies operating in Nigeria compared to 4 before 1999 and that since the establishment of the Bi-National Commission 41 memoranda of understanding have been signed or are under consideration in areas such as education, arts and culture, mining and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters; and
- (5) wishes the two countries long and prosperous mutual relations.

Agreed to.

10. The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved without notice: That the House –

- (1) notes that South Africa has moved into the top ten ranking of countries where women face the least discrimination, according to the latest World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Index;
- (2) further notes that the World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Index measures economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, political empowerment, health and survival of women in 134 countries;
- (3) recognises that post-apartheid South Africa stands out as a country with a very progressive stance not only on the representation of women in decision-making structures, but also across all sectors of society; and
- (4) urges all South Africans to take pride in our achievement as one of the top ten countries where women face the least discrimination and to recommit ourselves to work even harder in eradicating the remaining attitudes, beliefs, myths and practices that still inhibit the freedom of women.

Agreed to.

11. [14:11] The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party, on behalf of the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, moved: That the House –

- (1) notes that the President of the Republic of South Africa has, in terms of the Constitution and the Joint Rules, called a Joint Sitting of the two Houses for Wednesday, 11 November 2009, at 14:00 to bid farewell to Hon Mr Justice Pius Langa, the retired Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, and to welcome Chief Justice Sandile Ngcobo; and
- (2) resolves, subject to the concurrence of the National Council of Provinces, to invite retired Chief Justice Langa and Chief Justice Ngcobo to attend and participate in the Joint Sitting of the Houses on 11 November 2009.

Agreed to.

12. [14:12] Members' statements.

13. FIRST ORDER [14:46]

Consideration of **Supplementary Report to First Report of Joint Rules Committee, 2009** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 15 October 2009, p 1073).

There was no debate.

The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

14. SECOND ORDER [14:47]

Consideration of First Report of Committee on Public Accounts on **Report of the Auditor General on Performance Audit of Service Delivery at Police Stations and 10111 Call Centres of the South African Police Service** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 8 October 2009, p 953).

Debate concluded.

The Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party, moved: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

15. THIRD ORDER [15:35]

Debate on 16 Days of Activism: **Gender-based violence destroys communities.**

Debate concluded.

16. The House adjourned at 16:49.

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Secretary to Parliament