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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2026

1. The House met at Nieuwmeester Dome at 14:01.
2. House Chairperson Mr W Horn took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. House Chairperson Mr W Horn announced the appointment of Mrs Nomvula Giba as Serjeant-at-Arms of the National Assembly with effect from 1 March 2026.
4. [14:02] The Chief Whip moved: That the House –
 - (1) in terms of section 2(1) of the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act, 1998 (Act No 20 of 1998), having due regard to the criteria listed in that subsection and notwithstanding the recommendations in the *Government Gazette* (No 53875 of 18 December 2025) containing the Independent Commission for Remuneration of Public Office Bearers' annual remuneration recommendations for 2025/26; determines the salary payable to the President of the Republic of South Africa as adjusted by 3.8% with effect from 1 April 2025; and
 - (2) in terms of section 2(2) of the Act, further determines that the amount of R120 000 per annum as that portion of the remuneration of the President to which section 8(1)(d) of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No 58 of 1962) shall apply.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, ActionSA, United Democratic Movement, Rise Mzansi, United Africans Transformation and African National Congress.

Motion agreed (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

5. [14:25] The Chief Whip moved: That the House elects Dr K Litchfield-Tshabalala to replace Ms D Zuma-Sambudla to represent Parliament as a member of the Pan-African Parliament.

Motion agreed.

6. [14:26] The Chief Whip moved: That the House appoints Ms A F Muthambi to replace Dr S M Dhlomo as National Assembly representative on the PARMED Board of Trustees.

Motion agreed.

7. [14:27] Members' statements.

8. FIRST AND SECOND ORDERS [15:11]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development on **Draft Notice and Schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2025, at which salaries, allowances and benefits are payable to Constitutional Court Judges and Judges of other courts annually, for approval by Parliament in terms of section 2(1)(a) of the Judges' Remuneration and Conditions of Employment Act, 2001 (Act No 47 of 2001)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 25 February 2026, p 8).

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development on **Draft Notice and Schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2025, at which salaries, allowances and benefits are payable to magistrates annually, for approval by Parliament in terms of section 12(1) of the Magistrates Act, 1993 (Act No 90 of 1993)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 25 February 2026, p 10).

Mr O M Mathafa, as a member of the Committee, introduced the Reports.

There was no debate.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, United Democratic Movement, Rise Mzansi, Build One South Africa and African National Congress.

Report adopted and Draft Notice and Schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2025, at which salaries, allowances and benefits are payable to Constitutional Court Judges and Judges of other courts annually, for approval by Parliament in terms of section 2(1)(a) of the Judges' Remuneration and Conditions of Employment Act, 2001 (Act No 47 of 2001) accordingly adopted.

Report adopted and Draft Notice and Schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2025, at which salaries, allowances and benefits are payable to magistrates annually, for approval by Parliament in terms of section 12(1) of the Magistrates Act, 1993 (Act No 90 of 1993) accordingly adopted.

9. THIRD AND FOURTH ORDERS [15:48]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development on **Draft Notice and Schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2025, at which salaries and allowances are payable to Public Protector and Deputy Public Protector, for approval by Parliament in terms of section 2(2)(a) and 2A(5)(a) of the Public Protector Act, 1994 (Act No 23 of 1994)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 25 February 2026, p 12).

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development on **Draft Notice and Schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2025, at which salaries and allowances are payable to Commissioners of the South African Human Rights Commission, for approval by Parliament in terms of section 9(1) of the South African Human Rights Commission Act, 2013 (Act No 40 of 2013)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 25 February 2026, p 14).

Mr O M Mathafa, as a member of the Committee, introduced the Reports.

There was no debate.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, Build One South Africa and African National Congress.

Report adopted and Draft Notice and Schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2025, at which salaries and allowances are payable to Public Protector and Deputy Public Protector, for approval by Parliament in terms of section 2(2)(a) and 2A(5)(a) of the Public Protector Act, 1994 (Act No 23 of 1994) accordingly adopted.

Report adopted and Draft Notice and Schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2025, at which salaries and allowances are payable to Commissioners of the South African Human Rights Commission, for approval by Parliament in terms of section 9(1) of the South African Human Rights Commission Act, 2013 (Act No 40 of 2013) accordingly adopted.

10. FIFTH AND SIXTH ORDERS [16:15]

Consideration of Report of Standing Committee on the Auditor General on **Draft 2026-2029 Strategic Plan and Budget of Auditor General of South Africa** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 November 2025, p 47).

Consideration of Report of Standing Committee on the Auditor General on **Integrated Annual Report of Auditor General of South Africa for financial year 2024/25** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 November 2025, p 26).

Mr W W Wessels, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Reports.

There was no debate.

The Deputy Chief Whip moved: That the Reports be adopted.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, ActionSA, United Democratic Movement and African National Congress.

Motion agreed to.

Report on **Draft 2026-2029 Strategic Plan and Budget of Auditor General of South Africa** accordingly adopted.

Report on **Integrated Annual Report of Auditor General of South Africa for financial year 2024/25** accordingly adopted.

11. SEVENTH ORDER [16:49]

Debate on International Mother Language Day.

Debate concluded.

12. The House adjourned at 18:20.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament