

Eastern Cape **PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE**

A People's Assembly for Good Governance

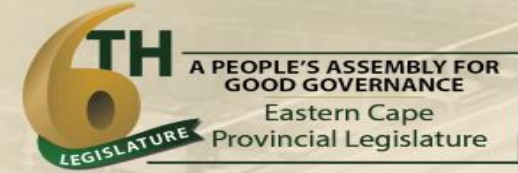
PRESENTATION TO VIRTUAL JOINT PLANNING SESSION

9 February 2021





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INTRODUCTION



- The Office of the Chief Whip in the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature warmly welcomes this opportunity for joint planning and agenda- setting between the NCOP and Provincial Legislatures.
- We highly anticipate that this session will guide the programs of our respective Houses, and hope that it will minimise clashes with the Provincial Legislature programme which are mainly due to late invitations and last minute cancellations to crucial engagements.
- With 2021 being an election year, it is incumbent on us to ensure meticulous planning in order to prudently utilise our limited time and resources.
- This is said considering the legislative sector's duty towards conducting rigorous oversight of the Covid-19 Vaccine roll out in ensure that the process is fair and transparent.



CRITICAL DATES



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| • STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS | 23 February 2021 | Plenary: 10:00 |
| • Debate On The State Of The Province Address | 3 March 2021 | Plenary: 14:15 |
| • Reply By The Premier On The SOPA Debate | 4 March 2021 | Plenary: 14:15 |
| • Introduction Of Appropriation Bill, 2021 | 10 March 2021 | Plenary: 14:15 |
| • Tabling Of Budget Votes, 2021 | 23 - 25 March 2021 | Plenaries 14:15 |
| • Consideration Of Appropriation Bill: 2021 | 8 – 10 June 2021 | Plenaries 14:15 |
| • Tabling of Annual Reports | 19 – 22 October 2021 | Plenaries 14:15 |
| • Consideration of Annual & Financial Oversight Reports | 07 - 09th December 2021 | Plenaries 14:15 |



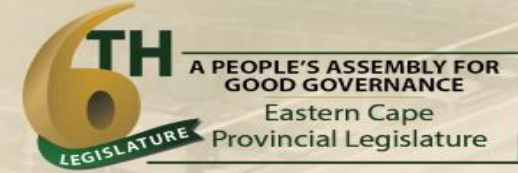
State Of The Municipality and Metro Addresses



- Currently, none of the Province's Municipalities (6 District and 2 Metros) have confirmed the dates for such addresses.
- It is anticipated that the Addresses will be delivered in June once the Local Government Institutions have concluded and adopted their IDPs and budgets in preparation for 2021/22 financial year.
- These dates will be communicated upon confirmation.



Up-coming Programs



- Schools Visits to assess the state of readiness and compliance with Covid 19 regulations: 16th – 19th February 2021 & 24 – 26 February 2021
- International Women's Day 8 March 2021
- Planning Session For Committees 16 – 18 March 2021
- PPP&E Committee PP Week (Chris Hani Petitions) 13 – 15 April 2021
- Clusters to consider Appropriation Bill: 2021 20 – 23 April 2021
- Clusters to consider Appropriation Bill: 2021 4 – 7 May 2021
- Clusters to consider Appropriation Bill: 2021 11 – 14 May 2021
- Clusters to consider Appropriation Bill: 2021 18 – 21 May 2021



Up-coming Programs



- PLANNING SESSION FOR COMMITTEES 16 - 18 March 2021
- TAKING LEGISLATURE TO THE PEOPLE 27 – 30 April 2021
- Public Participation Week (Economic Growth Cluster) 01 – 4 June 2021
- Public Participation Week (Social Needs Cluster) 22 – 25 June 2021
- Public Participation Week (PPP&E) 27 – 30 July 2021
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WEEK (PPP&E) 07 – 10 September 2021
- School Visits 15 – 19 February 2021 & 19 – 23 July 2021
- SCOPA WEEK 03 – 06 August 2021
- Cluster to consider responses to House Resolutions 10 – 13 August
- House Resolutions consideration continues 31 August – 02nd September 2021



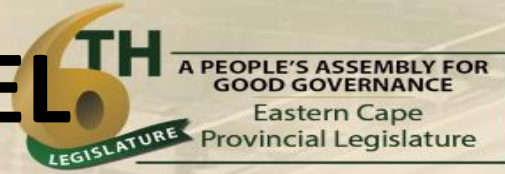
Up-coming Programs



- SCOPA WEEK 19 – 22 October 2021
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WEEK (GOVERNANCE) 26 – 29 October 2021
- TAKING LEGISLATURE TO THE PEOPLE 01 – 05th November 2021
- Consideration Annual & Financial Oversight Reports - 09 – 12th November;
16 – 19th November & 23 November – 26th November 2021



DISTRICT BASED OVERSIGHT MODEL



- Considering that movement of MPLs is limited due to Covid 19, aligning with District Development Model, as part of adapting as the Eastern Provincial Legislature we have adopted and piloting a strategy of **District Based Oversight Model (DBOM)**
- The implementation of the DBOM had to be accelerated due to the COVID-19 pandemic as a means to maintain trajectory of the oversight function;
- In the up-coming financial year, the we intend to refine and **prioritise the DBOM** to enhance oversight on the implementation of the District Development Model.



COVID 19 RESPONSE



- In 2021 a focused response to the second (and possible third) wave of Covid-19 continues to be a priority. In this regard, the we will prioritise oversight on the roll out of the Covid 19 vaccine, as well as the Education Sector's readiness to operate within the context of the virus resurgence and mutation trends.
- Within the Legislature we have enhanced COVID-19 response task team, and has developed a work plan that will ensure adherence to COVID-19 regulations within the workplace, while improving effective performance by the institutions.
- To this end, all meetings of Committees, study groups, Caucuses, House-sittings continue to be held virtually and / or hybrid setting subject to the regulations of Covid alert levels and regulations.



OVERSIGHT



- In this year will continue to prioritize robust oversight that will ensure responsiveness and accountability of the government to the people of the Province.
- This is done through application of SOM to the latter by consideration of budget votes, oversight visits, consideration of Bills as well as monitoring progress towards the attainment of the PDP targets.
- Our flagship programs are inclusive of the **Schools Visits Program** will be enhanced to include monitoring schools adherence to Covid-19 regulations.
- **Oversight on Covid-19 programs** will continue to be conducted by the Health Portfolio Committee, whilst the Legislature Oversight Committee will focus on ensuring oversight by the Legislature.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



- Given that 2021 is an election year, it is crucial for the Legislature to ensure meaningful public involvement, education and advocacy so that citizens participate meaningfully in all processes of democracy.
- Public and Voter education will be driven through the District Based model and other outreach programmes of the Legislature. Partnerships with other government departments and stakeholders will be enhanced to ensure maximum impact of programmes promoting citizen participation.
- To enhance public participation processes the following programs will be held:
 - **Two sectoral Parliaments**
 - **Taking Legislature to the People 1st – 5th November 2021**
 - **Nelson Mandela International Day**



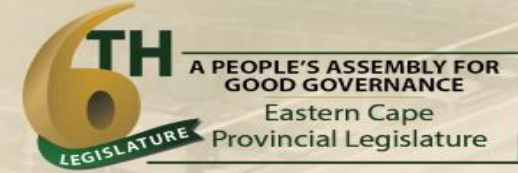
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



- This year will prioritise the realisation of Legislature as **an activist and people-centred institution** which thrives on engaged public participation; robust oversight and effective law making.
- In order to effectively service constituencies, the Legislature has adopted a policy position that that **Parliamentary Constituency Offices (PCOs) are an extension of the Legislature; and as such, it is imperative that all services offered by the Legislature are accessible to communities in the PCOs.**
- Through PCOs the Legislature will ensure a synchronised and coordinated approach to governance and mass mobilisation, by bringing the Legislature closer to the people and mobilising organs of people's power.



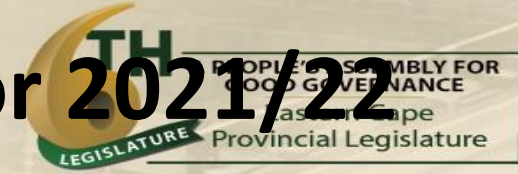
LAW MAKING



- A key constitutional imperative is that of facilitation of public involvement in the processing of Bills. This facilitation of involvement in the legislative processes is critical.
- Key to note is that the ECPL is in the process of **finalisation of the Money Amendment Bill** and this will be prioritised this year and we will continue with the process of repealing old repressive laws.
- For processing of other bill we are further dependent on the NCOP on the number of Bills to be considered in any given financial year. In this regard, an estimate of 4 Bills has been planned for the 2021/22 financial year.



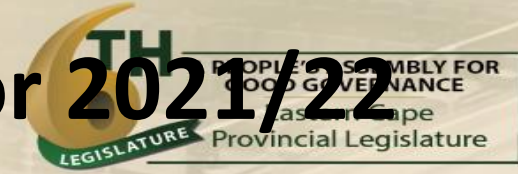
Office of the Chief Whip Programs Priorities for 2021/22



- To work with the Legislature and other social partners to defeat Covid 19 by conducting vigorous oversight on roll out and ensure that PCOs disseminate and publicise information on the efforts of government and required social change.
- Finalise and implement the MPLs performance matrix and produce an annual report for assessment of the work of each committee and individual MPLs.
- To prepare for the Local Government Elections and in the immediate, and to ensure that PCOs are ready to operate as elections operational nerve centres.
- Raise the profile of the Legislature and government thus intensify Sectoral outreach and Provincial Chief Whip Forum
- Intensify communications, Public Relations and the Battle of Ideas



Office of the Chief Whip Programs Priorities for 2021/22



- Ensure that the Legislature is an activist and people-centred institution which thrives on engaged public participation; robust oversight and effective law making.
- Mobilise community involvement and participation on the key pieces of legislation and bills which will be passed into law before local government elections.
- MPLs (through their PCOs) to play an active role in deepening democracy and the culture of human rights.
- PCOs to be much more involved in conducting oversight by ordinary people submitting questions for written and oral reply and submitting petitions to be escalated to the Legislature and Executive.



ICT ENHANCEMENT



- With the outbreak of COVID 19 and the subsequent announcement of the lockdown levels by the President, a drastic demand of the ICT services and change of systems in the manner in which the Legislature conducts its business proved the necessity of **ICT infrastructure and facilities to enable and support the work of the Legislature.**
- **The focus will be on installation of the ERP** and related systems which will improve the internal control environment, improve efficiency and pave the way for greater digitalization of Legislature business processes.



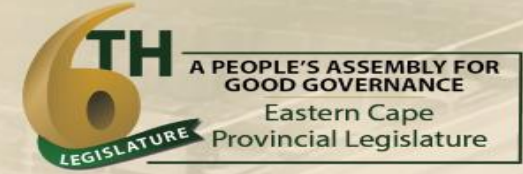
CONCLUSION



- While no person or institution plans to fail but if our plans do not follow the SMART principle (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely), chances of success are slim to none.
- We must clearly set out our priorities which will lead us towards making a resounding impact in pursuit of our mandate. Victory is certain!



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