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ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

The Speaker and the Chairperson

1 Calling of Joint Sitting

CALLING OF JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Ms T R Modise, and the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, Mr A N Masondo, in terms of Joint Rule 7(2), have called a hybrid joint sitting of the Houses of Parliament to conduct a debate on the President's State-of-the-nation Address on 16 and 17 February 2021 at 14:00. The President's reply to the debate is scheduled for 18 February at 14:00.

*T R MODISE MP
SPEAKER OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY*

*A N MASONDO MP
CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF PROVINCES*

2. Joint Rules applicable to Virtual or Hybrid Joint Sittings made in terms of Joint Rule 2 (Unforeseen matters)

Joint Rule 2 of the Joint Rules of Parliament provides that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Council, acting jointly, may give a ruling or make a rule in respect of any matter for which the Joint Rules do not provide, having due regard to the procedures, precedents, practices and conventions developed by joint sittings of both Houses and on the basis of constitutional values and principles underpinning an open, accountable and democratic society. A rule framed by the Speaker and Chairperson, acting jointly, remains in force until a meeting of the Joint Rules Committee has decided on it.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 2 of the Joint Rules, the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces and the Speaker of the National Assembly have made the following Rules to enable the National Council of Provinces and the National Assembly to conduct hybrid or virtual joint sittings.

Part A - Application of Rule

These Rules apply to hybrid and virtual joint sittings of the National Assembly and National Council of Provinces.

Part B - Venue

The venue of a virtual or hybrid joint sitting shall be deemed to be Cape Town, the seat of Parliament.

Part C – Papers

In terms of these Rules, all Papers of the hybrid or virtual joint sitting shall be distributed by electronic means to which Delegates to the National Council of Provinces and Members of the National Assembly have access.

Part D - Privilege and application of Joint Rules in hybrid or virtual joint sittings

In a virtual or hybrid joint sitting –

- (a) Delegates to the National Council of Provinces and Members of the National Assembly shall have the same powers, privileges and immunities which they ordinarily enjoy in parliamentary proceedings; and
- (b) the Joint Rules shall apply.

Part E - Presiding Officers

In a virtual or hybrid joint sitting, the Presiding Officers shall have all the powers as provided for in the Constitution, any other law and Joint Rules.

Part F – Attendance

- (a) For the purposes of a hybrid sittings attendance shall be constituted by those Members of the National Assembly and Delegates to the National Council of Provinces who have logged in and those who are physically present in the Chamber.
- (b) For the purposes of virtual sitting those Members of the National Assembly and Delegates to the National Council of Provinces who have logged in shall be deemed to be present.

Part G – Control of microphones

- (a) In the event of a Member or Delegate not complying with an order or ruling or direction of the Presiding Officer, or acting in a disruptive or grossly disorderly manner during the sitting, the Presiding Officer may direct that the Delegate's or Member's mic be muted/switched off.
- (b) Before proceeding in terms of Subrule (a), the Presiding Officer must inform the Member or Delegate and the House of the intention to do so.

Part H – Public Access

Public access to hybrid or virtual joint sittings shall be facilitated in a manner consistent with participatory and representative democracy and, wherever possible, a virtual or hybrid joint sitting must be livestreamed.

3. Joint Rules applicable to Virtual or Hybrid Joint Committee Meetings made in terms of Joint Rule 2 (Unforeseen matters)

Joint Rule 2 of the Joint Rules of Parliament provides that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Council, acting jointly, may give a ruling or make a rule in respect of any matter for which the Joint Rules do not provide, having due regard to the procedures, precedents, practices and conventions developed by both Houses and on the basis of constitutional values and principles underpinning an open, accountable and democratic society. A rule framed by the Speaker and Chairperson, acting jointly, remains in force until a meeting of the Joint Rules Committee has decided on it.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 2 of the Joint Rules, the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces and the Speaker of the National Assembly have made the following Rules to enable the National Council of Provinces and the National Assembly joint committees to conduct virtual or hybrid committee meetings.

Part A - Application of Rule

These Rules apply to hybrid and virtual meetings of joint committees of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces.

Part B - Venue

The venue of a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting shall be deemed to be Cape Town, the seat of Parliament.

Part C - Papers

In terms of these Rules, all papers of the hybrid or virtual joint committee meeting shall be distributed by electronic means to which committee members have access.

Part D - Privilege and application of Joint Rules in hybrid or virtual joint committee meetings

In a virtual or hybrid meeting –

- (a) joint committee members shall have the same powers, privileges and immunities which they ordinarily enjoy in parliamentary proceedings; and
- (b) the Joint Rules shall apply.

Part E - Presiding Officers

In a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting, the co-chairpersons of a joint committee shall have all the powers as provided for in the Joint Rules.

Part F - Quorum

In a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting –

- (a) the quorum requirements shall be those as determined by the Joint Rules; and

- (b) for the purposes of determining a quorum, all joint committee members who have logged in and those who are physically present in the Committee room shall be deemed to be present for purposes of establishing a quorum.

Part G - Voting

In a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting –

- (a) members shall be entitled to cast their votes either electronically, by voice or by having their vote recorded by their respective whips;
- (b) the procedure to be followed is predetermined by the co-chairpersons, and directives are announced by the co-chairpersons;
- (c) only members who are present when a vote is called shall be permitted to vote;
- (d) the results of a vote are announced and, where possible, the names of members and how they voted are recorded in the Minutes of the meeting; and
- (e) members must ensure that their votes are correctly recorded.

Part H – Public Access

Access to hybrid or virtual joint committee meetings shall be facilitated in a manner consistent with participatory and representative democracy and, wherever possible, a virtual or hybrid joint committee meeting must be livestreamed.

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National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

1. The Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation

- (a) Addendum (Revised) Business Plan of Amatola Water for 2020/21 – 2024/25.
- (b) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the National Home Builders Registration Council for 2020/21.
- (c) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the Estate Agency Affairs Board for 2020/21.
- (d) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the Social Housing Regulatory Authority for 2020/21.
- (e) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the Community Scheme Ombud Services for 2020/21 – 2022/23.

2. The Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture

- (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Cuba on Cooperation in the Fields of Sport and Recreation (signed 23 October 2013), tabled in terms of section 231(3) of the Constitution, 1996.

- (b) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of India on Cooperation in the Fields of Sport and Recreation (signed 29 September 2016), tabled in terms of section 231(3) of the Constitution, 1996.
- (c) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe on Cooperation in the Fields of Sport and Recreation (signed 03 October 2017), tabled in terms of section 231(3) of the Constitution, 1996.

National Assembly

1. The Speaker

- (a) Letter from the President of the Republic, dated 3 February 2021, to the Speaker of the National Assembly, informing members of the Assembly of the extension of employment of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) in cooperation with the South African Police Service.



3 February 2021

Dear Speaker,

EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE IN COOPERATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

This serves to inform the National Assembly that I have extended the employment of Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Two (2,122) members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) in cooperation with the South African Police Service (SAPS) from 1 to 28 February 2021.

2,122 members of the SANDF were employed to support other government departments to preserve life, health or property in emergency or humanitarian relief operations and in cooperation with the SAPS in prevention of crime and maintenance and preservation of the law and order in the Republic of South Africa under adjusted Level 3 regulations.

The extension of employment of members of the SANDF was authorised in accordance with the provisions of Section 201(2)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Section 18(1)(a) and Section 19 of the Defence Act, Act 42 of 2002.

The expenditure to be incurred for this of employment will not exceed the amount of R 64 767 486. 00.

I will communicate this report to members of the National Council of Provinces and wish to request that you bring the contents hereof to the attention of the National Assembly.

Yours sincerely

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President of the Republic of South Africa

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