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ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024

VIRTUAL SPECIAL SITTING: 08H30

1. PRAYER (Item 1 on the Order Paper)

[Opportunity for Prayers or Silent Meditation.](#)

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER (Item 2 on the Order Paper)

2.1 ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE REASON FOR THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL SITTING OF TODAY, TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024

Honourable Members, thank you for availing yourselves for today's special sitting. The Office of the Speaker was advised

to call a special sitting to comply with NCOP processes and to enable the Legislature to participate in the mandate required at the NCOP. Today's special sitting is being held to deal with the debate and voting on the **Conferral of a Final Mandate on the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill [B13B-2021]**.

I trust Members will find this to be in order.

2.2 RULING ON VIRTUAL SITTING AND VOTING ANNOUNCEMENT ON PARTY VOTING DURING THE SPECIAL SITTING

Honourable Members are reminded that this is a special sitting, with Members having connected virtually. As always, the sitting will be conducted in terms of our Standing Rules.

Party voting

Rule 288(4) of the Rules states that –

The presiding officer or chairperson must, before or at the start of the discussion on the matter, expressly inform members if a party vote will be taken.

In line with the above, I can confirm that voting will take place on the –

Conferral of a Final Mandate on the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill [B13B-2021].

Bear in mind that a party vote is a collective vote on behalf of all the Members of a party present at a virtual sitting, up to the total membership of that party in the sitting.

I will, however, allow an opportunity for any individual Member to vote differently from his/her party, or to abstain, if any Member wishes to do so.

We will now proceed with the rest of the items on the Order Paper.

2.3 APOLOGIES

2.3.1 Honourable Ms N Dube-Ncube, the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, has a competing engagement that has been scheduled on the same day as our sitting; and

2.3.2 Honourable Mr SE Manqele has a church commitment.

2.4 MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT WELL

2.4.1 Honourable Ms CM Shinga; and

2.4.2 Honourable Mr ME Phakathi.

2.5 EASTER WEEKEND WISHES

Honourable Members, we are fast approaching Easter, a time when many adherents of the Christian faith, as well as holidaymakers will be travelling to all corners of the country, either to attend religious ceremonies or to spend time with their families or loved ones.

We urge all travellers to adhere to the rules of the road, and to take every possible precaution to ensure that they arrive at their intended destinations safe and sound.

Let us all drive safely and arrive alive.

2.6 VACATING OF OFFICES FOR THE END OF THE SIXTH TERM

Honourable Members, the following announcement contains important information for all Members of this House. The Office of the Chief Whip has requested me to instruct all party Whips and/or party leaders to ensure that they duly inform any Members who may not be present at today's sitting of their obligations regarding the following matters:

Clearing out of offices

In preparation for the Seventh Term, Members' offices at the Legislature need to be cleaned and, where necessary, refurbished. Members should therefore vacate their offices any time between the **9th of April and the 19th of April 2024** at the very latest.

Members are to remove all personal belongings from their offices, as well as items such as books, documents, calendars or papers since Members may not necessarily be allocated the same offices if or when they return after the elections. **Two boxes per Member** will be supplied and left in each Member's office by the **8th of April 2024**. If additional boxes are required, Members may contact **Ms Nonkululeko Nxumalo** from the Members' Affairs Office on **083 298 0434** or by e-mail at nxumalon@kznleg.gov.za in this regard.

Members are hereby advised that staff will start **cleaning and refurbishing offices** from the **22nd of April 2024** onwards.

Please note that the above request also pertains to Members who occupy **NCOP offices in Cape Town**.

Office keys

Office keys should be returned any time between the **9th of April and the 19th of April 2024**. Members must ensure that keys are handed in at the Members' Affairs Office next to the Members' Dining Hall.

Remote controls for air-conditioners and TV sets

Remote-control units for air-conditioners, and remote-control gadgets for TVs in respect of Members whose offices are fitted with TV sets, must be returned along with office keys between **the 9th of April 2024 and the 19th of April 2024**. These gadgets must also be returned to the Members' Affairs Office next to the Members' Dining Hall.

Travel claims

Members are to submit all outstanding travel claims arising from this term by the **30th of April 2024**.

Unused travel vouchers

Members are advised that all unused travel vouchers for the current financial year will expire on the **31st of March 2024**. Members will, however, still be allocated two travel vouchers at the beginning of the new financial year, which will be redeemable for the months of **April and May 2024**. Returning and new Members will be allocated the remaining 10 (ten) vouchers redeemable within the first financial year of the Seventh Term. These vouchers will expire on the **31st of March 2025**.

Official passports

Members who have **official passports** are requested to return them to the Office of the Secretary for safekeeping. Returning of official passports will commence on the **09th of**

April and end on the 28th of May 2024. Members may contact **Ms Nokuthula Sikhakhane** regarding arrangements for the return of official passports. She can be reached on **082 802 6815** or, alternatively, via e-mail at zumanp@kznleg.gov.za.

Cell phones provided to Office Bearers

Members are required to discuss arrangements with the Supply Chain Management Unit regarding instruments and contracts. They may contact **Mr Mathew Mathe** on **081 011 1361** or, alternatively, via e-mail at mathem@kznleg.gov.za between the **14th of April and the 17th of May 2024**. Any costs incurred on instruments from the date of the general election (**29th of May 2024**) and **after May 2024** shall be for Members' own account.

Access cards

Members may choose to return their existing access cards, irrespective of whether they return for the Seventh Term or not. Each access card will be reprogrammed to reflect Members' new status, either as a former Member or as a new Member.

Parking bays

Parking bays will be allocated to incoming Members as soon as the lists of new Members are finalised.

ICT equipment

Members have the option to keep or to return ICT tools of trade, as per the Legislature's Policy on ICT Tools of Trade. Outstanding payments on laptops, tablets, iPads and printers that had been supplied to Members will be deducted from their May 2024 salaries, as per the contract signed by Members. Members who choose to return ICT

tools of trade are hereby requested to transfer all their personal data to an external storage device before returning ICT equipment to the ICT Unit. Members who require assistance with transferring data from their tools of trade to external storage devices are requested to bring such external storage devices to the ICT Unit so that the ICT team can assist them with data transfers.

Access to the Legislature's network, e-mails, Microsoft Office applications such as MS Word or Outlook, antivirus software and access to APN mobile data, will automatically terminate after working hours on **the 28th of May 2024**.

Tools of trade allowance

Members who opted for the allowance that runs for 36 months from the date of payment are requested to pay back the advance portion of the allowance, that is, for the period **after May 2024**. Members can obtain their individual balances from the Finance division.

Library books

Members are requested to return all borrowed books to the library **by the return date indicated, or no later than the day prior to the election, but preferably before the 24th of May 2024**. Failure to do so will result in the price of each unreturned book being deducted from Members' salaries. Lost library books, or any similar items obtained from the library, must be reported as soon as possible so that payment can be processed.

2.7 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY COMMEMORATION

Honourable Members, you will recall that at our last sitting we announced that the Office of the Premier had extended an invitation to Members to attend the commemoration of

this year's Human Rights Day. The Legislature subsequently received a follow-up communique from the Office of the Premier, stating that the event unfortunately had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

A new date for this year's commemoration of Human Rights Day has been announced for **Thursday, 28 March 2024**. Activities will start at **10h00** at the **Makhasa Stadium** at **Hluhluwe** in the **Hlabisa Big Five Local Municipality, uMkhanyakude District**.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS BY THE PREMIER (Item 3 on the Order Paper)

Opportunity for the Premier to make Announcements.

4. FORMAL MOTIONS OR NOTICES BY THE CHIEF WHIP (Item 4 on Order Paper)

Opportunity for the Chief Whip to present motions or notices.

5. ORDER OF THE DAY (Item 5 on the Order Paper)

5.1 Debate and Voting on the Conferral of a Final Mandate on the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill [B13B-2021].

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