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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TABLINGS

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HYBRID SITTING: 09H00

1. PRAYER (Item 1 on the Order Paper)

Opportunity for Prayers or Silent Meditation.

2. OBITUARIES (Item 2 on the Order Paper)

Honourable Members, since our last sitting, the Office of the Speaker has learnt of the passing on of some of our brothers, sisters and significant others. While no words can ever erase the pain family members feel during their time of grief and sorrow, it is our hope that the passage of time may make the sad loss that

they have suffered more bearable. We want to mention the following persons in particular:

- 2.1 Mr Lunga Sanele Thwala, the son of Ms Sizakele Mtshali, a staff member in the Finance section of the Legislature;
- 2.2 Mr Siphiwe Mkhonza, former Kaizer Chiefs and Bloemfontein Celtic defender and popular TV analyst. Mr Mkhonza began his career at the now defunct Celtic Football Club in 1999, and turned out for Ria Stars and Lamontville Golden Arrows before joining Chiefs in 2004. After leaving Amakhosi in 2007, Mkhonza played for SuperSport United, Maritzburg United, AmaZulu and Black Leopards. He was an analyst on SABC for a number of years after his playing career;
- 2.3 All victims of gender-based violence, femicide and hate crimes;
- 2.4 All public servants and traditional leaders of this province and the country at large; and
- 2.5 All other victims of road fatalities in our province during the recent past.

Let us now observe a moment of silence to honour all those who have gone ahead of us.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER (Item 3 on the Order Paper)

3.1 APOLOGIES

- 3.1.1 Honourable Mr RT Mthembu, the Deputy Speaker, is attending a Pension Fund Board meeting in Cape Town; and

3.1.2 Honourable Mr P Govender, honourable Mr NN Ngubane, honourable SE Manqele and honourable Ms CM Shinga have party commitments.

3.2 MEMBER WHO IS NOT WELL

3.2.1 Honourable Mr ME Phakathi.

3.3 NEWLY SWORN-IN MEMBER

Honourable members, I have pleasure in introducing a new member who was sworn in this morning, Thursday, 07 March 2024, at the Speaker's Boardroom. The new member is honourable Ms Riona Gokool who replaces Ms S Hoosen who resigned on the 19th of February 2024.

3.4 BIRTHDAYS

Today, 7 March, is honourable RZP Zulu's birthday. May I take this opportunity to wish you all the happiness this life can offer.

I would also like to wish a happy birthday in advance to the following Members:

1. Hon Mr L M Meyer (11 March)
2. Hon Dr I Keeka (12 March), and
3. Hon Mr T V Xulu (29 March)

May you have a wonderful year ahead.

3.5 PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Honourable Members, you are kindly informed that there will be a Finance Budget Briefing for all committees in the Chamber today, immediately after Members have had their lunch.

3.6 HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

Honourable Members, as you know, South Africans celebrate March as Human Rights Month. It harks back to the 21st of March 1960, a day on which many South Africans engaged in various defiance campaigns against the iniquitous pass laws that used to be on the Statute Book of this country. During the month of March, we highlight and celebrate all the civil liberties we currently enjoy, for instance universal suffrage and various other human rights that are outlined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the United Nations' documentation on civil liberties and human rights.

3.7 INVITATION: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Ms Nomusa Dube-Ncube and Members of the Executive Council cordially invite all Members of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature to attend the **International Women's Day** celebration to be held on **Friday, 08 March 2024**, starting at **09h00** at the **Dulcie September Conference Centre, Edgewood Campus, eThekweni**.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS BY THE PREMIER (Item 4 on the Order Paper)

[Opportunity for the Premier to make Announcements.](#)

5. TABLING OF REPORTS OR PAPERS (Item 5 on the Order Paper)

5.1 Honourable Members, there are no tablings today.

6. FORMAL MOTIONS OR NOTICES BY THE CHIEF WHIP (Item 6 on Order Paper)

Opportunity for the Chief Whip to present motions or notices.

7. ORDER OF THE DAY (Item 7 on the Order Paper)

7.1 Budget Speech by the MEC for Finance.