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HYBRID MEETING: 11H40

COMMON VENUE

INTRODUCTION (*at start of Budget debate*)

Presiding Officer

Rules

Honourable Members, this budget debate is conducted through hybrid means and the normal Standing Rules of the Legislature will apply to the debate.

Connectivity

Before we proceed to the budget debate, I must reiterate the ruling of the Speaker which relates to connectivity problems. The Speaker has ruled that the following measures will be adopted to try and assist Members who may not be able to participate in a debate due to connectivity challenges.

1. If a Member has problems with connectivity and is unable to deliver his/her speech, the Presiding Officer will call the next speaker on the Speakers' List so as not to delay the proceedings. If the Member regains connectivity before a response to the debate has commenced, the Presiding Officer will be flexible and allow the affected Member to deliver his/her speech, with the proviso that the Member reconnects to the sitting prior to the commencement of the response to the debate.
2. Secondly, we request that a Member who is scheduled to participate in a debate should arrange for a fellow party Member to be on standby to read the Member's speech into the record should the need arise. The Presiding Officer will allow a fellow party Member to read out the

speech on behalf of a Member who is unable to deliver his/her own speech.

3. If all interventions fail and a Member is still unable to deliver his/her speech and has not managed to arrange for a fellow party Member or a Whip to deliver the speech on his/her behalf, that speech will unfortunately not form part of the official record of proceedings.
4. In short, if Members have connectivity problems, the Presiding Officers will follow the above guidance to try and assist them. We trust that is in order.

Lastly, Members who are not actively part of a debate are reminded to mute their microphones and switch off their cameras at all times. Also, Members are requested to take all reasonable measures to reduce any background noises that may interfere with the broadcasting of proceedings.

Honourable Members, I also wish to confirm that the Budget Report 2025/2026 of the Office of the Premier has been tabled in terms of the Standing Rules.

We will now proceed with the matters on the agenda being the **debate on Vote 1**.

[Presiding Officer proceeds with the debate on the Vote]

At the end of the debate:

Presiding Officer

Thank you, honourable Members, we have come to the end of the debate on Vote 1.