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Employment is top priority

DESPITE SLOW economic growth government has plans to improve the lives of South Africans.

Chris Bathembu and Ongezwa Mogotsi

President Jacob Zuma delivered his State of the National Address (SoNA) at a time when the economy is not growing fast enough to create much-needed jobs. Despite this, the President delivered a speech that gave a positive outlook on the country's future.

DID YOU KNOW?

Government spends R500 billion a year buying goods and services. Added to this, government also has a R900 billion infrastructure budget.

He outlined a number of proposals aimed at boosting employment including:

- The establishment of an Invest SA One-Stop Shop.
- Taking advantage of tourism as a job driver.
- Scaling up the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP).
- Using public infrastructure as a way to create work opportunities.

Government will use the Nine-Point Plan announced in the 2015 SoNA to help speed up growth and employment.

The key pillars of the plan include, among other things, resolving the energy challenge, promoting agriculture and agro-processing, advancing

beneficiation, and encouraging private sector investment.

President Zuma said government had also identified tourism as a key job driver.

"We are thus pleased that our tourist arrival numbers for the period January to November 2016 increased to nine million, an increase of just over one million arrivals from 2015. This represents a 13 percent growth in tourist arrivals," he said.

In addition, government runs effective poverty alleviation programmes such as the EPWP.

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six million work opportunities by the end of March 2019. Of the work opportunities created, more than one million have been taken up by the youth."

President Zuma noted that during 2015/2016, more than 61 000 work opportunities were created through Environmental Programmes such as Working for Water, Working for Wetlands, Working on Fire and Working for Ecosystems. More than 60 percent of the beneficiaries were young people.

This has led to job creation in the Northern Cape and diversification of the economy through the creation of artisan and maintenance jobs, and the



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promotion of science as a career of choice.

On road infrastructure, the South African National Roads Agency (Sanral) has started the planning phase of the R4.5 billion Moloto road upgrade.

In 2014, government launched the Operation Phakisa Big Fast results meth-

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New minimum wage will help the poor

MORE THAN 6 MILLION workers stand to benefit from the new national minimum wage.

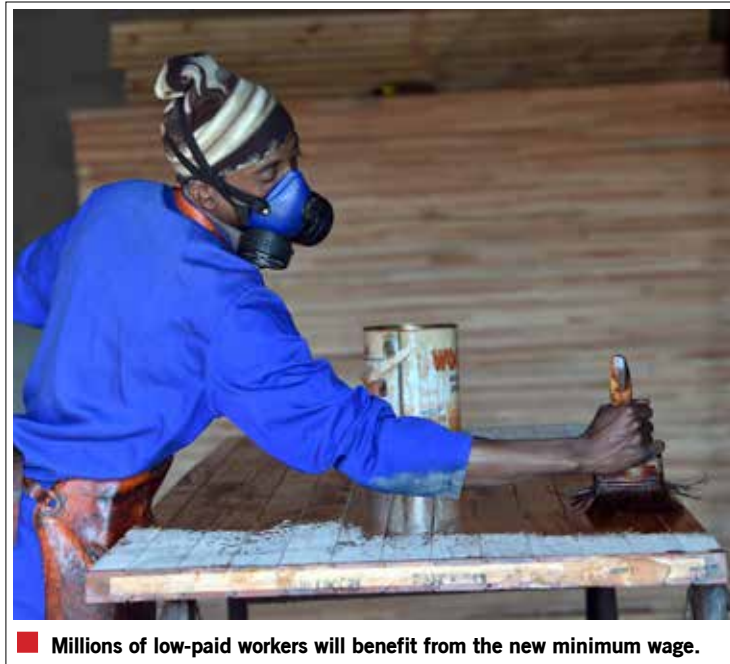
Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced that the national minimum wage has been set at R20 per hour or R3 500 a month for those who work a 40-hour week.

Those who work a 45-hour week will have their minimum wage set at R3 900.

The Deputy President said the new minimum wage will come into effect on 1 May 2018.

"The national minimum wage, which is a floor below which no worker will be paid, will significantly improve the lives of millions of low-paid workers and begin to address the challenge of wage inequality in our country.

"At its introduction next year, South Africa will join several countries around the world that have implemented



Millions of low-paid workers will benefit from the new minimum wage.

a national minimum wage as an instrument of economic as well as social development," he said.

The Deputy President said social partners representing organised labour and civic

society organisations at the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac) signed agreements on measures to strengthen labour stability as well as to deepen the process of collec-

"The agreements restore the dignity of all poor South Africans."

tive bargaining, as well as the modalities to introduce the national minimum wage.

The agreements represent a significant advance "in our efforts as a nation and as people to address the challenges of wage inequality in our country as well as stabilising the labour market".

He said the agreements also power up the momentum to tackle inequality and poverty.

The agreements restore the dignity of all poor South Africans.

The Deputy President said 6.6 million workers were

surviving on a living wage of under R3 500 and that there is a need to begin a journey of improving the income of low-paid workers.

"What we arrived at in terms of the national minimum wage is not a living wage. This forms a firm foundation of moving our country towards a living wage. It is a start. These agreements are a result of nearly two years of deliberations.

"They are a response by the call that was made by President Zuma".

He said companies that cannot afford the national minimum wage can apply for exemption from government.

The Deputy President also said the minimum wage would be evaluated from time to time to assess its impact on jobs. **U**

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odology in the ocean economy, health, education and mining sectors. The purpose was to find a few key projects to unlock growth in implementing the National Development Plan.

Radical economic transformation

Meanwhile President Jacob Zuma said radical economic transformation will be at the centre of government's priorities for 2017.

"Today we are beginning a new chapter of radical transformation. The state will play a role in the economy to drive that transformation," the President said.

He said the time had come for the state to move a step further to ensure an overhaul of the economic structure of the country for the benefit of all citizens.

"The gap between the annual average household incomes of African-headed households and their white counterparts remains shockingly huge. White households earn at least five times more than black households, according to Statistics SA," President Zuma said. **U**

Land for all

Bathandwa Mbola

During the State of the Nation Address (SoNA), President Jacob Zuma announced that the state will increase its power to use the Expropriation Act to pursue land reform and land redistribution, in line with the Constitution.

"It will be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve true reconciliation until the land question is resolved.

"Only eight million hectares of arable land have been transferred to black people, which is only 9.8 percent of the 82 million hectares of arable land in South Africa.

"There has also been

a 19 percent decline in households involved in agriculture from 2.9 million in 2011 to 2.3 million households in 2016."

Since 1994, government has transferred millions of hectares of land back to blacks who were removed from their ancestral land, but some people feel that the pace of redistribution has not been fast enough.

President Zuma said that going forward government will continue to implement other programmes such as the Strengthening of Relatives Rights programme, also known as the 50-50 programme.

In this programme, farm workers join together as a legal entity and together with the farm owner es-



FAST FACT

The year 2017 has been declared the Year of Oliver Reginald Tambo who would have turned 100 years this year.

establish a new company as being joint owners.

President Zuma renewed the call for land claimants to accept land instead of financial compensation. Over 90 percent of claims are cur-

rently settled through financial compensation which does not help the process at all.

"It perpetuates dispossession. It also undermines economic empowerment," he said.

The President called on South Africans to unite to move the country forward.

"It is the year of unity in action by all South Africans as we move South Africa forward together," the President said. **U**



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FROM THE UNION BUILDINGS

a message from the President



South Africa is for all of us

On 21 March, our nation will again observe Human Rights Day – a day on which we normally focus on the many rights enshrined in our Constitution; rights that did not exist when the apartheid regime perpetrated the Sharpeville Massacre of anti-pass law protesters on March 21, 1960.

This year we will mark the Human Rights Day commemoration at Ginsberg in King Williamstown in the Eastern Cape, in honour of Mr Steve Biko who paid the supreme price for freedom when he was murdered by the apartheid state in 1977.

Fifty-seven years after Sharpeville and 40 years after the death of Steve Biko, government has declared that the political freedom gained in 1994 must be accompanied by economic freedom for the black majority in this country, and the Africans in particular. We are not going to be apologetic about that.

The rights set out in our Constitution will be hollow as long as large numbers of South Africans – and Africans in particular – are unskilled or unemployed, or unable to access the finances and support required to launch businesses.

Radical socio-economic transformation will help us to grow the economy in a way that will include all South Africans and will ensure true reconciliation and prosperity.

The fact that white households earn five times more than black households cannot guarantee a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

The ownership figures of companies at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange that show that the economy remains concentrated in the hands of white South Africans, should worry all of us.

As we set out this year to turn our vision of radical so-



■ The Expanded Public Works Programme has since 2014, created more than two million work opportunities.

cio-economic transformation into action, we must declare that affirmative action and

us to heal the divisions of the past and to establish a society based on democratic values,

us to achieve a truly united, non-racial and prosperous society.

“All these measures exist to ensure that no South African is marginalised in the country of their birth...”



■ Small businesses are set to get 3 percent of contracts or tenders from government.

black economic empowerment do not demonstrate hatred of white people.

They are aimed at ensuring the achievement of true reconciliation in the country based on the Constitution of the Republic.

The Constitution enjoins

social justice and fundamental human rights.

Radical economic transformation, of which affirmative action and BEE form a part, are part of healing the divisions of the past.

White compatriots will be part of this process as it will assist

the manufacturing sector.

The Department of Small Business Development will work with state owned companies and enterprises as well as government departments, to ensure that 30 percent of their contracts or tenders are subcontracted to small businesses.

While we prepare the ground for greater meaningful participation by black South Africans in our economy, government will continue its own effort to create opportunities for South Africans who need them the most at a time when our economy is not creating jobs.

Government runs effective poverty alleviation programmes such as the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). In addition, social grants now reach close to 17 million people, mainly older persons and children. Many families would not be able to put food on the table if it were not for social grants.

The EPWP has since 2014, created more than two million work opportunities towards the attainment of the target of six million work opportunities by the end of March 2019. Of the work opportunities created, more than a million have been taken up by the youth.

Just a few weeks ago, leaders of government, organised labour, the community sector and the business community reached an important agreement on a national minimum wage of R20 an hour that will be implemented no later than May 2018.

All these measures exist to ensure that no South African is marginalised in the country of their birth and that we build – with visible results and improvements in people’s lives – the non-racial, non-sexist, prosperous South Africa all of us should be a part of and proud of. ■

All South Africans should therefore join government and one another in helping us move towards an economy that will create more opportunity for more people and overcome the divisions of the past. These divisions used to determine who would live where, who would be educated where, who would do which jobs, who would earn which income, and who would live longer, healthier and safer lives than others.

In 2017, government’s policies on small businesses and black economic empowerment will prioritise the development of entrepreneurs who play a meaningful role in the productive sectors of the economy.

When we speak of black industrialists, we want to see factories owned by black people in



President Jacob Zuma delivered the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) to Parliament in Cape Town on Thursday, 9 February 2017.

The President mentioned that in this 23rd year of freedom, government's mission remained the quest for a united, democratic, non-sexist, non-racial and prosperous South Africa.

"Guided by the National Development Plan (NDP), we are building a South Africa that must be free from poverty, inequality and unemployment," he said.

He said while the global economic environment remained uncertain, indications were that the country had entered a period of recovery, with an anticipated economic growth rate of 1.3 percent in 2017 following an estimated 0.5 percent growth rate in 2016.

The President acknowledged that the economy was still not growing fast enough to create much-needed jobs, especially for the youth.

Job creation

The focus areas of the Nine-Point Plan to reignite the economy to be able to create much-needed jobs include industrialisation, mining and beneficiation, agriculture and agro-processing, energy, small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs), managing workplace conflict, attracting investments growing the oceans economy and tourism.

Cross-cutting areas such as science and technolo-



Nine-Point Plan to reignite the economy to create much-needed jobs

gical minimum wage and on measures to stabilise labour relations.

Resolving the energy challenge

By February 2017, nearly seven million households had been connected to the grid and now have electricity.

The successful execution of Eskom's Build and Maintenance programmes helped to ensure stability and an end to load-shedding. Work is continuing to ensure energy security. Renewable energy forms an important part of the energy mix, which also includes electricity generation from gas, nuclear, solar, wind, hydro and coal.

Govern-

ment is committed to the overall Independent Power Producer Programme and is expanding the programme to other sources of energy, including coal and gas, in addition to renewable energy.

Eskom will sign the outstanding power purchase agreements for renewable energy in line with the procured rounds.

Water and sanitation

Government is working hard to ensure reliable bulk-water supply in the various areas of the country to support economic growth while increasing access to vulnerable and rural municipalities.

In an effort to curb high water losses, which in some municipalities far exceed the national average which is at 37 percent, about 10 000 unemployed youth are being trained as plumbers, artisans and water agents. More will be recruited this year to reach the total of 15 000. Municipalities have been urged to support the War on Leaks Programme.

Boosting economic growth

The interaction between government, business and labour, known as the CEO Initiative, has been able to address some domestic challenges.

As a result, the country successfully avoided credit rating downgrades, which would have had a significant impact on the economy.

Stable labour market

South Africa's labour market environment is showing signs of stability, owing to co-operation by social partners.

Unity in action was demonstrated following the conclusion of the agreement on the na-



The Year of Oliver Reginald Tambo

"An illustrious son of our country, President Oliver Reginald Tambo, would have turned 100 years old this year, had he lived.

"This selfless patriot dedicated his adult life to a tireless pursuit of the liberation of our country and its people. He left a lasting legacy for all South Africans.

"In his honour, we have declared the year 2017, the Year of Oliver Reginald Tambo. It is the year of unity in action

by all South Africans as we move South Africa forward, together."

– President Jacob Zuma, SoNA, 9

February 2017



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Did you know?

Energy

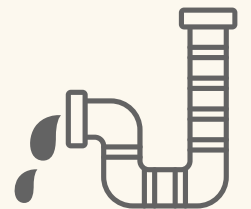
- 7 million – households that have been connected to the grid and now have electricity.



Fast fact

Water and sanitation

- 37 percent – the national average of water losses in some municipalities.
- 10 000 – unemployed youth being trained as plumbers, artisans and water agents.
- 15 000 – the total number to be trained as plumbers, artisans and water agents by end of 2017.



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The Moloto Road and a railway line are currently under construction with the purpose of ensuring the safety of road users and also bringing to an end the accidents that claim many lives.



Did you know?

Science

- 8 – African partners supported South Africa to win the bid to host the Square Kilometre Array telescope.



Road infrastructure

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During 2016, South Africa signed a cooperation agreement with the People's Republic of China (PRC) to build the Moloto Rail Development Corridor.

Did you know?

Since its inception in 2011, Asidi has provided water to 617 schools, sanitation to 425 schools and electricity to 307 schools that previously did not have access to these basic amenities.



Fast fact

Education

- 173 – the number of inappropriate school structures that have been eradicated since 2011.
- 895 – new schools that provide a conducive learning environment for children.
- 87 – points achieved by South Africa in mathematics.
- 90 – points achieved by South Africa in science.



Together with its precursor, the MeerKAT telescope, the SKA project continues to make important contributions to socio-economic development in South Africa.

School infrastructure

Government continues to build modern schools, and is replacing mud structures and other inappropriate buildings through the Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative.

A total of 173 inappropriate school structures have been eradicated since 2011. In total, 895 new schools now provide a conducive learning environment for school children.

Promoting investment

To promote investment, government has established InvestSA, an investment one-stop shop, nationally and will open provincial centres in KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and the Western Cape. Affected government departments have been requested to avoid undue delays and unnecessary red tape, such as the issuing of licences to visas that should make it easy to do business in South Africa.

Educational achievements

The results in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study and the Southern and East African Consortium for Monitoring Educational Quality show that the performance of South African learners is improving. Among the participating countries, South Africa has shown the largest improvement of 87 points

in mathematics and 90 in science.

Science and technology

Since South Africa, supported by its eight African partners (Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia and Zambia), won the bid to host the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) telescope,

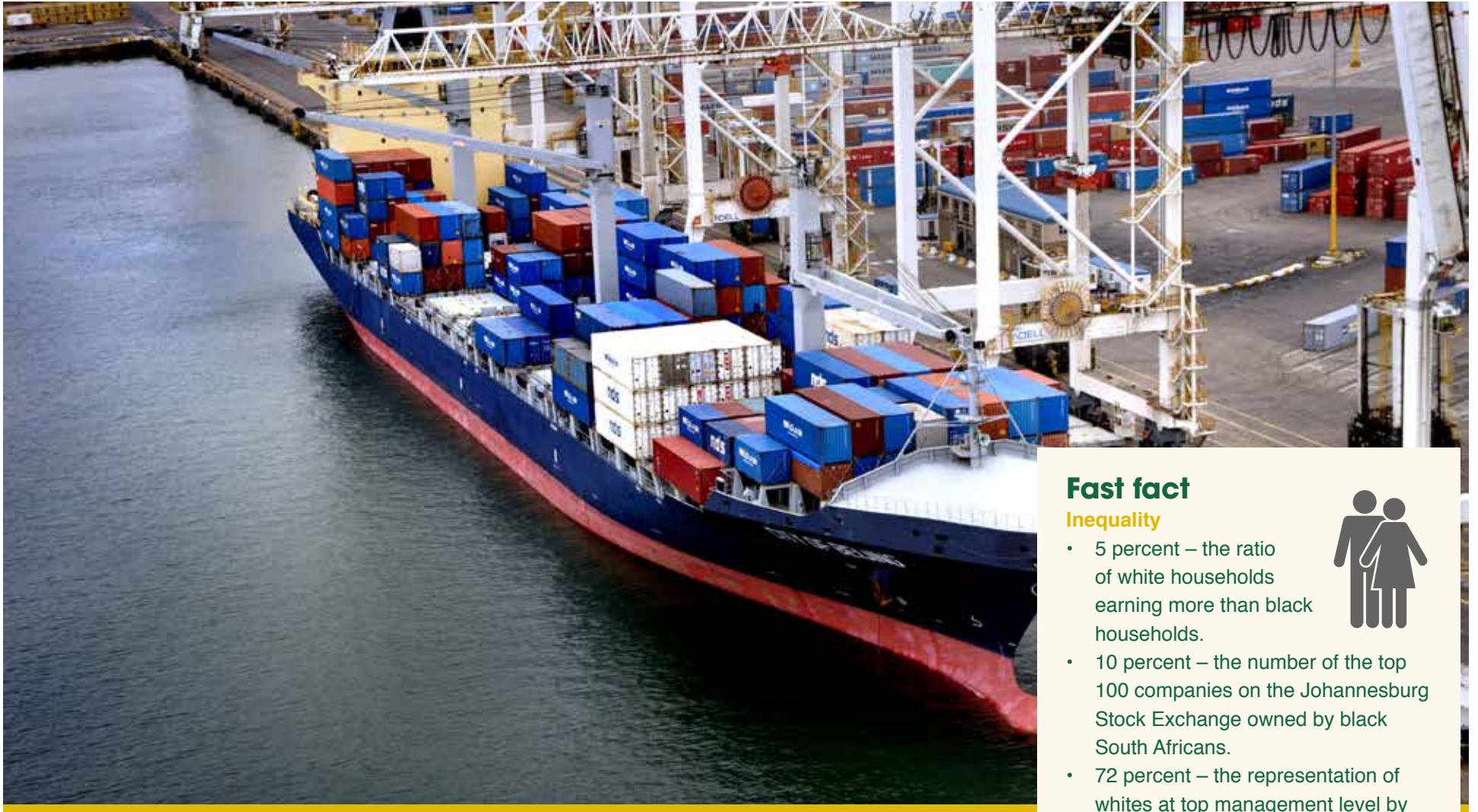
significant progress has been made in building this mega science project and reaping its benefits.

Together with its precursor, the MeerKAT telescope, the SKA project continues to make important contributions to socio-economic development in South Africa.

The Department of Science and Technology is implementing a technology localisation strategy,



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Operation Phakisa

The Operation Phakisa Big Fast Results Methodology in the ocean economy, health, education and mining sectors – which was launched in 2014 to unlock growth in implementing the NDP – is proceeding well.

The South African Navy (SAN) also participates in the Operation Phakisa project and is preparing to host the government garage concept for all state-owned vessels in Simon's Town near Cape Town, including the maintenance and repair

of government-owned vessels, through the newly established SAN/ Armaments Corporation of South Africa/Denel partnership.

Tourism

Government has identified tourism as a key job driver.

Tourist arrival numbers for January to November 2016 increased to nine million, an increase of just over a million arrivals from 2015. This represents a 13 percent growth in tourist arrivals.

Poverty-alleviation programmes

Government runs effective poverty alleviation programmes such as the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). The EPWP has since 2014 created more than two million work opportunities and the target is to create six million work opportunities by the end of March 2019. More than a million of the work opportunities have been taken up by the youth.

Many families benefit from social grants, which now reach close to 17 million people, mainly older persons and children.

During the 2015/16 financial year, more than 61 000 work opportunities were created through environmental programmes such as Working for Water, Working for Wetlands, Working on Fire and Working for Ecosystems. More than 60 percent of the beneficiaries were young people.



Social development

17 million – people receiving social grants, mainly older persons and children.

Fast fact

Inequality

- 5 percent – the ratio of white households earning more than black households.
- 10 percent – the number of the top 100 companies on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange owned by black South Africans.
- 72 percent – the representation of whites at top management level by 2015/16.
- 10 percent – the representation of Africans at top management level by 2015/16.
- 4.5 percent – the representation of coloureds at top management level by 2015/16.
- 8.7 percent – the representation of Indians at top management level by 2015/16.
- 67.6 percent – male representation at top management level by 2015/16.
- 32.4 percent – female representation at top management level by 2015/16.



Fast fact

Aquaculture offers real opportunities for SMMEs

- Globally, aquaculture supplies almost 50 percent of the world's fish. It is estimated that by 2030, the world will require an additional 50 tonnes of fish, which come mainly from aquaculture.
- To date, 10 projects are in the process in the Eastern Cape, Northern Cape, Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal with funding secured from the newly-established Aquaculture Development Enhancement Programme.
- More than 500 jobs have been created and committed.
- The sector has realised private sector investment of R338 million with government investment at R106



Did you know?

- 30 000 vessels pass by South Africa's waters.
- 13 000 vessels dock in South Africa ports.
- 1.2 million tonnes of liquid fuel passes along the coast.
- 300 million tonnes of cargo on foreign owned and crewed vessels is shipped.
- 80 rigs estimated to be in range of the Western Cape.

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Socio-economic transformation

Government has acknowledged the slow pace of transformation in the workplace and the implementation of affirmative action policies, as required by the Employment Equity Act, 1998 (Act 55 of 1998).

In terms of the 2015/16 information submitted to the Employment Equity Commission, the representation of whites at top management level amounted to 72 percent while African representation was at 10 percent. The representation of coloureds stood at 4.5 percent and Indians at 8.7 percent.

At the level of gender at senior management level, males remain dominant at 67.6 percent and females at 32.4 percent.

Government is undertaking a new chapter of radical socio-economic transformation to correct the skewed nature of ownership and leadership patterns which exclude the majority.

This includes legislation, regulations, licensing, budget and procurement as well as Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment charters to influence the behaviour of the private sector and drive transformation.

Procurement

The state spends R500 billion a year buying goods and services, in addition to the R900 billion infrastructure budget, to achieve economic transformation.

New regulations making it compulsory for big contractors to subcontract 30 percent of business to black-owned enter-

prises have been finalised and were gazetted on 20 January 2017.

Through such regulations and programmes, government will be able to use the state buying power to empower small enterprises and rural and township enterprises, designated groups and to promote local industrial development.

However, two key challenges being faced are the high levels of concentration in the economy, and the collusion and cartels, which squeeze out small players and hamper the entry of young entrepreneurs and black industrialists.

The competition authorities have uncovered the cartels and punished them for breaking the law.



Legislation to criminalise the cartels and collusion came into effect on 1 May 2016 and it carries jail sentences of up to 10 years.

During 2017, the Department of Economic Development will bring legislation to Cabinet that will seek to amend the Competition Act, 1998 (Act 89 of 1998). It will, among others, address the need to have a more inclusive economy and to de-concentrate the high levels of ownership and control in many sectors. The legislation

will be tabled for consideration by Parliament.

Housing

Government is actively involved in the property sector and has provided more than four million houses since 1994.

The housing sector in South Africa is valued at approximately R7 trillion, with the subsidised sector being valued at R1.5 trillion.

However, less than five percent of the sector is owned or managed by black people and Africans in particular. The Department of Human Settlements will publish a draft Property Practitioners Bill for public comment with the purpose of establishing a more inclusive, representative sector, towards radical economic transformation.

Government will this year

also address the increasing delays and backlogs in registration and issuing of title deeds to beneficiaries of housing projects funded by the capital subsidy.

The development of the Black Industrialists Programme will ensure the direct involvement of black people in business and owning factories. The programme has since inception supported more than 22 entrepreneurs.

Programmes to modernise harbours

The Department of Public Works will invest approximately R100 million this year on critical capital and maintenance programmes to modernise harbours. The programmes will also continue generating revenue from letting state-owned harbours and coastline properties, which will benefit black-owned SMMEs.

Information and communications technology (ICT)

Government will also continue to pursue policies that seek to broaden the participation of black people and SMMEs, including those owned by women and the youth, in the ICT sector.

The lowering of the cost of data is uppermost in policies and plans of government.

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Reversing apartheid legacy

Only eight million hectares (ha) of arable land have been transferred to black people, which is only 9.8 percent of the 82 million ha of arable land in South Africa.

There has also been a 19 percent decline in households involved in agriculture from 2.9 million in 2011 to 2.3 million households in 2016.

Government will use the Expropriation Act, 1975 (Act 63 of 1975) to pursue land reform and land redistribution, in line with the Constitution.

The reopening of land claims is also still on hold because the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014 (Act 15 of 2014) was declared invalid by the Constitutional Court.

The Constitutional Court found that the public consultation process facilitated by the National Council of Provinces and some provincial legislatures, did not meet the standard set in the Constitution.

Government will continue to implement other programmes such as the Strengthening the Relative Rights of People Working the Land programme, also known as the 50-50 programme.

By February 2017, 13 proposals had been approved, benefiting 921 farm dweller households at a value of R631 million.

Government has appealed to land claimants to accept land instead of financial compensation. Over 90 percent of claims



government has provided **R2.5 billion** for livestock feed, water infrastructure, drilling, equipping and refurbishment of boreholes, auction sales and other interventions.

are currently settled through financial compensation, which perpetuates dispossession and also undermines economic empowerment.

Government has committed itself to support black small-holder farmers and will implement a commercialisation support programme for 450 of them.

Women have been encouraged to consider farming. The

2016 Female Farmer of the Year was Ms Vanecia Janse from the Koukamma Municipality in the Eastern Cape.

Drought relief

To mitigate the drought, government has provided R2.5 billion for livestock feed, water infrastructure, drilling, equipping and refurbishment of boreholes, auction sales and other interventions.

Furthermore, the Industrial Development Corporation and the Land Bank have provided funding of about R500 million to distressed farmers to manage their credit facilities and support with soft loans.

Women emancipation

Government will continue to mainstream the empowerment of women in all government programmes and prioritise women's access to economic opportunities and, in particular, to business financing and credit.

Funding higher education

Accumulated debt and fast-rising fees have made it harder and harder for students from less-privileged households

to enter and stay within the education system until they complete their studies.

In addition to taking over the responsibility to pay the fee increase for the 2016 academic year, government has settled all debt owed by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) students and extended the coverage to larger numbers of students than ever before.

It has announced additional measures aimed at making higher education accessible to more students from working-class families.

Government has provided funds to ensure that no student whose combined family income is up to R600 000 per year will face fee increases at universities and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges in 2017.

All students who qualify for NSFAS loans, and who have been accepted by universities and TVET colleges, will be funded. The university debt of NSFAS qualifying students for 2013, 2014 and 2015 academic years has been addressed. Government has reprioritised R32 billion within government baselines to support higher education.

Government has initiated processes to look into the issue of NSFAS students who study at some universities that charge fees that are higher than the subsidy that NSFAS provides, and thus end up accumulating debt.

Mining

The Mining Charter, which seeks to recognise the internationally accepted right of the state to exercise sovereignty over all the mineral and petroleum resources within South Africa, is currently being reviewed.

It is also aimed at helping the country to deracialise the ownership of the mining industry to ensure its sustainability.

Government will continue pursuing direct state involvement in mining. The Mining Company of South Africa Bill will be presented to Cabinet and Parliament during the year.

The Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Bill was sent back to Parliament so that issues relating to the public consultation process undertaken by provincial legislatures can be addressed.

Government continues to work with other stakeholders to combat illegal mining to save lives and to prevent the trafficking of precious metals and diamonds. It also continues to place great emphasis on the health and safety of mineworkers, which is crucial to the sustainability of the mining sector.



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Fighting crime

Police will increase visible policing, building on the successful pattern of deployments used during the Safer Festive Season Campaign.

Police will also use certain specialised capabilities, such as the tactical response teams and national intervention units, to assist in addressing problematic high-crime areas.

Other measures to fight crime nationally will include the establishment of specialised units, focusing on drug-related crime, taxi violence and firearms and the enhanced utilisation of investigative aids such as forensic leads.

The police will also enhance the utilisation of the DNA database in the identification of suspects.

One of the strategies of fighting crime is to ensure that those who are released from prison do not commit crime again.

Justice and correctional services

The Department of Correctional Services continues to turn prisons into correctional centres and as a result, compliance levels with parole and probation conditions have improved to reach a historic mark of 98%. The country has also made good progress in reducing the numbers of children in correctional centres.

The High Court Division in Limpopo was opened in November 2016 and the Mpumalanga High Court will be completed in 2017, realising the goal of a high court in every province.



Fighting corruption

The Asset Forfeiture Unit completed 389 forfeiture cases to the value of R349 million and obtained 326 freezing orders to the value of R779 million.

A total of R13 million was recovered in cases where government officials were involved in corruption and other related offences in 2016.

Bringing justice to the people

The R1 billion investment in a state-of-the-art High Court in Limpopo will go a long way to help communities to access justice.

The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DOJ&CD) has opened Limpopo's first state-of-the-art High Court.

Previously, residents would have to travel as far as Pretoria to get legal assistance.

The department aims to build two new courts a year to reduce the shortage of court infrastructure in many parts of the country and increase access to justice.

The newly built courts have special facilities for women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Court Manager Jacky Shobodze said she is humbled to



be the court manager of the Limpopo High Court.

"I would like to take this opportunity to urge the com-

munity to love and protect the court and to handle all facilities with care."

The Limpopo Division of the

High Court of South Africa is a superior court of law that has general jurisdiction over the Limpopo province.

Services offered at the Limpopo High Court:

Office of the Family Advocate - The Family Advocate assists the parties to reach an agreement on disputed issues including custody, access and guardianship of children. If parents are unable to reach an agreement, the Family Advocate evaluates the parties' circumstances in light of the best interests of the child and makes a recommendation to the Court with regard to custody, access or guardianship.

Master of the High Court -

The Master of the High Court serves the public in respect of deceased estates, liquidations (insolvent estates), registration of trusts, tutors and curators, as well as administration of the guardian's fund (on behalf of minors and mentally challenged persons).

Legal Aid South Africa - Legal Aid South Africa enables those people who cannot afford to pay for legal fees to be assisted with free legal representation.

The Sheriff of the court - The Sheriff is an impartial and independent official of the Court appointed by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development who must serve or execute all documents issued by our courts. These include summonses notices, warrants and court orders.

***Emmah Maluleke works for the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.**

Highlights of the State of the Nation Address

Relations with Africa and the world

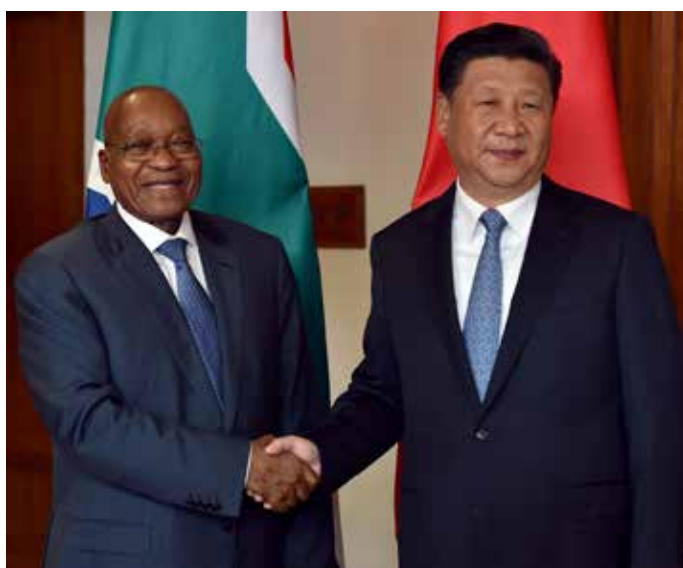
Starting from August 2017, South Africa will chair the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and use its tenure to fast-track the implementation of the SADC Industrial Strategy.

The country is accelerating the integration agenda through the implementation of the SADC-Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa-East African Community Free Trade Area.

South Africa will continue with its involvement in mediation efforts, peace-keeping operations, and peacemaking initiatives in Lesotho, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Mozambique, South Sudan, Somalia and Libya.

Trade with traditional partners in the West remains a significant contributor to the economy. The country will continue to partner with the United States and work together on issues of mutual interest such as the full renewal of African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The country values its relationship with the PRC. China is one of South Africa's most important and key strategic partners. The PRC is recognised 'as the sole government and authority representing the whole of China'.



South Africa has reiterated its position and commitment to the 'One China Policy' and considers Taiwan as an integral part of the PRC.

At continental partnership level, the Joint Africa-European Union (EU) Strategy remains an important long-term framework for continued cooperation.

The Economic Partnership

Agreement with the EU came into force in September 2016, thus providing new market access opportunities for South African products.

Almost all South African products, about 99 percent, will have preferential market access in the EU.

About 96 percent of the products will enter the EU market without being sub-

jected to customs duties or quantitative restrictions.

The Southern African Customs Union's Mercosur Preferential Trade Agreement has also entered into force, providing preferential access to over 1 000 tariff lines. This is an agreement that promotes south-south trade.

South Africa's cooperative partnerships with other regions are bearing fruit. The BRICS New Development Bank has recorded encouraging progress.

Government welcomes the Goa Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Heads of State and government's decision to establish the BRICS Rating Agency to assist one another in assessing economic paths.

South Africa is also pleased with agreements with its BRICS partners in the field of agriculture. It will implement off-take agreements on the export of pulses, mangos and pork to India.

The country will also export 20 000 tons of beef to China per year for a period of 10 years. It will continue to pursue the reform of the international system because the current configuration undermines the ability of developing countries to contribute and benefit meaningfully.

Occupation of Palestine

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the occupation of Palestine. The expansion of Israeli settlements undermines global efforts aimed at realising the two-state solution and the Oslo accord. Government has reiterated its support for the Palestinian course.

Western Sahara issue

South Africa also hopes that the readmission of Morocco to the African Union (AU) should serve as a catalyst to resolve the Western Sahara issue.

SS Mendi

The Armed Forces Day on 21 February 2017 will be used to mark the centenary commemorations of the tragic sinking of the SS Mendi, which left 646 soldiers dead in 1917.

International Albinism Awareness Day

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996 accords equal rights and dignity to all South Africans. The United Nations proclaimed 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day, which will be used to raise awareness and eliminate the discrimination or harm that compatriots with albinism are subjected to in some areas.

People with albinism are also human beings and abusive behaviour against them should stop.

The myth about albinism should also come to an end.

"Working together as fellow South Africans, we have it within our power to transform this country into the land of plenty for all, where the nightmare of apartheid will just be a faint memory of the past." – OR Tambo

The full speech is accessible on www.gov.za and www.thepresidency.gov.za



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"The Year of Oliver Reginald Tambo: Unity in Action Together Moving South Africa Forward."

Highlights of the State of the Nation Address

Ministers react to SONA 2017



Amukelani Chauke

With President Jacob Zuma making bold announcements on radical economic transformation in his State of the Nation Address, Ministers believe the interventions are a call to action for government to make the economy inclusive.

The President announced that government would use different levers of the state – from legislation to budgeting

– to step up the pace of radical economic transformation and to ensure that the majority of the population participate in the economy.

Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane said it can no longer be business as usual.

“We must impose quotas and make sure that the 30 percent is now legislated. It is not a negotiable that we must open up the space for those who must come and learn and also invest in skills development so that



those who come in also have the acquired skills and are not just shareholders,” said the Minister.

Deputy Minister in the Presidency responsible for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Buti Manamela said what he liked about the speech was that it was biased towards young people.

“Firstly, I think this has been the most youth-oriented speech since I first came to Parliament in 2009.

“It focusses on the fact that

young people are unemployed, young people don't have jobs and how will government use the Nine Point Plan to ensure that we create jobs for young people.

“[Radical economic transformation] means ownership and control of the economy, it means black people must have a stake in their economy.”

Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga said she was glad to hear the President commend the country's education system for improving

in terms of its international competitiveness.

“We were the most improved system among all the countries that were participating which confirms that our remedial actions are beginning to yield results. Yes we started on a low base, but we are on an upward trajectory so it is very encouraging and exciting.”

In his speech, the President said that going forward, government will continue to implement other programmes such as the Strengthening of Relatives Rights programme, also known as the 50-50 programme.

In the programme, farm-workers join together into a legal entity with the farm owner and with the help of the National Empowerment Fund a new company is established and the workers and the owner become joint owners.

Minister Gugile Nkwinti said the programme was a tool to achieve radical economic transformation faster, as it uplifts the farm worker into an owner.

Tourism a key job driver

Edwin Tshivhidzo

President Jacob Zuma says tourism is a key job driver with tourist arrival numbers for 2016 increasing to nine million.

“We are thus pleased that our tourist arrival numbers for the period January to November 2016 increased to nine million, an increase of just over one million arrivals from 2015,” the President said during his State of the Nation Address.

This represents a 13 percent growth in tourist arrivals, the President said.

Briefing media on the latest festive season traveller statistics, earlier this year, Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba said a total of 5 504 022 people travelled across South Africa's



borders between 9 December 2016 and 14 January 2017.

This marks an increase of 200 467 movements, or 3.78 percent, at the ports of entry nationally when compared to the 5 303 555 recorded between 9 December 2015 to 14 January 2016.

“The 2016/17 festive season was marked by increased movement of people and goods across borders for different reasons varying from cross-border employment and business to academic and educational endeavours.

“We also observed a high number of travellers crossing borders for holiday and tourist purposes, which is one of the important priorities for the country,” said the Minister.

Minister Gigaba said South Africa remains an attractive

tourist destination.

The top 10 nationalities that arrived in South Africa during the period were from Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Swaziland, Botswana, United Kingdom, United States, Namibia, Germany and Zambia.

The top 10 ports of entry used by travellers between 9 December 2016 and 14 January 2017 were Oliver Tambo International Airport, Beit Bridge, Lebombo, Maseru Bridge, Ficksburg, Cape Town International Airport, Oshoek, Kopfontein, Ramatlabama and Groblers Bridge.

All movements for OR Tambo for the same period reached a total of 977 961, compared to 948 477 during 9 December 2015 to 14 January 2016.

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Closing date for applications:
13 March 2017

"One nation many languages"

Changing lives, protecting communities

Parapara Makgahlela

The Working on Fire programme is an initiative of the Department of Environmental Affairs in changing lives, particularly in poor communities.

In 2003 the department launched the programme to create jobs and develop skills among young people from marginalised communities. Many lives have been changed since then.

The Working on Fire programme has 200 bases and 5 000 firefighters across South Africa. The programme has 60 percent male and 40 percent female firefighters and people living with disabilities make up four percent of the

participants.

Once recruited, participants are sent to Nelspruit on a 25-day training programme for induction and an advanced veld and forest firefighting course.

They are trained as firefighters to help fight veld and forest fires.

Whenever there are vacancies, adverts for these jobs are placed in public spaces in the areas where these teams operate.

To be considered for the programme people must:

- Be South African citizens.
- Successfully pass physical fitness tests during recruitment.
- Live in communities where the adverts are placed. **V**



Working on Fire programme, funded by the Department of Environmental Affairs and is an Expanded Public Works Programme provides opportunities to young men and women.

Working on Fire trains pilots

Parapara Makgahlela

The Working on Fire's pilot training initiative was launched in 2015. The training draws firefighters from the Working on Fire programme who have matric certificates and have passed English, Mathematics and Physical Science and have a passion

for aviation.

When the initiative started it had an intake of two firefighters who went to the

"I wish to become the first qualified pilot from my township."

Kishugu Aviation Training Organisation in Nelspruit.

One of the pilot participants, 22-year-old Donald Malekuto from Mohale township in Magaliesberg, is training to attain a professional pilot license. "I wish to become the first qualified pilot from my township. I will not squander this golden opportunity afforded me to train as a pilot," he said.

Donald is not new to aviation and has been

trained as a glider pilot in Magaliesberg.

He said he is even more grateful that he is getting comprehensive pilot training free of charge.

"I struggled to complete the glider pilot license due to money issues. I am grateful to the Aviation Training Organisation for the training," he said.

General Manager for the

Working on Fire programme in Gauteng Stephen Boyes said that the initiative is a good one for skills development. **V**

For more information about the Working on Fire programme visit: www.workingonfire.org or email: parapara.makgahlela@wofire.co.za or call: 011 314 0254.

African Union Handbook launched

The African Union Commissioner (AUC) and New Zealand recently launched the 2017 edition of the African Union Handbook.

The African Union Handbook was first launched in 2014 as part of an ongoing collaboration between the AUC and the Republic of New Zealand.

The African Union Handbook aims to provide updated information to Member States and the public at large about the purpose, structure and key facts about the AU organisation.

The African Union Handbook 2017 is available from the Directorate of Information and Communications in the AU Commission; and a PDF version can be downloaded from the African Union (www.au.int) and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (www.mfat.govt.nz) websites. **V**

SA, Iran grow tourism relations

South Africa and Iran have held bilateral discussions on growing tourism relations between the two countries.

Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom recently met with his counterpart Vice President Dr Zahra Ahmadipour, Head of the Iranian Cultural, Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organisation in Iran.

Minister Hanekom also engaged members of the tourism trade to discuss ways of increasing tourist arrivals from Iran to South Africa.

"We have a good base to work from and grow tourism between our countries. We have been very warmly received in Iran, and the government and tourism trade has responded very positively to our effort to promote further tourism ties.

Iran is amongst South Africa's top three source markets for inbound tourists from the Middle East. More than 4 000 Iranian tourists visited South Africa between January and November 2016.

South Africa and Iran already have a strategic partnership that will benefit the people of both countries. **V**

SA, Angola boost cooperation in mining



South Africa and Angola have committed to strengthen cooperation in the areas of mining and upstream petroleum, says Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane.

The commitment was made during a meeting with Minister Zwane and his Angolan counterpart, Minister of Geology and Mining, Francisco Queiroz, on the side-lines of the Investing in African Mining Indaba recently.

Minister Zwane said the two countries will collaborate on matters of mutual interest, including in the areas of policy, geological mapping, exploration and policy.

"We must also action the agreements in the African Mining Vision, so that our objective of a prosperous Africa can be realised," Minister Zwane.

Teams from both countries will meet in the next two weeks to begin implementing the bilateral commitments. **V**

Proteas women qualify for World Cup

After a convincing win over Sri Lanka the Momentum Proteas have qualified for the 2017 ICC Women's World Cup to be held in the United Kingdom in June and July this year.

South Africa and India are the first to qualify and will join Australia, England, New Zealand and West Indies in women's cricket's biggest stage.

Sune Luus and Laura Wolvaardt each hit unbeaten 50s to claim victory for their side after the bowlers restricted the opposition, who elected to bat first, to 142/9 at P. Sara Oval in Colombo recently.

Lizelle Lee's was the only wicket to fall when she fell to Eshani Kaushalya for 35 off 29 deliveries in the 28th over. She

and Wolvaardt (50 off 118 balls) had already set up the innings with a 46-run opening stand. Player of the Match, Luus (50 off 70 balls) then went on to put on 99 runs with Wolvaardt for a clinical victory.

Earlier, Luus took three wickets for 40 in her 10 overs, while captain, Dane van Niekerk chipped in with 2/14. Valuable bowling contributions by Moseline Daniels (1/16 in 6 overs), Ayabonga Khaka (1/22 in 9 overs) and Mari-zanne Kapp (1/26 in 8 overs) saw them limit the hosts to a manageable score, laying the foundation for the batters to reach the required target with 83 balls to spare.

Sri Lanka's opener, Nipuni Hansika top scored with 48 from 96. **■**

Source: Cricket South Africa



Image: Gallo Images

■ Momentum Proteas will play in the 2017 ICC Women's World Cup in the United Kingdom later this year.

New cyber lab for Dunoon learners



■ Deputy Minister of Human Settlements Deputy Minister Zou Kota-Fredricks opened a cyber lab that will break the cycle of poverty in the area.

Amukelani Chauke

When Human Settlements Deputy Minister Zou Kota-Fredricks arrived at the Dunoon Primary

to hand over a new cyber lab, 9 year-old Milani Mthandeki grabbed her new tablet, switched it on and browsed through the content in a matter of seconds.

Milani, who is in grade 3, then turned to assist one of her classmates to switch on their tablet and showed them how it works.

"I am happy to be receiving this tablet. The first thing I wanted to do when I got it was to go to the internet and also check school work," she quipped.

Milani said she got her savvy skills because her mother has a tablet and she always plays games on it.

Sponsored by Vodacom, the cyber lab was fully equipped with 26 tablets, including free access to educational sites, tablet charging trolley, laptop, server, configured router, Wi-Fi and installation of the equipment and training.

In an interview after the hand-over of the lab, the Deputy Minister the cyber-lab would add another dimension to learning at the school.

"We are opening the doors of learning, e-learning, to

these young people, and it is an investment because they are coming from poor families. It is definitely going to break the cycle of poverty."

The Deputy Minister said the partnership between government and the private sector was yielding positive results.

"I think this is a very positive input at the beginning of the year. This is really a space to get into between business and government.

"We are excited about this partnership, especially in

the environment of Dunoon, which is surrounded by informal settlements. Families are poor but they can do better because they excel in school," she said.

Bongani Macikama, the principal of the Dunoon Primary School, said the donation by the Vodacom Foundation would improve the quality of learning at the school.

He said the school currently enrolls 1 436 learners and that despite socio-economic challenges. **■**



Correction: In February 2017 Edition 2 of *Vuk'uzenzele* a comment on the State of the Nation Address was erroneously attributed to Ms Sibongile Booi (pictured). Ms Booi's correct comment can be viewed on: www.vukuzenzele.gov.za or on the Vuk mobile App. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.