



PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME
FIRST TERM 2012**

AS AGREED TO BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON 2 FEBRUARY

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PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK 2012
As agreed to by the Joint Programme Committee on 3 November 2011

FIRST TERM 2012	SECOND TERM 2012 (provisional)
16 January – 23 March (9 weeks)	9 April – 22 June (11 weeks)
Leave Period 3 – 6 January	Constituency Period 10 - 13 April
Constituency Period 9 – 13 January	Committees (NA – Preparation for EPCs) 17 - 20 April
Committees / Oversight 17 – 27 January	NCOP plenary on Division of Revenue Bill 26 April (p)
NCOP Strategic Planning Week 17 – 20 January	<i>Freedom Day: Fri 27 April</i>
Members' training 31 January – 3 February	EPCs/Committees 24 April – 18 May
Committees 7 – 8 February	NCOP Provincial Week/Taking the Legislature to the People/ Local Government Week 17 – 21 April
President's State-of-the-Nation Address (Joint Sitting) 9 February (pm)	<i>Workers' Day: Tue 1 May</i>
Debate on President's State-of-the-nation address 14 – 15 February	Plenaries/Committees 22 May – 8 June
Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation address 16 February	Debate on Vote 2: Parliament May / June
Budget speech (NA) 22 February	Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) May / June
<i>(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)</i>	Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA June
Plenaries/Committees 14 February – 16 March	Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP June
Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees 27 February – 9 March (p)	<i>Africa Day: Fri 25 May</i>
NA debate on Fiscal Framework 6 March (p)	Committees 11 – 15 June
Tabling of departmental strategic plans 7 March (p)	Youth Parliament (and Youth Day debate) June
NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill 8 March (p)	Plenaries/Committees 19 – 22 June
Taking Parliament to the People (NCOP) 12 – 16 March	NCOP Joint Whips Study Tour 25 June – 13 July
Constituency Period 20 March – 5 April	Constituency period 25 June – 20 July
<i>Human Rights Day: Wednesday 21 March;</i>	
<i>Coastal schools close 23 March; others 30 March</i>	
<i>Easter Weekend, 6 – 9 April</i>	

THIRD TERM 2012 (provisional)		FOURTH TERM 2012 (provisional)	
23 July – 21 September (10 weeks)		8 October – 7 December (9 weeks)	
Committees / Oversight	24 July – 3 August <i>Women's Day: Tuesday 9 August</i>	NA Committees (<i>BRR Reports</i>)	9 – 19 October
Plenaries/Committees	7 – 31 August	NCOP Oversight Week	1 – 5 October
NCOP Oversight Week	13 – 17 August (p)	Plenaries/Committees	23 October – 23 November
Women's Parliament	13 – 14 August (p)	Introduction: 2012 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement And Adjustments Budget	October November
NCOP Provincial Week	3 – 7 September	Revised Fiscal Framework, <i>if applicable (Within 9 days)</i> Division of Revenue Amendment Bill (<i>if applicable</i>)	November November
Committees	4 – 7 September	Taking Parliament to the People (NCOP)	5 – 9 November
Plenaries/Committees	11 – 19 September	Committees / Oversight	27 November – 7 December
NCOP Oversight Week	13 – 17 August (p)	Passing of Adjustment Appropriation Bill by Parliament	December
People's Assembly	18 – 19 September (p)	Constituency period	10 – 14 December
Committees	20 – 21 September <i>Heritage Day: Mon 24 September</i>	Leave period	17 December – January 2013
Constituency period	25 September – 5 October		

CLUSTERING OF MINISTRIES: A GUIDE FOR QUESTIONS FOR ORAL & WRITTEN REPLY

CLUSTER 1 - Peace and Security	CLUSTER 2 - Social Services	CLUSTER 3 - Governance	CLUSTER 4 - Economics
<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Police ▪ Justice and Constitutional Development ▪ Correctional Services ▪ Defence and Military Veterans ▪ International Relations and Cooperation ▪ State Security ▪ Home Affairs 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arts and Culture ▪ Basic Education ▪ Higher Education and Training ▪ Health ▪ Human Settlements ▪ Social Development ▪ Sport and Recreation ▪ Water and Environmental Affairs 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs ▪ Public Service and Administration ▪ Minister in the Presidency: Performance Monitoring and Evaluation as well as Administration in the Presidency ▪ Minister in the Presidency: National Planning Commission ▪ Minister of Women, Children and People with Disabilities 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries ▪ Economic Development ▪ Energy ▪ Finance ▪ Labour ▪ Mineral Resources ▪ Public Enterprises ▪ Public Works ▪ Trade and Industry ▪ Tourism ▪ Transport ▪ Rural Development and Land Reform ▪ Communications ▪ Science and Technology

WEEK 13 - 17 FEBRUARY 2012

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 14:00 - ±18:27 PLENARY</p> <p>Debate on President's state-of-the-nation address (264)</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 - 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 14:00 - ±17:47 PLENARY</p> <p>Resumption of debate on President's state-of-the-nation address (227)</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS 14:00 – ±14:45 PLENARY</p> <p>Reply by President on debate on state-of-the-nation address</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucus</p>
<p>FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY</p> <p>COMMITTEES QUARTERLY CONSULTATIVE FORUM</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY</p> <p>QUARTERLY CONSULTATIVE FORUM</p>

WEEK 20 - 24 FEBRUARY 2012

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>14:00 -14:45 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Condolence motion for Ms M N Matladi, MP (45) 2. Members' statements (40) 3. Consideration of <i>Request for recommendation to fill vacancies in Commission on Gender Equality (CGE)</i> (Report of Ad Hoc Committee on filling of vacancies in Commission on Gender Equality (CGE), see ATC, 27 January 2012, p 83) (45) 4. Consideration of <i>Further Education and Training Colleges Amendment Bill [B 13D – 2011](s76(1))</i> and of Report of PC on Higher Education and Training thereon, see ATC, 8 February 2012, p 181) (5) 5. Consideration of Report of PC on International Relations and Cooperation on <i>Oversight of South Africa's Missions abroad (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 18-22 November 2010) and Execution of South Africa's International Relations Policy</i> (ATC, 31 January 2012, p 110) (5) 6. Consideration of Report of PC on Human Settlements on <i>Oversight Visit to Gauteng from 1-6 August 2010</i> (ATC, 16 January 2012, p 4) (5) 7. Consideration of Report of PC on Social Development on <i>Oversight Visit from 27 June to 1 July 2011 to Eastern Cape Department of Social Development, South African Social Security Agency (Sassa) Regional Office, Paypoints and Service Areas and National Development Agency (NDA) Projects</i> (ATC, 9 December 2011, p 5484) (5) 8. Consideration of Report of PC on Home Affairs on <i>Oversight Visit to North West from 25 to 29 July 2011</i> (ATC, 30 November 2011, p 5366) (5) 9. Consideration of Report of PC on Basic Education on <i>Oversight Visits to North West and Mpumalanga from 25 to 29 July 2011</i> (ATC, 29 November 2011, p 5243) (5) 10. Consideration of Report of PC on Defence and Military Veterans on <i>Joint Oversight Activities conducted with Joint Standing Committee on Defence (2 to 4 August 2011)</i> (ATC, 24 November 2011, p 5133) (5) 	<p>TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY</p>

<p>WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY (Budget Speech)</p> <p>Introduction – Appropriation Bill [B - 2012](prop s77) and tabling of Fiscal Framework and of Division of Revenue Bill [B - 2012](prop s76)</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 - PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members' statements (40) 2. Legislation 3. Committee reports 	<p>THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY</p> <p>08:30 – 09:30 Committee of Chairpersons Meeting</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucus</p>
<p>FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY</p>

**G20 3rd CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENT 24 – 26 FEBRUARY 2012 SAUDI ARABIA
DIRCO (SADC) ELECTION OBSERVER MISSION 26 FEBRUARY 2012 - SENEGAL**

WEEK 27 FEBRUARY – 2 MARCH 2012

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>14:00 - PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members' statements (40) 2. Legislation 3. Committee reports <p>17:00 – 20:00 Study Groups</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – 17:00 PLENARY</p> <p>Questions for oral reply: (120)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy President • Cluster 1: Peace and Security <p>17:00 – 20:00 Study Groups</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 1 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 - PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members' statements (40) 2. Legislation 3. Committee reports 	<p>THURSDAY, 1 MARCH</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucus</p>

FRIDAY, 2 MARCH COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 2 MARCH
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SADC-PF REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IN TRADE POLICY FORMULATION, TRADE NEGOTIATION AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, 27 – 28 FEBRUARY 2012, JHB

WEEK 5 – 9 MARCH 2012

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 5 MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 5 MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 6 MARCH</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 14:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members' statements (40) 2. Consideration of <i>Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals</i> and of <i>Report of Standing Committee on Finance</i> thereon (ATC, March 2012, p) <p>17:00 – 20:00 Study Groups</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 6 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 - 10:00 Joint Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) 14:00 PLENARY</p> <p>Questions: Cluster 1: Peace and Security</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 - 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) 15:00 – 17:00 PLENARY</p> <p>Questions for oral reply (120)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 2: Social Services <p>17:00 – 20:00 Study Groups</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 - 10:00 Programming Committee Meeting (S12A) 12:30 - 13:30 Provincial Delegation Meetings 14:00 PLENARY</p> <p>Debate on <i>Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals</i> (+-102)</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 8 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS 14:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members' statements (40) 2. Second Reading debate: <i>Division of Revenue Bill [B 4– 2012](s76(1)) (90)(provisional)</i> 	<p>THURSDAY, 8 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 – 09:30 Committee of Chairpersons Meeting 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucus 14:00 PLENARY</p> <p>Questions to the Deputy President</p>
<p>FRIDAY, 9 MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">QUARTERLY CONSULTATIVE FORUM</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 9 MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">QUARTERLY CONSULTATIVE FORUM</p>

WEEK 12 – 16 MARCH 2012

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 12 MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 12 MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 13 MARCH</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 14:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members' statements (40) 2. Legislation 3. Committee reports <p>17:00 – 20:00 Study Groups</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 13 MARCH</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 15:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Members' motion (60) 3. Debate on IPU topic <p>17:00 – 20:00 Study Groups</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 15 MARCH</p> <p>14:00 – PLENARY Questions to the President</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 15 MARCH</p>
<p>FRIDAY, 16 MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 16 MARCH</p>

CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 20 MARCH – 13 APRIL