

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

- Pay serious attention to farm murders and take action:
 - President Cyril Ramaphosa must acknowledge the severity of the issue of farm attacks and farm murders. These attacks are often associated with heinous acts of violence which places the farming community at great risk.
 - Government must declare them as hate crimes and priority crimes with harsher sentences. We will not only take active steps to ensure that this resolution is made government policy in 2021 but we will also fight for the introduction of rural safety units.
- Scrap the proposed amendment of Section 25 of the Constitution. Not only is the ANC rushing the public participation process, the amendment, if passed, will be an economic disaster for our ailing economy. The last thing South Africa can afford now, amid a pandemic and an economic crisis that has been in the making for 26 years and exacerbated by the lockdown, is a focus on expropriation without compensation.
- Address corruption in land reform.
 - Institute security tenure for emerging black farmers. The absence of tenure security has left emerging black farmers across the country vulnerable to corrupt officials operating the in Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development's (DALRRD) provincial offices.
 - The DA will be following up on a request made to Ramaphosa in 2020 in which we called for a Special Investigating Unit (SIU) investigation into allegations that officials in the DALRRD were demanding bribes from a group of successful emerging black farmers in Mpumalanga and threatening them with eviction if they refused to. The affected farmers have made several attempts to bring their concerns to Minister Thoko Didiza who has simply ignored them.

Basic Education

- Improved curriculum responsiveness that compliments the demands in the economy.
- Improving curriculum relevance to industry, the workplace and innovation.
- Improve infrastructure in schools especially with regards to access to clean water and sanitation to create a safe environment conducive to learning.
- Mass vaccination rollout for teachers and learners.
- Strict implementation of Covid-19 school protocols to ensure the safe opening and operations of schools. This should include:
 - Access to water and sanitation facilities.
 - Development of clear demarcations to ensure social distancing.
 - Existence of signage reinforcing hand washing practices.
 - Strict access control registering all visitors.
 - Provisions for adequate PPE in line with the Department of Health recommendations.
 - Emergency health plan should a learner or teacher test positive.

- Academic plan for teachers and learners who have comorbidities.

Communications and Digital Technologies

- The Department must drop the government proposal to broaden the definition of a “broadcasting service” to include online broadcasting services such as Netflix, Showmax, Apple TV + and Amazon Prime. It is not acceptable to require ordinary South Africans to pay a TV licence fee in order to watch a non-SABC streaming service on their computers or mobile phones.
- Resolve the SABC retrenchments crisis in a fair and equitable manner and return the state broadcaster to a financially sustainable model.
- The auction and subsequent release of spectrum to communications network operators accompanied by a rapid conclusion of the digital migration process to free spectrum used by analogue broadcasting. This will lead to lower network deployment costs and therefore lower the cost to communicate – voice and data.
- Ensure the SA Post Office (SAPO) leadership instability is resolved. The issue of the Postbank and its removal from the SAPO Group will lead to an insolvent SAPO. The future sustainability of the SAPO is in serious doubt.

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

- To keep the lights on and the water flowing, SA municipalities need all the skills they can get
 - While much of the collapse of local government can be attributed to corruption, the other big reason municipalities fail is because they lack the necessary skills to keep the lights on and the water flowing. Decades of restrictive employment and procurement practices have led to a hollowing out of municipal expertise.
 - To fix the skills shortage in local government, it is not enough to abolish cadre deployment. Racial quotas of any kind also need to go. Municipalities no longer have the time or the money to pick officials or contractors in racial or political preference. We urgently need the biggest available supply of inside and outside expertise to keep the lights on, the water flowing and to prevent municipalities from going bankrupt. And we need to look beyond racial classification in order to achieve economic justice. In the longer-term SA needs to professionalise municipal administrations to ensure that they are held to a standard higher than that imposed by local councillors and political parties.
- Introduce a law to deal with broken municipalities
 - Section 139(8) of the Constitution envisages national legislation to deal with the problem of municipalities that cannot fulfil their executive obligations. Section 100(3) has a similar provision on dysfunction provinces. But such legislation has never been tabled. Instead we have had a string of failed ANC turnaround strategies from Project Consolidate in 2004 to the District

Development Model in 2020. Due to years of corruption and mismanagement the supply of water and electricity is now at risk in ANC municipalities across the country, including metros like Mangaung.

- Legislation is needed to establish criteria and standards for provincial and national intervention in dysfunctional municipalities. Voters will ultimately have to take the responsibility for replacing corrupt and ineffectual mayors and councillors, but in the meantime, we cannot allow municipal services and infrastructure to be destroyed.
- Ending the culture of non-payment by government.
 - A recent parliamentary reply revealed that government departments and state entities owe a cumulative bill of over R150 billion in unpaid electricity bills. Part of Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma's responsibility is to ensure the financial viability of municipalities, as such – she needs to provide a credible plan of how her Department will be assisting municipalities recover outstanding debt from government departments.
- Ensuring accountability for the R20 billion Covid-19 fund to municipalities
 - Of the R500 billion stimulus package that announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa in 2020 to address the impact of Covid-19, R20 billion was set aside to assist municipalities deal with the consequences of Covid-19 and the hard lockdown. While national government departments, provincial governments and state entities have published their expenditure on the Treasury website, data from many municipalities is still outstanding.
 - In the longer-term measures such as the special inspector-general proposed by the DA at the beginning of the lockdown will be needed to prevent dysfunctional and corrupt ANC municipalities from wasting money intended for service delivery.

Defence and Military Veterans

- SANDF must be rightsized and rationalised to bring a healthy balance between what S200(2) of the Constitution requires from a smaller but more vibrant and responsive SANDF, and the available budget of our economy to provide these funds.
- Urgently reprioritize defence expenditure towards the effective resourcing of a smaller and more vibrant SANDF, which will require less personnel and a smaller leadership structure.
- Urgently reduce wasteful and irregular defence expenditure, with harsh punitive actions to transgressors, with leadership accountability forming a part of this.
- Cease military budget expenditure which serves to benefit the ANC and party loyalists. The Minister must not seek to serve the interests of the old guard MK loyalists.
- Improve and rebuild our defence and SS intelligence, which is currently of an embarrassingly poor quality.

- Transfer the three underutilised military hospitals to the provincial health departments and reduce the SAMHS to a strategic ad military base auxiliary service. This will immediately save R3 billion for the Department of Defence's budget.

Employment and Labour

- The Minister must explain how the employment/job-creation side of the portfolio has been institutionalised in the Department's structures and programmes
- The Minister should announce a programme of labour market reforms to kick-start the post-pandemic recovery
- A strategy needs to be implemented to support the CCMA, who's budget has been cut at the worst possible time

Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

- South Africa's landfills are growing at an alarming pace. Government must urgently seek to reduce the amount of waste going into landfills. The government should implement programs to encourage and promote the separation of waste at the source.
 - Government should copy the example of the DA-led City of Cape Town in piloting exciting programs such the distribution of home composting kits, and the expansion of recycling centers across the country.
- Government must work towards effective emissions reduction measures. Eskom remains the single largest polluter in the country, accounting for over 40% of harmful emissions. Government must begin to retrofit existing infrastructure where possible to reduce harmful emissions.
- The newly established Climate Change Coordinating Commission must begin in earnest to ensure that there is a smooth transition to new technologies that are necessitated by the impacts of climate change. It is time the ANC-led government catches up with the DA-led City of Cape Town's own Resilience Strategy, Climate Change Policy and other similar legislation and policies. The real impacts of climate change will be felt most by the poor, and the national Government must take the effects of climate change on these citizens seriously.
- The drought crisis plaguing many parts of the country must be given urgent priority by government.
- The South African fishing industry is in crisis, and long-awaited amendments to the allocations process are still outstanding. The ANC administration has allowed the once proud and sustainable fishing industry to degenerate into a mess of crime, corruption, and environmental destruction. The DA believes that competent provincial and local governments must be entrusted to assist with the enforcement of allocations for coastal fishing areas.

Finance

- Present a Main Budget Review that restores fiscal credibility. More detail to be given in our own alternative budget.
- Cut back on the public sector wage bill
- Prioritise the funding of basic service delivery
- Redirect the SAA bailout towards vaccine procurement
- Allow individuals to leverage their pension assets as collateral for responsible debt to alleviate prevailing economic pressure

Health

- A streamlined implementation of a detailed vaccine roll-out plan from a national level. This includes a successful procurement plane, acquisition, and equitable distribution of the vaccine.
- Provincial readiness for the provinces to ensure successful roll out of the vaccine. This includes:
 - A focus successful on the allocation and distribution on all levels (provincial, district and local).
 - Weakness would lie in coordination between the different spheres of government. We need to ensure that these weaknesses are mitigated in order to ensure the successful rollout.
- Reconfiguration of the departments strategic plan/annual performance plan to reflect the priorities that we need to address during the pandemic.
 - The pandemic has changed the way we do business and along with the new challenges it has brought, there is a need for government to align its strategic plan accordingly.
 - Need for specific targets to be set out that can be met so that they can be measures and monitored.
- Wholesale improvement of the healthcare system across the country:
 - Covid-19 pandemic has clearly illustrated the weaknesses of the system. We have seen the provinces struggle to create a decent response to the pandemic which is reflected in systemic weaknesses in the system.
 - It is crucial for the Department to start strengthening the system as the pandemic will remain with use for a few years.
 - Solve mismanagement, problems, vacancy rates and poor governance systems.
 - Eradicate corruption and political appointments which do not reflect the skills needed in those positions.
 - Need to improve infrastructural investment.
- Design legislation that would look at provide universal healthcare in South Africa
 - The DA is however **not** in support of the NHI.
 - Need for new legislation to be looked at. Three key tenants to see in that legislation:
 1. The investment in the current health system which is missing in current legislation.

2. Accountability mechanisms that would allow Parliament to have oversight over the department to prevent the creation of corruption opportunities or another SOE.
3. Ensure legislation actually works at bringing quality healthcare to all South Africans.

Higher Education, Science and Technology

- In line with the pandemic, there must be full digitisation of campuses so that no student is left behind. This means:
 - universal access to Wi-Fi;
 - access to devices;
 - campus computer labs; and
 - financial provisions for the providing of data.
- Upgrading of the TVET sector curriculums to suit the needs of the economy. This entails a detailed plan from government outlining new and upgraded courses and how they will implement them.
- Eradication of corruption, theft, and fraud at NSFAS and a faster turnaround time on NSFAS funding response to students.
- Intergovernmental research initiatives and public private partnership research agreements must be looked at. Increase research and innovation initiatives in line with new Covid-19 challenges.
- Bridging the gap of academic backlog of the first-year class of 2020 into tertiary institutions.
- Eradicating certificate backlogs for previous students to enter the job market.

Home Affairs

- Streamline front-office service by doing the following:
 - fix system issues that have caused constant delays (something that can be done during lockdown);
 - Operationalising more mobile units to alleviate office pressures;
 - Ensuring system is updated and fully operational with zero system failures to completely remove the “system is down” excuse; and
 - Eradication of corruption in terms of residency or visa approvals.
- Capacitate and implement the central adjudication hub.
- President Ramaphosa highlighted the importance of e-visa and they were supposed to be first piloted by 31 March 2019. There is a need to overcome both the system component and the support component in order to get it fully operational.
- Drastically improve immigration and trade processes:
 - Provide a clear detailed plan and improved asylum seekers process; and
 - Table a detailed report on the Bushiri escape,

- Implementation and operationalisation of a clear plan to reduce border congestion under new conditions posed by the pandemic.

Human Settlements

- Urgently address the close to 1 million title deeds backlog across the provinces and local housing departments and restore the 'Title Deeds Restoration Grant' which is set to be abolished in 2021.
- To re-direct additional funds to the Human Settlements Department, as this Department received the second largest budget cut of R2.26 billion in 2020. The Human Settlements Department which exists specifically to help the poorest South Africans should not experience large budgetary cuts in order to help fund government vanity projects such as the R10.5 billion SAA bailout.
- To use the R600 million allocated to the Affordable Housing Rental Relief Scheme. These funds were meant to be used to benefit all tenants occupying affordable rental housing in both the subsidised and unsubsidised rental sectors. However, none of these funds have been used to date.
- Strengthening national oversight of all DoHS entities to ensure that funds are used effectively, and clean audits are achieved in future Auditor-General (AG) reports.

International Relations and Cooperation

- Curb abuse of taxpayer money by diplomats.
 - An alarming trend is emerging within South Africa's diplomatic corps where taxpayer money is being abused without any fear of accountability. A recent DA parliamentary question revealed that R10 million was lost due to deposits not being returned for rented properties.
 - In November 2020, we learned that South Africa's Los Angeles consul general Thandile Sunduza rejected more than 30 properties offered to her by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) and is said to have set her eyes on properties on Beverly Hills' super-plush Rodeo Drive.
 - To stop this abuse and unbridled entitlement by ANC deployees, the DA is in the process of ascertaining whether indemnity agreements were signed with all diplomats in South Africa's Foreign Service. If so, the Minister has to account to Parliament on their enforcement.

Mineral Resources and Energy

- Provide timeline for the REIPPP bid windows
 - After noting Minister Gwede Mantashe's deviation from the cabinet-approved Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), South Africa's roadmap for electricity generation, the DA took immediate action early this month and wrote to the Minister to

request that he provides a timeline for restarting the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme (REIPPP) bid windows.

- Minister Mantashe has decided to include the procurement of 2 500 MW of nuclear power by 2024 in his Ministerial Performance Agreement. This despite the IRP containing no such provision and his neglect to implement the procurement of renewable energy through IPPs – a key area of the IRP that both he and President Cyril Ramaphosa has repeatedly and unambiguously committed to.
- Release outstanding energy plans
 - Minister Mantashe must urgently release the long overdue Integrated Energy Plan and the Gas Utilization Master Plan. He also needs to provide an update on the Integrated Resource Plan.
- Scrap the Mining Charter and all other laws that disincentivize investment and job creation in mining.
- Produce solutions to the uncertainty of our mineral rights system and to the problem of illegal mining.
- Clean up the Department as it still shelters crooked and incompetent officials.

Police

- Urgently increase funding and expedite outstanding contracts to tackle DNA case exhibits backlog.
- Minister Cele must urgently announce a further firearm amnesty due to police station closures as a result of Covid-19 hampering handover of firearms and renewal of licenses.
- The Ministry must fully implement the recommendations of the white paper on policing 2016, a key recommendation among which is the demilitarisation of the SAPS.
- Beef up rural safety efforts with additional resources and drastically improved crime intelligence
- The Minister must bring the DNA Amendment Bill to Parliament to ensure that DNA samples can be collected from all convicted schedule 8 offenders (the backlog is estimated at 48 000 offenders whose DNA has not been added to the national DNA database)
- Scrap problematic aspects of the SAPS Amendment Bill
 - Government must scrap centralisation of policing and give the provinces more power in this regard. This brings policing closer to communities and their needs.

Public Enterprises

- Stop bailouts to SOEs
 - Despite commitments from the ANC government that no further bailouts will be extended to SOEs, all indications are that these non-performing entities will continue to be a drag on the fiscus. Treasury has already committed itself to bailing out the Land Bank in the forthcoming national budget. All indications are

that the R10 billion extended to SAA will be depleted soon and they will be back for more bailout funding.

- The SOE bailout culture is not sustainable. 2021 is the year that Minister Parvin Gordhan must make firm commitments towards divesting from SOEs and opening up the sector to private investment. South Africa's empty national Treasury cannot afford to keep providing life support to monolith industries that have resisted change due to vested interests.

Public Service and Administration

- Outlaw cadre deployment
 - The discriminatory policy of cadre deployment is the fundamental cause of the decline in the quality of services delivered by the state. For far too long, our country's legal framework has allowed the ANC to flagrantly manipulate appointments and promotions in the public sector in order to appoint party members to powerful (and well-paid) positions on the basis of their loyalty to the ANC, rather than on the basis of merit.
 - Advantaging certain applicants merely because they belong to a specific political party is patently unconstitutional and prevents skilled professionals who are not members of the ANC from being appointed.
 - Minister Senzo Mchunu's department must urgently review public service legislation to make it illegal for any officeholder in a political party to be appointed to the public service, to make it a legal requirement that all appointments and promotions be based on merit alone, and to significantly enhance the powers of the Public Service Commission to act against corruption.
- Cut the public sector wage bill
 - With the next round of public sector wage negotiations due soon, Minister Senzo Mchunu and national Treasury must deliver a simple message to trade unions – the government will not be awarding wage increases to well-paid public sector workers.
 - We hope that the recent labour court ruling that previous public sector wage increases were unlawful and unconstitutional will force the government to finally implement the wage reductions that the DA has long been calling for. South Africa's precarious financial position demands that government holds the line and refuse to be cowed into submission by threats of a public sector wage strike by unions.

Public Works and Infrastructure

- President Ramaphosa must fire Minister Patricia de Lille over Beitbridge border fence corruption
 - Ramaphosa's rhetoric on fighting corruption will continue to ring hollow unless he takes action against members of his cabinet who have been implicated in corrupt activities. Every single official that was involved in the process of

- erecting the Beitbridge border fence, rightly or wrongly, acted in accordance with instructions from De Lille's office.
- It is therefore inconceivable that Departmental officials face the music alone while Minister De Lille and her advisor Melissa Whitehead get away scot-free. An SIU report found that the Minister's instructions "placed an enormous project and compliance risk on the Department".
 - The DA therefore questions when Minister De Lille will be held responsible for her unlawful actions on the project.
 - Proper consultation on Expropriation Bill
 - The DA requires that proper public participation be undertaken around the Expropriation Bill. We are concerned that there are areas that remain too vague and open to interpretation around the clauses relating to the expropriation without compensation and the inputs from the public participation exercise must be considered prior to finalising the process.
 - Prioritise the Public Works Bill
 - The Public Works Bill must be a priority for this coming year, along with revisions of the legislation governing the entities that report to the Department.
 - A lack of policy and legislative clarity is severely constraining the Department and until this is addressed, the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure will remain inefficient, ineffective, and rife with corruption.
 - Complete efficiency in infrastructure development
 - Infrastructure South Africa has been tasked with centralising all large infrastructure development in South Africa. The mandate extends into billions of Rands. There are still question marks over where the accountability for this lie and the ability for Parliament to perform its oversight function has been hampered as a result.
 - The DA will require absolute transparency on funding, implementation, and maintenance of every project under the auspices of ISA.

Small Business Development

- Businesses must have fair, transparent, and easy to understand access to Covid-19 relief funds
- Reduce the red tape pertaining to the starting of small businesses
- Merge SEFA and SEDA into a single entity
- Employ a permanent Director-General for the Department of Small Business Development

Department of Social Development

- Capacitate SASSA in order to ensure all grant backlogs are eradicated and all grants do not lapse, leaving beneficiaries with no safety net and stripped of their human dignity.

- Employment of more social workers who address a wide range of social development issues including gender-based violence (GBV) support services. Increase the Department's capacity by absorbing unemployed qualified social workers, social work managers, and supervisors into the Department's workforce to make a meaningful impact in clients' lives.
- To ensure that NPO Service Level Agreements, including full subsidy payments as outlined in the SLAs, are honoured in all 9 provinces as NPOs play an integral role in humanitarian, educational and social relief in the lives of millions of South Africans. This includes and impacts old age homes, early childhood development (ECD) centres, feeding kitchens, etc.
- Increased support (strengthening) to the family unit – especially as families grapple with Covid-19 and lockdown challenges (such as grief, unemployment in the home, substance abuse, domestic abuse, general uncertainty in youth, etc.) This can include behavioural changes as Covid-19 infections continue to increase.
- Implement the 2019 -2024 National Drug Master Plan to address the issue of substance abuse wreaking havoc in the country.
- Increase child support grant to lower the poverty line of R670.

Sports, Arts and Culture

- Relief /Stimulus Funding in the Department must be addressed:
 - Speed up relief funding and we need an independent audit for all funding on the Covid-19 relief in all provinces.
 - The Department must prioritise the outstanding relief/stimulus funding to sportsmen and women, as well as the arts sector in this dire time where the sector cannot earn money, because of lockdown regulations. We also need the Department to give feedback on the dispersion of the funds to ensure that we do proper monitoring and oversight.
- We need to have all outstanding BRRR reports to be tabled for all entities (thus far half of entities did not have audit report by AG)
- Issues around statues, monuments and name changes must be addressed. The Department needs to be clear on what statues, monuments and name changes are considered. An update is needed from each province, as well as the national Department and the final report by the Advice Committee on this issue needs to be made public. Public participation is essential in these processes.
- The Department needs to prioritise sport development on school level, to ensure transformation takes place based on merits. The Department needs to be more specific on how this will be enforced and report on where they have successes in implementing.
- SASCO and Cricket SA issues need to be resolved, without political interference.

Tourism

- We would like for the Star Grading for places of accommodation be made free of charge to support tourism establishments. The average cost of grading in 2019 was R5 200. This is an amount which small business owners should not have to pay, particularly during these economically trying times for the tourism industry.
- Most other economic interventions in other departments will also boost tourism:
 - Lowering Business Rates and Taxes;
 - Removing the Alcohol Ban; and
 - Removing the Beach Ban

Trade and Industry

- Set in motion policy changes and legislation for it to be easier to do business in SA, in line with the President's economic reforms
- Reform the National Credit Act to deal with historical credit issues for consumers and to allow for fintech based credit lending
- Overhaul the administered pricing regime through ports and rail to make movement of goods (exporting) cheaper and more efficient
- Government departments to buy local to support manufacturing
- Minister Patel must release his department's report into corruption at the National Lotteries Council (NLC).
- The current NLC board must be fired and that the organisation is placed under administration until the SIU has completed its investigation into alleged corruption in the organisation.
- Minister Patel must pursue a trade deal with China that addresses the skewed trading relationship we currently experience with them, e.g. trade deficit, dumping by China in the SA textile market, etc.

Transport

- Extend the grace period for license disk renewal to 31 August 2021 to avoid forcing South Africans during the Covid-19 pandemic to unnecessarily gather and wait in long queues at licensing offices and post offices to comply with this unnecessary regulatory oversight of the Transport Department.
- To move the Transport Department into the 21st Century by creating an online platform for vehicle registrations in South Africa. The DA run Cape Town Metro has for many years allowed motorists to renew their licenses online. It is time the ANC national government copied the DA's modern and efficient licensing system.
- To immediately scrap the e-tolls system in Gauteng, as it serves as an unfair burden on Gauteng motorists.
- To scrap plans to implement the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act (AARTO) which is scheduled to take effect in July 2021. This Act serves merely as another

way to force motorists to pay for e-tolls. The DA remains opposed to this Amendment Act which will turn ordinary motorists into criminals.

Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities

Women

- The Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) Command Centre must put measures in place to ensure a call centre is available in emergencies.
- Support to NPOs/NGOs working in the GBVF field must be actioned immediately. Resources will be a challenge especially for quick responses and interventions towards GBVF.
- The National Council for GBVF must be set up to ensure the implementation and the monitoring and evaluation of the National Strategic Plan on gender-based violence.

Youth

- The delay in the planned NYDA board selection will likely impact the governance of the NYDA therefore Parliament must act quickly in finalising this.
- NYDA must ensure the continuation of the relief fund for small medium businesses.
- Stipends for internships and learnerships must be rolled out to counter the increasing unemployment rate through support for entry-level youth to work from home where feasible.
- NYDA must work to increase 4G broadband cellular network penetration. Whilst we are currently in the second wave the need to access technology will become even more important.

Commission for Gender Equality (CGE)

- The CGE must strengthen its monitoring and evaluation on the safety plan for GBV victims.
- They ensure that legal clinics are open to women during the “second wave” of pandemic.
- Initiate research on impact Covid-19 has on GBVF and increase awareness on affects.

Persons with Disabilities

- The department should prioritize the introduction of a Disability Rights Bill and the filling of vacancies in the disability unit.
- The department must develop an effective monitoring and evaluation strategy which will enable it to monitor the provision of assistive devices e.g. wheelchairs, walking aids and hearing aids to persons with disabilities by the Department of Health.