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The Speaker, KZN Legislature
Hon. NN Boyce, MPL
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CIVIC VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAMME – uMshwathi 20 February 2024

Madam Speaker,

While there are matters beyond the control of the Legislature such as community unrest or protests and the unavailability of Home Affairs on the particular days of these programmes, it is highly unacceptable that the ANC pitches up to campaign – quite openly and audaciously – at a Legislature event.

I am aware that there is a by-election in the ward that this programme was scheduled in.

The ANC candidate pitched up, in full party regalia, with an ANC braded vehicle, and began freely frolicking with residents as if this was his campaign event. Upon my ire and complaining to the Chief Whip on more than one occasion, he wore a coat over his ANC T-Shirt and persisted in his engagements until he was finally put in his place.

The actions of the ANC in this regard is unacceptable. It completely disregards the separation of party and state. Did the ANC think that they could simply hijack a Legislature event as they please? I had previously cautioned regarding this in the discussions around public programmes of the Legislature.

I write to ask that you take steps to censure the ANC in this regard. Public events of the Legislature are not ANC meetings and this must be made absolutely loud and clear.

I am hopeful that this matter will receive imminent attention.

Best regards,

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Electronically signed