

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE BY THE MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM, MR J.L MAHLANGU, MPL TO PASS A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE AND SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF CHILE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ANC FOR WINNING THE RECENT BI-ELECTIONS.

Tuesday, 02 March 2010

Honourable Speaker, I rise to present a motion without notice.

Noting that:

On Saturday, 27 February 2010, a monstrous earthquake of 8.8 magnitude hit the South-Western South American country of Chile – the biggest to hit that country in 50 years;

Noting that:

The country was dealt a double blow when a *tsunami* further hit its coastal town of Constitu-cion, where more than 350 people were killed;

Further nothing that:

More than 700 lives have so far been lost in that country since the unfortunate Saturday of 27 February, and that the number is still rising;

Also noting that:

This is not the first disaster to have struck the country – the biggest being in 1960, when 1,655 people were killed when a 9.5 magnitude earthquake hit that country's city of Valdivia;

I therefore move that:

- 1. The house conveys its heartfelt condolence to President Michelle Bachelet, and his people, on the untimely passing away of their loved ones. We feel their pain as the people of Mpumalanga, and wish them strengthen during this trying times;**
- 2. The house further conveys the message of support to all those who were injured during the unfortunate day, and wish them a speedy recovery.**

I so move!

Honourable Speaker, I would also like to table another motion without notice:

Noting that:

On the 27 of January 2010, bi-elections were held in our province at Mkhondo, Lekwa, Steve Tshwete, Thaba Chweu and Umjindi Municipalities;

Noting that:

The ruling and caring African National Congress; the people's movement, received 96.1% of the votes in Mkhondo; 90% in Lekwa; almost 100% (97.94%) in Steve Tshwete; 61.21% in Thaba Chweu; and 93.33% in Umjindi;

Further noting that:

The results of the bi-election are a clear indication that our people will never be swayed nor deceived by those who pretend to care for their well-being;

Also noting that:

The results symbolise a clear indication that our people believe in our undisputable capability to deliver on our contract with them – that the ANC continues to listen to them; that it is only the ANC that is committed to ensuring a better life for them;

I therefore move that:

The house congratulates the African National Congress on winning the bi-elections with a land-slide victory. This can only mean that our people continue to pin their hopes on our caring movement. As President Zuma and Premier Mabuza said, our commitment to this noble course continues to be unshaken by any force.

This year 2010, is the year of action. As the Executive of this administration, we are more than ready to ensure that the implementers of our policies do not derail us from the instruction given by the President. We will not tolerate laziness – people serving our people as if they are doing them a favour. Our commitment is to ensure that all those who do not want to tow the line, are replaced by those who are determined to serve with passion.

I further move that the house conveys our appreciation to our people, for continuing to believe in us. We will never fail them.

I so move!