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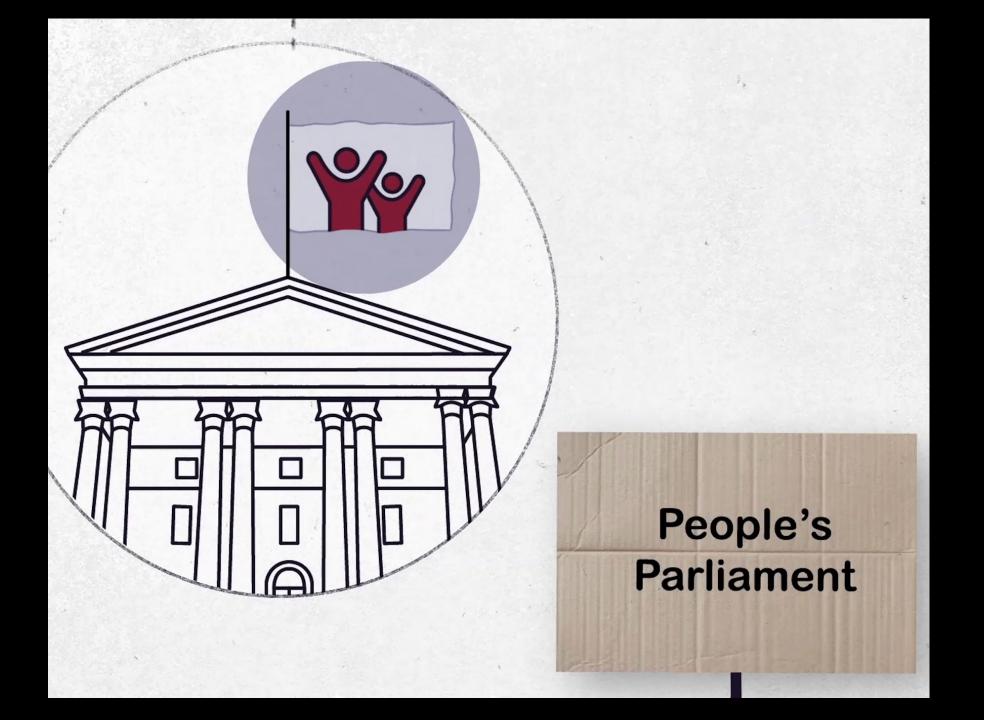
WESTERN CAPE CAPACITY BUILDING - NOVEMBER 2018



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How do I get involved in Parliament?



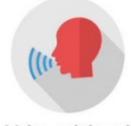
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What Do MPs Do?



tands for 'member of parliament'. MPs are people elected to parliament y the public, in order to represent the people of the country.

The work of an MP is divided into parliamentary sessions and constituency periods:

· Parliamentary session are for the MPs to:



Represent their people

Discuss and debate government policy and other political issues, consult with professionals





Make laws

Approve the budgets of government departments



· Constituency periods are designed for MPs to:



Report back to their public about what is taking place in parliament and for them to be available to the people they represent

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There are 3 arms of state:

- Executive
- Judiciary
- Legislature



The Legislative arm of government includes National Parliament and the provincial legislatures. South Africa has 9 legislatures, located in each province.

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egislatures are an important component of the national governance ystems. They are primarily responsible for making laws, conducting oversight of the executive, passing of budgets, facilitating public







PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES

- COMMITTEE AND HOUSE SITTING PROGRAMMES FOR ALL NINE PROVINCES
- WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Sections 115 to 118 of the of the provincial legislatures

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Provincial legislatures can compel, in terms of provincial legislation or the rules and orders of the legislature, any person or institution to comply with a summons

Provincial legislatures can receive petitions, representations or submissions from any interested persons or institutions within a province







SUMMONS & PETITIONS

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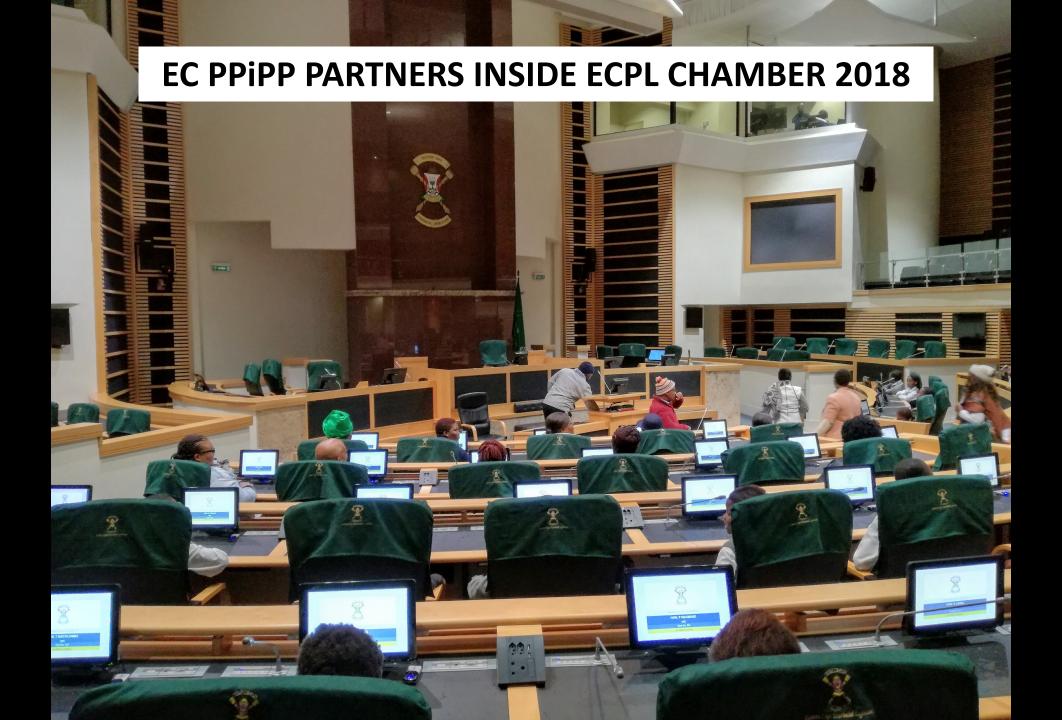
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WC Budget Literacy Workshop March 2019









POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF PARLIAMENT TO RESPOND TO OR AMEND MONEY BILLS AND **REVENUE PROPOSALS**

This infographic outlines the key processes and provisions contained in the Money Bills Amendment Procedures and Related Matters Act 9 of 2009 that allow members of parliament to set aside proposals that could negatively impact the state's ability to realise substantive equality and redress as set out in Section 9 of the Bill of Rights.

In particular - the focus is on provisions related to revenue proposals such as the 1% increase proposed for value added tax (VAT) by the Minister of Finance on 21 February 2018. What are the options for MPs to respond in a manner that upholds section 9 of the Bill of Rights which guarantees equality before the law and freedom from discrimination to the people of South Africa?

WHY WOULD PARLIAMENT AMEND A MONEY BILL?

Money bills are amended in order to implement decisions by the NA and NCOP about public finances. The Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act (Money Bills Act) places a duty on the Finance and Appropriations committees to hold public hearings regarding the fiscal framework and revenue proposals. Interestingly - this is the only instance in legislation in which a duty is placed on specific committees to undertake public participation, it signals the intention to ensure that public opinion is embedded in processes relating to public money.



First - it's important to remember that the fiscal framework sets out where and on what govt will spend its budget. Part of that are revenue proposals





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PROCEDURE PRIOR TO THE TABLING OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET



NA committees assess performance of national departments through;



medium term estimates, strategic plans, annual reports, financial statements and:



expenditure reports provided by National Treasury on departments performance as per Section 32 of the PFMA



Committees submit BRRRS for each department (after approprotions but before MTBPS in October);



may include recommendations on use of resources



The Minister of Finance must submit the MTBPS to Parliament;



each committee on finance/appropriations must, 30 days after the tabling of MTBPS. report to the NA/NCOP

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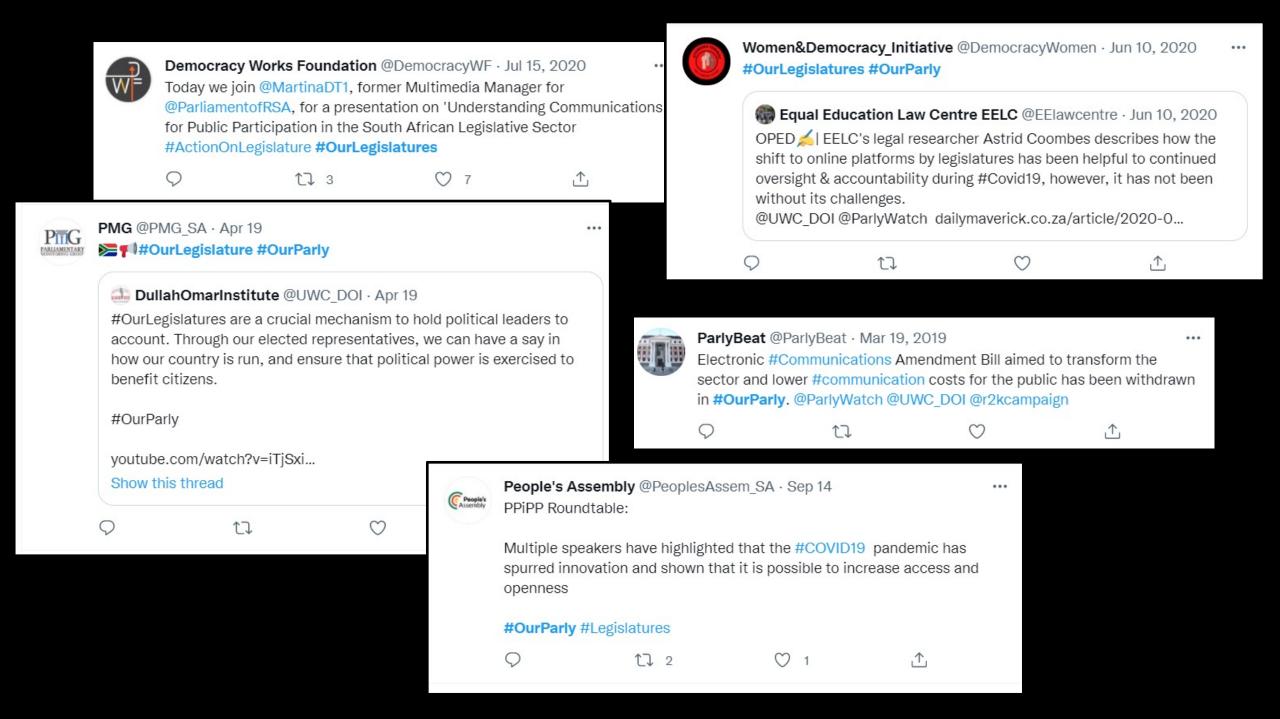








NATIONAL CSO DIALOGUE - WITH EC LINKUP JUNE 2019



EC PARTNERS TRAINING OCTOBER 2019





PSAM @PSAM AFRICA · May 4, 2020

This is very helpful! Weekly portfolio committee & plenary meeting updates would be great. We also appreciate the assistance @eclegislature has provided to us & #CSO partners to access PC meetings

#OurLegislature #COVID19 #oversight @PMG_SA @ParlyWatch @DemocracyWomen @boellza



🟋 EC Legislature @eclegislature · Apr 29, 2020

House Business: The #EasternCape Legislature will hold a virtual plenary on 30 April at 10h00 to consider committee reports. MPLs will also discuss a matter of public importance #Covid 19 and implications for the #EasternCape". #VirtualParliament #democracy @CPA Secretariat



COMMUNICATING WITH LEGISLATURES THROUGH TWITTER



PSAM @PSAM_AFRICA · Mar 27, 2020

How can the legislatures do their work during a time of crisis? PPIPP partners @PSAM_AFRICA @DemocracyWomen @UWC_DOI & PEERC have some recommendations:

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Contact @ZukiswaKota or @SamwatSam for further information on the our

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Replying to @PSAM AFRICA @DemocracyWomen and 11 others

@PSAM AFRICA Interesting content. I have shared it with my managers.

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FISCAL OVERSIGHT BY PARLIAMENT AND PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES

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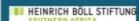












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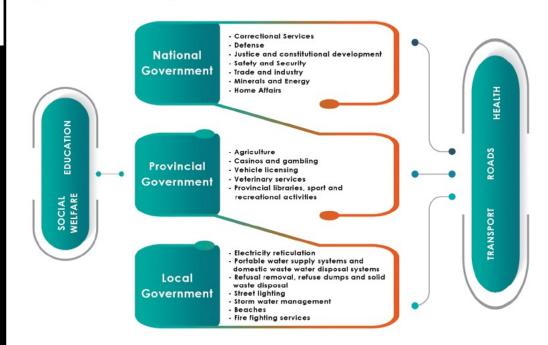
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5.2. Implications of existing legislative provisions

he Constitution requires (s120(3)) that provincial legislatures pass an Act that

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Figure B-1: Responsibilities of Each Level of Government



Source: Author

Limited Provincial Authority to Raise Revenue



PPIPP WC ROUND TABLE NOVEMBER 2019









Replying to @PSAM_AFRICA @ParlyWatch and 3 others

Dear @PSA_AFRICA, this indeed is our official Twit account (ParliamentofRSA). Please feel free to visit website parliament.gov.za for more information about Parliament.

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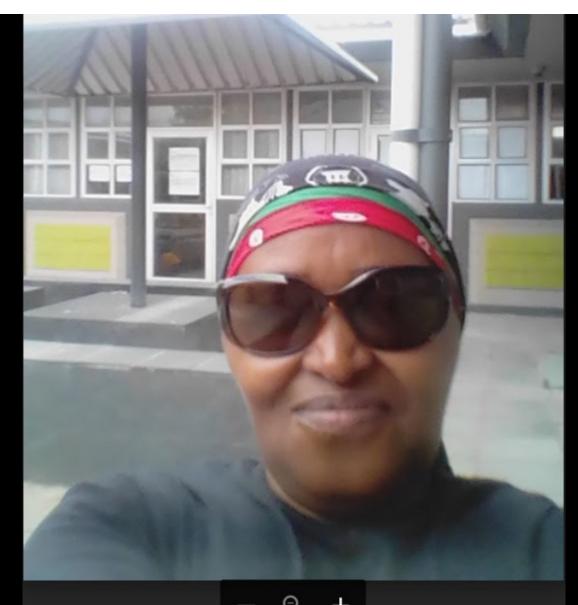
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TESTING THE LIMITS OF OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

 PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAT PARLIAMENT REQUESTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

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- RECOMMENDATIONS

While we monitored this question in the national Parliament, our recommendations apply to Parliament and to the Provincial Legislatures.

Specifically on the issue of committees' requests for additional written information from departments and entities reporting to them, we propose the following:

- The Rules and Guide to Procedure need to contain a framework that ensures
 a systematic approach to additional written information requested from
 a department by a committee during an oversight meeting.
- 2. The framework must stipulate that the constitutional standards for public transparency apply to these documents.











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r Institute, University of the Western Cape and the Parliamentary Monitoring

Responsiveness to the PMG/DOI requests - detail on documents received:

52
TOTAL COMMITTEES

46 HOLD MEETINGS



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24 COMMITTEES UTILISED THIS MECHANISM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (50 REQUESTS)



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13 COMMITTEES UTILISED MECHANISM ONLY ONCE

RESULTING IN: 13 REQUESTS – OF WHICH FIVE DOCUMENTS WERE RECEIVED/ ACCESSED BY PMG/DOI (38%)



11 COMMITTEES UTILISED
MECHANISM TWICE OR MORE

RESULTING IN: 37 REQUESTS -OF WHICH I6 DOCUMENTS WERE RECEIVED BY PMG/DOI (43%)



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6 PROVIDED
SOME OF THE
REQUESTED
INFORMATION
(12 DOCUMENT OF 27
REQUESTED)



4 PROVIDED ALL THE REQUESTED INFORMATION (4 DOCUMENTS OF 4 REQUESTED)



2 PROVIDED ALL THE REQUESTED INFORMATION (4 DOCUMENTS OF 4 REQUESTED)







EASTERN CAPE

DATE: TUESDAY, 5 **MARCH 2019**

10H00

NORTH WEST

DATE: TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2019

WESTERN CAPE

DATE: TUEDAY, 5 MARCH 2019

MARCH 2019

KWAZULU-NATAL

DATE: THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2019 10H00

FREE STATE

DATE: TUESDAY. 5 MARCH 2019

14H00

NORTHERN CAP

DATE: WEDNESD 6 MARCH 2019

MPUMALANGA

DATE: TUESDAY

MARCH 2019

LIMPOPO

DATE: TUESDAY, 5 **MARCH 2019**

10H00

To get to know the Members of the Provincial Legislatures, head over to People's Assembly!

PROVINCIAL BUDGET SPEECH



PUTTING PEOPLE IN PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT

The Provincial Budget Speech is an annual event in each of South Africa's nine **provinces**, in which the MECs for Finance outline the provincial government's spending plans for the financial year.

Below we compiled the dates for when the Provincial Budget Speeches will be taking place in each province, and contact details you can use if you want more information.

2020

05 March



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10 March



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1. GUIDE TO THE ADJUSTED BUDGET OF SOUTH AFRICA: 2021/22

What is the Adjusted Budget?

In February of each year, the Minister of Finance tables the National Budget alongside the Division of Revenue Bill which is the plan for how money will be divided between the national, provincial and local governments to enable each sphere to provide services and perform its functions. Moreover, the National Budget shows the government's spending, tax and borrowing plans.



In the middle of each financial year (usually around October), the Minister of Finance tables the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) and an Adjusted Budget which provides

> an opportunity to make permissible revisions to the budget. The adjustments are made in response to shifts and/or unexpected circumstances that have affected planned government spending for that year. The adjusted budget may allocate unused funds, including money from government's rainy day fund, and additional amounts that departments do not think they are going to spend.

The Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure (AENE) are tabled in the National Assembly by the Minister of Finance, accompanied by an Adjustments Appropriation Bill. The permissible adjustments are reflected as part of the adjusted budget, which also includes the amounts initially allocated in the Appropriation Act and in any subsequent special appropriations. A Division of Revenue Amendment Bill that sets out how the adjustments affect the Division of Revenue Act is also tabled at this time.

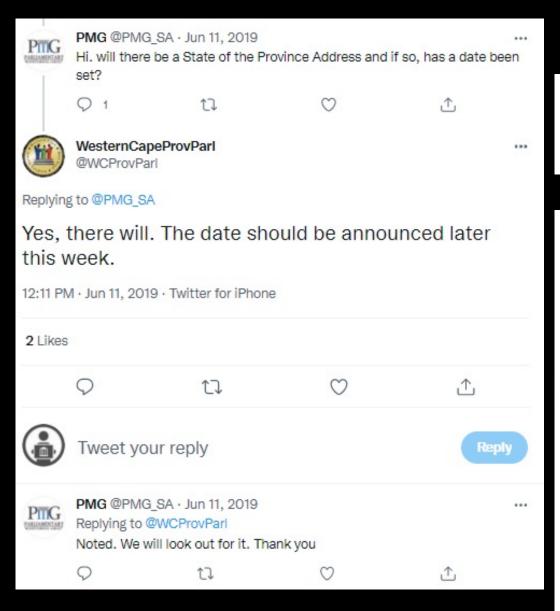


For more informaton on the South African budget process, tips on opportunities to make your inputs on the budget matters and other useful resources, visit the learning page on <u>vulcisamali</u>. You can also access detailed budget allocation and expenditure data for all government departments and provinces all government department governments in addition to uploading your own reports and analyses.









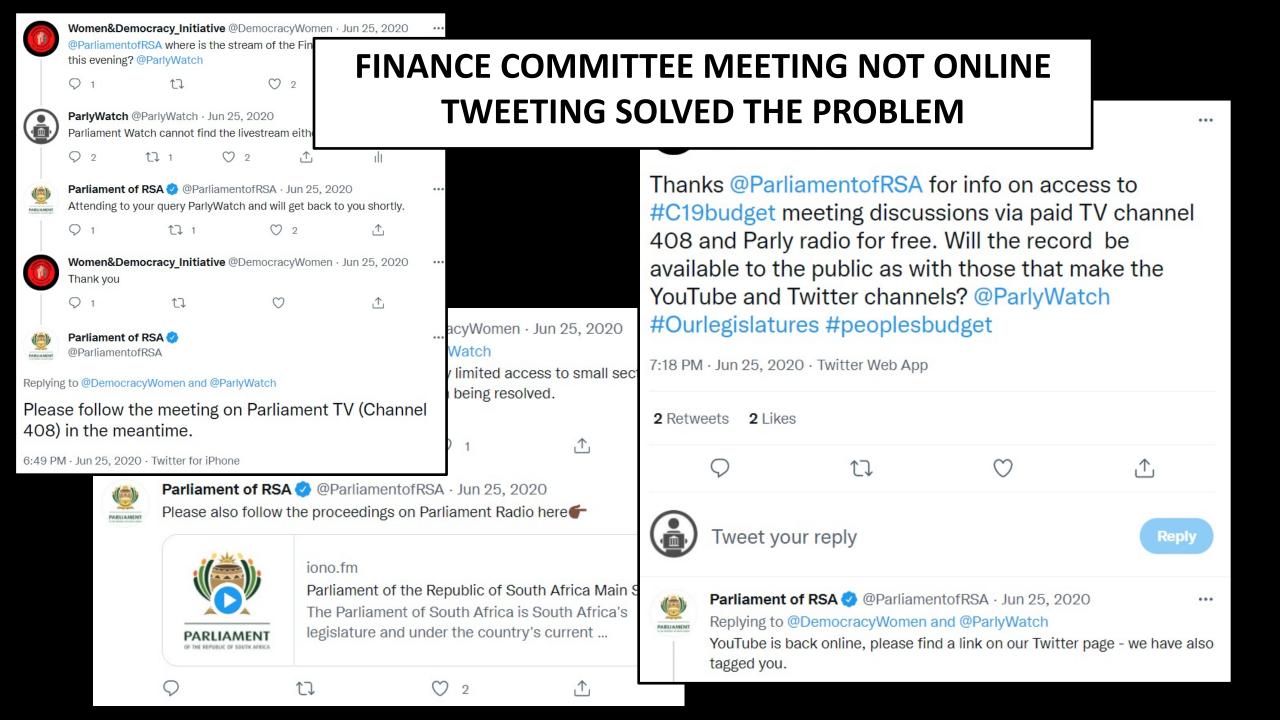
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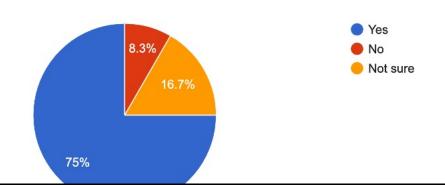
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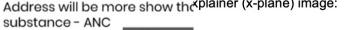


Was it worth it to spend your time and energy on public participation?





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By Mwangi Githahu () Feb 16, 2021

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