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## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

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Standing Committee on Local Government announces plan of action  
regarding financial mismanagement of Kannaland Municipality:

### Mayoral Response

I have learned of the irresponsible and incredulous utterances of sabotage and subversion earlier today by the Chair of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament Standing Committee on Local Government Masizole Mngqasela, with alarm and consternation and complete discombobulation .

Mngqasela, in flagrant disrespect of his responsibility to aid and assist, attacked Kannaland's fiscally prudent solution to an Eskom account variance stretching back to times even before my government came to power in Kannaland.

A clearer example of irresponsible governance cannot be made.

A clearer example of intergovernmental interference cannot be made.

A clearer example of political intimidation cannot be made.

A clearer example of ill will cannot be made.

A clearer example of the undermining of a peer government cannot be made.

Mngqasela's harum-scarum behaviour is scandalous, treacherous, and despicable.

Mngqasela's credibility is shot.

Mngqasela is playing politics in an election year in a futile attempt to displace a democratically elected government certain to be entrenched by the electorate within a few months.

This outrage is made all the worse in the dry, harsh, illuminating light of an invitation from Mnqasela this morning, sent at the bewitching hours around midnight last night, to attend a committee session to hear National Treasury; the National Ministers of Finance and Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs; and the Western Cape Ministers of Finance and Local Government on Kannaland's clear solution to the Eskom variance – on March 2, mind, a week after the Eskom deadline for which Kannaland is already prepared!

This after Provincial Treasury surreptitiously attempted to adversely influence Kannaland's solution by approaching third parties!

This after the Kannaland Municipal Manager and Chief Financial Officer met, on Tuesday, with Eskom, in the presence of senior Western Cape Local Government officials, to address the Eskom variance.

The Chair of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament Standing Committee on Local Government performed with a depleted chorus line today – only the three DA members of his "oversight" committee were present... A rather obvious indication that something is rotten in the state of Denmark.

Clearly Mnqasela's conception of "oversight" is more attuned with unintentional omissions resulting from failure to notice matters of import, and mistakes, resulting from inattention; than the intended understanding of the word, being the management by supervising and monitoring the performance or operation of local governments.

In this light, Mnqasela should probably be bewailed and bemoaned rather than criticised: he clearly has no conception of his role and he is but making sporadic sudden movements in order to be visible, yet draw attention away from his abject inability.

Mnqasela's call to the national and the provincial governments to place Kannaland under administration is a vain attempt at gravitas, dressed up in a cheap tux of meretricious concern and aid. This call for administration makes a mockery of Mnqasela's perceptivity given Kannaland's improved back-to-back unqualified audit opinions, within three years of my executive's inheritance of an administration reliant upon peer governments, and parastatal assistance, for its compliance cost, now included in the municipality's own budget.

Mnqasela's opportunistic broadside is directly prejudicing and injuring poor people, and when the matter had already been managed by my administration since mid-December.


The 'Chair' should learn of Kannaland at least that it is a community of many poor and indigent people governed by a coalition. Kannaland had raised various matters for provincial and national attention at several NCOP meetings over a number of years... the 'Chair' have had ample opportunity in recent years to address issues troubling Kannaland, yet now in an election year he wants to demonstrate some arrogated ability to play an oversight role.

To this point I raise the matter that no budget had been made available for Kannaland housing for the next three years! No money whatsoever! The 'Chair' for 'oversight' is silent on this affront to the poor people of Kannaland! But the 'Chair' wishes to berate Kannaland for finding its own solutions – Kannaland is compelled to find its own solutions, for Kannaland can hardly look to the 'Chair' for assistance, can it now!?

The behaviour and the sabotage of the Chair of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament Standing Committee on Local Government Masizole Mnqasela today, will be reported to the National Government.

The 'Chair' should be ashamed of himself. I reject the attempt at relevance by the 'Chair' with considerable disdain.

Yours faithfully,



**ALDERMAN J. DONSON**  
**EXECUTIVE MAYOR**