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Hon Noxolo Kiviet
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Dear Madam Speaker

RE: ORAL REPLIES DURING PLENARY

It has been communicated to me as Chief Whip of the Official Opposition, after a meeting of the Multiparty Whippery held on 14 September 2017 that a decision has been taken that there will be no Oral replies to questions at the sitting of the House on 18 October 2017 during Taking of the Oath of Allegiance to the People of Port St Johns in the O R Tambo District Municipality.

Please be informed that not entertaining Oral Questions is in violation of the Standing Rules of the Legislature, Rule 186. (1) which states that Questions for oral reply are taken as a first Order of the day on a Wednesday when plenary is in session.

In this respect, the House is not upholding the Standing Rules of the Legislature by not hearing oral questions as a first point of business on a Wednesday when Plenary is in session.

The DA would like to know if oral questions will be heard, and if not, could you, Madam Speaker, please advise why this will not happen.

Please feel free to contact me for any further clarity.

Thank you

Regards,

Edmund van Vuuren
DA Chief Whip