

## **National Assembly Budget Vote Debate**

### **Budget Vote 40 Debate Transport**

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We must re-emphasise that the opposition pretends as if it is unaware of Budget Vote and the programmes of the Department. Yet all the information is publicly available. This information has been available since February when the Minister of Finance tabled the Budget Vote. Moreover, the APPs of the Department with the key performance areas are also publicly available and have been available for a long time. To suggest that the GNU is pushing the budget votes now is disingenuous. If truth be told the opposition is merely not engaged in Parliamentary matters and merely collects votes to oppose the GNU rather than grappling with concrete issues which affect the plight of the people. These programmes have not changed over the last five years and it seems that some do not just want to assess the documentation and programmes. They do not express any concrete view on programmes aimed at changing the lives of the people.

Boycotting budget votes has been the hallmark of opposition such as the EFF over the last five years. They don't play the ball, but rather prefer to play the party or parties proposing the programmes aimed at improving the lives of the people.

The programmes of the Department are aimed at transforming the lives of the people and creating a better life for all. This means that the opposition parties are objectively opposed to the transformation of our society and job creation through abstaining from approving the Budget Vote. Our appeal to the executive is that we need to stay focussed and implement the programmes through their effort and that of the Department including the entities. People expect change and not abstention or boycotting votes.

The ANC supports the Budget Vote.