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1. Joint Rule: Venue for joint sittings of Houses of Parliament

Part A – Purpose

In terms of Joint Rule 8, joint sittings are held in the Chamber of the Assembly.

On 2 and 3 January 2022, fires severely damaged, amongst others, the National Assembly Chamber. This necessitated that an alternative venue be used to host the State of the Nation Address (SONA) and the debate thereon.

Joint Rule 2 provides that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Council, acting jointly, may give a ruling or make a rule in respect of any matter for which the Joint Rules do not provide. A rule made by the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Council, acting jointly, remains in force until a meeting of the Joint Rules Committee has decided on it.

While the Joint Rules provide for the venue, they do not provide for circumstances where the stipulated venue is not available.

The purpose of Joint Rule 8A in Part B below is to enable joint sittings to be held in a venue other than the Chamber of the Assembly.

Part B – Rule 8A: Alternate Venue

In circumstances where the Chamber of the Assembly cannot be used, joint sittings may be held in a venue determined by the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Council, acting jointly.

C – Application of Joint Rule

This Joint Rule applies to joint sittings.

N N Mapisa-Nqakula, MP
Speaker of the National Assembly

A N Masondo, MP
Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces

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- (a) Third Quarterly Performance Report of Parliament for 2021-22, tabled in terms of section 54(1) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act No 10 of 2009).
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