

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WESTERN CAPE**

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**QUESTION PAPER
ORAL REPLY**

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2024

INTERPELLATIONS

1. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

With regard to the Education budget shortfall of R3,8 billion over the 2024 MTEF period:

- (1) How did the Education budget come to be underfunded by R3,8 billion over the MTEF period;
- (2) whether she had proposed any measures to mitigate or eliminate the need to cut teacher posts?

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2. Mr D W Jacobs to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the underspending of funds reported in the 2023/24 Annual Report:

- (a) What priority areas are considered by her Department when allocating funding and
- (b) how does her Department ensure that funding is allocated where it is needed?

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3. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

What (a) are the harmful effects of asbestos in schools and (b) measures is his Department implementing to protect learners and staff against these hazards across the province?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

New Question to the Premier:

1. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

Regarding lifestyle audits for the current Cabinet members:

(a) How many audits have been completed to date, (b) what findings have emerged from these audits and (c) when will the final report on this process be available?

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Questions standing over from Thursday, 7 November 2024, as agreed to by the House:

2. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

In the light of projects and developments being stalled by extortion and the so-called “construction mafia”:

Whether his Department has taken steps to limit these interferences; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Ms A Cassiem to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the fire that broke out in the Taiwan Informal Settlement in Site C, Khayelitsha, on Sunday, 22 October 2024, that destroyed 40 shacks and left 90 people destitute:

(1) Whether any intervention was conducted by his Department to make sure that all those residents – who now remain homeless – found alternative accommodation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether his Department reached out to those residents to check if any matric learners were among them; if not, why not; if so, (a) whether arrangements have been made with their schools or with the Western Cape Education Department to make sure that they will not be disadvantaged while writing their final examinations and (b) what those arrangements are?

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New Questions

2. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What is the current status of the Manenberg School of Skills Project and (b) what issues are stalling this project?

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3. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

Whether he has any initiatives to educate farmers on the regulations and laws pertaining to evictions; if so, what are the relevant details?

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4. Mr F C Christians to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

With regard to the extension of the ban on fruit and vegetable exports from South Africa to Namibia and Botswana:

- (1) How does the ban affect the economy of the province;
- (2) whether we found other markets to mitigate the negative outcomes of the ban on the province; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the value of Western Cape imports from Namibia and Botswana?

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5. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

Whether tangible evidence exists to prove the efficacy of Memorandum of Understanding between the Western Cape Government and the South African Police Service in de-escalating crime; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

- (a) What has been the impact of the leaked voice recording of the City of Cape Town meeting discussing impoundment targets on the stability of the Minibus Taxi Task Team,
- (b) what mechanisms are in place to prevent mass disruption if another strike were to happen,
- (c) what are the impound target numbers for the various departments and units,
- (d) what was used to determine these impound target numbers and (e) what is the reason behind having targets for impounding taxis?

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7. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to allegations of financial misconduct at the Garden Route District Municipality:

- (1) Whether his Department responded to this matter; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) when was it brought to his attention;
- (2) what is the timeline for issuing the letters of demand requiring the monies to be repaid;
- (3) whether there will be any further investigations into the financial misconduct at the Garden Route District Municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) when will the outcome of the investigation by the Hawks on the contravention of the Municipal Finance Management Act by the former Executive Mayor be known?

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8. Mr N Constable to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

- (1) Whether his Department has initiated any investigation into a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, who is benefiting from limited bids awarded to a certain company, whose name has been furnished to his Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his Department has taken any steps to audit limited bids awarded to mobility service providers to ensure no conflicts of interest exist between his Department and private companies?

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9. Mr N Constable to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

- (1) Whether his Department has launch any investigation to verify whether old tracker systems removed from government garage vehicles were installed in Golden Arrow busses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any departmental staff members were questioned regarding this; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Mr D W Bryant to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What steps are being taken by his Department to help combat the rampant poaching of endangered succulent plants in the province?

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11. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the cooperation agreement signed in August 2024 by the national Minister of Police, the Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town:

- (a) What are the (i) key deliverables outlined in the agreement and (ii) responsibilities assigned to each party and (b) what role will the provincial government and the City of Cape Town play in addressing the underlying factors, such as spatial planning, inadequate lighting and accessibility, particularly in and around crime hotspots?

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