

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

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 22 JANUARY 2021

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

With regard to the Kannaland Municipality:

- (1) (a) When was the Municipality placed under administration and (b) what are the details thereof;
- (2) (a) for what period since the commencement of the intervention was there no administrator appointed and (b) why was there no administrator appointed;
- (3) (a) for how long has the current administrator been in the position and (b) when does his/her appointment end;
- (4) how has the appointment of an administrator contributed to the successful implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan to date;
- (5) since the commencement of the provincial intervention to date, what part of the Financial Recovery Plan (a) has been completed successfully, (b) has not been completed and (c) must still be commenced and completed;
- (6) (a) when did the Cabinet become aware of the unaffordable solar energy and water public-private partnership that the Municipality is reportedly pursuing, (b) how did the Cabinet become aware of this project, (c) what steps have been taken by the Cabinet since becoming aware of the matter to prevent the project from going ahead and (d) how is it possible that the Municipality can proceed with this project while there is still an administrator appointed?

(1)

2. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (a) What are the details of the schools in the province that have been (i) provided with broadband connectivity and (ii) not been provided with broadband connectivity and (b) what are the details of the schools in the province that have (i) fully operational broadband connectivity and (ii) broadband connectivity that is not working?

(2)

3. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) What is the number of unplaced learners for the 2021 academic year at the latest date for which information is available for (a) primary schools and (b) high school per quintile;
- (2) whether any measures have been put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools that parents will be visiting for late applications; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the practice of non-fee-paying schools in the province that are demanding voluntary school fund contributions from parents has been brought to her attention; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what steps have been taken to stop this practice and (c) what action has been taken or will be taken against the guilty schools; if not, whether she will investigate the matter;
- (4) whether it has been brought to her attention that certain non-fee-paying schools in the province refuse to admit learners or withhold their reports if they fail to pay the voluntary school fund contributions; if so, what are the relevant details; if not, whether she will investigate the matter;
- (5) whether she or her Department has received complaints from parents and/or teachers regarding the practice of demanding voluntary school fund contributions; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how were these complaints resolved?

(3)

4. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the second wave of COVID-19 infections:

- (1) (a) What is the position of her Department regarding the reopening of schools before reaching the peak of infections and (b) what is the Province's readiness and preparedness for the reopening of schools;
- (2) whether her Department has plans to (a) provide all the schools with the necessary PPE and (b) deep clean and sanitise all the schools before they reopen; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(4)

5. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to his comment on CapeTalk in response to Minister Mbombo's Limpopo holiday and her social media post, which was: "I must say that, quite frankly, that social media posting was just unacceptable. That is not the right message that we must send out."

- (1) Whether he intends to or has initiated any disciplinary process against Minister Mbombo for the post; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the details of the discussions he has had with Minister Mbombo regarding the post;
- (3) whether Minister Mbombo was granted leave to go on holiday to Limpopo; if not, why not; if so, what was the rationale behind granting her leave during a period in which the province was experiencing serious public healthcare challenges;
- (4) whether the Minister's post affected the image and reputation of the Western Cape Government; if so, what are the relevant details?

(5)

6. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) (a) What is the number of houses that have been destroyed in (i) Taiwan and (ii) Masiphumelele in fires in the informal settlement between November 2020 and January 2021 and (b) what are the details of the support provided by his Department and the City of Cape Town to the families that lost their homes in the fires in the informal settlements of Taiwan and Masiphumelele recently;
- (2) what are the (a) detailed plans, (b) budgets and (c) clear timelines for the provisioning of adequate housing in (i) Taiwan, (ii) Masiphumelele and (iii) Nomzamo in Strand?

(6)

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

With regard to the maintenance of the drainage systems and road infrastructure in municipalities:

- (a) What are the detailed (i) budget breakdown and (ii) expenditure breakdown, (b) what are the details of (i) the projects and (ii) their duration for the maintenance of the drainage systems and road infrastructure in all the Western Cape municipalities in (iii) 2014, (iv) 2015, (v) 2016, (vi) 2017, (vii) 2018, (viii) 2019 and (ix) 2020?

(7)

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

- (a) What are the reasons for the dilapidated state of the drainage systems and road infrastructure in City of Cape Town's townships of (i) Khayelitsha, (ii) Philippi, (iii) Nyanga and (iv) Gugulethu and (b) what are the (i) detailed plans, (ii) budgets and (iii) timelines for the maintenance of the drainage systems and road infrastructure in these areas?

(8)

9. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

Regarding the dumping of emergency housing material at the airport near Plettenberg Bay by the Bitou Municipality and with reference to the article "Millions of rands of housing materials dumped since 2018" published by *GroundUp*:

- (1) (a) What are the details of the communication received by his Department from the Bitou Municipality regarding this particular matter and (b) what reason or reasons did the Municipality provide for its failure to use the emergency housing material to erect housing structures;
- (2) whether his Department received correspondence and/or directives regarding this matter from its national government counterparts; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the building material is still in a useable condition; if not, why not; if so, what steps can his Department take to ensure that (a) these materials are used, (b) the Municipality complies with its mandate to supply housing opportunities to its residents and (c) the national government plays a supporting role in this matter?

(9)

10. Ms L J Botha to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (a) How many learners are currently enrolled for each grade (Grade 1 to Grade 12) at public schools for the 2021 academic year at the latest date for which information is available and (b) how many learners enrolled in the last four academic years, that is (i) 2019, (ii) 2018, (iii) 2017 and (iv) 2016, in each grade at public schools in the province?

(10)

11. Ms L J Botha to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

Due to the 2020 lockdown and the consequential school closures:

- (1) How much of the academic content has been covered by each grade during the 2020 academic year;
- (2) whether there is overdue content; if so, (a) what are the catch-up plans in this regard and (b) how does her Department plan to manage this at the start of the new academic year?

(11)

12. Ms L J Botha to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) How many teachers have lost their lives since the start of the second wave of COVID-19 infections to date, (b) what is her Department's contingency plan in this regard seeing that teaching assistants have already been allocated to various schools across the province;
- (2) with the information available to her Department, what are the particulars of the strategic approach to roll-out vaccines among teachers at public schools?

(12)

13. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

- (1) (a) With the information available to her Department, what portion of the nationally procured vaccine will be allocated to the Western Cape and (b) what are the particulars of the planned roll-out strategy by her Department of the acquired vaccine announced by Minister Mkhize in terms of the (i) criteria for the prioritisation of the first recipients, (ii) role of district health bodies for distribution and (iii) availability of healthcare workers to roll out the vaccine;

- (2) which avenues are being explored by the Western Cape to ensure the acquisition of sufficient doses of a COVID-19 vaccine to support the process at national government level?

(13)

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

With regard to City of Cape Town's property, including official accommodation:

- (1) What policy currently governs the provision of official accommodation to employees of the City of Cape Town;
- (2) whether the City of Cape Town maintains a central database of all its official accommodation; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many Council properties are currently occupied by employees of the City of Cape Town, (b) how many Council properties are currently occupied by employees without a valid or current lease agreement, (c) how many Council properties are occupied by employees where the City of Cape Town receives (i) a "nominal" rent, (ii) a "market-related" rent and (iii) no rent and (d) how many Council properties are occupied by persons where a change of employee status (for example termination, retrenchment, retirement, death, promotion, demotion or transfer) should have resulted in vacation of the Council property by those persons;
- (3) with regard to the following Council properties: (a) Pinewood, Molteno Road, Oranjezicht, (b) 1 Silverboom Avenue, Welgelegen, (c) 2 Silverboom Avenue, Welgelegen, (d) 23 Rochester Road, Bantry Bay, and (e) 76 Kloofnek, Tamboerskloof, (i) who are the tenants of these properties, (ii) what positions do they hold in the City of Cape Town, and (iii) what has been the annual rental collected per property since 2010?

(14)

15. Mr D G Mitchell to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

In relation to road safety during the festive period, dated 1 December 2020 to 15 January 2021, in the Western Cape:

- (1) How many (a) road crashes were recorded in the province and (b) fatalities through road crashes (inclusive of driver, passenger and pedestrian fatalities) were recorded in the province;
- (2) how many (a) road crashes were recorded in the province and (b) fatalities through road crashes (inclusive of driver, passenger and pedestrian fatalities) were recorded in the province in the period (i) 1 December 2019 to 15 January 2020, (ii) 1 December 2018 to 15 January 2019 and (iii) 1 December 2017 to 15 January 2018;

With regard to the trends over the last several years:

- (3) whether there has been a consistent increase or decrease in the number of (a) road crashes and (b) road-crash deaths;
- (4) (a) to what can the increase or decrease in (i) road crashes and (ii) road-crash deaths be attributed and (b) what measures have been implemented to curb road crashes and the related deaths over the last several years and more recently during the 2020/21 festive period;

- (5) whether the national lockdown regulations have had an impact on road crashes and related deaths; if so, what are the relevant details?

(15)

16. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

According to media reports (23 November 2020) approximately R4 million worth of temporary housing building material has been lying unused on vacant land at the airport in Plettenberg Bay since 2018.

- (1) (a) What material is this, (b) who procured it, (c) for what purpose was it procured, (d) who placed the building material at the airport, (e) why has the material not been utilised and (f) where is the material now;
- (2) whether this R4 million has been recorded as an irregular and fruitless expenditure; if not, why not?

(16)

17. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to Western Cape Children's Commissioner and her office:

- (1) (a) What is the staff structure (organogram) of the office and (b) which positions (i) have been filled and (ii) are currently vacant;
- (2) whether premises for her office have been secured; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the necessary equipment and furniture have been procured; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether (a) the office has been equipped with (i) telephone lines and (ii) an internet connection and (b) such details have been published publicly; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(17)

18. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

- (1) (a) How many staff members in each department (excluding employees of the Health and Education departments) have tested positive for COVID-19 since March 2020, (b) how many of these employees (i) have succumbed to COVID-19 and (ii) have yet to return to work due to COVID-19 and/or its complications, (c) what counselling programmes have been put in place for the affected employees and (d) how many employees have made use of these programmes in the last six months;
- (2) whether the departments are making use of outside experts, such as psychologists; if not; why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether a policy is in place to deal with working from home during the pandemic; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether all the employees have been consulted about such a policy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(18)

19. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to Cape Access centres in the Western Cape:

- (1) Whether any centres are closed; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how many clients have been served by each of these centres in the last six months;
- (3) whether all the centres have been sufficiently staffed during the last six months; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether all the centres are currently online and operational; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(19)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 5 February 2021. Should the replies not be submitted before or on the deadline, the Members have the right to have the questions transferred to the Question Paper for oral reply in accordance with Rule 206.