

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

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL 2021

1. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

(a) What were the employment figures for (i) primary and (ii) secondary agriculture in the Western Cape for the (aa) 2018/19, (bb) 2019/20 and (cc) 2020/21 financial years, (b) what factors prohibit further job creation in the sector, (c) what has been the effect of COVID-19 on the agricultural sector in terms of economic growth and infections and (d) how important has it been for job retention in the sector to be declared an essential service?

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

With regard to all public health facilities (hospitals, clinics and mobile units) in the Theewaterskloof area (Villiersdorp, Grabouw, Bot River, Caledon and Riviersonderend):

- (1) (a) How many complaints have been registered in the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years at each facility and (b)(i) what was the nature of each complaint and (ii) how many of these complaints have been resolved;
- (2) whether there are any sanitation inadequacies reported at each of these facilities; if so, (a) what are they and (b) what are the details of the process for the restoration work;
- (3) whether there are any existing challenges with regard to the distribution of chronic medication at any of these facilities; if so, what are they;
- (4) whether there are any shortages of (a) doctors and (b) nurses at the Riviersonderend Clinic; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what is the current visitation policy;
- (6) whether the visitation policy differs per facility; if so, what are the reasons;

- (7) (a) what are the details of the dental and oral care programme in the area and (b) what are the shortcomings of this programme;
- (8) what are the details of the capital infrastructural programmes in the area for the next two financial years?

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3. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the reply to question 9 of 1 April 2021 regarding People Management, which falls under his Department:

- (1) (a) On what dates did the posts become vacant, (b) what processes were followed to fill the two posts in question, (c) on what dates were the posts advertised, (d) where were these posts advertised, (e) how many applications were received, (f) on what dates were the candidates interviewed for these positions and (g) what methods were followed preceding the head-hunting processes;
- (2) (a)(i) how were the candidates for each of the head-hunting processes identified and (ii) by whom, (b) when did the head-hunting process commence, (c) when were the candidates employed, (d) who first identified, contacted and invited the two incumbents to participate;
- (3) (a) to whom and (b) at what point of the process was the conflict of interest reported and (c) how and (d) by whom were the conflicts of interest raised;
- (4) if the conflict of interest was known, whether there was an instruction given to overlook this conflict and to proceed with the appointments of the incumbents; if so, (a) from whom and (b) on what dates?

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4. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the reply to question 9 of 1 April 2021 regarding People Management, which falls under his Department:

- (1) (a) What were the original criteria used to advertise these positions, (b) of the applications received, how many applicants met the Employment Equity Plan requirements and (c) why did the successful candidate decline the offer;
- (2) whether the offer was amended before the head-hunting process was implemented, if so, why;
- (3) (a) how many candidates were identified through the head-hunting process, (b) how many of these candidates met the Employment Equity Plan requirements, (c) what were the other relevant factors that the Employment Equity Plan requirements were weighted against;
- (4) (a) when was the pre-existing relationship between the incumbents in question disclosed and (b)(i) how was this information communicated and (ii) to whom was this communicated;
- (5) which provisions of the Public Service Act, the Public Service Regulations and other prescripts have been relied upon to empower the head official of Provincial Treasury to deviate from the approved organisational structure of the Provincial Treasury to conclude the management contract referred to?

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5. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Acting Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With reference to the reply to question 9 of 12 March 2021:

(a) How many vacant school buildings are part of the asset list, (b) how many vacant school buildings have been transferred from the Department of Education to his Department since 2009, (c) how many buildings, previously used as schools, are currently not being used for any purpose and (d) what plans are there for the repurposing or future use of these buildings?

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6. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With respect to the amount of R12,9 million that was allocated to 145 sport federations across the province:

(a) How were the allocations determined, (b) what guidelines or policy documents guide this process, (c) what is the expected impact that it will have on the beneficiaries and (c) how will this be measured and/or assessed by the Department?

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7. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With respect to the additional amounts of R800 000 and R600 000 provided to the Saldanha Bay and Langeberg municipalities for the improvement of the Robertson Sports Ground and the Ronnie Louw Sports Field in the run-up to the Netball World Cup:

- (1) What are the upgrades that will be expected to be done at these two facilities;
- (2) whether there are any other municipalities that will benefit from the Legacy Project; if so, (a) which municipalities and (b) how will they benefit?

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8. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the Eye on the Child warning system, which is intended to mitigate the risk of unsupervised children:

- (1) Whether there is a plan to expand the system and to gain the support of more neighbourhood volunteers; if so, (a) what are the details of such a plan, including the (b) time frames, (c) objectives and (d) communication goals;
- (2) (a) where does this system currently operate, (b) what lessons have been learned for the improvement of the system and (c) how will any such recommendations be operationalised?

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9. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With regard to the after-school game-changer:

(a) What are the implementation strategies currently underway in rolling out the after-school game changer, (b) which communities does the after-school game changer support, (c)(i) how are municipalities involved in the programme and (ii) what role or

roles do they perform and (d) what are the measures or plans to be put in place to address the safety of learners at afterschool sites?

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

With reference to the approximately 150 000 missing TB patients in SA during 2018 according to the national TB Prevalence Survey:

- (1) (a) How many of these missing TB patients are located in the province and (b) what is the count of TB patients in the province in (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19, (iii) 2019/20, (iv) 2020/21 and (v) 2021/22 to date;
- (2) (a) how will her Department manage the use of its mobile X-ray clinic to serve rural areas in the province, (b) what are her departmental aims in the use of the unit, (c) what were the costs involved in acquiring this unit and (d) how will the aims proposed under the 90-90-90 TB Strategy in the province be integrated with the work of the WC TB Caucus?

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

Whether her Department has experienced any shortages of (a) Mathematics and (b) Physical Science teachers for grades 10 to 12 in the last five academic years; if so, (i) what are the relevant details, including (ii) totals, (iii) which schools have been affected, (iv) what are the corrective measures in this regard and (v) what impact will the reduction in cost of employment across public departments have on this issue in the foreseeable future?

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

- (1) Whether she and/or any officials in her Departments held meetings with parents from Forest Village in the period 2019 to 2021; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b)(i) what is the number of meetings held and (ii) what were the dates of the meetings, (c) what are the details of the key resolutions taken and (d) can copies of the minutes of each meeting be made available;
- (2) whether she and/or any officials in her Department made an undertaking that her Department would erect mobile classrooms for Forest Village learners at the back of the Apex Primary School; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) why did her Department pull out of its commitment to erect mobile classrooms for learners from Forest Village;
- (3) whether officials from her Department have proposed to transport learners from Forest Village to schools in Khayelitsha; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) why did this not materialise?

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13. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) Whether a company, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, has received any contracts from his Department in the period 2014/15 to 2021/22; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what are the details of all contracts they received and (c) what was the value of each contract;

- (2) (a) what are the details of (a) the ownership of this company, (b) the directors and (c) its BBBEE compliance?

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14. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

- (1) Whether he received any legal advice on the matter of Minister Madikizela falsifying his academic qualification; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what are the reasons for the suspension of Minister Madikizela and (b) what process was followed to arrive at that decision;
- (3) whether his government is conducting any investigation into the serious allegations of the falsification of academic records against Minister Madikizela; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details, including (i) a progress report on the investigation and (ii) what will happen when the 14-day suspension comes to an end;
- (4) what are the reasons for not suspending Minister Madikizela until all the investigations into the matter have been concluded?

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15. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With respect to the Robben Island Museum (RIM):

- (1) Whether there have been any efforts by her Department to acquire a mandate to manage the budget and support operations of the RIM; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what was the outcome and (c) what was the response from the RIM and/or the national Department responsible for RIM's management;
- (2) what is the capacity of her Department to support and manage the budget and operations of the RIM?

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

With reference to the Council of the Cederberg Local Municipality's decision to write off all of the uncollected debts of the compassionate households ("deernishuishoudings") from the previous financial year:

Whether this has been brought to his attention; if so, (a) what is the source of the funding and (b) was the funding budgeted for?

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17. Ms L J Botha to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Whether there is any walking-bus initiative underway in the West Coast region; if not, (a) why not and (b) what (i) is the prospect, (ii) are the criteria and (iii) is the process for the establishment of this initiative in this area; if so, what are the relevant details?

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18. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to the Western Cape COVID-19 Business Relief Fund:

(a) How many businesses (i) applied for and (ii) received funding from the Province's COVID-19 Business Relief Fund, (b) what was the nature of the funding provided to the various businesses and (c) what instrument has the Department developed to monitor the utilisation of these funds?

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19. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to the Western Cape Tourism Product Development Fund:

(a) How many (i) businesses applied for and (ii) received funding from the Tourism Product Development Fund, (b) what was the nature of the funding provided to the various businesses and (c) what examples can be shared of tourism innovation that was developed as a result of the funding?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 14 May 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.