

**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, 17 MAY 2022**

**1. Ms D M Baartman to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:**

With regard to invasive alien vegetation in the Central Karoo:

- (1) What is the (a) monetary and (b) non-monetary impact of invasive alien vegetation in the Central Karoo District, with particular emphasis on (i) satansbos, (ii) prosopis and (iii) tamarisk;
- (2) how much funding (a) has been made available to deal with these plants in the past three financial years and (b) is being allocated in the next three financial years;
- (3) whether any areas, including rivers, have been identified for intervention; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the construction of the wall at the Clanwilliam Dam:

- (a) What is the latest news on the progress with the construction of the new dam wall,
- (b) what are the areas in which the provincial Department can support the agricultural opportunities that will be unlocked once the project is completed and (c)(i) to what extent has his Department already commenced with the planning or implementation of the various kinds of support and (ii) when is this support expected to commence?

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

What was the cause of his Department's website, and its various resources for the agricultural industry, being down during the second week of May 2022, (b) for how long was the website down and (c) what measures were then put in place to avoid a repeat of this period of unavailability?

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**4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

- (1) (a) What is the current situation with vehicular access to the Jonkershoek Nature Reserve, (b) what measures have been introduced to handle the number of vehicles that visitors wish to bring into the reserve and (c) what measures have been implemented to limit the damage done to the natural vegetation by vehicles;
- (2) whether CapeNature has embarked on a public participation process regarding vehicular access to the Jonkershoek Nature Reserve; if so, (a) what are the relevant details of these engagements and (b) what input was received?

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**5. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

With regard to independent power producers in the Western Cape:

- (a) What is the total amount of electricity added to the grid by independent power producers in the Western Cape, (b) what is the total generating capacity of these independent power producers, (c) what is the total amount of electricity that needs to be added to the grid to avoid load-shedding in the province and (d) what is her Department doing to stimulate the growth of this industry in the province?

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**6. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:**

With regard to the Human Settlements Strategy to provide services to informal settlements:

- (1) Whether his Department has any strategic plan to provide housing-related services in informal settlements; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is his Department's plan to build capacity in municipalities to deliver housing services in areas with expanding informal settlements;
- (3) whether any research is taking place regarding the unique problems facing specific settlements; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**7. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:**

With respect to the pilot project to leverage public-private partnerships to achieve universal healthcare coverage:

- Whether this project has been established; if so, (a) for how long is it expected to last, (b) what is the budgetary allocation being made to this project, (c) what are the terms of reference, (d) on which model is this project being based and (e) which stakeholders are being involved to achieve this?

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**8. Mr S N August to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

With regard to the Western Cape Commissioner for Children:

- (1) (a) What was the (i) reason for the trip to Mauritius and (ii) purpose for which the Commissioner met with the President of Mauritius, (b) what was the cost of the trip,

- (c) who financed the trip, (d) what was the itinerary for the trip and (e) what was the outcomes of this visit;
- (2) whether the Western Cape Commissioner for Children is fully functional; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many (i) permanent staff members and (ii) temporary staff members are employed by the Office and (b) what are their respective roles;
- (3) whether the Office of the Commissioner received an increase in the 2022/23 budget; if so, (a) what is the increased amount and (b) how will this money be spent in the current financial year?

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**9. Mr S N August to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Mobility:**

With reference to his reply to question 9 of 8 April 2022:

- (1) Why did his Department decide not to lodge an internal investigation given the grievous charges the traffic chief faces;
- (2) whether measures were put in place to ensure that the traffic chief does not attempt to jeopardise the investigation or intimidate those linked to the case; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether counselling was extended to the victim; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the nature of the counselling, (b) for how long was counselling provided and (c) what internal departmental support was offered to the victim?

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**10. Mr S N August to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) (a) What civil society organisations (CSOs) received funding from her Department in the last three financial years and (b) what services do these CSOs provide to homeless people;
- (2) whether her Department has monitoring and evaluation tools to exercise oversight over how public funds are spent by these CSOs; if not, why not; if so, (a) what type of financial oversight is exercised, (b) how effective is this oversight and (c) how does her Department curb financial mismanagement by CSOs;
- (3) whether her Department has a designated policy for homelessness and reintegration; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how are the mandates of the CSOs aligned with this policy?

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**11. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:**

Whether a principal and/or a group of teachers can expel a learner for offences against a school; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**12. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:**

Whether psychological counselling is provided to children and their families who are the victims of gun violence; if not, what measures can be implemented to effect the complete

recovery of these children and their families; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) for how long is the counselling provided?

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

With reference to his reply to question 9 of 8 April 2022:

In respect of the events, (a) what was the (i) size, (ii) nature, (iii) cost and (iv) impact on the property and the neighbours, (b) who approved the events, (c) can a copy of the application documents be made available and (d) how much did (i) Iris House and (ii) Soul Care Network pay?

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

In respect of the Iris House dinner in 2022 that was organised by the Office of the Premier:

What was the event's (a) purpose, (b) size, (c) nature, (d) cost and (e) impact on the property and the neighbours?

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**15. Mr P Marran to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

With reference to his reply to question 17 of 22 April 2022:

- (1) With regard to the 96 applications received for the position, (a)(i) what shortlisting mechanisms were followed and (ii) on what basis were all applicants judged as not meeting the requirements and not being suitable for the position, (b)(i) when was the decision to headhunt taken and (ii) can copies of the minutes of the shortlisting committee and the meeting to headhunt be made available;
- (2) whether a copy of the advertisement can be made available;
- (3) (a) on what basis did a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, withdraw his application and (b) what position did this person hold in his Department at the time of the application;
- (4) whether the person in (3) is still in the employ of his Department, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**16. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:**

With regard to the School Fencing Project:

- (1) (a) What is the budget for the School Fencing Project for the (i) current financial year and (ii) MTEF period and (b) what is the breakdown of the budget per district;
- (2) what (a) is the number and (b) are the details of the schools in the (i) Eden Education District and (ii) Central Karoo Education District that have benefited from this project since its inception to date;

- (3) (a) what are the details of the schools that will benefit from the School Fencing Project in the next financial year and (b) what criteria are followed in identifying and selecting schools to benefit from the School Fencing Project;
- (4) whether the poor state of fencing at the (a) Bongoletu Primary School and (b) Fezeka Secondary School has been brought to his attention; if so, what are the plans to prioritise these two schools for fencing?

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**17. Mr P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

- (a) What are the costs associated with the (i) establishment of new departments and (ii) name changes to departments, (b) what is the detailed cost breakdown for each (i) department and (ii) cost item, (c) what are the details of the organograms for each of the new departments and (d)(i) how many additional posts are there and (ii) what are the details of such posts that will be created in each of these departments?

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**18. Mr M Kama to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

- (a) What is the number of visits to police stations that were undertaken by his Department in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date, (b) what are the details of stations visited and (c) what were the issues that were picked up?

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**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 3 June 2022. 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.**