

**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, 27 MAY 2022

1. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With respect to the arts, agriculture and computational skills component of the STEAMAC strategy:

- (1) Given that the mainstream academic curriculum is not suited to all learners, including the focus on STEAMAC, what is the Department doing to expand learning opportunities for these learners so they are not excluded;
- (2) whether his Department has seen an increase in the number of schools offering agriculture or arts subjects in recent years; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

In relation to the challenges faced by his Department in the construction of housing projects:

- (1) In the past five financial years, how many housing projects in the province have been halted because of (a) difficult community dynamics, (b) land invasions, (c) other criminal activity and (d) delayed provision of electricity infrastructure by Eskom;
- (2) (a) what are the amounts allocated to the halted projects and (b) how many beneficiaries would have benefited from the halted projects?

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

With reference to the Conradie Park Housing Development:

- (a) How many projects that follow the Conradie Park model are currently in the pipeline in the province and (b) what are the (i) locations and (ii) details of these planned projects?

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

What benefits will his recent visit to Bothaville and to the Nampo 2022 event, as organised by Grain SA, hold for agriculture in the province?

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5. Mr D America to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Mobility:

Regarding bus services under local-government control:

(a) How many new buses have been allocated to the (i) City of Cape Town's MyCiti bus service and (ii) George Municipality's Go George bus service since January 2019 and (b) what financial support has the Province given to those municipalities since January 2019?

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

(1) What (a) is the background and (b) are the contents of the court order by which the Cederberg Municipality was ordered to remove all its equipment from the borehole or boreholes that are currently the main source or sources of water for Lamberts' Bay;

(2) (a) whether there was or is an over-abstraction of water from these boreholes and (b) if so, what are the potential consequences for the environment;

(3) to what extent his Department is cooperating with the national Department of Water and Sanitation in monitoring the extraction rates from all boreholes in the area between Citrusdal, Clanwilliam and the coast;

(4) whether the current extraction rates are deemed to be sustainable; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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7. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With respect to detainees escaping from police custody between January and May 2022 in the province:

(1) (a) How many have escaped (i) in police vehicles in each cluster, (ii) from police holding cells at each police station and (iii) from physical police detention facilities and (b) how many of the aforementioned escapees have been rearrested again;

(2) whether there have been any investigations into these escapes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether there were any SAPS members who have been found negligent or responsible for these escapes; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

In relation to the Skills Development and Innovation Programme:

(a) What are the areas of skills demand in the province that have been identified so far in this financial year, (b) how is her Department coordinating partnerships with stakeholders at different levels to address this demand, (c) how is her Department engaging with the national government on updating the National Scarce Skills List to align it closely with the skills needed in the province and (d)(i) how many beneficiaries are currently being supported through skills interventions and (ii) what are the relevant details of these interventions?

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9. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the introduction of a reward system for the anonymous reporting of the location where illegal firearms can be found:

Whether whistle-blowers will be afforded protection when they provide information on the whereabouts of illegal firearms; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the work of the Ministers of the now defunct Department of Transport and Public Works during the sixth administration:

(1) (a) What (i) is the number, (ii) are the details of the meetings he has had with various taxi associations between 2020 and 2022, (iii) are the dates of these meetings, (iv) are the details of the venues of these meetings, (v) are the names of the associations, and their delegations, that were met with, (vi) are the issues that were discussed and (vii) are the resolutions that were taken and (b) can copies of the minutes of these meetings be made available;

(2) (a) what is the number of meetings he has had with the Dunoon Taxi Association between 2020 and 2022, (b) what are the (i) issues that were discussed and (ii) resolutions that were taken and (c) can copies of the minutes of these meetings be made available?

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11. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the newly established departments of Infrastructure and Mobility:

(1) What is the (a) budget allocation for each of these departments and (b) budget breakdown per programme;

(2) whether, with regard to the budget allocation that was passed by the provincial parliament for the 2022/23 financial year, any allocations were made to these new departments; if not, what laws and regulations permitted the redetermination of the provincial budget with no consultation of the provincial legislature to allocate budgets to these new departments; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) whether she or her Department has sought any legal advice on the redetermination of the provincial budget to make allocations to the new departments; if so, what are the relevant details?

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12. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to consultants being appointed by the Department of Mobility, excluding Government Motor Transport:

- (1) What are the names of the top five consulting firms in terms of (a) total cost, (b) breakdown by billing hours and (c) the details of the services rendered to the Department;
- (2) (a) how many consultants are deployed to his Department by each consulting firm, (b) what are the individual billing hours of each of these consultants, (c) what are the details of how long they have been consulting to his Department and (d) under what terms are they consulting with regard to specific output;
- (3) what are the names of top five individual consultants (not deployed by firms) employed by his Department directly in terms of their (a) billing hours, (b) total cost, (c) monthly billable hours for the past 12 months, (d) duration of consulting for the Department and (e) employment with regard to specific output?

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13. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the consultants being appointed by Government Motor Transport (GMT):

- (1) What are the names of the top five consulting firms in terms of (a) total cost, (b) breakdown by billing hours and (c) the details of the services rendered to GMT;
- (2) (a) how many consultants are deployed to GMT by each consulting firm, (b) what are the individual billing hours of each of these consultants, (c) what are the details of how long they have been consulting to GMT and (d) under what terms are they consulting with regard to specific output;
- (3) what are the names of top five individual consultants (not deployed by firms) employed by GMT directly in terms of their (a) billing hours, (b) total cost, (c) monthly billable hours for the past 12 months, (d) duration of consulting for GMT and (e) employment with regard to specific output?

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14. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the recent announcement of the relaunch of the direct flight service between London Heathrow and the Cape Town International Airport:

- (1) Whether her Department has had any engagements with the Department of Health regarding the risk of the spread of monkeypox along this route; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what measures are in place mitigate the risk;
- (2) (a) what is the expected number of passengers who will use the route per month, (b) how much revenue will it generate for the province, (c) what is the expected benefit for the province because of the relaunch of this route and (d) what role, if any, did the national government play in the relaunch of this route?

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15. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

- (1) (a) When was the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership (WCEDP) established, (b) what is its (i) purpose and (ii) relationship with her Department, (c) what is its reporting and governance structure and (d) how does such interface with her Department, with the Premier and/or with any other provincial departments work;
- (2) from its establishment to date, what is the total funding that the WCEDP has received from her Department, from the Department of the Premier and/or from any other provincial department and entity (a) as a direct allocation, (ii) as grant funding, (iii) through consulting or (iv) for any other related service;
- (3) (a) how much was budgeted for COVID-19 relief and recovery, led by her Department, on the Cape Flats during the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years and (b)(i) what amount was finally spent and (ii) on what?

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16. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to comments attributed to her by the media following her appointment as the new Minister, where she shared her commitment to tackle unemployment and to focus on job creation:

- (a) What are her plans to create these jobs, including (i) the targets of direct, (ii) indirect and (iii) induced jobs in the remaining MTEF, (b)(i) in which sectors of the economy are these jobs going to be created and (ii) how, (c) what are the current unemployment level in the province and (d) with reference to people not in education, employment or training (NEET) whom her plans are targeting, (i) how will her plans affect them and (iii) by what percentage will her plans reduce the number of NEET people?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 10 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.