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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2025

1. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) What is (i) the Progressive Principals Association (PPA) and (ii) its relationship with his Department, (b) why was the PPA in a position to announce the “growth posts” before the HOD’s circular was issued, (c) what are the details of the schools to whom these “growth posts” have been allocated, (d) what is the educator post establishment (number of posts) for public schools for the 2025/26 financial year and (e) what is the projected cost of employment for that educator post establishment?

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

(a) How many farmworkers died due to transport crashes in 2024 and (b) what is his Department doing to address the unsafe transport of farmworkers?

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3. Mr D W Jacobs to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) How many curator and mentor principles have been appointed and (b) what is the budget cost for these appointments in the 2024/25 financial year?

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4. Mr G P Marais to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With regard to the article published in the *Cape Times* of 12 February 2025 titled “WC Education Department grapples with nearly 10 000 late applications”:

(1) (a) What is the total number of late applications received per province of origin for placement at Western Cape schools, (b) what is the total number of late applicants for (i) English home language, (ii) Afrikaans home language and (iii) Xhosa home

language learners and (c) how many late applications per province of origin are still waiting for placement for the 2025 school year as at the latest date for which information is available;

- (2) what contingency plans are currently in place for unplaced (a) Grade R and (b) Grade 8 to 12 learners to minimise the negative impact of lost education time;
- (3) whether all late learner applicants will be placed before the start of the second school term; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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5. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With reference to the construction being done for the Dal Josafat Primary School in Paarl:

- (1) (a) Why has the construction taken over three years, (b) how much more construction is required to complete the building, (c) what was the original build timeline for the project, (d) how much has the construction cost thus far, (e) how much more will the construction cost to complete the building, (f) who has taken over the construction and (g) what agreements did the previous construction company fail to comply with that led to the termination of the contract;
- (2) whether the children, who have now been moved back to the New Orleans Primary School despite the building being declared unsafe two years ago, will be given priority once the Dal Josafat Primary School is completed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to gambling companies, bookmakers, sports betting and casinos in the Western Cape:

- (1) (a)(i) How many operators are licensed by the Province and (ii) what are their names, (b) how many applications are currently being considered by her Department and (c) how much in (i) gross gambling revenue did the top ten operators declare and (ii) taxes and levies did the top ten operators pay to the provincial fiscus in (aa) 2022/23 and (bb) 2023/24;
- (2) whether all the operators pay a portion of their gross gambling revenue to the South African Responsible Gambling Foundation; if not, why not; if so, is it part of their licence conditions;
- (3) how many physical gambling or betting outlets are in the province?

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

With regard to the R1 billion that was received from the Premier in the 2019/20 financial year when funds were diverted from Education and Health to fund the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP):

- (a) What is the breakdown of the use of the funds and (b) who were the beneficiaries of these funds?

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8. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to property in the province that is owned by the national government:

How many land parcels, including the square kilometre per parcel, in the province are owned by the national government and is currently (a) in municipal use, (b) illegally occupied or (c) not in any use?

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9. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With respect to the fact that the Western Cape has the fastest growing population in the country:

What plans have been made to increase the infrastructure in the province in line with the population growth?

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10. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

In the light of the BELA Bill making Grade R compulsory:

- (1) Whether the national Department of Basic Education Department has provided clear guidance on its implementation, particularly regarding funding; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what are the funding requirements for the Province to implement successfully Grade R as compulsory and (b) what measures are in place to ensure adequate financial support for schools facing this policy shift?

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11. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

- (1) What is the total amount of funding allocated by his Department to securing the Western Cape's own energy supply expressed (a) by year, (b) by type of initiative, (c) in terms of solar installations, (d) in terms of wind turbines and (e) in terms of battery storage;
- (2) how much energy generation or storage is (a) proposed by each initiative and (b) currently operational;
- (3) how have these initiatives reduced the impact of loadshedding on (a) households, (b) businesses and (c) public services, namely (i) hospitals and (ii) schools?

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

With regard to the rising risk of water scarcity in the Western Cape due to climate change:

- (1) (a) What is the total water storage capacity of the Province in cubic meters broken up by (i) storage type and (ii) location and (b) what were the storage levels per quarter for the past five years;
- (2) whether any climate risk assessments specific to water scarcity have been conducted by the Western Cape Government; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the projected water availability over the next 10 years, (b) what is the projected impact on

- (i) rainfall patterns, (ii) evaporation rates and (iii) river flows in the province and (c) which (i) municipalities and (ii) regions are most at risk in terms of water scarcity in the coming years;
- (3) (a) what projects are currently underway to mitigate the risk of water scarcity, (b) what are the costs of these projects and (c) how do these projects mitigate the risk either through (i) additional water capacity or (ii) water loss mitigation?

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13. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to illegal firearms in the province:

- (1) (a) How many firearms have been confiscated by the SAPS in the Western Cape in the last 12 months, (b) what is the (i) process and (ii) timelines for the destruction of these firearms and (c) how many of these firearms have been destroyed;
- (2) (a) in the last 12 months, in how many instances were firearms that had been officially issued by SAPS (i) lost and (ii) stolen and (b) what are the relevant details of each incident;
- (3) whether there have been any instances over the last 12 months in which (a) a previously confiscated firearm or (b) an SAPS-issued firearm was used to commit a crime; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether any arrests have been made as the result of the theft of SAPS-issued firearms; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether any SAPS personnel in the province have been implicated in the theft of firearms; if so, what are the relevant details?

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14. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

Since the deployment of the first LEAP officers in 2020:

- (a) How many firearms have been confiscated by LEAP officers, (b) how many arrests have LEAP officers participated in and (c) what is the approximate total value of the illegal drugs confiscated by LEAP officers?

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15. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (a) How many criminal cases were opened against serving members of the South African Police Service at Western Cape police stations in (i) 2022, (ii) 2023, (iii) 2024 and (iv) 2025 to date, (b)(i) what is the breakdown of these cases by alleged offense and (ii) how many of these cases resulted in convictions and (c)(i) what is the SAPS policy on active personnel's continued performance of their regular duties after criminal charges having been brought against them and (ii) what measures are in place to prevent the interference and undue influence in these investigations by the accused?

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16. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

Given the recent rise in bullying incidents shared on social media at the start of the 2025 academic year:

(a) What programmes does his Department implement to (i) address and (ii) reduce bullying in schools, (b) what measures are in place to prevent the spread of bullying-related content on social media platforms and (c) what psychosocial support programmes are available for all learners involved in bullying incidents?

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17. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

(a) What progress has the Department of Mobility made in its efforts to support taxi associations in the formalisation of the taxi industry in the province, (b) what safety measures are in place to prevent incidents of internal or external arson attacks and violence at taxi ranks, (c) what are the key challenges identified in the taxi industry by the Minibus Taxi Task Team and (d) what solutions are being proposed to address these identified key challenges?

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18. Mr P Johnson to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

What was the historical municipal debt of municipalities in the province to (a) Eskom and (b) water boards for the years (i) 1994, (ii) 1995, (iii) 1996, (iv) 1997, (v) 1998, (vi) 1999, (vii) 2000, (viii) 2001, (ix) 2002, (x) 2003 and (xi) 2004?

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19. Mr P Johnson to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

What was the historical municipal debt of municipalities in the province to (a) Eskom and (b) water boards for the years (i) 2005, (ii) 2006, (iii) 2007, (iv) 2008, (v) 2009, (vi) 2010, (vii) 2011, (viii) 2012, (ix) 2013 and (x) 2014?

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20. Mr P Johnson to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

(a) What has been the trend of municipal debt levels in the province since 2014 and (b) what (i) fiscal responsibility measures and (ii) other developments have had an effect on the debt levels of municipalities in the province?

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21. Mr M Booysen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

(1) What is the projected impact of the recently signed National Health Insurance Act on healthcare provision in the province in terms of (a) costs, (b) patients' ability to choose a healthcare provider and (c) the overall quality of healthcare in public hospitals;

(2) whether there has been any indication from the national Department of Health or the national Treasury that the provisions of the NHI that have to be implemented by provincial governments will include the allocation of sufficient resources to fulfil their mandate; if so, what are the relevant details?

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22. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the Western Cape Government's Gender-based Violence Implementation Plan:

(a) How much money has been spent on its implementation, (b) what are the (i) interventions and (ii) services offered by his Department to support victims of GBV, (c) where can these services be accessed and (d) how many victims have received support since the implementation of this plan?

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23. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to Sassa payments, which are administered by the national Department of Social Services:

(1) (a) Whether his Department can indicate how many grant beneficiaries in the province rely on Sassa grants, (b) how many collection points are there in the province, (c) what effect does (i) post office closures and (ii) Postbank glitches have on grant beneficiaries, (d) what assistance is his Department giving to beneficiaries to relieve the pressures brought about by delayed grant payments and (e) how many Sassa beneficiaries with disabilities are in the province;

(2) whether his Department has engaged with Sassa to ensure that measures are in place to reach rural communities in order to assist people with the transition to Postbank black card; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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24. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

(a) What is the Cape Fund Initiative, (b) how does it aim to support the residents of the province, (c) what are its the long-term goals, (d) how does it aim to improve the quality of life of residents and (e) what additional partnerships are in place;

(b) what is being done to ensure the initiative's success, particularly with regard to NGOs and other local government departments?

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

(1) (a) How much municipal waste was collected over the past five years in the province and (b) how much of this waste was processed in (i) landfills, (ii) incinerators, (iii) recycling and (iv) municipal composting;

(2) (a) how much waste bound for recycling did not originate from within the province and (b) from which (i) province or (ii) country did the waste originate?

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26. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

(a) What are the most recent commitments that have been made by Transnet to his Department regarding the improvement of port operational efficiency at the Port of Cape Town, (b) what measures or metrics does his Department use to monitor the progress of

project implementation of the port, (c) what is the frequency of reporting and (d) what actions are being taken when the port fails to deliver on its commitments?

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27. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

In relation to the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP) funding being included as a Schedule 5 conditional grant in the national and provincial government budgets:

- (1) What impact has the shift from Schedule 4 to Schedule 5 had on farmers and agribusinesses in the province;
- (2) whether his Department is taking steps to engage with the national Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to revert CASP to a Schedule 4 grant; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether there are any existing safety measures capable of mitigating any possible outbreak of taxi infighting in the industry; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any CCTV cameras have been installed at taxi ranks; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details for each taxi rank;
- (3) whether there are CCTV cameras at the Nyanga taxi rank; if so;
- (4) whether the cameras captured taxis being torched on 9 February 2025; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps will her Department take to address the issue of the cameras not being operational; if so, will her Department assist in the investigation by providing footage of the incident?

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29. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

In the light of the reported tension and infighting in the Cape Amalgamated Taxi Association (CATA):

- (1) What interventions have been made in the past months to address the tension and infighting in CATA;
- (2) whether he visited the scene and interacted with the affected minibus taxi owners; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what specific interventions have been made since Sunday 9 February 2025 to address the aftermath of the incident and to ensure the safety of taxi owners and operators?

(58)

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

(a) What is the total number of cases related to (i) extortion, (ii) the construction mafia and (iii) other related crimes, that (aa) has been opened and (bb) are currently under investigation in the province, (b) what are the details of the accused in these cases, including (i) the number of individuals charged, (ii) their affiliations or known associations and (iii) the status of each case and (c) what are the details of each case,

including (i) the nature of the crime, (ii) the affected areas and (iii) the progress of investigations and prosecutions?

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

(a) How many Grade R learners have registered for a place at a (i) primary school and (ii) early childhood development (ECD) centre, (b) how many Grade R classes are there in (i) schools and (ii) ECDs and (c)(i) how many Grade R learners have been registered and placed and (ii) how many Grade R learners are unplaced?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 7 March 2025. 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.