

**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 JUNE 2022

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

With regard to the Western Cape Government legal costs:

(a) Who are the top 10 senior counsels used by the Western Cape Government (WCG) from 2017 to date, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of (i) cost or costs, (ii) purpose of the matter and (iii) years in which the counsel was contracted, (c) what are the top 10 law firms that were employed by Western Cape Government from 2017 to date and (d) what is the detailed breakdown of (i) costs incurred per year, (ii) hours billed and (iii) purpose of the matter?

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

With regard to the Western Cape Government legal costs:

(a) How many Western Cape Government (WCG) officials have been provided with legal representation by the WCG from 2017 to date, (b) what was the cost of the legal representation in each instance and (c) what are the details of each of these matters that required the WCG to provide legal representation at taxpayers' expense?

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

With regard to officials in the Department of the Premier and the Office of the Premier:

(a) How many non-South African citizens are currently employed in the Department of the Premier (DOTP) and the Office of the Premier, (b)(i) what are the positions held by them and (ii) whether these are full-time or contract positions, (c) how many foreign employees have been employed since 2017 in the DOTP and Office of the Premier, (d)(i) what are the positions held by them, (ii) whether these are full-time or contract positions, (iii) what are the nationalities of these employees and (iv) how long have they

been employed by the DOTP and the Office of the Premier and (e) what are the (i) roles and (ii) functions that these foreign employees perform in the DOTP and Office of the Premier and (iii) qualifications of these foreign employees in his Office and the DOTP?

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

With regard to the release of the Police Recorded Crime Statistics for the fourth quarter of the 2021/22 financial year (January to March 2022):

- (1) (a) What is the cause of the increase in the 17 community-reported serious crimes in the province, (b) in which communities were these increases recorded and (c) what are the detailed programmes that his Department implemented to address these crimes in each of the communities where the 17 community-reported serious crimes were reported;
- (2) what is the trend of contact crimes in each police station in the province during the period under review for (i) murder, (ii) attempted murder and (iii) sexual offences, especially (aa) rape and (bb) sexual assault?

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

With regard to the release of the Police Recorded Crime Statistics for the fourth quarter of the 2021/22 financial year (January to March 2022):

- (1) (a) What are the trends that contributed to the rapid increase in the murder rate at the (i) Lingelethu-West Police Station and (ii) Harare Police Station and (b) what measures is his Department put in place to address these increases;
- (2) what is the breakdown of the (a) murders and (b) sexual offences per suburb in the province?

(407)

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

With regard to learner-placement challenges at schools in the Western Cape:

- (1) Whether there are any learners who were not placed at schools for the entire year in (a) 2019, (b) 2020 and (c) 2021;
- (2) whether there are any learners who are yet to be placed at schools for the 2022 academic year; if so, what are the (a) relevant details and (b) reasons for the non-placement;
- (3) what is the (a) number of unique applications for the 2023 academic year that have been received by his Department and (b) breakdown per (i) grade and (ii) school applied to?

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

With regard to learner-placement challenges at schools in the Western Cape:

- (1) With regard to the number of unique applications received for the 2023 academic year, (a) how many were received timeously, (b) how many were late applications, (c) how many were successful applications and (d)(i) what is the breakdown per school at which learners were placed and (ii) how many applications were rejected, including the (aa) reasons for the rejection and (bb) breakdown per school where applications were rejected;
- (2) (a) at what point are public ordinary schools regarded as full and (b) what (i) guidelines and (ii) policies are used to guide schools to determine when a school is full?

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

With regard to the impact of COVID-19 on education between 2020 and 2022:

- (a) What is the number of days that were lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic in (i) 2020 and (ii) 2021, (b) what was the impact of this on learning and teaching, (c) what specific programmes have been put in place to assist learners to catch up and (d)(i) what is the number of studies that have been conducted on the impact of COVID-19 on education in the province, (ii) what were the results of each study and (iii) can copies of each study be made available?

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

- (1) (a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the Public Protector's investigations that have been conducted against the (aa) Western Cape Government, (bb) members of the Executive and (cc) Western Cape municipalities in the (aaa) fifth and (bbb) sixth administrations, (b) what were the detailed (i) findings and (ii) recommendations and (c) can copies of each report be made available;
- (2) with regard to the investigations mentioned in (1) above, what is the number of recommendations that were (a) adhered to and fully implemented, (b) not implemented, and reasons thereof, and (c)(i) taken on review and (ii) what were the outcomes of such reviews?

(411)

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

From re-election to the Western Cape legislature in 2014 to date:

- (1) (a) How many official trips or delegations related to the legislature or departmental business has he gone on, (b) where did the delegations go, (c) for what purpose, (d) how long was the trips in days, (e) what was the mode of transportation used, (f) how many officials accompanied him on these trips, including their (i) names, (ii) positions and (iii) departments, and (g) what meetings were (i) scheduled and (ii) held on each of these trips;
- (2) whether any of these trips took place over multiple days; if so, what are the names name of the hotels or establishments where accommodation was booked;

- (3) whether follow-up meetings were required for any of the trips that required overnight stays; if so, how long did the follow-up meetings take in days?

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

With reference to his reply to question 1 of 25 March 2022:

- (1) Whether any meetings, engagements, presentations and/or discussions took place between representatives of the company in question and the Premier and/or any other members of the provincial Executive at any stage prior to the awarding of the tender; if so, (a) on what date or dates did these meetings take place, (b) where these meetings took place and (c) what are (i) names and (ii) designations of those who were in attendance;
- (2) whether these meetings in (1) above related, directly or indirectly, to the institution-refresh project and matters related thereto (including the reorganisation of the Western Cape Government); if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any meetings, engagements, presentations and/or discussions took place between representatives of the company in question and any officials of the Western Cape Government at any stage prior to the awarding of the tender; if so, (a) on what date or dates did these meetings take place, (b) where these meetings took place and (c) what are (i) names and (ii) designations of those who were in attendance;
- (4) whether these meetings in (3) above related, directly or indirectly, to the institution-refresh project and matters related thereto (including the reorganisation of the Western Cape Government); if so, (a) what was the purpose of these meetings and (b) what were the outcomes of each meeting?

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

With reference to his reply to question 1 of 25 March 2022:

- (1) Why did his Department decide not to follow a competitive bidding process prior to the awarding of the tender;
- (2) with regard to the limited bidding requirements set out in Chapter 16A of the Provincial Treasury Instructions, 2019, (a) on what legal basis was his Department competent to award the tender to the company in question on a limited-bidding basis and (b) on which specific provision under paragraph 5.5.4(a) of Chapter 16A of the Provincial Treasury Instructions, 2019, did his Department rely on;
- (3) how did he and his Department first come to know about and first become engaged with the company in question prior to the awarding of the tender?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 1 July 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.