

**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, 12 AUGUST 2022

1. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (1) Whether construction companies contracted by the Western Cape Government and/or municipalities on human-settlements development projects are allowed to employ staff on EPWP contracts; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what laws and statutes allow and/or prevent this kind of practice;
- (2) whether there have been any complaints submitted to his Department regarding the practice of contractors working on human-settlements development projects that are employing staff on EPWP contracts; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will investigate reports that companies working on human-settlements development projects employ staff on EPWP contracts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Concerning his new Department's work, as well as the work of the previous Department of Human Settlements, in the province:

What is the (a) number of human-settlements projects awarded to a particular company, whose name was furnished to his Department for his reply, in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date and (b) monetary value of the projects awarded to the company in question?

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3. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

(a) What was the budget allocation to each of the district hospitals in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022, (b) what was the staff complement of each of the district hospitals during the same period in (a) above and (c) what is the detailed breakdown of the (i) different occupations per hospital, (ii) number of those employed permanently and (iii) number of those recruited from agencies and (iv) cost thereof for the same period in (a) above?

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4. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

(1) (a) What is her Department's expenditure on agency personnel in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date, (b) what is the cost breakdown per (i) occupation and (ii) agency from which staff are recruited and (c) what informs her Department's over-reliance on agency personnel;

(2) whether any concerns have been raised with her Department regarding the use of agency personnel; if so, what are the relevant details?

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5. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

Of the budget allocated for the current financial year for the building of the Klipfontein Regional Hospital to replace the GF Jooste Hospital, (a) how much has been spent to date, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of expenditure and (c)(i) how much has not been spent to date and (ii) what is it earmarked for?

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6. Mr P Marran to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) What are the details of the findings of material irregularities that have been made by the Auditor-General per municipality in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 and (b) what are the costs associated with these findings?

(588)

7. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) What are the details of the findings of material irregularities that have been made by the Auditor-General against the Western Cape Government's departments and entities in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 and (b) what are the costs associated with these findings?

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

How many taxi-related violence cases were reported in the (a) 2014/15, (b) 2015/16, (c) 2016/17, (d) 2017/18, (e) 2018/19 and (f) 2019/20 financial years?

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

What are the conviction rates for taxi-related violent crime cases in the (a) 2014/15, (b) 2015/16, (c) 2016/17, (d) 2017/18, (e) 2018/19 and (f) 2019/20 financial years?

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

(a) What are the reasons for the closure of the Bird Island Nature Reserve in Lambert's Bay, (b)(i) since when has access been closed and (ii) when will the reserve be reopened, (c) what influenced the timing of the closure, (d) is this the best period of the year to close the reserve to tourists and (e) how did the closure affect the remuneration of temporary staff allocated to the reserve?

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

Taking into account that many farm workers and farm dwellers were in a disadvantaged position in the past to apply for housing:

Whether he will be engaging with the Minister responsible for human settlements to increase the quota for beneficiaries in rural housing projects from the current 5% guideline for farm workers and/or farm dwellers in the beneficiary selection process; if so, (a) how and (b) based on what information should such a percentage be determined?

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

- (1) How many title deeds have been distributed to Western Cape beneficiaries of (a) free housing units and (b) social housing units between January 2021 and July 2022;
- (2) whether his Department has encountered a title deed backlog during the last five years; if so, (a) what are the (i) challenges and (ii) details with regard to the status of such backlogs and (b) what actions have been taken by his Department to work with the Deeds Office to address the backlog issues?

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

With respect to the Department's COVID-19 vaccination programme at schools:

- (1) Which schools currently have vaccination facilities on their premises and (b) what challenges has her Department experienced in this regard;
- (2) whether there are any communication campaigns being implemented to encourage vaccinations at schools?

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

With respect to her Department's EMS vehicles in the province:

(a) How many vehicles have been in her Department's fleet in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23, (b) what type of vehicles does her Department have at its disposal and (c) on average, how long did it take for ambulances operating in red zones to receive armed escorts in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23 to date?

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

- (1) What is the update on his Department's contractor's framework aimed at empowering women and the youth;
- (2) whether his Department's anticipated targets in relation to the framework have been reached; if not, what are the challenges standing in the way of reaching its targets;
- (3) (a) how many women-owned businesses have benefited from the framework since January 2022, and (b) what are the details of the (i) contracts and (ii) tenders that those businesses received?

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

- (1) (a) Which municipalities in the Western Cape currently owe money to Eskom and (b) how much does each municipality currently owe;
- (2) Whether there are any payment plans in place for these municipalities; if so;
- (3) Whether these payment plans are being adhered to; if so, what are the relevant details?

(598)

17. Mr D Plato to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

What is the current occupancy rate of the Western Cape's six GBV shelters?

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18. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D J Mitchell, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the operations of MyCiTi and Go George from 2014 to 2022 to date:

(a) What is the amount that has been spent in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of funding received from the (i) national government, (ii) provincial government and (iii) respective municipalities where the buses operate?

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19 Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D J Mitchell, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the operations of MyCiTi and Go George from 2014 to 2022 to date:

- (a) What is the number of (i) buses in the fleet that each company owns and (ii) routes per municipality that were opened for the operation of MyCiTi and Go George and
- (b) what is the detailed cost breakdown per year related to the (i) procurement of the fleet and (ii) opening of routes per municipality?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 26 August 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.