

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 7 MARCH 2025

1. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What are the details of all the projects that have been allocated to Communicare for social housing in the 2024/25 financial year, (b) how many of these projects have been finalised and (c) what are the reason or reasons why some projects have not been finalised?

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2. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the Forest Village Housing for Military Veterans Pilot Project and a certain person, whose details have been furnished to his Department for the purpose of the reply:

- (1) Why has the transfer of this military veteran house in the Forest Village Housing Project not been concluded;
- (2) whether the conveyancers who have been appointed to do the transfer received any payment of their fee for the transfer; if so, (a) why, (b) what will his Department do to resolve this unduly delayed transfer, (c) when does his Department expect transfer to be completed and (d) what steps will his Department take if transfer does not take place in the expected time period;
- (3) whether his Department has a policy, a standard operating procedure or an executive instruction with regard to when transfers and the handing over of titles of housing to beneficiaries should occur; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) (a)(i) what role do transfer and title play for beneficiaries in the delivery of public housing and (ii) what impact has this long-delayed transfer had on that role, (b)(i) how many houses in the Forest Village Housing Project were earmarked for military veteran housing and (ii) how many of these houses have still not been transferred to the beneficiaries and (c)(i) how many housing units have been completed

in the Forest Village Housing Project, (ii) how many of these houses have not yet been transferred to their owners or beneficiaries and (iii) what has been the cause of the delays?

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3. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With reference to the ongoing dispute between the City of Cape Town and various water and environmental scientists regarding the sea-water quality in Cape Town for recreational use:

- (1) Whether his Department audited, monitored or evaluated the City of Cape Town's and/or the independent scientists' water quality testing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his Department developed any provincial environmental health policies, guidelines, norms and standards that are applicable to water quality for recreational use in the province; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what steps have Environmental Health Services taken to ensure that the City of Cape Town implements or complies with those policies, guidelines, norms and standards;
- (3) (a) what standards are applicable for the testing of water quality for recreational use and (b) who (i) monitors, (ii) evaluates or (iii) audits these tests for compliance;
- (4) whether he will intervene if the water quality continues to be of concern or the presence of harmful bacteria or substances continues to be alleged or reported; if not, why not;
- (5) with regard to the media report of 3 March 2025 in IOL with the title "Near-death incident at Cape Town beach raises alarm over water quality", what is his Department's response to the alleged environmental health risks associated with the recreational use of sea water;
- (6) whether his Department has conducted any independent testing of the sea-water quality, given the conflicting reports; if not,
- (7) whether his Department has any plans to conduct one in the future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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4. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the Safety Plan launched in 2019 and the Memorandum of Understanding signed in August 2024:

- (1) Whether the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in August 2024 between the Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town and the national government forms part of the Safety Plan; if so, (a) what is the total expenditure attributed to the MOU, (b) how does the MOU integrate with the agreement between the Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town for the implementation of the Western Cape Safety Plan and (c) what is the difference between the MOU and the Safety Plan or the Safety Plan and the LEAP agreement;
- (2) with reference to a study on data-driven policing mentioned by him in his 2025 State of the Province Address that was overseen by the Institute for Security Studies, the Global Initiative and the Bavarian State, (a) what were the outcomes of this study,

- (b) what role did the Western Cape Government play in the study and (c) what was the cost of the study;
- (3) whether the outcomes of the study have been implemented; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) (a) how many other studies have been conducted and (b)(i) what were the outcomes of these studies and (ii) will these outcomes be made available;
- (5) the Safer Western Cape Conference was hosted in 2018, what outcomes from that conference, if any, were used to inform the 2019 Safety Plan;
- (6) whether there are plans to host another conference; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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5. Mr N Constable to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

With regard to sanctions imposed by the People's Republic of China:

- (1) Whether his visit to Taiwan was an official visit; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he has been informed of the sanctions imposed on him by the People's Republic of China; if so, (a) what is the reason for the sanctions and (b) what impact does it have on the provincial government;
- (3) whether he has any plans to restore relations with China; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(a) What are the timelines for the (i) construction project and (ii) renovation work at the St Helena Bay Primary School and (b)(i) when will the work start and (ii) when will the work be completed?

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7. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the ban imposed by People's Republic of China on the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) Whether the visit by the Minister to Taiwan was an official visit sanctioned by the Western Cape Government; if so, (a) what was the objectives of the visit, (b) what are the details of his meetings during the visit and (c) what agreements were concluded during the visit;
- (2) whether the national government was consulted beforehand; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the Western Cape Government recognises and respects the national government's commitment to the One-China Policy; if so, what measure are in place to ensure that provincial officials align themselves with this policy;
- (4) whether the Western Cape Government currently has any formal trade relations with Taiwan; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the details of the (i) engagements, (ii) agreements and (iii) trade volumes and (b) what economic impact assessments have been conducted;

(5) what is the (a) total value and (b) breakdown of the trade between the province and China for (i) imports and (ii) exports since 2020?

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8. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to the cutting of USAID:

What measures will her Department take to address the budget cut?

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9. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

What is the status of the new Klipfontein Hospital?

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10. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Whether there are plans for infrastructure repairs and the rehabilitation of roads at the Better Life community in ward 88 in the City of Cape Town; if so, what are the relevant details?

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11. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

(1) Whether her Department has statistics available on children diagnosed with ADHD; if so, what are the relevant details for (a) 2020/21, (b) 2021/22, (c) 2022/23, (d) 2023/24 and (e) 2024/25 to date;

(2) whether her Department has systems in place to assist families with children diagnosed with ADHD; if so, what are the relevant details?

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12. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

In respect of the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2024–2029:

(1) (a) How has the Western Cape Government internalised and localised the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2024–2029, (b) what are the set targets and deliverables for each Department in the Province for the implementation of the key pillars of the MTDP, (c) how does the Western Cape Government plan to align its economic policies with national priorities, particularly in support of public employment programmes and small enterprises in rural areas, and (d) what steps has the provincial government taken to ensure that historically marginalised groups, in particular (i) black people (Africans, coloureds and Indians), (ii) women, (iii) the youth and (iv) persons with disabilities, benefit from provincial industrial and localisation strategies;

(2) what are the provincial government's plans to expand (a) broadband infrastructure to connect rural areas and boost economic activity and (b) the Black Industrialist Programme to integrate marginalised groups into the industrial economy;

(3) what are the provincial government's plans to strengthen income support, particularly to ensure that all employees in the Western Cape earn the stipulated national minimum wage?

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13. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

In respect of the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2024–2029:

- (a) What is the provincial government's programme to (i) promote and defend equal rights, particularly in combating racism, sexism, gender-based violence, homophobia and all forms of discrimination in the province, (ii) combat gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) through multi-sectoral action plans and (iii) promote the rights of vulnerable groups, particularly in upholding the dignity of children, the youth, older persons, persons with disabilities and members of the LGBTQI+ community, and (b) what are the set targets and deliverables for each department in addressing GBVF?

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14. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) Whether his Department has statistics on the number of unregistered early childhood development (ECD) centres in the province; if so, what is the breakdown per municipality;
- (2) what is the total number of registered but unfunded ECD centres per municipality;
- (3) whether his Department has statistics of the number of children who are not enrolled in any ECD centre in the province; if so, what is the breakdown per municipality?

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

With regard to the Port of Cape Town's performance in December 2024:

- (a) What was the (i) average waiting time for berth utilisation and occupancy for container ships and (ii) target for the month, (b) what was the (i) average number of twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded and (ii) target for the month, (c) what was the (i) average waiting time for trucks being (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded at the port and (ii) target for the month, (d) what was the (i) average ship turnaround time and (ii) target for the month, (e) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target for the month and (f) what was the (i) average container dwell time and (ii) target for the month?

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

With regard to the Port of Cape Town's performance in January 2025:

- (a) What was the (i) average waiting time for berth utilisation and occupancy for container ships and (ii) target for the month, (b) what was the (i) average number of twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded and (ii) target for the month, (c) what was the (i) average waiting time for trucks being (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded at the port and (ii) target for the month, (d) what was the (i) average ship turnaround time and (ii) target for the month, (e) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target for the month and (f) what was the (i) average container dwell time and (ii) target for the month?

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

(a) How many people were medically treated at provincial facilities in the province in the 2024/25 financial year per district and (b) what are the major factors affecting patients' waiting times for treatment?

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

(a) What are the latest projections for the 2025 table and wine grape harvest season by volume, (b) what quantities are expected to be exported and (c) what is the expected value of these exports?

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

(a) How many wildfires have been identified in the province by location and (b) which wildfires for (i) November 2024, (ii) December 2024, (iii) January 2025 and (iv) February 2025 are being investigated as suspected arson?

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

What is the breakdown of all hunting permits granted in the province for 2025 in terms of (a) location, (b) number and (c) species?

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

With regard to the Stony Point Reserve in Betty's Bay:

(a) What progress has been made with the extension of the reserve area, (b) when is the extension likely to be completed and (c) when did CapeNature and the Overstrand Municipality meet most recently to discuss the extension?

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

With regard to the SAPS K9 units:

(a) What is the number of trained dogs estimated to be needed for fully operational K9 units in the province, (b) what is the current number of available trained dogs, (c) what are the steps taken to ensure a full complement of trained dogs, both now and in the future, and (d)(i) how many SAPS K9 units are in the province and (ii) what is the location of each K9 unit?

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

(a) How many infrastructure projects in the Department are currently in progress by (i) type, (ii) expected completion date and (iii) location, (b)(i) how many infrastructure projects were abandoned before completion in the (aa) 2022/23, (bb) 2023/24 and (cc) 2024/25 financial years and (ii) what was the value of those projects and (c)(i) what delays are affecting the completion of infrastructure projects and (ii) what are the actions that the Department is taking to prevent delays in the delivery of infrastructure projects?

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

With regard to SAPS vehicles:

- (1) How many vehicles are needed to service the Beaufort-West police precinct fully;
- (2) whether the current operational vehicle fleet is sufficient; if not, (a) what is the shortfall and (b) what are the reasons for the shortfall;
- (3) what are the steps taken by the SAPS to ensure that a full complement of vehicles is always available?

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25. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

In relation to housing projects in Drakenstein:

(a) How many housing opportunities are currently in the project pipeline for Drakenstein, (b) where are these planned housing opportunities or housing opportunities currently under construction located, (c) what is the value of these projects and (d) what is the breakdown of the different types of opportunities to be delivered?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 24 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.