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WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2024

1. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the complimentary safety inspections on 10 and 15 October 2024 of vehicles transporting learners:

(a) How many vehicles were inspected during that time frame, (b) how many vehicles were deemed safe and unsafe, (c) what was the main reason for vehicles being deemed unsafe and (d) why were only two days (11 and a half hours in total) granted to do these inspections?

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2. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the shooting and killing of five people in Atlantis recently:

(a) Whether the withdrawal of LEAP officers from Atlantis will be reconsidered and (b) if the reaction unit will be changed to permanent deployment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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3. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With regard to the Junior Traffic Training Centre launched at the Oasis School:

Whether this initiative will be extended to other special needs schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the proposed hospital in Guguletu that is to be built on land that was up until recently actively and frequently used by the community:

- (1) Why was land that was already in use earmarked for the building of the new hospital;
- (2) whether any other pieces of land were considered for the building of the new hospital; if not, why not;
- (3) (a) when will the building of the new hospital commence, (b) how much will the building of the new hospital cost and (c) where are these funds for the new hospital coming from?

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5. Mr G P Marais to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

In the light of the progress that has been made with the restoration of property rights afforded to the beneficiaries under the Transformation of Certain Rural Areas Act, 1998 (Act 94 of 1998) (TRANCRAA), in terms of which agricultural land has been transferred to indigenous communities of the Western Cape:

- (a) What specific training programmes or mechanisms does his Department have in place to support the new beneficiaries of agricultural land, (b) how does his Department offer assistance to these beneficiaries in terms of (i) access to capital funding, (ii) access to advisory services and (iii) assistance in securing local or export markets and (c) what is the procedure to be followed by communal property associations (CPAs) to apply for (i) financial support and (ii) legal support offered by the Department?

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6. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the taxi driver who died following an altercation with police:

- (1) When will the investigation into the death of the taxi driver, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, be concluded;
- (2) whether the outcome of the investigation will be made available; if not, why not;
- (3) what are the current statistics on deaths of or serious injury to civilians while in police custody or following and altercation with police in the province;
- (4) whether any measures have been implemented to address this; if not, why not; if so, what is (a) the relevant details and (b) being done to address this issue;
- (5) whether the measures are working; if not, why not?

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7. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

With regard to the insufficient funding for the 2024/25 wage adjustment:

- (1) (a) What was the total amount received by the Province from the national government specifically designated for cost-of-living wage adjustments in the province's public sector, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of how these wage adjustment funds were spent in each departments, (c) what specific expenditure items or categories were covered by these funds (for example salaries, bonuses and back pay) and (d) how many employees in each department benefited from these wage adjustments;

- (2) whether there were any disparities in the distribution or implementation of the adjustments; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how much of the allocated amount was left unspent by each department and (b) what were the specific reasons for not fully utilising the allocated funds in each case;
- (4) in the light of the recent statement by the Minister of Finance who criticised Provinces for failing to ensure that allocated funds for the wage bill reached their intended targets, (a) what is her and her Department's response to this claim, particularly in relation to the planned reduction of teaching posts, and (b) what steps are being taken by her Department to ensure that funds are effectively reaching frontline services, including Education?

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

With regard to the employment equity targets for the provincial government departments and entities:

- (a) What is the detailed breakdown of the employment equity targets for each provincial department and entity, (b) what is the current performance of these departments and entities in meeting their respective targets and (c) what specific plans does the government have to ensure that departments and entities take these targets seriously and improve their performance in achieving equitable representation across all levels?

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

How many times has the provincial government intervened in municipalities using section 139 and/or section 106 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023 and (vi) 2024 to date, (b) what specific factors were considered for each intervention before deciding to intervene and (c) why has the provincial government not intervened in the City of Cape Town where the former Member of the Mayoral Committee for Human Settlements is currently facing court charges related to maladministration, fraud and alleged collusion with the construction mafia?

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10. Ms R Windvogel to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

Whether his Department plans to freeze or reduce any staff posts due to the financial implications of the cost-of-living wage agreement; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what (i) is the detailed breakdown of the specific positions affected, (ii) is the rationale behind these decisions, (iii) are the names of facilities to be affected, (iv) is the number of staff to be reduced and (v) is the anticipated impact on service delivery?

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11. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Whether her Department plans to freeze or reduce any staff posts due to the financial implications of the cost-of-living wage agreement; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what (i) is the detailed breakdown of the specific positions affected, (ii) is the rationale behind these decisions, (iii) are the names of facilities to be affected, (iv) is the number of staff to be reduced and (v) is the anticipated impact on service delivery?

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12. Mr N Constable to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister Finance:

With regard to the approved section 139 intervention in the Theewaterskloof Local Municipality:

What is the detailed process that her Department followed to come to this conclusion?

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13. Ms T Lithakong to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

With regard to the ongoing food poisoning incidents that have been taking place in the country and most recently in the province at spaza shops:

- (1) Whether there is any legislation in South Africa requiring the registration of spaza shops; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are any regulations in place in the country requiring the regulation of spaza shops; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the Province is empowered by law to regulate spaza shops; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether his Department has called for the regulation of spaza shops; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what is the role of his Department concerning health checks at businesses, including spaza shops, that sell all kinds of food?

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14. Ms A Cassiem to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the Western Cape Cooperation Agreement for Policing and Safety that was signed on 30 August 2024 by the national, provincial and local government concerning safety in the Western Cape:

- (1) Whether this cooperation has yielded any positive results so far as crime is concerned in the province, more particularly but not limited to the murder rate; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what do the crime statistics, considering the status of crime in the province before the cooperation agreement was signed and the results afterwards, demonstrate;
- (3) what is the contribution of the provincial government to this cooperation agreement;
- (4) whether, with the signing of this cooperation agreement, the devolution of policing powers to the province will still be necessary; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the Harry Giddey Park:

- (1) (a) What are the details of any inspections or oversight measures conducted by CapeNature concerning the welfare of animals at the Harry Giddey Park and

- (b) what steps were taken to assess or respond to the recent transfer of tortoises and other animals to the Garden Route SPCA;
- (2) (a) what is the current protocol that CapeNature follows when addressing instances of expired captivity permits and non-compliance, especially regarding municipal parks, and (b) what guidance, if any, has been provided to the Mossel Bay Municipality on these matters;
- (3) in the light of the environmental impact of repairs at the Harry Giddey Park, whether CapeNature has provided recommendations or guidance to the municipality to mitigate the risks to wildlife in the park, particularly regarding recent flooding and construction; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the Harry Giddey Park:

What are the details regarding the findings or current status of the investigation ordered by the Mossel Bay Municipality into the events surrounding the transfer and the condition of animals, including tortoises, from the Harry Giddey Park to the Garden Route SPCA?

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

What plans are being put in place by CapeNature and Disaster Risk Management in preparation for possible veld fires in the coming summer season?

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

With regard to the funding process of the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP):

- (1) What was the rationale for changing the CASP from Schedule 4 to Schedule 5, (b) what (i) successes and (ii) challenges has his Department experienced following the change, (c) what are some of the successes and (d) how is his Department embedding the successful practices;
- (2) whether, with regard to the challenges, his Department has proposed changes to smooth out the operation going forward; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) (a) How many agri-parks have been established by his Department in the province, (b) for each agri-park, (i) what are the full address details, (ii) when was it established, (iii) how much has been spent on it, (iv) how many people are currently employed and (v) what is the ideal employment capacity;
- (2) whether all the agri-parks are operational; if not, what are the reasons for them not being operational; if so, what specific products or goods are being processed at each?

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 29 November 2024. 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.