#### PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

**QUESTION PAPER**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST 2021**

1. **Ms A P Bans to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:**
2. Whether her Department has funded the Western Cape Sport School in the period 2016 to 2021; if so, what are the relevant details;

Financial support was provided by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) to the Western Cape Sport School, through the Western Cape Provincial Sport Confederation (WCPSC), as follows:

1.1. The WCPSC paid the catering service provider, Fedics, directly.

1.2. Additional support was provided to the WCSS, by placing DCAS and WCPSC staff at the school, at various times, to assist with activities at the school. These staff members were paid directly by DCAS or the WCPSC, respectively.

1.3. GG vehicles were also availed to the school to assist with transport of athletes to compete in competitions. This support ceased when the school was re-classified as a public ordinary school by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED).

1.4. The only funds transferred to the WCSS, was to cover salaries of head coaches, medical staff, drivers, and sport facility maintenance staff. These funds were transferred by the WCPSC, to the school, monthly. The relevant staff members were paid monthly, with the funds being used for its intended purpose.

See below, the information regarding the relevant WCSS payments that were made, for the period 01 April 2014 – 31 March 2021.



Through WECSA (Grant for Sports Focus Schools) the Western Cape Sports School was funded with R100 000 in 2019/20 financial year. The grant was for the support of talented athletes/leaners at the school.

1. whether her Department has taken any (a) corrective measures and (b) measures to recuperate the funds lost due to corruption at the Western Cape Sport School; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

2.1. As indicated in the responses in 1.1. – 1. 3. no funds were transferred to the school, and thus no funds were lost. Therefore, no funds needed to be recuperated.

2.2. Funds that were transferred to the school on a monthly basis, to cover salaries, were used for its intended purposes, as all the funds were utilised to pay the relevant staff.

1. whether there have been any forensic investigations conducted into financial mismanagement at the Western Cape Sport School in the period 2014 to 2021; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what were the findings of the investigations?

3.1. Governance matters and accountability, including financial, of school governing bodies are the responsibility of provincial departments of education. In this case, it is the Western Cape Education Department (WCED).

3.2. DCAS previously served on the SGB of the Western Cape Sport School. DCAS’ voting powers and role on the SGB ended around late 2014/early 2015, at the insistence of the WCED Metro East Office. DCAS challenged the revoking of its powers to assist the WCED to ensure good governance at the school. Legal Services of the Western Cape Government, however, advised that the WCED should remain responsible for SGB governance matters, as per its legal mandate.

3.3. Forensic investigations involving SGB’s would be instituted by the WCED, as SGB’s fall under the jurisdiction of the WCED. Details of any investigations need to be requested from the WCED.

**\*5. Me AP Bans vra me AJD Marais, Minister van Kultuursake en Sport:**

1. Of haar departement die Wes-Kaapse Sportskool (“Western Cape Sport School”) in die tydperk 2016 tot 2021 befonds het; so ja, wat die tersaaklike besonderhede is;
2. Finansiële ondersteuning is deur die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport (DKES) aan die Wes-Kaapse Sportskool, deur die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Sportkonfederasie (WCPSC) verleen en ’n uiteensetting is soos volg:

1.1. Die WCPSC het die spysenieringsverskaffer, Fedics, direk betaal.

1.2. Bykomende ondersteuning is aan die WKSS verleen deur DKES- en WCPSC-personeel op verskillende tye by die skool te plaas om te help met aktiwiteite by die skool. Hierdie personeellede is direk deur DKES of die WCPSC betaal.

1.3. Staatsvoertuie is ook by die skool beskikbaar om te help met die vervoer van atlete om aan kompetisies deel te neem. Hierdie ondersteuning het opgehou toe die skool deur die Wes-Kaapse Onderwysdepartement (WKOD) weer as 'n gewone openbare skool geklassifiseer is.

1.4. Die enigste geld wat na die WKSS oorgedra is, was om die salarisse van hoofafrigters, mediese personeel, bestuurders en onderhoudspersoneel vir sportfasiliteite te dek. Hierdie fondse is maandeliks deur die WCPSC aan die skool oorgedra. Die betrokke personeellede is maandeliks betaal, met die geld wat vir die beoogde doel aangewend is.

Sien hieronder die inligting rakende die relevante WKSS-betalings wat gemaak is vir die tydperk 1 April 2014 - 31 Maart 2021.



Deur middel van WECSA (Grant for Sports Focus Schools) is die Wes-Kaapse Sportskool in die 2019/20-boekjaar met R100 000 befonds. Die toekenning was vir die ondersteuning van talentvolle atlete/leerders by die skool.

1. of haar departement enige (a) regstellende maatreëls getref het en (b) maatreëls ingestel het om die fondse te verhaal wat as gevolg van korrupsie by die Wes-Kaapse Sportskool verlore geraak het; so nie, waarom nie; so ja, wat die tersaaklike besonderhede is;

2.1. Soos aangedui in die antwoorde in 1.1 - 1.3 is geen fondse na die skool oorgeplaas nie, en dus het geen geld verlore gegaan nie. Daarom is geen geld nodig om te verhaal nie.

2.2. Geld wat maandeliks aan die skool oorgedra is om salarisse te dek, is vir die beoogde doeleindes aangewend, aangesien al die geld aangewend is om die betrokke personeel te betaal.

1. of enige forensiese ondersoeke oor die finansiële wanbestuur by die Wes-Kaapse Sportskool in die tydperk 2014 tot 2021 uitgevoer is; so nie, waarom nie; so ja, (a) wat die tersaaklike besonderhede is en (b) wat die bevindings van die ondersoeke was?

3.1. Bestuurskwessies en aanspreeklikheid, insluitend finansiële aanspreeklikheid, van skoolbeheerliggame is die verantwoordelikheid van die provinsiale onderwysdepartemente. In hierdie geval is dit die Wes-Kaapse Onderwysdepartement (WKOD).

3.2. DKES het voorheen in die Skoolbeheerliggaam (SBL) van die Wes-Kaapse Sportskool gedien. DKES se stembevoegdhede en rol in die SBL het einde 2014/begin 2015 geëindig, op aandrang van die WKOD Metro-Oos-kantoor. DKES het die herroeping van sy bevoegdhede bevraagteken om die WKOD by te staan ​​om goeie bestuur by die skool te verseker. Regsdienste van die Wes-Kaapse Regering het egter gesê die WKOD bly verantwoordelik vir SBL-bestuurskwessies, volgens sy wetlike mandaat.

3.3. Forensiese ondersoeke na Skoolbeheerliggame sal deur die WKOD ingestel word, aangesien SBL’e onder die jurisdiksie van die WKOD val. Besonderhede van enige ondersoeke moet van die WKOD aangevra word.