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WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

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17. Mr M Kama to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

- (1) [a] What is the youth unemployment rate in the province and [b] what is the break-down per [i] municipality, [ii] race, [iii] gender and [iv] age;
- (2) [a] what is the number of youth not in employment, education or training [NEET] and [b] what is the breakdown per [i] municipality, [ii] race, [iii] gender and [iv] age;
- (3) what are the provincial government's programmes to address youth unemployment and the NEETs?

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Reply:

I am informed of the following:

(1) [a] [b] [i] [ii] [iii] [iv]

The breakdown of youth unemployment in the Western Cape is the following:

WC Youth Unemployment 2022Q4		
	Rate	Number
Youth Unemployment	32.9%	463,885
Per Municipality		
Non-metro	28.3%	131,393
Metro	71.7%	332,492
Race		
African/Black	57.7%	267,533
Coloured	38.7%	179,607
Indian/Asian	0.7%	3,171
White	2.9%	13,574
Gender		
Female	47.6%	221,001
Male	52.4%	242,884
Age group		
15-19	6.9%	32,157
20-24	31.2%	144,526
25-29	34.1%	158,079
30-34	27.8%	129,123

Source: Stats SA [2023]

Census 2011 has a detailed breakdown of youth unemployment at a municipal level. However, this data is outdated. The most recent data provides a breakdown of youth unemployment at a metro and non-metro level, as reported above. Additional questions about this can be posed to Stats SA who are completing the Census 2022.

[2]

The breakdown of the number of youth aged 15-34 not in employment, education or training [NEET] in the Western Cape is the following:

WC Not in employment, education or training (NEET) 2022Q4	
	Number
Number of NEET	766,708
Per Municipality	
Non-metro	282,443
Metro	484,265
Race	
African/Black	389,737
Coloured	353,657
Indian/Asian	3,171
White	20,143
Gender	
Female	407,793
Male	358,915
Age group	
15-19	77,045
20-24	232,582
25-29	227,441
30-34	229,640

Source: Stats SA [2023]

Census 2011 has a detailed breakdown of NEETs at a municipal level. However, this data is outdated. The most recent data provides a breakdown of NEETs at a metro and non-metro level, as reported above. Additional questions about this can be posed to Stats SA who are completing the Census 2022.

[3]

The Department has experiential learning programmes that provides a monthly stipend of up to 12 months, on the job training and in most cases an accredited skills programme. Of the beneficiaries that complete the experiential learning programmes, 80% are offered further employment. In the 2023/24 financial year, R99.19 million is allocated towards our skills priority.

Details regarding a number of other exciting projects - that form part of the Department's R512.78 million budget - were shared in my speech during the Vote 12 Appropriations Bill debate.