

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

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2016

***1. Mr P Uys to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) What is the (a) situation regarding the provision of housing in the Greenhaven area of Great Brak River and (b) plan to repair the houses there and to protect them against the uncontrolled flow of stormwater and the serious structural and health problems that are created;
- (2) whether the disadvantaged residents will be relocated; if so, what are the relevant details?

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***2. Mr P Uys to ask Ms B Mbombo, Minister of Health:**

- (a) What caused the recent outbreak of meningitis at Mossel Bay, (b) what was the extent of (i) the disease, (ii) the mortality figure, (iii) the measures taken to control it and (c) what preventative measures have been taken to prevent similar outbreaks in future?

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***3. Mr P Uys to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Human Settlements:**

Whether there are any plans to improve the housing conditions of the residents of Powertown, Mossel Bay, if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps will be taken and (b) what is the time frame?

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4. Mr L H Max to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (1) What is the basis upon which the Tafelberg property was classified as “surplus”, thereby justifying the disposal to private investors;

- (2) whether an alternative use of this property by another national, provincial or municipal department was considered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the notice period between 11 December 2015 and 2 January 2016 facilitated a satisfactory opportunity for public comment in light of the public interest in the disposal of state-owned property; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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5. Mr L H Max to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (1) Whether the disposal of the Tafelberg property as part of the City of Cape Town's Regeneration Programme will enable the Province to extract the maximum value from the most valuable inner-city properties to create an income stream from which projects for the poor can be cross-subsidised;
- (2) whether the increasing cost of urban sprawl was taken into account when this model was adopted; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any mechanisms are in place to ensure that the cross-subsidisation of socio-economic objectives through the sale of state land and that they are transparent; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Mr L H Max to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With reference to the announcement by the Western Cape Government in March 2014 that his Department had identified potential lucrative properties in the central business district as investment opportunities;

- (1) (a) What are his Department's intentions with the proposed disposal of the (i) Alfred Street complex, (ii) Helen Bowden Nurses' Home, (iii) Top Yard and (b) what is the time frame for these disposals;
- (2) whether public housing is an option that has been or is being considered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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7. Mr H E Hinana to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Finance:

- (1) (a) What are the domestic factors over which South Africa has control that are adding to the current fiscal crisis and the potential risk of a further downgrade, (b) what are the fiscal risks, (c) what is the fiscal strategy of the Western Cape Government, (d)(i) what is the ratio of personnel expenditure to the total budget in the Western Cape and (ii) how does it compare to other provinces, (e) what is the spatial contribution of the Western Cape's Medium-term Expenditure Framework Budget towards the Cape Winelands area and (f) what should South Africa do to prevent the downgrade of the economy;
- (2) whether the Province received any additional allocations as a result of underspending by other provinces; if so, (a) what is the amount and (b) for what purpose is it intended?

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PLEASE NOTE: Replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 11 April 2016. Should the replies not be submitted before or on the deadline, Members have the right to have the questions transferred to the Question Paper for oral reply in terms of Rule 206.