

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

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023

1. Mr D America to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the R5,2 billion to be spent by the City of Cape Town to expand the MyCiTi bus service:

(a) How many (i) temporary and (ii) permanent jobs are set to be created and (b) how many residents are set to benefit for the expansion of the MyCiTi bus service?

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2. Mr G Pretorius to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

(a) What is the current stock of antivenom available to her Department and (b) how many doses of antivenom were administered in the province in 2022?

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3. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) How do the (i) number of wild fires and (ii) total size of the natural veld that burned during the fire season up to mid-April 2023 compare with that of previous years and (b) what are the main reasons for the variation in the number of fires, as well as the size of the affected areas, when the last five fire seasons are compared?

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4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

Whether he or his Department received any complaints from exporters of agricultural products about delays or other challenges at the Port of Cape Town; if so, (a) what was the nature of the complaints and (b) what is the current (i) situation relating to complaints and (ii) state of the Port of Cape Town when compared to previous years?

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5. Mr I Sileku to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Whether he can provide an update on any innovative or new technologies being used to (a) monitor, (b) manage and (c) conserve water resources in the province; if so, how effective have they been in addressing water shortages in the province?

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6. Mr I Sileku to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) How much funding has been allocated to improving the water infrastructure in the province, (b) what specific projects are (i) planned and (ii) currently underway to enhance water storage, treatment and distribution and (c) how many jobs are these projects expected to create?

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7. Mr I Sileku to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) What percentage of the province's water supply is currently sourced from alternative sources such as (i) desalination plants, (ii) groundwater extraction and (iii) rainwater harvesting, (b) what is the provincial government's target for this percentage in the next five years, (c) what is the latest update on the progress made with achieving this target, (d) what is the number of new projects that will be rolled out in the next five years, (e) what will these projects cost and (f) what volume of water will potentially be generated by these projects?

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8. Ms C Murray to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In relation to the Growth for Jobs Strategy:

Whether the strategy has been tabled before the Cabinet; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what progress has been made with the implementation of this strategy and (c) what steps still need to be taken before full implementation can occur?

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9. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

Whether there has been a financial allocation in the 2023/24 financial year to assist neighbourhood watches in the service they render in the community; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(1) Whether the current fencing at schools meets the requirement of 1,8 m in height; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether all the schools have safety plans; if not, why not; if so,

(3) whether the safety plans are being implemented; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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11. Mr D America to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

(a) What role is his Department playing in promoting sustainable modes of transport, such as cycling and walking, in the province, (b) what has been the impact of these initiatives and (c) how much has been spent thus far on these initiatives?

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12. Mr D America to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

How many (a) busses, (b) taxis and (c) automobiles have been involved in crashes in the Western Cape over the past five years?

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13. Mr G Pretorius to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

(a) How many of her Department's facilities have been subject to theft or vandalism from 1 January 2023 to 1 May 2023 and (b) what has the cost been of repairing this damage?

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14. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

How many confiscated firearms are currently in storage and pending destruction in the Western Cape?

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15. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

Since the deployment of the first LEAP officers in 2020:

(a) How many firearms have been confiscated by LEAP officers, (b) how many arrests have LEAP officers participated in and (c) what is the approximate total value of the narcotics confiscated by LEAP officers?

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16. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

(a) What is the current vacancy rate at the Platteklouf Forensic Laboratory and (b) what is the current backlog of samples related to sexual offences in the Western Cape?

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17. Ms C Murray to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the use of e-gates at the Cape Town International Airport:

(a) What work has her Department done to assist at gates at the Cape Town International Airport, (b) what are the challenges associated with the implementation of e-gates and (c)(i) what are the benefits of the current e-gate system and (ii) how can this system be improved?

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18. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

With regard to the recent outbreak of bird flu at poultry farms in the province:

- (1) (a) How many animals had to be culled, (b) how widely spread was the prevalence of bird flu and (c) what is the economic value lost due to the outbreak;
- (2) (a) what action steps did his Department take to curb the spread of bird flu, (b) what legislation enables his Department to act in cases of highly infectious diseases and (c) to what extent have the measures implemented succeeded in stopping the spread of bird flu among commercial chicken farms?

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19. Mr D Plato to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether her Department provides any support to teenage parents; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her Department has any measures in place to reduce instances of pregnancy among schoolgoing-age children; if so, what are the relevant details?

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20. Mr D Plato to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

What measures have been put in place by her Department in order to assist homeless people in (a) the City of Cape Town and (b) rural areas in the province during the colder winter months?

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21. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Whether he can provide a list of the 75 infrastructure projects that are planned in the Overstrand region; if so, (a) how much will be spent on each project and (b) how many jobs are set to be created by these projects?

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22. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) How many renewable energy projects have been earmarked by his Department, (b) how many are currently underway in the province, (c) how much will be spent on each project and (d) what is the potential generation capacity of these projects?

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23. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What is the projected investment required for infrastructure development in the next five years to keep up with the growing population of the province and (b) what funding (i) mechanisms or (ii) partnerships are being explored to meet these financial needs?

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24. Ms D M Baartman to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to the possibility of freezing posts:

(a) How many vacant posts would have to be frozen due to the public sector wage increases agreed to by the National Treasury, should no additional funding be received from the National Treasury, (b) what are the different kinds of posts that have been

frozen, (c) how will this affect her Department's ability to deliver healthcare to residents and (d) how much money is the Department receiving from the Provincial Treasury to cover the anticipated shortfall?

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25. Ms A Cassiem to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

- (1) What is the total number of unemployed people between the ages of 18 and 35 years in the province;
- (2) whether internships are formal employment or a form of short-term employment or a form of training?

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26. Mr T M Klaas to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

- (1) Whether the Brackengate Intermediate Health Facility continues to operate; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any staff contracts were terminated by 31 March 2023; if so,
- (3) whether those staff members have been replaced or are in the process of being replaced; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

Of those applications for learner placement that his Department received by the deadline of 14 April 2023:

- (a) How many learners have been placed in schools for (i) Grade 1 and (ii) Grade 8,
- (b) what are the details of the schools where the learners have been placed, (c) how many learners are not yet placed at schools, (d)(i) what is the number of applications that have been received after the deadline of 14 April 2023 and (ii) how many of those learners have been placed in schools and (e)(i) what is the number of learners between (aa) grades 2 and 7 and (bb) grades 9 and 12 who have requested transfers to other schools and (ii) how many have been transferred?

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28. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In respect of drug houses in the Western Cape:

- (a) How many of these are in council-owned houses, (b) what is the breakdown per municipality and (c) what role do municipalities play in supporting the SAPS to combat drug trade in municipality-owned houses?

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29. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

In respect of the ongoing recruitment process for workers at the Brackengate Intermediate Care Facility:

- (a) (i) What is the update with regard to this process and (ii) when will it be finalised,
- (b)(i) when were the vacancies advertised and (ii) how many applications were received,
- (c) what (i) is the number, (ii) are the details, (iii) are the qualifications and (iv) is the

experience of those who have been shortlisted, (d) how many of the workers who are currently on contract at the hospital (i) applied for the advertised jobs, (ii) have been shortlisted and (iii) have been or will be interviewed?

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30. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

What is the detailed list of all the members of health facility boards in the province, including health clinics and hospitals?

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31. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

(a) What is the latest update with regard to the case against a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, and (b) what assistance has been given to the victim in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023 to date?

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32. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) What is the update with regard to the Province's broadband rollout, (b) what is the detailed updated list of all Wi-Fi hotspots in the province, including the (i) ward numbers and (ii) local municipalities?

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33. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

(a) What is the detailed list of all the NGOs that have received funding from her Department in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023 to date, (b)(i) what are the specific amounts received by each NGO and (ii) what was the purpose of such funding and (c)(i) what is the number of NGOs that her Department stopped funding to during the period mentioned in (a) and (ii) what are the reasons therefore?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 2 June 2023. 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.