

**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, 2 JUNE 2023**

**1. Ms A Cassiem to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) Whether there is any legislation or constitutional provisions prohibiting his Department from acquiring pockets of suitable agricultural land to be distributed to emerging black farmers (black, coloured and Indian) for the purposes of farming; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the breakdown of the number of farms in the province owned by (a) white people, (b) coloured people, (c) black people and (d) Indian people;
- (3) what is the breakdown of agricultural land in the province owned by (a) white people, (b) coloured people, (c) black people and (d) Indian people in (i) hectares and (ii) percentage terms;
- (4) whether, in the spirit of cooperative governance, his Department engaged other departments or the national government for the purposes of land acquisition and redistribution among emerging black farmers (black, coloured and Indian) in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**2. Mr T M Klaas to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:**

With regard to the Zwelethemba High School in Worcester:

- (1) Whether the school falls under the Collaboration Schools Pilot Project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the teachers at the school are permanently employed or on contract;
- (3) whether the teachers are registered on the Government Personnel and Salary System (Persal); if not, why not;
- (4) whether the teachers at the school receive salaries comparable to those of other teachers at government public schools in the province not falling under the

Collaboration Schools Pilot Project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (5) whether his Department has received complaints of corruption, fraud and theft at the school; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

Whether any Cabinet member or any senior provincial government official is under investigation for sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual misconduct; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**4. Mr P Marran to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:**

With regard to the H-2A Programme that allows US employers or US agents who meet specific regulatory requirements to bring foreign nationals to the United States to fill temporary agricultural jobs:

- (a) What is the number of farm workers from the province who have participated in the programme in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023 to date, (b) what is the (i) race, (ii) gender and (iii) age of the workers, (c) what is the salary range for the participants in the H-2A Programme per annum and (d) what role do his Department and the provincial government play in assisting workers to participate in this programme?

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

With regard to learner applications for the 2024 academic year that have been received by the WCED:

- (a) What is the number of applications that have been received thus far, (b) what is the breakdown by (i) race, (ii) age, (iii) gender and (iv) grade, (c)(i) what is the number of learners who have been successfully placed in schools for the 2024 academic year and (ii) what is the breakdown by (aa) school in which learners have been placed and (bb) grade and (d)(i) what is the number of learners who have been rejected by all schools to which they applied for the 2024 academic year and (ii) what is the breakdown by (aa) race and (bb) grade?

(297)

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

With regard to the day-to-day operations at the Vanguard Day Hospital:

- (a) (i) What is the number of vacancies at the hospital and (ii) for how long have they existed, (b)(i) what has caused the delays in the infrastructure work at the hospital and (ii) which areas are earmarked for development, (c)(i) what are the infrastructure development plans for the hospital, (ii) what is the infrastructure budget for the 2023 MTEF for the hospital and (iii) when will the infrastructure work for the year begin at the hospital, (d)(i) what are the plans to address the poor filing system, especially for folders, at the hospital, (ii) what are the causes for these challenges and (iii) what are the plans to address these challenges and (e)(i) what is the involvement of Gift of the Givers at the hospital, (ii) how much will be donated and (iii) what renovation work will they be doing at the hospital?

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

With regard to the Back on Track Programme that was recently launched by the Western Cape Education Department and the amount of R1,2 billion that will be spent on the programme over the next three years:

(a) What is the detailed breakdown of (i) this amount per year and (ii) the expenditure items involved in the programme, (b) what is the number of (i) learners, (ii) teachers and (iii) schools that will benefit from the programme and (c) how much will the expenditure be on each of these in (b) above?

(299)

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

(a) What is the (i) vacancy rate for traffic officers in the province and (ii) breakdown by municipality and (b) what challenges are presented by the shortage of traffic officers?

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**9. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to the improvement plans tabled by the South African Social Security Agency (Sassa) to the Standing Committee on Social Development:

Whether her Department has any the plans to assist with the improvement of services and the eradication of long queues at the Sassa offices in Gugulethu and Philippi; if so, what are the relevant details?

(301)

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

(a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the organisations working with children that are funded by her Department, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of the (i) amounts received by each organisation and (ii) organisations funded by municipalities, (c) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the organisations working with children that have (aa) not been funded and/or (bb) received reduced funding from the Department in the current financial year compared to previous financial years?

(302)

**11. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

In respect of the Employment Equity Act, 1998 (Act 55 of 1998):

(a) What has been the employment equity performance of each provincial department and their entities in compliance with the Employment Equity Act in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023 to date, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of the (i) compliant (aa) departments and (bb) entities and (ii) non-compliant (aa) departments and (bb) entities, (c) what are the details of the areas of non-compliance, (d)(i) what is the challenges, if any, for those departments and entities that are non-compliant and (ii) what strategies are used to fulfil the employment equity obligations by (aa) departments and (bb) his Department as the central department responsible for the coordination of human resources in the Province?

(303)

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

(a) Which five municipalities in the province have the most debt with Eskom, (b) which municipalities do not meet the cash-coverage threshold requirement of one to three months and (c) what are the contributing factors that causes these municipalities not to meet the cash-coverage threshold?

(304)

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

With regard to water losses in the province:

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 (a) What is the average response time by municipality for the fixing of water leaks, (b) what projects are currently underway to upgrade the water infrastructure in the province in the next five years, (c) how much has been spent in the past five years on the upgrading of water infrastructure and (d) how much will be spent in the next five years to upgrade the water infrastructure?

(305)

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

With regard to water losses in the province:

(a) How does load-shedding contribute to water losses in the province and (b) how much will the Department spend in the next five years to combat the effects of load-shedding on critical water infrastructure?

(306)

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

How much has been spent by his Department to (a) repair and (b) replace vandalised and/or stolen road traffic signs and overhead information boards in the past five years?

(307)

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

- (1) Whether his Department is aware of any instances of violence that has occurred on Prasa Metrorail trains in the past five years; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how is his Department working with Prasa and law enforcement agencies to ensure that Metrorail trains in the Western Cape are safer and free of violence?

(308)

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

- (1) (a) How many road fatalities in the past five years have been as the result of (i) poor road conditions and (ii) a lack of adequate road signs and signage and (b) how many of these crashes occurred on (i) national roads, (ii) provincial roads and (iii) regional roads;
- (2) whether he can provide a breakdown of fatalities involving (i) busses, (ii) taxis, (iii) motor vehicles and (iv) motorcycles?

(309)

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

- (1) Whether he can provide a list of all provincial (a) housing, (b) road and (c) energy infrastructure projects that are planned in the City of Cape Town region for the next three financial years; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he can provide (a) how much will be spent on each project and (b) how many jobs are set to be created by these projects; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether he can provide a list of all provincial (a) housing, (b) road and (c) energy infrastructure projects that are planned in Garden Route region for the next three financial years; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he can provide (a) how much will be spent on each project and (b) how many jobs are set to be created by these projects; if so, what are the relevant details?

(311)

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

- (1) Whether he can provide a list of all provincial (a) housing, (b) road and (c) energy infrastructure projects that are planned in the Cape Winelands region for the next three financial years; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he can provide (a) how much will be spent on each project and (b) how many jobs are set to be created by these projects; if so, what are the relevant details?

(312)

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

In relation to comments made by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development at the Presidential Imbizo in Paarl on 19 May:

- (1) Whether he is aware of the case to which Deputy Minister Skwatsha referred where a farmer allegedly raised the price of his farm from R5 million to R90 million upon learning that it was targeted for land reform; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his Department is aware of any other instances in the province of farmers inflating the prices of their farms beyond market prices when those farms are targeted for land-reform projects; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the inflation of farm prices in connection with land reform is a trend that his Department is aware of; if so, what steps is his Department taking to address this?

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

With regard to land reform:

- (a) (i) What support does his Department provide to land-reform projects in the province and (ii) what are the requirements to qualify for this support and (b)(i) what is the success rate of land-reform projects in the province, measured as farms that are commercially viable and profitable, (ii) how does this rate compare to the national rate and (iii) to what does his Department ascribe the difference in success?

(314)

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

How many foster parents or guardians are currently fostering children in the province?

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

How many individuals under the age of 18 suffer from inadequate nutrition in the province?

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

(a) What is the average waiting time for surgeries at public healthcare facilities in the Western Cape and (b) what is the current (i) surgery backlog and (ii) procedures backlog in the province?

(317)

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

(1) What update can he provide on case 1/09/2022 lodged at the Grabouw Police Station regarding the alleged instigation of land invasions by local political leaders;

(2) whether any of the persons involved have been arrested; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

At each of the Western Cape's SAPS stations:

(a) How many marked vehicles are currently based at each SAPS station, (b) how many of these vehicles are currently operational and (c) how many of these vehicles are used for visible policing patrols?

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

With regard to the 10-point crime-fighting plan outlined by Minister Bheki Cele during his speech on 23 May 2023:

(a) How will this plan be implemented in the province specifically, (b) what additional support will be given to provincial law enforcement agencies by the SAPS over the next 12 months and (c) what additional allocations, if any, of (i) vehicles, (ii) personnel and (iii) miscellaneous resources are planned for the province in the next 12 months?

(320)

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

With regard to the Port of Cape Town:

(a) (i) What is the average waiting time for container ships to berth at the port and (ii) what is the cause of the excessive waiting times, if any, (b) what is the average number of twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers to be (i) loaded and (ii) unloaded at the port per week, (c) what is the average waiting time for trucks to be (i) loaded and (ii) unloaded at the port per week and (d) what is the cause of the excessive delays, if any?

(321)

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

(1) Whether any research on investment constraints in the province has been conducted by her Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;  
(2) what steps is her Department taking to make the Western Cape as investment-friendly as possible?

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

What is the average cost per patient per visit to provincial health facilities allocated to the Western Cape by the National Treasury in the provincial equitable share calculation?

(323)

**32. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:**

With regard to the Western Cape Education Department's recently launched Back on Track Programme:

(a) How many learners have attended extra classes as part of this programme to date and (b) how many teachers have attended training sessions as part of this programme to date?

(324)

**33. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

With respect to the registration of early childhood development (ECD) centres in the Western Cape:

In each of the province's (a) local municipalities, (b) district municipalities and (c) metropolitan municipalities, what (i) are the criteria and (ii) is the cost for an ECD applicant to receive a clearance certificate for (aa) compliance to zoning, (bb) land-use and building compliance, (cc) fire and safety compliance and (dd) environmental health and food-preparation compliance?

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**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 19 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.**