

**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, 15 JUNE 2023

1. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With the post office in provisional liquidation with debt of approximately R4,4 billion:

Whether her Department has received any update from the national Department of Social Development on what plans will be put in place to enable grant payment to beneficiaries; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr P T de Villiers to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

Whether he has appointed an investigator to investigate allegations against the Head of the Department of Local Government and one of his chief directors; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was this appointment made, (b) what is the detail of the scope of the investigation being conducted, (c) what is the detail of the allegations being investigated, (d) when will the investigation be completed and (e) what practical steps and measures have been taken to ensure that all the relevant former and current officials of the Department are able to provide evidence for the purposes of the investigation on a confidential basis without fear of intimidation, victimisation or retribution?

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3. Mr P T de Villiers to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the reply to question 1 of 25 March 2022:

Whether meetings, engagements, presentations and/or discussions took place between representatives of the company in question and (a) the Premier and/or (b) any other members of the provincial executive and/or (c) officials of the Western Cape Government at any stage prior to the awarding of the tender; if so, (i) on what date or dates did these meetings take place, (ii) where did these meetings take place, (iii)(aa) who was in attendance and (bb) what are their names and designations, (iv) did these meetings relate directly or indirectly to the Institution Refresh Project and matters related thereto

(including the reorganisation of the Western Cape Government), (v) what was the purpose of each of these meetings and (vi) what were the outcomes of each of these meetings?

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4. Mr P T de Villiers to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the reply to question 1 of 25 March 2022:

With reference to the limited-bidding requirements set out in Chapter 16A of the Provincial Treasury Instructions:

- (1) (a) On what legal basis was his Department competent to award the tender to the company in question on a limited-bidding basis and (b) what is the specific provision under paragraph 5.5.4(a) of Chapter 16A of the Provincial Treasury Instructions, 2019, relied on in this regard;
- (2) how did the Premier and his Department (a) first come to know about and (b) first become engaged with the company in question prior to the awarding of the tender;
- (3) given that the tender was awarded to the company in question on a limited-bidding basis in circumstances where the Western Cape Government had already become engaged with the company prior to the tender being awarded, whether the expenditure incurred in terms of the tender is irregular expenditure; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what has his Department done in this regard?

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

(a) What processes are SAPS officers required to follow in order to become qualified to carry and use their service weapon, (b) how often are SAPS officers required to renew this qualification and (c) in the last 12 months, (i) how many SAPS officers have failed to re-qualify and (ii) what were the primary reasons for these failures?

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6. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

- (1) (a) What programmes or projects are currently underway in the province to keep young people out of gang activities and (b) how much will be spent over the next five years on these programmes or projects;
- (2) whether there are any additional programmes or projects planned for the next five years; if so, what are the relevant details?

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7. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

(a) How many libraries have been (i) vandalised and (ii) robbed over the past five years, (b) what were the costs of the damages incurred as the result of each incident of (i) vandalism and (ii) robbery and (c) what is her Department doing to reduce incidents of vandalism and robbery at libraries?

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

With regard to the National HIV Conditional Grant:

How much of this grant was dedicated to the provision of community-based services in the last financial year?

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

(a) How many schools of skills facilities does his Department maintain in the province, (b) how many learners are enrolled in each of these and (c) what does the curriculum at these schools consist of?

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10. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to the security tender for the Paarl Hospital:

(1) (a) When does the current contract lapse and (b) what are the details of the new tender for security services at the Paarl Hospital;

(2) within the prescripts of the tender specifications, whether it is the Department's aim to provide local security services at various facilities, especially rural facilities; if so, what are the relevant details?

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11. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to the planned Obstetrics Theatre for the Paarl Hospital:

In which financial year will this come to fruition?

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12. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to the health facilities currently on the Eskom grid:

Whether she is aware of any plans by the national government to exempt the Paarl Hospital from load-shedding; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(a) How many incidents of (i) robbery and (ii) acts of vandalism have been reported at licensing departments in the past five years, (b) what are the costs related to each incident of (i) robbery and (ii) vandalism in the past five years, (c) how do incidents of robbery and vandalism affect service delivery and (d) what is the extent of the backlog in the printing of driver's licences?

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

(a) How does load-shedding affect average commuter time and (b) what steps are being taken to improve (i) traffic congestion and (ii) travel time during load-shedding in each municipality?

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

With regard to the Employment Equity Amendment Act:

(a) How will this Act affect the job market in the province, (b) what would be the penalty for non-compliance by employers and (c) what economic impact does her Department foresee this Act having in the province?

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

With regard to skills development in the ICT industry:

Whether there is a skills shortage in the ICT sector; if so, how is her Department supporting skills development in this industry?

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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 4IR technology by the Provincial Treasury:

(a) In what areas does the Provincial Treasury utilise 4IR technology, such as artificial intelligence and blockchain, (b) what are the (i) benefits and (ii) risks associated with the Provincial Treasury's use of 4IR technology and (c) how does the use of 4IR technology in the Province benefit the residents of the province?

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

In relation to land reform in the Western Cape:

(a) What is needed for successful land reform in the agricultural sector and (b) how will the land reform process benefit under the administration of competent provincial governments?

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

With regard to the draft regulations published by Senzo Mchunu, Minister of Water and Sanitation, on 19 May 2023 that introduced race quotas for the allocation of water-use licences:

(1) (a) What impact will this have on food production and food security in the province, (b) how many farms and farmworkers will be affected by these regulations and (c) what is the reasoning behind the use of racial quotas to allocate water;

(2) whether his Department supports such a policy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(1) What will be the impact of the Employment Equity Amendment Act on (a) farmworkers and (b) farmers in the province;

(2) whether the Act makes provision for emerging farmers in need of skilled farmworkers; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether he can outline how much has been spent over the past five years on the provincial government's Winter Readiness Programme;
- (2) what specific initiatives or measures are included in this year's Winter Readiness Programme to ensure the safety and well-being of residents during heavy rain and cold weather;
- (3) whether each municipality has winter readiness programmes, if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there are any municipalities that do not have winter readiness programmes in place; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) how does the provincial government collaborate with local communities and organisations to enhance winter readiness?

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

- (a) How does load-shedding affect the provincial government's Winter Readiness Programme, (b) how does the Winter Readiness Programme address potential challenges related to power outages and heating-supply disruptions and (c) how much has been spent over the past five years to combat load-shedding-related challenges to winter readiness?

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

- (1) Whether the provincial government's Winter Readiness Programme includes provisions for providing temporary shelters or emergency accommodations for those in need during extreme weather events; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what kind of resources or assistance is available to informal settlements and (b) how does the Western Cape Government (i) assess and (ii) prioritise areas or communities that are more susceptible to winter-related risks?

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

- (a) What are the procedures and criteria to (i) register and (ii) receive departmental support for a drug rehabilitation facility, (b) what support is given to these facilities, (c) how many registered rehabilitation facilities are currently operating in the Western Cape and (d) how many patients did these facilities treat in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023 to date?

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

What will the effect be of the enactment of the National Health Insurance Bill [B 11–2019] on the operations and budget of her Department?

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

With regard to the recent outbreak of avian flu that is affecting the poultry industry in the province:

(a) When did he and/or his Department first become aware of this outbreak, (b) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of all the affected farms, (c)(i) where was it first detected and reported and (ii) by whom, (d)(i) what measures have been implemented to prevent any further spread, (ii) how was this implemented and (iii) how soon after the initial cases were any measure actioned by his Department, (e)(i) how regularly are poultry and other livestock farms inspected by the Department's officials for safety and animal-health measures and (ii) what system failed in this case that resulted in the culling of birds and losses to the livelihood of workers and (f)(i) what is the estimated cost of this outbreak and the losses suffered by farmers and (ii) what are the details of the support that his Department has provided to farmers?

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

What (a) are the details and (b) is the value of all the bilateral trade agreements that his Department signed with BRICS countries?

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28. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) What are the details of all the bilateral trade agreements that his government has with non-BRICS countries and (b) what (i) are the details and (ii) is the value of all the bilateral trade agreements with BRICS countries?

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

With regard to the Sassa offices in Philippi and Gugulethu:

Whether her Department is providing any assistance to the national government's efforts to improve services and to eradicate long queues at these Sassa offices; if so, what are the relevant details?

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30. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) What is the number of funded vacant posts that have not been filled by the provincial government's departments and entities in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021, (ix) 2022 and (x) 2023 to date and (b) what is the detailed breakdown per year for each department and entity?

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

With regard to the Police Recorded Crime Statistics for the fourth quarter of the 2022/23 financial year (January 2023 to March 2023):

(a) What is the detailed breakdown per police station for the following categories: (i) murder, (ii) attempted murder, (iii) sexual offences, (iv) rape, (v) illegal possession of firearms and ammunition and (vi) drug-related crimes and (b) what is the number of (i) women and (ii) children who were (aa) murdered and (bb) sexually violated in the province?

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

- (1) (a) What is the number of health inspectors who are deployed to assist the WCED to conduct health inspections at ECD facilities and (b) what is the detailed breakdown per education district;
- (2) whether there are any delays and/or backlogs for these health inspections at ECD facilities; if so, what are the waiting times to get an inspector to come;
- (3) (a) how often do these health inspections take place at ECD facilities and (b) what has been the price of calling a health inspector in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023 to date;
- (4) whether he is aware of complaints from ECD practitioners about (a) long turnaround times and (b) exorbitant costs for calling health inspectors to ECD facilities; if so, what has been his Department's intervention?

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

With regard to learner placement for the 2024 academic year:

- (1) What is the detailed breakdown of learner placement per (a) school and (b) education district as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (2) whether raw data and a detailed list of all unsuccessful applicants per (a) school and (b) education district can be made available as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (3) what are the hotspot areas for unplaced learners in the province as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (4) as at 15 June 2023, (a) what is the number of learners who have successfully been placed at schools and (b) how many were still on the waiting list;
- (5) whether he, with regard to those learners who applied on time and correctly but were rejected by all the schools they applied to, can provide the following details: what is the (a) number of these learners and (b) detailed breakdown per (i) race, (ii) grade and (iii) school where these learners were rejected?

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

With regard to the Quarterly Labour Force Survey for quarter 1 of 2023:

- (a) What is the breakdown of the unemployment in the province per (i) municipality, (ii) race and (iii) gender, (b) what is the breakdown of the youth unemployment in the province per (i) municipality, (ii) race, (iii) gender and (iv) age, (c) what is the number of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) and (d) what is the breakdown per (i) municipality, (ii) race, (iii) gender and (iv) age and (e) what are the provincial government's programmes to address youth unemployment and NEETs?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 30 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.