

**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, 3 FEBRUARY 2023**

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

- (1) What are the details of the challenges relating to the disbursement of Sassa grants that took place in January 2023;
- (2) whether she is aware of any mitigation strategies that (a) the Postbank or (b) Sassa has put in place to prevent these issues during the February 2023 grant disbursements?

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

- (a) How many survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) made use of the Western Cape's six GBV shelters in 2022 and (b) of these, how many made use of the (i) social workers, (ii) legal aid and (iii) health services offered at each shelter?

(17)

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

- (1) How are the Cape Access centres around the province affected by load-shedding;
- (2) whether any technical (a) infrastructure and (b) equipment have been damaged as a result of load-shedding;
- (3) whether there are any Cape Access centres in the province that have had to close down due to the impact of load-shedding; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**4. Mr C Fry to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

Regarding the Premier's Advancement of Youth Programme:

- (1) Since its inception, (a) how many young people have participated in the programme each year, (b) what is the rate of completion for the group in each year and (c) how many have received permanent employment at the 13 Western Cape Government departments in each year;
- (2) whether there is any indication of the employment status of those who did not find employment in any department after the completion of the programme; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) which skills have the participants been equipped with during the programme;
- (4) whether there is general feedback from the graduates of the programme; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) What is CapeNature's policy on the replacement of assets such as (a) mattresses, (b) towels, (c) linen and (d) curtains that are used in tourism accommodation;
- (2) (a) who is responsible for the implementation of this policy and (b) which staff members have the right to write off such assets when they are found to be not of the high standard that paying guests expect;
- (3) (a) what is the process to dispose of these assets, once withdrawn from tourist facilities, and (b) how frequently is the disposal process invoked?

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

- (a) To what extent do the images produced by the AGRISAT satellite of Dragonfly Aeronautics in Stellenbosch cover the Western Cape, (b) how are these images of value to agriculture in the province, (c) who is able to (i) access and (ii) utilise the images produced by the AGRISAT satellite and (d) to what extent has Dragonfly Aeronautics engaged his Department for support and/or cooperation?

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

- (1) How effective are traps for polyphagous shot hole borer beetles (*Euwallacea fornicatus*) to determine the presence of such beetles in a particular area;
- (2) whether his Department has or whether his Department or its entity, CapeNature, will be using such traps in order to monitor the presence and/or spread of polyphagous shot hole borer beetles in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) to what extent is his Department or CapeNature cooperating with other research bodies and departments (such as the Department of Agriculture) regarding the polyphagous shot hole borer beetle;
- (4) whether there is a map of the province indicating areas where the presence of the shot hole borer beetle has been recorded; if so, where can this map be obtained?

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

- (1) (a) What was the average accommodation occupancy rate in the province in (i) November and (ii) December 2022, (b) what is the rate for each month of the remaining tourism season and (c) how does this rate compare with the same period in (i) 2019 and (ii) 2021;
- (2) what was the average spend per (a) international visitor and (b) domestic visitor during their visits to the Western Cape?

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

With regard to the green economy in the Western Cape:

- (a) What is the estimated value of the green economy in the province, (b) how has GreenCape contributed to the growth of this economy over the past three years, (c) what are the risks to jobs associated with a greater transition to green energy in the province and (d) what efforts has the Western Cape Government made to mitigate these risks?

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**10. Ms C Murray to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With regard to the SAPS Bothasig Police Station:

- (1) Which suburbs or communities is this SAPS station mandated to respond to;
- (2) whether the station is also mandated to respond to communities including Burgundy, Richwood, De Zicht, De Aan Zicht and Monte Vista; if not, (a) why not and (b) what measures can be taken by the Western Cape SAPS to include these suburbs in this station's mandated areas to respond to?

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**11. Mr D America to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

- (1) Whether there have been any instances of loss of life due to wildfires in the province from November 2022 to date; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there have been any instances of property damage due to wildfires in the province from November 2022 to date; if so, what has been the estimated total cost of said damage?

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

- (1) How many municipalities in the province are expected to develop ward committee operational plans;
- (2) whether there are municipalities that have yet to finalise ward committee operational plans; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the recently announced amount of more than R80 million released by the Provincial Treasury to his Department:

(a) What is the exact amount that his Department has received from the Provincial Treasury, (b) what is the purpose of this allocation, (c) what are the details of his Department's plan to spend this money and (d) what is the expected time frame for (i) this expenditure to take place and (ii) implementation to commence?

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

In relation to the SAPS call centre in Maitland:

(1) (a) What has been the call centre's budget for (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23 and (b)(i) how many cases of dropped calls have been reported and (ii) what were the reasons for it;

(2) (a) what (i) infrastructure and (ii) software are in need of replacement or upgrading and (b) what would the cost be?

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

In relation to the SAPS call centre in Maitland:

(1) Whether the current call centre is sufficient to cater for all the residents of the province; if not;

(2) whether there are plans to (a) increase its capacity or (b) build an additional centre; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether load-shedding has affected the operations of the call centre; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether the call centre is (a) equipped with a generator and (b) exempted from certain stages of load-shedding; if so, what are the relevant details;

(5) how many cases of absenteeism have been recorded in (a) 2018/19, (b) 2019/20, (c) 2020/21, (d) 2021/22 and (e) 2022/23 to date?

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

With respect to the impact of load-shedding on service delivery at police stations:

(1) Whether there are police stations exempted from load-shedding; if not, (a) which stations are equipped with generators and (b) which services are unavailable when stations do not have electricity; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether police stations are closed during load-shedding; if not, whether any cases of stations closing during periods of load-shedding have been brought to his attention; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 17 February 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.**