

**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, 23 AUGUST 2024

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

(a) (i) What are the details of all the infrastructure-related projects in his Department for the (aa) 2023/24 and (bb) 2024/25 financial years and (ii) to which service providers were these projects awarded and (b) what is the (i) total value of the maintenance-related projects awarded to companies in the province for the (aa) 2023/24 and (bb) 2024/25 financial years, (ii) detailed breakdown of the names of all the companies that received these contracts and (iii) value of each contract awarded to each service provider?

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2. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to mpox, the infectious disease caused by the monkeypox virus (MPXV):

- (1) How many (a) infections have been recorded in the province and (b) deaths have been recorded as the result of mpox;
- (2) whether her Department is undertaking any work to assess the extent of the undetected community transmission that is taking place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what epidemiological surveillance of mpox (i) has been and (ii) is currently being conducted and (b) what vaccination programmes, if any, have been implemented;
- (4) whether vaccinations are available in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether any communication strategies or programmes have been implemented to raise awareness about mpox; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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3. Mr G P Marais to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) How many schools in the province have (i) stopped offering Afrikaans and (ii) reduced Afrikaans classes to (aa) Grade R and (bb) Grade 1 learners between 2014 and 2024, (b)(i) what are the names of the schools where Afrikaans is not being offered to Grade R and Grade 1 learners and (ii) what were the reasons provided by these schools and (c) what are the details of the Language Policy of his Department as it relates to mother-tongue education?

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4. Mr G P Marais to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

In the light of regular media reports about mayors of municipalities in the Western Cape who have been removed from office:

- (1) (a) How many motions of no confidence in mayors have been passed between 1 November 2021 and 16 August 2024, (b) what are the names of the municipalities where mayors and deputy mayors have been removed, (c) how many of these mayors and deputy mayors have been removed due to financial impropriety or misconduct during this period and (d) how many of these former mayors and deputy mayors have been appointed in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament or other state institutions;
- (2) whether any legal action was taken against these former mayors and deputy mayors by his Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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5. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the Manenberg School of Skills:

- (1) Whether his Department was compelled by the Western Cape High Court to review a decision that prejudiced Fury Point Construction or other entities; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Department is following the recommendations by the Western Cape High Court; if not, why not; if so, what is the outcome;
- (3) (a) what are the reasons for the delay of this project and (b) who is responsible for the delay;
- (4) whether any action has been taken against those who have made errors with the awarding the tender to H&I Civil and Building (Pty) Ltd; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With regard to the investigation of the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) into the procurement of cloth masks from Masiqhame Trading 1057 CC:

- (1) Whether steps have been taken against the named senior officials; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) (a) what steps has his Department taken with regard to the irregular procurement of COVID-19-related PPE from Masiqhame Trading 1057 CC and (b) what is the outcome, if any, of the SIU application to review and set aside the contract valued at R54 353 082;
- (3) whether his Department awarded any tender or contract to Masiqhame Trading 1057 CC after the expiry of the three-year contract on 30 September 2020; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) is the rand value of the contract?

(60)

7. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to the redirection of R41 million in relief funds at the Theewaterskloof Municipality:

- (1) Why were the funds not used for its intended purposes;
- (2) whether the municipality requested permission before redirecting the funds; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there are steps in place to prevent a recurrence of fund redeployment from its intended purposes by municipalities; if so, what are the relevant details?

(61)

8. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

In the light of the Western Cape being declared a disaster area after the recent floods that battered large parts of the province:

- (1) Whether funds allocated after the declaration by the national government assisted with the repair of infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the state of readiness of the affected roads and infrastructure after the disaster;
- (3) whether the Riverlands community and other communities that experienced flooding and structural damage were included in the disaster allocation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(62)

9. Ms A Cassiem to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) (a) Which police stations in the province have recorded the highest number of cases of gender-based violence (GBV), (b) how many of these cases were thoroughly investigated and taken to court, (c) of the total number of cases, how many (i) made it to court, (ii) were struck from the roll and (iii) were successfully prosecuted;
- (2) whether there are any GBV cases, which were reported at police stations in the province with ongoing investigations, that have not been finalised after three months; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) how many cases of GBV involving sexual assault, assault with grievous bodily harm, rape and murder have occurred at Western Cape schools in the last five years?

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10. Ms T Lithakong to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) What is the number of extortion cases affecting businesses and construction sites that has been reported in the province in the last five years;
- (2) which site can the public use to access reports produced by the Court Watching Brief Unit relating to criminal cases that are before the courts in the Western Cape?

(64)

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

- (1) (a) What are the details of his Department's efforts to mainstream climate-change policy across the entire Western Cape Government and (b)(i) which Western Cape Government departments have already been assisted in mainstreaming climate-change policy and (ii) how have they been assisted;
- (2) whether there are any further plans to ensure Western Cape Government departments are able to deal with department-specific effects related to climate change; if so, what are the relevant details?

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12. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

In relation to the Port of Cape Town:

- (1) Whether the Port of Cape Town's performance during the 2024 citrus export season has reached all the relevant targets for efficiency; if not, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what challenges, if any, are currently being experienced at the Port and (b) how will his Department support Transnet in addressing these challenges?

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13. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (a) What is the current status of the Western Cape Extortion Task Team of the SAPS and (b) how many (i) cases perpetrated in the Western Cape have been reported to the SAPS toll-free extortion hotline since 1 September 2023, (ii) of these cases have been resolved and (iii) of these cases resulted in (aa) arrests and (bb) convictions?

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14. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) (a) In the last 36 months, in how many instances were items of (i) firearm-related and (ii) narcotic-related evidence, which had been removed from SAP-13 storerooms in Western Cape SAPS precincts, (aa) lost, (bb) stolen or (cc) otherwise

removed without proper authorisation and (b) what are the relevant details of each incident;

(2) (a) in the last 36 months, in how many instances were officially issued SAPS-owned firearms (i) lost and (ii) stolen and (b) what are the relevant details of each incident;

(3) whether any arrests have been made as a result of these incidents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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15. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to his First Thursdays Initiative:

Since 1 January 2022, (a) how many First Thursday events have been held and (b) approximately how many members of the public have attended these events?

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16. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) What are the full details of his Department's e-skills training curriculum offered to residents at the Western Cape's CapeAccess or E-centres and (b) what effect does this training have on the employment prospects of those who graduate?

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17. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

(1) What is the (a)(i) racial and (ii) demographic breakdown of the unemployment figures for the province as reported for quarter 2 of 2024, (b) detailed breakdown for each municipality per (i) race, (ii) age and (iii) gender and (c)(i) breakdown of unemployment rates by industry and sector in the province for quarter 2 of 2024 and (ii) which sectors are experiencing the highest levels of job losses;

(2) (a) what factors have contributed to the recent increase in unemployment in the province, particularly in the agriculture sector, (b) what strategies are being implemented to mitigate the impact of the current unemployment crisis and (c) what specific plans are in place to prevent future increases in unemployment in the province;

(3) whether there are targeted interventions designed to address the high unemployment rate among African and coloured individuals in the province, with particular emphasis on women and the youth; if so, what are the details of (a) these interventions and (b) their expected outcomes?

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18. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to mpox cases:

(1) (a) What is the breakdown per municipality, (b)(i) what measures has her Department implemented to contain the spread of mpox in the province and (ii) how effective have these measures been to date, (c) what (i) resources, (ii) medical personnel and (iii) facilities are being allocated specifically for the management and treatment of mpox cases in the province and (d)(i) how is the Province coordinating its reaction with the national government to address the mpox outbreak and (ii) what steps are being taken to ensure alignment with global health guidelines;

- (2) whether there any specific strategies or interventions being developed to protect high-risk population groups in the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

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19. Ms R Windvogel to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) As at the closing date of 12 April 2024, (a) how many applications for (i) Grade 1 and (ii) Grade 8 placements have been received and (b) what is the breakdown of these figures by (i) school, (ii) grade and (iii) municipality;
- (2) (a) what updates can be provided regarding the current status of learner placements for Grade 1 and Grade 8 in accordance with his Department's admission timeline and (b) how many learners have already been successfully placed at schools;
- (3) given the recurring issues with learner placements and learners missing the first weeks of school, what specific strategies are being implemented this year to ensure a more efficient placement process and to prevent such disruptions;
- (4) (a) how is his Department addressing potential shortfall in available school spaces to accommodate the number of applicants for Grade 1 and Grade 8 and (b) what contingency plans are in place for schools that may exceed their capacity;
- (5) what (a) measures are being taken to ensure that the second admissions window for Grade R and transfers between grades 2 to 7 and grades 9 to 12 are effectively managed to prevent similar placement delays or issues and (b) is the detailed breakdown of applications received for these grades to date?

(73)

20. Ms R Windvogel to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

In respect of his Department's decision to cancel the bus service for learner transport with effect from 1 September 2024 for learners from Vredebes who are attending the Morrisdale Primary School:

- (a) How long has the bus route that have been serving these learners been operational, (b) how many learners have made use of this route, (c) what are the reasons for cancelling the contract for this learner transport route and (d) what (i) alternative arrangements have been made to ensure that these learners can continue attending school and (ii) measures are in place to prevent absenteeism and dropouts as a result of this cancellation?

(74)

21. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

In respect of his Department's Annual Performance Report for the first quarter of the financial year:

- (1) What (a) are the locations where the 1 102 drunk-driving operations were concentrated and (b) is the number of dockets that were (i) taken to court and (ii) successfully prosecuted;
- (2) (a) what are the reasons for not meeting the set targets for stop-and-search operations, (b) where were the 407 888 stop-and-search operations concentrated, (b) what were the outcomes of these operations and (c)(i) how many criminal cases were identified, (ii) what is the current status of these cases and (iii) what role did other law enforcement agencies play in these operations?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 6 September 2024. 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.