

**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, 17 FEBRUARY 2023

1. Mr G Pretorius to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

In relation to progress with the Ideal Clinic Initiative in the province:

(a) What parameters are used to determine the outcomes of a clinic and (b) what has been the overall percentage outcome of each clinic in the province in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23?

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

With respect to the surgical backlog in the province:

- (1) (a) How many surgeries still need to take place to eliminate the backlog and (b) how many took place in each month in 2022;
- (2) whether the accelerated catch-up plan for the 2022/23 financial year has resulted in more surgeries taking place; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how much dedicated donor funding has been used to augment the R20 million ring-fenced funding used for the surgical catch-up plan;
- (4) whether the recent period of stage 6 load-shedding resulted in any delays in surgeries taking place; if so, what are the relevant details?

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3. Mr G Pretorius to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

In relation to the monies spent on budget items, including fuel, oil and medical gas, to keep healthcare facilities running during power cuts:

(a) How much was spent in every month since the start of the 2022/23 financial year, (b) how many litres of (i) fuel, (ii) oil and (iii) medical gas does her Department have in storage in the province and (c) what is the combined value of these items?

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

(1) (a) How important has the trade agreement with the United States of America, which flowed from the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) of that country, proven to be for agricultural exports from the province and (b) how will our farmers be affected when the current agreement lapses in 2025;

(2) what other trade agreements with the United States, if any, are currently affecting agricultural (a) imports and (b) exports;

(3) what government support is available to South African entities that want to market agricultural and related products in the United States?

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

With regard to the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA):

(1) (a) Which sectors in the provincial economy will benefit from the renewal and continuation of the trade agreement based on this Act, (b) how have different sectors of the province previously benefitted from this Act and (c) what are the risks to the Western Cape economy associated with not implementing the AGOA;

(2) whether the AGOA contributes to an export or import surplus;

(3) what steps have been taken by the (a) provincial and (b) national government to ensure that the AGOA is signed and renewed timeously?

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

With regard to the implementation of a remote-working visa:

(a) What steps has her Department taken to advocate the implementation of such a visa, (b) what are the benefits of implementing a remote-working visa and (c) what is the estimated (i) financial and (ii) non-financial impact that such a visa will have on the Western Cape economy?

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

(1) What impact has load-shedding had on any (a) human-settlements and (b) infrastructure projects in the province;

(2) whether he is spending funds on generators to mitigate the impact of load-shedding; if so, what are the costs involved?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 3 March 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.