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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2025

1. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

Whether the Western Cape Government has a youth policy; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Whether his Department has any plans to implement the National Housing Plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the (a) relevant details and (b) timelines?

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

With reference to a meeting between his Department and the Robinhill Special School:

- (1) Whether the three autism spectrum disorder (ASD) classrooms have been built; if not, why not;
- (2) whether any commitment had been made by his Department to the school to build three ASD classrooms; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department made any oral or written commitment to the school governing board or principal that funds had been allocated in the budget in order to build these classrooms; if so, are the funds still available;
- (4) (a) what effort, if any, has been made by his Department to fulfil the requests made by the school for a nurse and a psychologist and for updates to the transport and irrigation system and (b) why has there been no update on these requests since February 2024;

(5) (a) why has the exit level of the school not been adjusted to accommodate learners who are capable of achieving more and (b) what alternative options are available to children who are able to learn beyond the level of Grade 5?

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4. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

Whether there are any plans to replace the prefabricated classrooms with brick-and-mortar classrooms at the Solomon Qatyana Primary School in Strand; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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5. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to road infrastructure that was damaged by storms that hit the province in 2024:

(a) What are the details of the roads that have been affected in (i) Philippi, (ii) Philippi East and (iii) Old Crossroads and (b)(i) which of the roads have been identified for repair and (ii) what are the timelines?

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

(a) What are the details of all the NGOs in the province that are affected by the US aid freeze and (b) what was the amount received by each NGO?

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

During the oversight visit of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development, it was brought to its attention that the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) will be closing its Skills Centre:

(1) Whether the Skills Centre will be closing; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the reasons for its closure;

(2) what alternative measures does the entity have in place to fulfil its skills development commitments under the Growth for Jobs (G4J) Strategy;

(3) during the visit to the Atlantis Special Economic Zone (SEZ), it was noted that a company operating in the zone is not compliant with broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) requirements, how is it possible for a certain non-BBBEE-compliant company, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, to operate in the SEZ;

(4) (a) what investment is this company bringing to the province's economy, (b) what is the (i) value and (ii) nature of this investment, (c) what local economic contributions is this company making to the Atlantis community and (d) what benefits is the company receiving from operating in the Atlantis SEZ?

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8. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the La Colline housing settlement in Stellenbosch, which belonged to the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements up until 2024, after which the title deed of ownership was transferred to the Stellenbosch Municipality:

- (1) (a) What is the agreement between the Stellenbosch Municipality and his Department, (b) how does this agreement affect the residents of La Colline and (c) what measures, if any, have been put in place to protect the residents of La Colline;
- (2) the residents of La Colline were informed that their rental agreements would remain unchanged until at least August 2025, given that, (a) why have some residents received eviction notices and (b) why have some tenants been warned about a rent increase;
- (3) whether the residents will be receiving sectional title deeds; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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9. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the Diazville Housing Project in Saldanha Bay:

- (1) Whether the housing project has been completed; if so, (a) how many houses make up the housing project, (b) how many houses, if any, have been built to date and (c) what reasons, if any, have contributed to any construction delays;
- (2) (a) when were the roads, streetlights and other infrastructure completed and (b) what progress, if any, has been made since then;
- (3) (a) why have some residents received erf numbers to houses that have not yet been built, (b) when can these residents expect their houses to be completed and (c) why have these houses not been completed?

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

With regard to the Growth for Jobs (G4J) Strategy:

- (1) (a) What specific metrics are used to measure the success of the Growth for Jobs Strategy and (b) what were the actual results measured with these metrics for the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 financial year;
- (2) whether other departments report to him on their initiatives aligned with the G4J Strategy; if so, (a) how frequently are these reports submitted and (b) what were the key outcomes reported by these departments in the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 financial year;
- (3) what mechanisms are in place to ensure that departments report their contributions towards achieving the objectives of the G4J Strategy;
- (4) (a) what is the total number of jobs created as a direct result of the G4J Strategy in the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 financial year and (b) how do these numbers compare to the targets set for each year?

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

With regard to economic development in the Central Karoo:

- (1) (a) What specific initiatives are currently in place to support (i) tourism, (ii) job creation and (iii) economic growth in the Central Karoo region and (b) what are the measurable outcomes of these initiatives;

- (2) (a) how many jobs have been created as the direct result of these initiatives since 2019 and (b) how does this compare to the target set for the year;
- (3) (a) what mechanisms are in place to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives and (b) how often are these evaluations conducted?

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

With regard to collaboration with the City of Cape Town on economic and job growth initiatives, particularly concerning the township economy:

- (1) Whether he collaborates with the City of Cape Town in strategising and planning for economic and job growth; if so, what are the specific mechanisms or structures in place to facilitate this collaboration;
- (2) (a) what were the shared targets between the provincial government and the City of Cape Town for economic and job growth in the township economy for the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 financial years and (b) how are these targets communicated and monitored;
- (3) (a) how many jobs have been created in the township economy as a result of this collaboration in the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 financial years and (b) how does this compare to the targets set for each year;
- (4) (a) what measures are in place to ensure that achievements are not double counted between the provincial government and the City of Cape Town and (b) how often are these measures reviewed?

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

With regard to caracals in CapeNature-managed reserves:

- (1) (a) What is the estimated total population of caracals in CapeNature-managed reserves, (b) how many caracals are estimated to be in each reserve and (c) which of these subpopulations, if any, are deemed to be endangered;
- (2) whether there are any plans in place for the protection or reintroduction of caracals in CapeNature reserves; if so, (a)(i) what are the details of these plans, (ii) what are the timelines and (iii) what are the allocated budgets and (b) what measurable outcomes have been achieved to date?

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14. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With reference to his Department's efforts to enhance learning through early childhood development (ECD) services, which aim to improve literacy and numeracy levels of learners by the age of 10:

- (a) What progress has been made in strengthening ECD services to support early learning outcomes, (b) what are the details of the strategies implemented to ensure measurable improvements in literacy and numeracy levels by the age of 10 and (c) what is the breakdown of the (i) financial implications, (ii) budget allocations and (iii) expenditures related to these interventions?

15. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

With reference to the Provincial Land Transport Framework of the Western Cape:

- (1) (a) What is the time frame for the full transition to electric cars for government use and (b) as Golden Arrow has demonstrated leadership in the electric vehicle sector, what steps is GMT taking to follow suit for government-owned vehicles and to position itself as a role model in this transition;
- (2) whether his Department is engaging with the private sector on the establishment of charging ports across the province; if so, (a) what are the details regarding the locations of electric vehicle charging ports across province and (b) what plans are in place to expand these facilities to accommodate the growing adoption of electric vehicles;
- (3) whether his Department is engaging with the private land-transport industry, such as e-hailing services and minibus taxis, on their plans to follow suit; if so, what are the relevant details?

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16. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the status and management of the gravel road network in the Western Cape:

- (a) (i) What is the current status of the province's gravel road network, (ii) how many kilometres of roads in total are being maintained and (iii) what are the details of any recent assessments conducted, (b)(i) what are the key challenges experienced in maintaining and upgrading gravel roads, particularly in rural and high-traffic areas, and (ii) what are the proposed solutions to address these challenges and to improve the condition and sustainability of the gravel road network and (c) what specific measures and interventions has his Department already implemented to enhance the quality and accessibility of gravel roads?

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17. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the issuing of title deeds by First National Bank (FNB) and the role of public-private partnerships in facilitating property ownership:

- (1) Whether the issuance of title deeds by FNB forms part of the bankable projects outlined in the 2050 Infrastructure Plan; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what is the total number of title deeds that have been issued (i) by FNB to date and (ii) through this specific public-private partnership and (b) what is his Department's vision and specific strategies to expedite the issuing of title deeds in the province, ensuring greater access to formal property ownership?

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

With regard to the recent flare-up in gang violence in Khayelitsha, Manenberg, Mitchells Plain, Lentegur, Mfuleni, Delft, Kraaifontein and Guguletu:

- (a) What is the vacancy rate at each of these police stations, (b) what is the average case rate of detectives at each of these police stations, (c) what preventative measures does

the SAPS have in place to deal with gang violence flare-ups in these communities and (d) what is the vacancy rate of top management for each of these precincts?

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

- (1) Whether all the police staff members at Western Cape police stations currently possess valid driving licences; if not, how is this issue being addressed to ensure that all police staff members are properly licensed to operate police vehicles;
- (2) whether there are any instances where patrols by the police have been delayed or cancelled due to officers being unable to drive police vehicles because of not having valid driving licences; if so, what measures are being taken to address this situation and to ensure that patrols can continue without disruption;
- (3) whether there have been any instances in the past where police vehicles in the province were not available for patrols because they were found to be used for personal purposes overnight; if so, what actions have been taken to prevent this from happening in the future and to ensure that vehicles are being used for official duties only?

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

With regard to the Klawer Police Station:

- (1) Given that the Western Cape community is predominantly Afrikaans-speaking, whether proficiency in Afrikaans is part of the appointment criteria at the Klawer Police Station; if so;
- (2) whether the officers at the police station are proficient in Afrikaans; if not, how does the SAPS deal with complaints that police officers fail to provide the necessary service to the community due to language barriers?

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

Whether any enquiries sent to pthelpme@westerncape.gov.za were redirected to the Western Cape Government Department of Local Government; if so, (a) how many enquiries have been received since the launch of the initiative, (b) which municipalities have utilised this initiative to date and (c) what types of enquiries were received, ranked by frequency?

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22. Mr M Booysen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

- (a) What programmes does her Department implement to (i) prevent or (ii) mitigate the effects and prevalence of Down's syndrome in the province and (b) what are the statistics about (i) the current prevalence and (ii) any trends in the incidence of Down's syndrome in the province over the past three financial years?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 4 April 2025. 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.