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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

Whether he has received feedback from Sanral as to when the central rail line will be fully functional; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the article “The construction mafia in Cape Town is disrupting building construction and halting construction projects” by Lindsey Shutters published on 18 June 2024 in *Bizcommunity*:

- (1) (a) What is the value of the building projects currently being halted by the construction mafia’s extortion and (b) what are the details of these projects;
- (2) whether any lives have been lost during intimidation attempts by the mafia; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(a) How many schools in historically coloured areas will be affected by this envisaged teacher cuts in 2025 and (b) how many (i) schools are planned to be built in the currently financial year and (ii) of these schools will be built (aa) on the Cape Flats and (bb) in historically coloured areas?

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

Regarding the allegations of sexual misconduct involving senior managers in the provincial government:

- (1) Whether he is aware of sexual harassment complaints that have been lodged against a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for purpose of his reply, as far back as 2016; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the total number of sexual misconduct allegations reported against this person;
- (3) whether a copy of the investigation report can be made available or be shared with the Members of the Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Development and the Standing Committee on Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what is the total expenditure by the provincial government for the independent investigation conducted by Advocate Jenny Williams into the allegations against this person;
- (5) what are the reasons for not releasing a copy of Adv Jenny Williams's report to the main complainant;
- (6) how many (a) ex-officials and (b) current officials of the Department of Local Government were interviewed by Adv Jenny Williams regarding the sexual harassment allegations against this person;
- (7) whether any affidavits have been submitted to the relevant authorities concerning this person's alleged sexual misconduct and mistreatment of female employees in the Department; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (8) what are the reasons for not suspending this person from his position while the investigation is ongoing;
- (9) what are the reasons why he has allowed this person to appeal against the report from Adv Jenny Williams?

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

In respect of his Department's decision to reduce the basket of teacher posts for the 2025 academic year:

- (1) (a) What is the rationale behind the decision to reduce the number of teaching posts for the 2025 academic year and (b) what criteria were used to determine the (i) extent of the reduction and (ii) factors considered in this decision;
- (2) what (a) criteria were used to identify the schools that will be affected by the reduced basket of teacher posts, (b) is the expected impact of the reduction in teaching posts on (i) schools and (ii) learners, (c) are the detailed information on the (i) number of schools, (ii) names of schools that will be affected by this reduction and (iii) number of learners at each affected school who will experience a reduction in teaching resources and (d) additional consequences are anticipated for the affected schools and their learners?

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

- (1) In respect of the statement issued by his Department on 30 August 2024, what is the (a) detailed list of the schools where teaching posts will be reduced for the 2025 academic year and (b) number of teaching posts that will be reduced per school;

- (2) (a) what measures are being taken by his Department to mitigate the impact of these reductions on (i) learners and (ii) teachers and (b) how will his Department support schools that must manage the transition and maintain educational standards despite the reduced number of teaching posts?

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

In respect of the establishment of the Violence Prevention Unit:

- (1) What is the (a)(i) current status of and (ii) progress that has been made with the establishment of the Violence Prevention Unit in her Department, (b) detailed breakdown of the expenditures associated with the Violence Prevention Unit since its inception to date and (c) detailed breakdown of all costs related to its (i) setup, (ii) operations and (iii) other relevant financial outlays;
- (2) what (a) are the most recent details concerning the recruitment and staffing of the Violence Prevention Unit, including (i) the existing vacancies and (ii)(aa) the number of staff members appointed and (bb) their roles and (iii) any ongoing recruitment efforts, (b) specific (i) tasks and (ii) milestones related to the unit's mandate have been accomplished since its inception and (c) is the impact of these achievements on the unit's objectives?

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

- (a) What progress has been made in (i) developing the strategic approach for violence prevention and (ii) capacitating coordinators to establish and convene area-based teams, as was being worked on last year, (b) what are the details of the number of area-based teams that have been established and are currently functioning, (c) what are the (i) defined responsibilities and (ii) functions of the area-based teams in relation to the Violence Prevention Unit and (d) how are these teams expected to (i) contribute and (ii) support her Department's overall violence prevention efforts?

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

- (1) What (a) is the total number of rental units that his Department owns, (b) are the (i) details and (ii) monthly rental of each unit, (c) is the total number of government officials who are on the waiting list for the allocated houses from the government rental stock and (d)(i) is the total number of government rental units that are vacant and (ii) are reasons therefor;
- (2) what is the total revenue that his Department has generated from its rental units per year in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023 and (vi) 2024 to date?

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

With regard to the infrastructure work at the Sir Lowry's Pass High School:

- (1) What (a) is the total value of the contract for the infrastructure development work at the school, (b) is the latest update on the progress that has been made to date, (c) were the reasons for the (i) suspension of work and (ii) subsequent termination of the contract, (d) were the details of the process followed for these actions and (e) are the total costs incurred by a certain company, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, in relation to this project up to date;

- (2) whether his Department is prepared to reimburse the costs incurred by the company, including the R7 million construction guarantee; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how much has this Department spent on litigation related to this dispute, (b) what were the outcomes of the court case, (c) what is the current status of the out-of-court settlement and (d)(i) what are the reasons for the delays in registering an adjudicator and (ii) how are these delays being addressed?

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11. Ms B N Stoffel to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

In respect of the current incidents on the Unethical/Fraudulent Incident Register of the Drakenstein Municipality:

- (1) What are the comprehensive details of the allegations associated with incidents referenced as (a) 2324009, (b) 2324010, (c) 2324011 and (d) 2324012;
- (2) whether he is aware of the numerous allegations of financial misconduct in the Drakenstein Municipality; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) measures have been implemented to address these issues;
- (3) whether the allegations of the Municipality's Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) have been brought to his attention; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) is the status of the current oversight investigations into these allegations?

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12. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In the light of the release of the first quarter's Crime Statistics Report for the 2024/25 period:

What is the (a) detailed breakdown of each of the 17 community-reported serious crimes for each police station in the province, (b) detailed breakdown of each of the contact crimes per police station in the province, including by (i) age, (ii) race and (iii) gender of the victims, and (c) total number of (i) women and (ii) children who were murdered in the province during this reporting period, including a breakdown by (iii) age, (iv) race and (v) gender?

(111)

13. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

- (1) How will he and his Department address the construction of a clinic on the NY14 sports grounds in Gugulethu;
- (2) whether he and his Department will allow the construction of a clinic on the NY14 sports grounds in Gugulethu to proceed; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how will he and his Department ensure that the sports grounds are preserved as part of Gugulethu's heritage;
- (3) what is the current condition of the Gugulethu Sports Complex;
- (4) whether all the sport facilities are operational; if not, (a) what are the reasons for the current state of disrepair or non-operation and (b) what measures will his Department

take to restore these facilities and to ensure they continue to serve the working-class community effectively?

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14. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Regarding housing demand in the Saldanha Bay Municipality:

- (1) (a) How many individuals are currently registered on the Municipality's Housing Demand Database, (b) how many houses have been constructed in (i) ward 2, (ii) ward 8, (iii) ward 10 and (iv) ward 13 in the last 15 years and (c) what criteria were employed to determine the prioritisation of municipalities and wards for housing development;
- (2) whether his Department has any plans for housing development in the Saldanha Bay Municipality for the 2024 Medium-term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the (a) total amount of funding transferred to the Municipality from the (i) provincial and (ii) national government for housing delivery from 2019 to 2024 and (b) detailed breakdown of the expenditure of these transfers?

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15. Ms A Cassiem to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the IOL news article published on 2 September 2024 titled "George building collapse: Public still kept in the dark as Western Cape Government receives an update on the investigation":

- (1) Why is the investigation by the structural engineering firm appointed by the Western Cape Government regarding the cause of the tragedy taking so long;
- (2) whether he has received any updates from the South African Police Service and the Department of Labour regarding the status of their investigations; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(a) What are the details of the inward investments in the Western Cape economy from EU countries over the last three financial years and (b) how do such investments contribute to the growth of the Western Cape economy and to job creation?

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

What (a) are the details of the research farms managed by his Department, (b) are the notable research projects that are conducted on these farms and (c) is the role being played by these farms in ensuring that his Department contributes to growth in the sector?

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

With regard to Wesgro's conclusion of a trade deal for the export of chicken feet to China worth R300 million per annum earlier this year:

- (1) What are the details of the progress to date since the conclusion of this export deal;
- (2) whether he plans to facilitate more opportunities with China for our farmers; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to Cape Town recently being announced as the national winner of the WWF One Planet City Challenge:

Whether any steps are being taken by his Department to assist other Western Cape municipalities to learn from the work of the City of Cape Town through collaboration and shared learning; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

Whether the Western Cape Government will be sending a delegation to participate in the 29th Conference of the Parties on Climate Change (COP29) taking place in November this year in Azerbaijan; if so, what are the intended goals of the delegation?

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

With regard to the investigation into the Riverlands Dam that collapsed on 8 August 2024, which found that the collapsed dam wall falls under the jurisdiction of the national Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether he has received any feedback and timelines thus far from the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development as to the steps that will be taken in conjunction with surrounding municipalities; if so, what (a) feedback and (b) timelines have been received?

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

With regard to her Department's Court Watching Brief Programme:

- (a) How many cases have been monitored by this programme in (i) total and (ii) 2024 to date, (b) in how many of these cases were suspects prosecuted for (i) extortion and (ii) gang-related offences and (c) in how many of these cases were suspects (i) convicted, (ii) acquitted and (iii) when acquitted, what were the reasons for the acquittal?

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23. Mr F C Christians to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

Regarding the Growth for Jobs Strategy as it relates to tourism in the Western Cape:

- (a) How will the unemployed, who have an interest in tourism, benefit from this strategy and (b) what growth opportunities exist for tourism through the application of the Growth for Jobs Strategy?

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

With regard to the capacity of schools in Mitchells Plain and with regard to complaints received from parents whose children's applications to high schools have been declined and whose appeals to the WCED have been unsuccessful:

- (1) (a) Why are Mitchells Plain learners being denied access to Grade 8 at schools in Mitchells Plain and, in particular, at the (i) Portland High School, (ii) Spine Road High School, (iii) Rocklands High School, (iv) High Cedar High School, (v) Lentegeur High School, (vi) Summerdale High School and (vii) Aloe High School and (b) where does his Department propose that these learners complete their secondary schooling;
- (2) (a) what are the details of the shortfall of capacity for secondary school learners in the Mitchells Plain area, (b) how much of the shortfall is related to school infrastructure, (c) how much of the shortfall is related to teacher shortages and (d) how many additional teacher posts will be lost in 2025 in Mitchells Plain;
- (3) (a) how does his Department plan to address the inability of learners from Mitchells Plain to access placement at a secondary school in Mitchells Plain and (b) what are the details of the plans and approved budgets that his Department have in place to build additional schools or expand existing schools in Mitchells Plain?

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

With regard to the Western Cape Government's Social Infrastructure Accessibility Study (June 2017) for the Greater Saldanha Regional Spatial Implementation Framework that identified that there was, at that time, an undersupply of facilities, in particular "3 x secondary schools" for St Helena Bay:

- (1) Whether his Department addressed the undersupply of secondary school facilities in St Helena Bay; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what plans and budgets are in place for the development of secondary schools in St Helena Bay, (b) when will a new secondary school be built in St Helena Bay, (c) what has been the delay in addressing the undersupply of secondary schools identified seven years ago in the aforementioned study and (d)(i) how many secondary school learners are being transported to schools in Vredenburg and (ii) what is the annual cost of that learner transport;
- (3) the aforementioned study identified an undersupply of "five secondary schools" in Vredenburg, (a) how many secondary schools have been built in Vredenburg since that undersupply was identified in that study and (b) what are the details of those schools;
- (4) seeing that the Department has developed fewer than five secondary schools in Vredenburg and none in St Helena Bay, how has his Department planned for secondary school learners from St Helena Bay to have access to basic education;
- (5) how many learners (a) in Vredenburg and St Helena Bay can be accommodated in secondary schools in Vredenburg and (b)(i) will not gain access to a secondary school in Vredenburg in 2025 and (ii) what is his Department's plan for their education?

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 20 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.