

**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, 18 OCTOBER 2024

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

With regard to the construction mafia that is hindering construction and housing building projects in the province:

What percentage of (a) projects is affected and (b) this is housing projects?

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2. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With regard to the *Daily Voice* article of 7 October 2024 with the title “Contract onnies’ jobs safe”:

Whether this agreement will include the 2 407 staff members earmarked to lose their jobs in January 2025; if not, why not; if so, what percentage will be affected?

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

With regard to the amalgamation of the Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA), the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) and the Co-operative Banks Development Agency (CBDA) into the single-entity Small Enterprise Development Finance Agency (SEDFA):

Whether he has been consulted on the amalgamation of SEFA, SEDA and CBDA into SEDFA to create a unified entity to service SMMEs; if so, what are the details regarding the envisaged contribution of this amalgamation to the Western Cape economy; if not, what are the reasons why this consultation has not taken place?

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

With regard to the upcoming summer tourism season in the Western Cape:

- (1) What (a) preparations has his Department made for the tourism season and (b) is the number of tourists expected to visit the province;
- (2) whether there is any collaboration with other government entities and civil society groups in place to ensure the safety of tourists in the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to business process outsourcing (BPO):

- (1) What are the details of the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector's economic contribution to the Western Cape economy for the last five financial years;
- (2) what (a) are his Department's plans for tracking the sector's economic impact and (b) role has the sector played in job creation and preservation;
- (3) (a) what challenges has this sector faced in the province and (b) why is the Western Cape a destination of choice for BPO companies?

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6. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

- (1) (a) What is the detailed breakdown of the mandate of each municipality in the province with regard to delivering social development services and (b) what are the specific responsibilities allocated to each municipality;
- (2) (a) how much money has been allocated by his Department to each municipality in the current financial year for social development services and (b) what are the specific projects or initiatives being funded;
- (3) (a) which municipalities in the province are lagging behind in delivering social development services, (b) what are the key challenges faced by each municipality and (c) what support is being provided or what interventions are being taken by his Department to address these shortcomings?

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

What is the cost associated with dealing with the illegal occupation of land and housing developments in the province since 2019?

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

- (a) How much of the conditional grants allocated for infrastructure in the province has not been transferred by the national government and (b) what is the breakdown of projects affected by these delays?

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

(a) Whether his Department can provide statistics on national infrastructure projects that have been delayed or cancelled in the province over the last five years and (b) what is the financial implications of this for the provincial government?

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

In relation to succulent poaching in the Western Cape:

- (1) (a) What has been the outcome of succulent poaching investigations that have been completed by CapeNature staff and handed over to the NPA in the last three financial years, (b) how many (i) illegally harvested succulent plants have been seized by CapeNature staff in the last three financial years and (ii) plants are seized on average in each case and (c) what additional support is needed to put an end to succulent poaching;
- (2) whether it is possible for seized plants to be salvaged and replanted; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether he can provide a detailed list of all illegal land invasions reported in the province since 2019;
- (2) whether his Department has, in collaboration with relevant authorities, conducted or initiated any investigations into these illegal land invasions; if so, at what stage are these investigations;
- (3) who are the owners of each parcel of land affected by these illegal invasions, (b) what were the original plans or projects intended for the land in question and (c) how have these plans been affected or delayed by the land invasions;
- (4) (a) what is the estimated value of the land and/or the intended projects for each site on which illegal invasions have had an impact, (b) what actions have been taken by the Department and municipalities to prevent further land invasions in the province and (b) what support is provided to municipalities that are dealing with these invasions;
- (5) whether he can outline any future strategies or policies aimed at addressing and mitigating the occurrence of illegal land invasions across the province?

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

(a) From July 2023 to date, (i) how many arrests have been made by the SAPS in the province in relation to metal theft, (ii) how many routine compliance inspections of secondhand-goods dealers or recyclers have been conducted and (iii) in how many instances were citations issued as a result of these inspections and (b) how many accredited secondhand-goods dealers or recyclers are currently operational in the province?

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

Whether the SAPS management is aware of any circumstance in which a member of the SAPS has not been issued with sufficient (a) fingerprint powder or (b) fingerprinting ink in order to carry out his/her duties; if so, what are the relevant details?

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14. Ms T Lithakong to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With regard to the School Learner Placement System in the Western Cape:

- (1) Whether school principals have unfettered power or authority to deal with learner placement at schools as they wish; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the recourse for learners and parents to his Department where a learner has been placed on a school's waiting list until space becomes available but, when a space becomes available, the principal accepts a learner who was never on the waiting list;
- (3) what is the turnaround time in which his Department processes and finalises learner placement appeals;
- (4) how many learner placement appeals lodged with his Department in 2024 (a) were upheld in favour of the appellants and (b) have been dismissed?

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15. Ms A Cassiem to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With regard to the tender awarded by his Department to a certain company, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, in order to provide IT services to public schools in the province:

- (1) Whether he is aware of any forensic report concerning that tender that revealed discrepancies, including unfair advantages given to the winning bidder; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) warned or alerted his Department at any stage to withdraw the tender; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there was any court challenge initiated by either SITA or the national Department of Communications and Digital Technologies concerning the awarding of this tender to this company, if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the court challenge remains active; if not, when was it withdrawn; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the Deputy Mayor of George having been accused of misconduct related to the sexual extortion of a matric learner in 2022, the DA's Federal Legal Commission confirmation of the allegations, and the DA-led George Council's decision not to pursue a disciplinary hearing after citing inconclusive evidence:

What was the (a)(i) process and (ii) findings of the Council's investigation and (b)(i) process and (ii) findings of the Federal Commission's investigation?

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

- (1) (a) Why has there been a lack of response to the accusations made by the current acting Municipal Manager of the George Municipality that the appointment process for the Municipal Manager was unfair due to bias against and favouritism towards a specific candidate;
- (2) whether these allegations are being investigated; if not, why not; 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 1 November 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.