

**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, 24 MARCH 2023

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

With regard to the recent strike carried out by the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu):

(a) What additional costs did her Department incur during the strike as a result of (i) moving patients to alternative facilities where necessary, (ii) paying overtime to non-striking staff to work longer hours and (iii) hiring additional security and (b)(i) what other costs were incurred and (ii) what are the reasons for this expense?

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

With regard to the recently signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the national Department of Small Business Development:

(a) What are the relevant details of the MOU, (b) how is the MOU predicted to improve support for small businesses in the Western Cape, (c) what support will be provided to small businesses in (i) rural and (ii) urban areas and (d) what specific provisions in the MOU will reduce red tape and improve the efficiency of compliance with legislation?

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3. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) How many textbooks have been ordered from contracted publishers for the 2023 school year, (b) how many of these have been delivered to schools ahead of the commencement of the 2023 school year and (c) what was the cost of these textbooks?

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

(a) What is the current number of applications for remote-working or digital nomad visas in countries that have implemented this visa category, (b) what were the economic benefits of implementing remote-working or digital nomad visas in countries that have implemented this visa category, (c) how many remote workers or digital nomads are anticipated to apply for this visa category in order to stay in the province, (d)(i) which sectors in the province currently benefit from tourism in the Western Cape and (ii) how many jobs do each of these sectors currently provide and (e)(i) which sectors stand to benefit from the implementation of a remote working visa and (ii) how many jobs do each of these sectors currently provide?

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5. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the Rusthof Old-age Home in Paarl:

Whether her Department has any plans to relocate the facility to a different location given the current situation; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the former J J du Pre le Roux Clinic premises in Paarl:

- (1) Whether there are currently any plans to upgrade the premises; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) given that the premises are reserved by the Department of Social Development for future use, at what stage will his Department consider a lease proposal for its utilisation?

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

With regard to the Blompark Project:

(a) How many job opportunities were created during the construction and implementation phases of the Blompark Project and (b) of this, how many jobs were given to local residents?

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8. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed with the Northern Cape, as announced in the State of the Province Address (SOPA):

- (1) (a) What are the details of this MOU and (b) can a copy be made available;
- (2) with regard to the work that his government is doing with partners and the Northern Cape government in the drive for green hydrogen (GH2), as reported in the SOPA:
 - (a) what are the details and purpose of the GH2 hub and corridor and (b) what is the
 - (i) detailed list of all the stakeholders involved and (ii) role of each stakeholder and
 - (c) what is the total (i) budget for and (ii) expenditure on the GH2 drive;

- (3) whether the national government was involved in the agreements signed with international partners, such as the Namibian government, to make optimal use of the potential of green hydrogen in the region; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the detailed list of all the international partners involved?

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9. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the employment of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, to advise the provincial government on its energy-resilience drive, as announced in the State of the Province Address:

- (1) (a) In which department is he employed, (b) what position does he hold and (c) what process was followed to recruit him;
- (2) whether the post that this person occupies was advertised; if not, why not; if so, (a)(i) when and (ii) where was it advertised, (b) what is the number of applications received, (c) what (i) is the number, (ii) are the details of the qualifications and experience of all the shortlisted candidates and (iii) are the details of the scores that were received by each applicant;
- (3) (a) what is his salary per month and (b) what are the other related costs for his position?

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10. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the announcement of the Western Cape Energy Council, as well as the development of the Energy Plan, in his State of the Province Address:

- (1) (a) What (i) is the mandate of the Western Cape Energy Council, (b) is its budget and (c) are the names of all the individuals that form part of it;
- (2) (a)(i) what are the details of the Energy Plan and (ii) when will it be finalised, (b) what are the details of the department or departments and individuals involved in the development of the plan and (c) what is the detailed breakdown of the costs associated with it?

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11. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

- (a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of all the Premier's councils that have been established from the start of the sixth administration to date, (b) what is the (i) budget allocation for each year and (ii) expenditure breakdown per year and (c) what are the (i) names and (ii) qualifications of the members of each council?

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

- (1) (a) What is the number of learners who are still not placed at schools for the 2023 academic year as at the latest date for which information is available and (b) what is the breakdown per (i) grade, (ii) age, (iii) race and (iv) gender;

- (2) of the learners who applied for transfer to other schools, between grades (a) 1 to 7 and (b) 9 to 12, (i) how many have been transferred, (ii) how many requested transfers to schools in other districts in the province and (iii) how many were coming from other provinces?

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13. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the allocation of R89 million in emergency funding to purchase backup generators for the t water treatment plants:

- (a) How will the funds be distributed per (i) municipality and (ii) subcouncils and
(b) what is the detailed breakdown of the funds?

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

What is the number of (a) housing opportunities, (b) serviced sites and (c) top structures per subsidy that were delivered in the province in (i) 2004, (ii) 2005, (iii) 2006, (iv) 2007, (v) 2008, (vi) 2009, (vii) 2010, (viii) 2011, (ix) 2012 and (x) 2013?

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15. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

What is the number of (a) housing opportunities, (b) serviced sites and (c) top structures per subsidy that were delivered in the province in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021, (ix) 2022 and (x) 2023 to date?

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16. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (1) (a) What is the number of people who live in informal settlements in the province and (b) how has this number increased since May 2019;
(2) what (a) is the number and (b) are the details of the municipalities that do not provide basic services such as (i) electricity and (ii) water and sanitation?

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17. Mr M Kama to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

- (1) (a) What is the youth unemployment rate in the province and (b) what is the breakdown per (i) municipality, (ii) race, (iii) gender and (iv) age;
(2) (a) what is the number of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) and (b) what is the breakdown per (i) municipality, (ii) race, (iii) gender and (iv) age;
(3) what are the provincial government's programmes to address youth unemployment and the NEETs?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 11 April 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.