

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WESTERN CAPE**

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**QUESTION PAPER
ORAL REPLY**

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

INTERPELLATIONS

1. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With reference to a written parliamentary question, the national Minister of Public Works indicated that, since a cabinet decision in October of 2019 to release 14 000 hectares of land for the development of human settlements, no transfers of the earmarked land have taken place:

(a) What is the impact of this delay on the provision of housing for beneficiaries in the province and (b) what engagements did he have with the national government on the matter?

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2. Ms N Makamba-Botya to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With reference to the recent violence in the taxi industry and attacks on public transport busses:

What measures did his Department take to ensure the safety of commuters who use these modes of transport?

(485)

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

What mechanisms are in place to prevent nepotism and cronyism at local-government level?

(488)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

New question to the Premier:

1. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) How many officials in the employ of the Western Cape Government contracted COVID-19 and (b) what is the overall (i) recovery and (ii) mortality rate for those affected?

(469)

Questions standing over from Thursday, 3 September 2020, as agreed to by the House:

4. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

With regard to the Province's Agriculture Strategy on food security:

(a) What are the details of the strategy for townships and previously disadvantaged areas, such as Mitchells Plain, and (b) how is or will this strategy be implemented?

(452)

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

(a) At which date has the contribution of R25 million from the central government for drought relief in the Western Cape been received, (b) what is the outlook for any future drought relief, (c) what are the criteria that his Department applies in allocating drought relief to farmers, (d) how is fairness in the distribution of the resources achieved and (e) what measures are in place to fight corruption in the allocation of drought relief?

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New questions

2. Ms L J Botha to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

What is the general trend in attendance at ordinary public schools since the reopening of schools in June 2020?

(470)

3. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

What were some of the major contributors related to pre-existing infrastructure, facility management and administrative processes that ensured that quality healthcare services continued to be provided in the Western Cape during the COVID-19 period?

(472)

4. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

(a) What is the Department's evaluation of the various districts' interventions regarding behavioural change in managing the pandemic and (b) what was the response from the public in this regard?

(473)

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

(a) What are the reasons for the City of Cape Town's registering of a disproportionately large amount in irregular expenditure for the most recent financial year in comparison with previous years, as contained in the Auditor-General's 2019/20 report and (b) what measures are in place to prevent such an occurrence in future?

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

With reference to the reply to question 14 published in the Question Paper for Oral Reply dated 14 August 2020:

- (1) What are the details of the arrangements made by the three municipalities;
- (2) whether the municipalities comply with the arrangements; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how long will it take the municipalities to redeem the Eskom debt and (b) what measures are in place to prevent them from falling in arrears again?

(475)

7. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

(a) What is the provincial strategy for mobility and access in the Western Cape during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, (b) how has this been implemented and (c) how has this been communicated to people in communities, such as Mitchells Plain?

(476)

8. Mr R I Allen to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) What is the current status of Public Order Policing (POP) in the province, with specific reference to other provinces and the relevant proportionality;
- (2) whether he has engaged with the national government on increasing POP in the province; if so, what outcome have been achieved?

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9. Ms M M Wenger to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

Whether the COVID-19 antibody testing has been approved for use in the public and private sectors; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the development of facilities for the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG), could the Minister for Finance and Economic Opportunities provide the following information:

- (1) (a) What progress has been made by his Department with the development of importation facilities for LNG at the Saldanha Bay port, (b) what has been the response from key stakeholders with regard to the feasibility study done for this sector, particularly the Saldanha Bay IDZ, Eskom, Transnet and the national Department of Mineral Resources, (c) what are the next steps regarding funding models and engagements with the National Treasury, the national Department of Mineral Resources, Eskom and Transnet;
- (2) whether his Department will be looking at the potential secondary and indirect benefits of investment and job creation from this proposed US\$35 billion investment?

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11. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the promotion of the Western Cape as a safe and desirable destination for the domestic tourism market:

- (1) What are the details of his Department's programme for promoting domestic tourism in the Western Cape;
- (2) whether this programme will include promoting health and safety for COVID-19 prevention among all stakeholders in the tourism sector; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether this programme will include a focus on tourism in the Karoo;
- (4) what steps can the Members of this House take to support this programme?

(481)

12. Mr L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to housing developments at the Cederberg and Matzikama local municipalities:

- (a) What has been the impact of the failure of these municipalities to meet with him to discuss their budgets and housing projects, (b) how many housing projects are currently underway at these municipalities, (c) how many beneficiaries are set to benefit from these housing projects, (d) what is the state of the housing departments at these municipalities in terms of their capacity to deliver these housing projects and (e) when will he be able to engage with these municipalities?

(482)

13. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (a) Why did he approve the application by a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, to build the fishmeal factory in Mossel Bay while this matter has not been resolved and (b) why did he not wait for the outcome of the investigation and court processes?

(483)

14. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With the reduction of teaching time in this academic year, what are the measures being put in place to enable Grade 12 learners to pass their academic year successfully?

(484)

15. Mr M Xego to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With reference to the recent attacks on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel when responding and attending to emergency calls:

(a) What steps did her Department take to raise awareness and educate communities about the importance of EMS personnel for communities and (b) what has her Department done to make sure that there are protective measures in place for EMS personnel when attending to emergency calls in communities?

(486)

16. Ms N Makamba-Botya to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

As more grades returned to school on 24 August 2020, how will her Department make sure that these learners catch up with the material they should have covered in class during the teaching time that has been lost?

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