

**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, 8 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

With regard to his statement in January 2023 that seven school were to be built in six months:

Whether the building of these schools has been completed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

Whether any of the schools completed in 2023 as part of the Rapid School Build Programme contain any asbestos products; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) why was it used?

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

With regard to the amount of R1,6 million spent on his recent trip the United States:

(a) What is the itemised cost breakdown of the trip, including the cost of (i) hotels, (ii) airfares and (iii) class of travel per staff member, official and executive, (iv) local transportation and (v) other relevant receipts or claims, (b) what was the per-diem amounts paid to staff members for (i) food and drink and (ii) other entertainment expenses and (c)(i) from which programme or programmes were these funds appropriated and (ii) on whose authority was this appropriation made?

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**4. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

With regard to the Western Cape Provincial Powers Bill:

(a) What costs have been incurred in the drafting of this Bill and (b) which department or departments were responsible for paying these costs?

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**5. Mr P Marran to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

In respect of the ongoing water crisis in the Matzikama Municipality:

(a) (i) When last was the water distribution network upgraded and (ii) what impact does this have on the equitable distribution of water to the different areas in the Municipality, (b) what specific (i) plans and (ii) budgets were in place for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades in the past five years, (c) what is the detailed expenditure breakdown for these and (d)(i) what are the reasons for the delays in implementing water restrictions and (ii) what measures are now being taken to build up the water supply for affected communities?

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**6. Mr P Marran to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

In respect of the ongoing water crisis in the Matzikama Municipality:

- (1) (a) What is the current population living in the municipal area and (b) how many people is the water distribution network designed to cater for;
- (2) whether the newly installed pumps are operating at full capacity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether reports that the lower parts of Vredendal and Vanrhynsdorp, predominantly white areas, have not experienced water shortages, while predominantly black areas face severe water shortages have been brought to his attention; if so, (a) what are the reason for this apparent disparity in water distribution and (b) what actions have been taken to rectify it and to ensure equitable access to water for all residents;
- (4) in the light of the current water crisis and the need for a temporary pipeline, whether he and his Department have plans to order the Lower Olifants River Water User Association (Lorwua) to postpone its maintenance work until the extra pipeline has been installed to avoid prolonged water shortages in the Municipality; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what alternatives should the Municipality explore to prevent such a situation in the future;
- (5) whether his Department has plans to hold the Municipality to account for its handling of the water crisis and its commitment to ensuring equitable access to water for all residents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**7. Mr A P Bans to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

In respect of the Police Recorded Crime Statistics for the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year (April to June 2023):

- (1) (a) What is the breakdown for the 17 community-reported serious crimes per police station in the province and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of where these crimes have increased when compared to the previous reported period;

- (2) (a) what is the breakdown for (i) murder and (ii) sexual violence per police station in the province and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of where these crimes have increased when compared to the previous reported period;
- (3) (a) what are the details of the hotspot areas for sexual offences in the province and (b)(i) what programmes are funded through the Western Cape Safety Plan to address sexual offences and (ii) what is the detailed expenditure breakdown on these programmes in (aa) 2020, (bb) 2021, (cc) 2022 and (dd) 2023 to date?

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**8. Mr A P Bans to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

In the light of claims made by him and the Premier in a media statement on 18 August 2023 in which they claimed that LEAP officers have had a positive impact on crime reduction in specific areas where they had been deployed:

- (1) Whether he could provide evidence or data (besides the SAPS crime statistics) that support this claim and explain the overall effectiveness of LEAP in curbing crime;
- (2) (a) what concrete steps is the government taking to address gang-related violence and reduce the violence and (b) why is the Safety Plan not making significant progress in curbing murders?

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

- (1) (a) What is his response to the announcement of an Agro Energy Fund, as launched by the national Minister at the end of August 2023, and (b) what are the aims of this fund;
- (2) whether he and his Department are confident that this fund will achieve its intended purpose; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) to what extent will his Department be supporting farmers to apply for funding from this fund, (b) to what extent will small-scale farmers also have access to this fund and (c) what categories of farmers are to benefit most from this initiative?

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**10. Ms C A T Murray to ask Ms M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

With regard to the Port of Cape Town's performance in August 2023:

- (a) What was the (i) average waiting time for berth utilisation and occupancy for container ships and (ii) target for the month, (b) what was the (i) average number of twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded and (ii) target for the month, (c) what was the (i) average waiting time for trucks being (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded at the port and (ii) target for the month, (d) what was the (i) average ship turnaround time and (ii) target for the month, (e) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target for the month and (f) what was the (i) average container dwell time and (ii) target for the month?

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

- (a) What is the learner-to-teacher ratio in each education district in the province and (b) what is the detailed budget breakdown (i) of each education district in the province,

(ii) for the employment of teachers and other key personnel, (iii) for security and (iv) for the procurement of textbooks?

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**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 22 September 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.**