

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

**QUESTION PAPER
ORAL REPLY**

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THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2026

INTERPELLATIONS

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

In the light of the increasing number of learners dropping out of schools across the Western Cape due to parental neglect, substance abuse in households, gang violence and unstable living arrangements:

(a) What specific measures is his Department implementing to identify learners who have been absent from classes for extended periods of one year or more and (b) what interdepartmental support mechanisms are in place to ensure that these children are reintegrated into the education system?

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2. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

Given that vandalism and theft of school infrastructure are known to be particularly prevalent during school holiday periods:

What urgent measures is his Department implementing to (a) strengthen school safety and (b) protect infrastructure during the June–July school holidays?

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

Whether the provincial government has adopted a policy requiring Members of the Provincial Parliament to seek permission first before conducting oversight visits at government institutions and facilities?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

1. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the provincial government's "First Thursdays Initiative" engagements:

- (1) Why are these engagements primarily being held in the Cape Town CBD instead of directly in the communities most affected by service delivery challenges;
- (2) whether there are plans to decentralise these engagements to ensure broader community participation and accessibility, including rural areas; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

In the light of the ever increasing socio-economic pressures facing communities across the province:

How is his Department ensuring that all communities are adequately supported and coordinated by delivering accessible and effective social services to individuals and families in need?

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

In the light of the devastating impact of the recent storms:

What plans does his Department have to (a) improve disaster preparedness, (b) strengthen stormwater infrastructure and (c) provide faster assistance to affected residents during stormy weather conditions?

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

With reference to the recent extreme weather events and flooding in May 2026:

(a) What is his Department's assessment of the 2026 fruit harvest season, specifically regarding road closures and the inability of producers to move fruit to the Port of Cape Town, and (b) what support mechanisms have been activated to ensure that perishable fruit destined for the (i) export and (ii) local market is prioritised so that the supply chains remain functional during this period?

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5. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

What engagements has his Department undertaken regarding the minibus taxi industry's transition to cashless payments with the Cape Amalgamated Taxi Association?

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6. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

Whether his Department has expanded programmes that use museums as educational resources for schools and youth groups; if so, how many learners participated in museum education programmes during the last financial year?

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

Regarding the current 2026 winter grain planting season, on which the severe May flooding could have had an impact:

(a) What is his Department's assessment of how recent waterlogging could have had an impact on the planting progress of grains in our major producing regions, (b) what is the anticipated impact on our yield quality for the 2026 harvest and (c) what support is being provided to farmers to manage (i) these climate risks and (ii) the current financial pressure of high input costs?

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8. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

Whether his Department has developed a long-term strategy to ensure that libraries and museums remain (a) relevant, (b) accessible and (c) financially sustainable in an increasingly digital environment; if so, what are the key objectives of this strategy?

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

With regard to Youth Day:

What are his Department's current programmes aimed at supporting vulnerable young people in order to address challenges such as (a) substance abuse, (b) violence, (c) unemployment and (d) school dropout in the province?

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

(a) How many job opportunities were created through his departmental infrastructure projects in the last two financial years and (b) how many job opportunities does his Department anticipate to be created during the current financial year through planned infrastructure projects?

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

It is reported that the recent storm has caused damage that has affected more than 100 000 Western Cape residents:

What is his Department doing to ensure that municipalities – not only in the metropolitan area, but also in rural areas – are able to assist vulnerable residents in the province?

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12. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the *News24* article published on 4 May 2026 with the title "Western Cape govt's plan to tackle housing affordability crisis amid surging rental costs":

(1) How does the proposed housing framework address the growing mismatch between wages and rental prices in the province, particularly in the Cape Town metropolitan area, where rental inflation continues to outpace income growth;

- (2) given the reference to “alternative and blended finance frameworks”, what safeguards will be put in place to ensure that partnerships with private investors do not reduce the affordability and public-benefit objectives of housing developments;
- (3) whether the proposed housing framework will be published for public comment; if so, what are the anticipated timelines for (a) publication and (b) consultation?

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