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WRITTEN REPLY

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1. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

(a) What are the details of schools in the province that have been built with asbestos or that have old asbestos roof sheets and (b) what are her Department's plans to rebuild and/or replace schools built with asbestos or those with asbestos roof sheets?

(73)

2. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

(1) (a) What is the number of unplaced learners as at the latest date for which information is available, (b) what is the plan to place these learners at schools and (c) when will all the learners be placed at schools;

(2) whether her Department will consider engaging the former model C schools to accept some of these learners; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(74)

3. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

Whether there are any vacant school-principal posts in the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

(75)

4. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to the task team set up by the Western Cape Government to mitigate the impact of the winding down of ArcelorMittal's operations at Saldanha Bay:

- (1) What are the main (a) drivers, (b) rationale, (c) principles and (d) desired outcomes set for this task team to achieve;
- (2) whether the task team has had any engagements with the stakeholders or social partners (i.e. the government, intergovernmental relations, the private sector, labour and the community); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what (a) are the current pitfalls of the process and (b) the strategies that the provincial government is implementing to mitigate these pitfalls;
- (4) (a) what is the terms of reference of the task team, (b) what is the composition of the task team, including the (i) name and (ii) role of each member, and (c) what progress has been made to date with regard to activities of the task team, including but not limited to the support given to the (i) workers, (ii) community and (iii) SMMEs?

(76)

5. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to the reported incidents of criminality involving Amaphela taxis operating in Nyanga and the surrounds:

- (1) Whether it has been brought to his attention that criminality has plagued these taxi operations; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what is the current regulatory and legislative framework that exist to regulate this section of the taxi industry and (b) how are (i) traffic management and (ii) funding administered in township areas, with specific reference to the Cape Flats;
- (3) whether all of these taxi operators are licensed in the specific areas of operation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the criminality of the Amaphela taxis can be linked to poor regulations and the absence of traffic law enforcement; if not, why not; if so, what is he and his Department doing to address this?

(77)

6. Mr P Marran to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

With regard to the R50 million drought relief fund:

- (1) Whether all the affected farmers in the identified areas received the assistance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the detailed breakdown of all the assisted farmers, including (a) their names, (b) the assistance that they received and (c) where the farmers are located;

(3) (a) what was the impact of the relief and (b) what is the current situation in the affected areas;

(4) whether there are plans for any further assistance for these drought-stricken areas since the drought relief was only provided for two months; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(78)

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

With regard to the pollution that is emitted from waste management depots at Swellendam and Worcester:

(1) Whether his Department has taken any measures to address the situation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what is the number of people from the affected communities that have been hospitalized or treated for illnesses relating to polluted air?

(79)

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

With reference to the contaminated air emitted from burning waste at the waste management depot at Swellendam:

Whether his Department has opened a criminal case against the Swellendam Municipality; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what progress has been made with the case?

(80)

9. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to the Waterworks PHP Project of the Theewaterskloof Municipality:

(a) When was the project started, (b) how much has been budgeted for the project, (c) what is the total number of beneficiaries of the project, (d) what progress has been made with the project and (e) what is causing delays with the project?

(81)

10. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to the work of a construction company, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, in various municipalities in the province:

(a) What are the details of all projects this company is currently involved with, (b) what is the duration of these contracts and (c) in which municipalities are these projects being carried out?

(82)

11. Ms G N Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the increasing number of cases of gender-based violence in the province and the growing list of victims who need support:

- (1) (a) What is the number of funded social-worker posts in her Department and (b) what is the number of social workers who are working in government-funded NPOs that assist victims of violence;
- (2) whether any provision in the new financial year will be made to increase the funding for organisation that work with woman and children and for more social-worker posts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what is the number of victims who are referred to Childline Western Cape every month, (b) how much money does her Department give to this organisation and (c) how many social workers are employed by this organisation?

(83)

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

What is the detailed breakdown of his government's spending on security for and transport of members of the Cabinet in the (a) 2014/15, (b) 2015/16, (c) 2016/17, (d) 2017/18, (e) 2018/19 and (f) 2019/20 financial year?

(84)

13. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With reference to the public-transport subsidy in the province:

- (1) (a) How much is the subsidy that is provided by the provincial government for public transport and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of the amount that his Department has spent of the public-transport subsidy in the 2019/20 financial year;
- (2) whether he and his Department have any plans to pay any contribution to the operating costs of the services provided by minibus taxis in the future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(85)

14. Ms L M Maseko to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With reference to block advertisement 2019/2020 (OSD):

- (1) (a) How many position for doctors at the Caledon Hospital (i) have been filled and (ii) are vacant and (b) how many (i) CVs have been received and (i) candidates have been shortlisted;
- (2) how many positions for nurses at the clinics at (a) Grabouw, (b) Villiersdorp, (c) Bot River, (d) Caledon, (e) Riversonderend, (f) Genadendal and (g) Greyton (i) have been filled and (ii) are vacant;

- (3) (a) how many nurses resigned at the clinics in (2) since January 2020 and (b) when will these positions be filled?

(86)

15. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to the intention to implement Phase 4B of Go George:

- (1) What engagements took place between him and/or his Department and the Uncedo Taxi Association;
- (2) why did he or his Department not also engage the George Taxi Owners Forum and the George Huurmotorvereniging;
- (3) (a) what is the basis for agreeing to issue operating licences to 60 members of the Uncedo Taxi Association, (b) how were these members identified, (c) why was the lifting of the moratorium on the issuing of taxi operating licences not also extended to members of the George Taxi Owners Forum and the George Huurmotorvereniging and (d) why were members of the other two associations not included or consulted;
- (4) whether these operating licences will (a) be used to operate taxi services or (b) be issued in order to be surrendered for compensation;
- (5) (a) if these operating licences will be used to operate taxi services, which routes have been identified and (b) if these operating licences will be surrendered, what is the compensation to be paid to the operator per licence;
- (6) (a) which operating licence applicants, whose names have been published in the *Provincial Gazette*, were not on the list of operators approved by the George Council and (b) why are these operators applying for licences if they had not been part of the approved lifting of the moratorium;
- (7) whether all the applicants for taxi permits have vehicles for their operating licences because a taxi permit is combined with a vehicle when applying for such a permit even though the list submitted to the George Council does not provide a list with the vehicles owned by those applicants; if not, how does his Department intend to facilitate the approval of operating permits?

(87)

16. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the outbreak of the coronavirus around the world:

- (a) What is its impact on the Western Cape economy, (b) which industries and regions are mainly affected by it and (c) what measures have his government put in place to assist the affected industries and regions?

(88)

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

With regard to his letter to the Cederberg Municipality on 5 March 2020 with reference number 3/11/2/8 (2019/754):

- (1) What are the details of the allegations that were sent to his office, including details of the person or persons who sent them;
- (2) whether the 10-day time frame will be extended given the amount of data requested from the official; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he intends to invoke section 106(1) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), read with other legislation, with regard to a number of allegations of serious irregularities at various municipalities in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(89)

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

With regard to staff members who have been appointment at political offices and in the administrations of municipalities:

- (1) Whether he can provide (a) a copy of the recruitment and selection policy of each municipality in the province applicable to the appointment of municipal officials and (b) a detailed list of the appointed municipal officials at each Western Cape municipality, including their (i) qualifications, (ii) job descriptions and (iii) salary levels; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) whether he can provide the relevant organisation structures approved by councils of each Western Cape municipality together with (b) the council resolutions approving such structures; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether all the vacancies for municipal officials must be advertised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(90)

19. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With regard to the outbreak of the coronavirus and the first confirmed cases in South Africa:

- (1) What intervention measures have been put in place to prevent the spread of the virus in the province;
- (2) whether there are mechanisms in place to raise awareness about the virus in townships and rural areas where people do not have access to smartphones and/or social media; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(91)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 27 March 2020. 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.