PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2014

*1. Mr P Uys to ask Mr A R Winde, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) Whether the geographical area of Mossel Bay Municipality is served by any of his offices; if so, (a) which offices, and with regard to each of the offices, (b) what services are rendered, (c) the physical address, (d) who is the responsible person at the office, (e) what is the person's contact details, (f) what is the budget for the management of the office and (g) how does the staffing look;
- (2) whether any vacancies existed at any of the offices by the latest date for which information was available, if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what is the number of vacancies, (b) at which offices are the vacancies and (c) when are the vacancies expected to be filled;
- (3) whether he intends to constrict, terminate or expand any services at the said offices; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what will the extent of the (i) constriction, (ii) termination or (iii) expansion be and (b) what are the relevant details in this regard?

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2. Ms B A Schäfer to ask Mr A R Winde, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

Whether he or his Department has received complaints from farmworkers who allege that they have been abused by farm owners if so, (a) how many such complaints have been received for the latest period of three years for which information is available, (b) what action did his Department take and (c) what was the outcome?

3. Ms B A Schäfer to ask Mr A R Winde, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

Whether his Department has any mechanisms in place to assist farmworkers and farmers to address workplace complaints such as abuse, vandalism and labour issues; if not, what options are open to farmworkers and farmers to address such issues; if so, (a) what are those mechanisms and (b) how was their effectiveness been assessed?

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4. Ms C F Beerwinkel to ask Mr T L Botha, Minister of Health:

- (1)(a) How many clinics or hospitals are in the Swellendam municipal area, (b) for each facility (i) where are they situated, (ii) what is the patient doctor ratio and (iii) how many patients visit per day and (b) what are the prevalent illnesses in the area;
- (2) whether any of these facilities are understaffed, if so, (a) how and (b) when will the situation be addressed;
- (3) whether any new facilities are planned for the area in the near future; if not, why not; if so, (a) where and (b) when?

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5. Ms C F Beerwinkel to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) How many schools are in the Swellendam municipal area, (b) how many of these are farm schools, (c) what other assistance is given to each farm school than to schools in towns, (d) (i) where are they situated and (ii) what is the learner teacher ratio;
- (2) whether any of the schools make use of a transport service to get their learners to school and back; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how are farm school learners assisted with transport;
- (3) whether multi-grade classes are taught at any of these schools; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there are any vacant posts at any of the schools; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether any new schools are planned for the municipal area; if so, (a) where and (b) when;
- (6) whether any schools in the municipal area are on the current list for upgrading; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Ms C F Beerwinkel to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Human Settlements:

(1)(a) When were the families living on private land in the Malagas area relocated there, (b) how many families are currently living there, (c) what is his Departments plans to relocate or house them somewhere in the Swellendam municipal area,

- (d) what are the details of the agreement or contract entered into with the owner, (e)
- (i) which school(s) do the children who live there attend and (ii) how do they get to the school(s) and (f) what is the distribution ratio of services to each household;
- (2) whether there are any standpipes for water; if no, where do the people get their water from; if so, what are the relevant details?

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7. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

Whether his Department has a strategy for the implementation of a similar green taxi/transport ranks such as the one launched by the City of Cape Town in Wallacedene; if not, why not; if so, when will the strategy be implemented?

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8. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr D Plato, Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) What will he do to ensure that the failed meeting between himself and residents of the Bonteheuwel community will be re-established;
- (2) whether he plans to have similar meetings in the future with other communities, so that there can be an amicable outcome to the ongoing violence on the Cape Flats; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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9. Ms M M Wenger to ask Mr D Plato, Minister of Community Safety:

(a) How many police officers resigned from the South African Police Service in the (i) 2013/14 and (ii) current financial year to date and (b) what were the corresponding post levels of these officials?

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10. Ms M M Wenger to ask Mr D Plato, Minister of Community Safety:

(a) How many staff members resigned from his Department in the (i) 2013/14 and (ii) current financial year to date and (b) what were the corresponding post levels of these officials?

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11. Ms M M Wenger to ask Mr D Plato, Minister of Community Safety:

How many vacancies are there at the (a) Plettenberg Bay and (b) Kwa-Nokuthula police stations, (i) how long have these vacancies been open and (ii) when will it be filled?

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12. Ms B A Schäfer to ask Mr A R Winde, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

Whether his Department has a plan to deal with a shortage of vaccines for livestocks; if not, (a) why not and (b) how will this affect the agricultural economy of the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

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13. Mr M L Fransman to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) What are the status of disciplinary actions taken against councillors in each municipality for the latest period of five years for which information is available, (b) what is the name of the (i) municipality, (ii) councillors and (iii) party to which each belong, (c) the actual charges and (d) the resolution of each case and/or status of such.

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14. Mr M L Fransman to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) What (a) are the reasons for the recent wave of service delivery protest in Mossel Bay and (b) actions did the municipality take to address concerns raised by the community;
- (2) whether he or his Department are taking additional steps to address the concerns; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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PLEASE NOTE: Replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 19 September 2014. Should the replies not be submitted on or before the deadline, Members have the right to have the questions transferred in terms of Rule 206 to the Question Paper for oral reply.