

**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 MAY 2020

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

On Thursday 30 April 2020 the Langeberg Local Municipality allegedly carried out a eviction and demolition in Ashbury, Montagu.

- (1) (a) Why was an eviction carried out in contravention of the Disaster Management Act (57/2002): Directions issued in terms of Regulation 10 of the Regulations under the Act, dated 26 March 2020, and (b) which law enforcement agency or entity carried out the eviction and demolition;
- (2) whether the City of Cape Town's law enforcement or private security service providers were involved in the eviction and demolition; if so, why?

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

With regard to the "Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act: Quarterly Consolidated Statement: Quarter 3 ending 31 March 2020" gazetted on 30 April 2020 and the City of Cape Town's draft budget for 2020/21:

The remuneration of councillors for 2019/20 is budgeted as R179 818 000. This includes R18 225 000 identified by the City of Cape Town as "other benefits and allowances".

- (1) (a) What constitutes the amount of R18 225 000 for "other benefits and allowances" and (b) who are the councillors or employees who receive these "benefits and allowances";
- (2) whether this amount constitutes the salaries of political appointees; if so, what appointments are included;

(3) what are the remuneration costs of the Office of the Executive Mayor of the City of Cape Town?

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

With regard to the travel of essential services seasonal workers with homes outside the Western Cape:

- (a) Approximately how many of these seasonal workers indicated a preference to return to their homes outside the Western Cape after the end of the deciduous fruit season and
- (b) how many of them were able to make use of the window period during the first week of May 2020 that allowed them to cross provincial boundaries?

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4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) How does the allocated budget for the eradication of alien vegetation in the province compare with the ideal amounts required to address the need to eradicate alien vegetation in our nature areas effectively and (b) to what extent must the Western Cape provincial budget be spent on exit areas previously used by the national government's former Department of Forestry for its plantations;
- (2) whether the national Department of Environmental Affairs is contributing to the efforts to eradicate alien vegetation in the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

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5. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to food relief:

- (a) How are beneficiaries identified, (b) how does her Department support the work of NGOs that are carrying out emergency relief, (c) what mechanisms are in place to prevent any wastage and the improper distribution of food parcels to beneficiaries and (d) how much social-development assistance in terms of food parcels has been provided to the Kannaland Municipality during the lockdown period?

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6. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

- (a) How many shelters for vulnerable women and children are currently operating in the lockdown period and (b) how many vulnerable persons have utilised the services of these shelters?

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7. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

- (a) What impact has the closure of Sassa offices had on the provision of social-distress relief across the Western Cape, (b) how many telephone calls has her Department received during the crisis and (c) what is the breakdown of these telephone calls by category?

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