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1. Mr B N Herron to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

On 19 May 2020 the national Minister of Health released statistics on the coronavirus pandemic:

As at 14 May 2020 the Western Cape had done the lowest number of community screenings of any province in the country, namely 404 143:

- (1) (a) Why are the Western Cape's community-screening results lower than any other province and (b) how has the Western Cape been implementing community screening;
- (2) whether the Western Cape has implemented any measures to increase the community-screening performance; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what is the current number of community screenings being done in the province and (b) what is the referral rate?

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2. Mr B N Herron to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

Contact tracing is an important step in the public-health response to the pandemic. According to the national Minister of Health, the Province had identified 9 204 contacts for tracing as at 15 May 2020 and had reached 7 614. By this date the Western Cape had 7 798 positive cases. This means that the Western Cape had identified only 1,2 contacts on average per positive case and had reached fewer than one contact per positive case. The Minister's statistics indicated that, at 83% of the identified contacts reached, the Western Cape is reaching the lowest percentage of contacts in the country.

- (1) (a) Why is the Western Cape identifying so few contacts per positive case and (b) why is the Western Cape reaching on average fewer than one contact per positive case;

(2) why is the Western Cape not reaching more contacts?

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3. Mr B N Herron to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

On 18 May 2020, Dr M Moodley, Head of the Western Cape Department of Health, sent the members of the Ad-hoc Committee on COVID-19 a document titled "Questions stemming from the Ad hoc Committee meeting on 22 April 2020". This document indicates that the Western Cape had "traced" 11 181 contacts and had isolated 11 181. Can the Minister confirm:

- (1) (a) Whether this was the total number of contacts traced or (b) the total number of contacts identified for tracing and (c) at what date;
- (2) how does her Department account for this 100% isolation of the number of contacts traced;
- (3) what is the current situation with contact identification and tracing regarding the (a) current number of positive cases, (b) number of contacts identified for tracing, (c) number of identified contacts reached and (d) number of contacts in isolation?

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4. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With regard to COVID-19 transmissions in retail businesses between level 5 and level 4:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of tests conducted at workplaces, (b) how many workplace transmissions were recorded and (c) what is the total number of essential workers, particularly those in the retail sector, who passed away due to COVID-19;
- (2) whether she can give a breakdown of workplace transmissions in the various identified hotspots in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(a) Why is Khayelitsha regarded as a free-trade zone, (b) how has this status enabled or inhibited the City of Cape Town to provide services to those entrepreneurs trading in Khayelitsha and (c)(i) to which other areas in the City of Cape Town has the same status been granted, (ii) to which areas in other municipalities has the same status been granted, (iii) for how long has this status been granted and (iv) what are the reasons for the granting of this status?

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

(a) What is the total number of permits per municipality that has been approved for (i) SMMEs and (ii) informal traders during (aa) level 5 and (bb) level 4, (b)(i) what is the number and details of those applications that have been declined and (ii) what were the reasons thereof and (c) what are the (i) qualifying criteria, (ii) categories of business activity and (iii) demographic profiles of those businesses whose permits were approved?

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7. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement by the Province:

- (1) What is the total amount that has been spent by the provincial government on the procurement of PPE;
- (2) whether he can provide (a) the details of all companies and service providers that have been used by the provincial government to supply PPE, (b) their BBBEE status and (c) the criteria used to select them;
- (3) whether all tenders to supply PPE have been advertised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) how can SMMEs and large businesses access the procurement process with regard to PPE;
- (5) what is the total expenditure and unit cost for all PPE procurement for the Western Cape Education Department;
- (6) regarding the company or companies that will be supplying PPE to schools, what (a) are the number, (b) are their details, (c) is their BBBEE status and (d) criteria were used to select them?
- (7) whether he can give a breakdown of the quantity of PPE that has been procured for each school; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the Policy on Screening, Identification, Assessment and Support (SIAS):

- (1) How are ordinary public schools in the Western Cape expected to fund reasonable accommodations (particularly moderate to high accommodations) made in respect of the SIAS Policy to accommodate learners who experience barriers to learning, as it is not clear how this should be funded from the WCED's circulars concerning the 2020/21 allocations to schools;
- (2) the SIAS Policy states that schools providing moderate levels of support to learners experiencing barriers to learning must be provided with an "Inclusive Education Allocation" as part of the schools' funding and posts: (a) whether this "Inclusive Education Allocation" exists and (b) where is it referenced in the WCED's allocation to schools?

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

With regard to the phased-in return of learners to schools on 1 June:

- (1) Whether she or her Department has been in communication with the South African Bus Operators Association and/or other learner transport service providers regarding the resumption of learner transport and the remuneration methods for bus operators; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her Department has made arrangements with learner transport service providers with regard to ways to prevent spread of COVID-19 in learner transport; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) whether, with regard to payments for learner transport, her Department plans to pay per learner per kilometre; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether she and her Department are aware of the detrimental effect that paying per learner per kilometre would have on the service providers' businesses; if not, why not; if so, what measures are in place to support the learner transport service providers?

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

With regard to the number of health workers who tested positive for COVID-19:

- (1) What is the detailed breakdown of the number of health facilities that have recorded COVID-19 positive cases as at the latest date for which information is available, including the (a) number of cases per facility and (b) occupations of staff members who tested positive;
- (2) whether all healthcare facilities that reported COVID-19 positive cases were closed for decontamination and for the screening and/or testing of staff members; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she plans to institute an investigation into the high number of health workers in the province who have been infected with COVID-19; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the COVID-19 positive cases in the Western Cape and the provincial government's response to it:

- (1) What are the details and breakdown of the COVID-19 cases by (a) name of suburb and (b) municipal ward as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (2) what is the detailed breakdown of COVID-19 recoveries by (a) name of suburb and (b) municipal ward as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (3) what are the details of the province's hotspot strategy, including the (a) role of provincial departments in the strategy and (b) rationale for assigning different departments to different hotspots?

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

- (1) Whether there has been any reported COVID-19 positive cases at residential facilities for older persons in the province; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what precautionary measures have been put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at residential facilities for older persons in the province?

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13. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

Whether COVID-19 has had an impact on preparations for the 2023 Netball World Cup; if so, what are the relevant details?

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14. Mr M Kama to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (a) What is the number of teachers in the province who have tested positive for COVID-19 as at the latest date for which information is available and (b) what is the number of teachers and non-teaching staff who have passed away due to COVID-19 as at the latest for which information is available?

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15. Mr M Kama to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the reopening of schools in the province:

- (1) Whether walking bus members are allowed to walk learners to schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether members of walking buses had been tested for COVID-19 before schools reopened; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether members of walking buses have been provided with PPE; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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16. Ms L J Botha to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

- (a) How many applications for social relief food packages has her Department received to date per ward from the Cederberg Municipality or region, (b) what is the monetary value of the assistance provided in the area, (c) what is the status of these applications, (d) how many applications were successful, (e) how many applications were unsuccessful, (f) what kind of assistance was provided to unsuccessful applicants and (g) what mechanisms were used for the submission of these applications?

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17. Ms L J Botha to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) How many applications per district has her Department received from parents to homeschool children for the remainder of the academic year;
- (2) whether all quintile 1, 2 and 3 schools have received PPE and sanitising equipment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) What is the background to the withdrawal of the declaration of some farms as part of the Karoo National Park by the national Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries and as gazetted on 29 May 2020 in the *Government Gazette* no 43358 and (b) what is the current status of the zoning and ownership of these farms from an environmental perspective;
- (2) whether his Department has been consulted about or informed of the plans of the national Department (a) to change the boundaries of the Karoo National Park or (b) to change the boundaries of any other national park situated in the Western Cape; if so, what are the relevant details?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 19 June 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.