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WRITTEN REPLY

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1. Mr G Brinkhuis to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) Whether all the schools visited by her on 27 May 2020 had enough (a) sanitiser, (b) masks and (c) sanitising booths; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether additional cleaning staff has been appointed at schools; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how many learners are being accommodated in a class and (b) how will social distancing be maintained when all grades return to schools?

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

- (1) Whether any municipalities in the province utilised grant funding for operational purposes in the past two years; if so, (a) what are the details of these municipalities and (b) which capital projects were affected as a result of this;
- (2) whether any municipalities in the province suffered a loss of income during the lockdown period; if so, (a) what was the impact of this financial loss on paying (i) salaries, (ii) Eskom and (iii) other operational expenses and (b) what support did his Department offer to municipalities?

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

- (1) Whether he can provide a breakdown of all municipal workers who reported for duty during level 5 and level 4 of the national lockdown; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the municipal workers who reported for duty during the lockdown were eligible to use the Danger Allowance Policy as they were exposed to the risk of contracting COVID-19; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he can provide a breakdown of the expenditure of all municipalities in the province on the Danger Allowance Policy in (a) March, (b) April and (c) May; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) (a) What is the rationale behind the provincial government's new criteria for COVID-19 testing in the Cape metropolitan area and (b) what will be the impact of these new testing criteria on the number of tests conducted in the Cape metropolitan area;
- (2) whether this new strategy increases the risk of infection and death as carriers of the virus will remain untested or be tested late; if not, why not; if so, what mitigation measures are being put in place;
- (3) what is the number of testing kits that were available in the province as at 1 June 2020?

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

- (1) (a) What impact will COVID-19 have on absenteeism from now on, especially with regard to teachers and learners with underlying health conditions, and (b) what are the plans to address it;
- (2) what measures have been put in place to manage older and frail teachers, as well as those with underlying health conditions;
- (3) whether her Department has received lists of teachers and learners with underlying health conditions from all schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) (a) what is the number of teachers who have contracted the virus to date and (b) how many have passed away;
- (5) whether her Department is aware of COVID-19 positive teachers who have reported for duty in the past few weeks and thereby exposed fellow educators to risk of infection; if so, what measures have been put in place to prevent this from reoccurring and to protect learners and teachers;
- (6) whether her Department has resolved the challenge with regard to the sanitising and disinfection of learner transport; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) Whether the challenges regarding the leasing of land faced by the Grootkraal UCC Primary School have been brought to her attention; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether it has been brought to her and her Department's attention that the retaining wall in the parking area of the school was allegedly destroyed by the property owner; if so, (a) what are the plans to fix the wall and (b) what action will be taken against the property owner?

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

- (1) What are the details of the Western Cape's foreign trade policy that underpins current foreign relations agreements that support and are linked to the economic growth strategy of the province;
- (2) what are the details of the trade agreements that the province has with its foreign partners, including the (a) nature of the trade agreements, (b) role of the provincial government and that of the foreign country and/or investor or investors and (c) value of the investments and/or funding, where applicable, in (i) 2009/10, (ii) 2010/11, (iii) 2011/12, (iv) 2012/13, (v) 2013/14, (vi) 2014/15, (vii) 2015/16, (viii) 2016/17, (ix) 2017/18, (x) 2018/19 and (xi) 2019/20?

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

- (1) Whether he can give a detailed breakdown of each department's expenditure on PPE, including the (a) unit price, (b) quantity purchased and (c) details of the supplier and/or manufacturer used; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the (a) details of local suppliers and (b) amount paid to each of them for the purchase of PPE;
- (3) whether the provincial government has procured any of its PPE from the Proudly SA website, which lists several local suppliers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what are the reasons for the varying amounts paid by different departments for the same PPE items;
- (5) whether he will institute an investigation into the different prices being paid for the same PPE items by the provincial government's departments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) What are the details of the biggest trade partners of the province, including (a) the sectors of the economy in which they trade, (b) the nature of the trade, (c) the GDP sector contribution to both the provincial and the national economy, (d) a list of South African and foreign companies that are major players in the sector and (e) a list of trade partners with their trade contributions expressed as percentages;

- (2) (a) what is the breakdown of the Western Cape's regional export flow and (b) what was the contribution of each region to Western Cape exports in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019 and (vii) 2020 to date.

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10. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

- (a) What is the overall effectiveness of isolation and quarantine practices in the Western Cape and (b) what were the relevant challenges experienced to date?

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11. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

What is the COVID-19 (a) infection rate and (b) recovery rate among healthcare workers in the Western Cape?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 26 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.