

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
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WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 17 JULY 2020

1. Ms W F Philander to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) How many (a) teachers and (b) learners in the Drakenstein area have reported co-morbidities;
- (2) whether their applications for leave or absence have been processed successfully; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any applications have been denied; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

- (a) What measures are in place to adapt the Housing Consumer Education (HCE) Programme during the COVID-19 pandemic, (b) what resources are available to new homeowners in this regard, (c) what is the total number of HCE sessions that have been held during the lockdown period to date and (d) what has been the impact of these sessions on property owners?

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

With reference to the appointment of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, as Municipal Manager of the Knysna Municipality:

- (1) When was this person appointed as Municipal Manager by the municipal council;
- (2) whether the municipal council informed him of the appointment as required in terms of section 54A(7)(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000); if so, when was he informed;

- (3) what was this person date of commencement of employment;
- (4) with reference to a report by attorneys De Swardt Vogel Myambo that found that the Municipal Manager's contract of employment was intentionally and fraudulently backdated, (a) when did he first become aware of the allegation of a fraudulent employment contract and (b) when did he become aware of the report prepared by the attorneys;
- (5) whether he or the Municipality submitted a criminal complaint against the Municipal Manager for the fraud perpetrated in relation to the employment contract, as recommended by the attorneys; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was this done and (b) what is the case number;
- (6) whether he or the Municipality submitted a criminal complaint against the former Executive Mayor, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, for the fraud perpetrated in relation to the employment contract, as recommended by the attorneys; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was this done and (b) what is the case number;
- (7) according to the attorneys' report, the Knysna Municipality paid R85 595,25 from municipal funds for legal services to the former Executive Mayor, which were of a personal nature, and that such expenditure was irregular and/or unauthorised; whether this irregular and/or unauthorised expenditure has been recovered from the former Executive Mayor, the Municipal Manager and/or the Manager: Legal Services, as recommended; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps have been taken to recover these costs; if so, (a) what amount has been recovered and (b) when?

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

With reference to the investigations into the funding of Knysna Tourism, or Knysna & Partners, by attorneys Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr and De Swardt Vogel Myambo:

- (1) (a) What is or was the contact period of the Knysna & Partners contract signed on 11 July 2017, which was the subject of the De Swardt Vogel Myambo report, (b) what payments (dates and amounts) were made to Knysna Tourism and/or Knysna & Partners by the Knysna Municipality in terms of the contract signed on 11 July 2017, (c) why was the contract concluded despite the legal advice of Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, which was dated 23 May 2017, that the contract was illegal and (d) why was a payment made to Knysna & Partners, which requested on 1 July 2017, in the amount R1 million, when the contract was only signed on 11 July 2017;
- (2) whether De Swardt Vogel Myambo was given an additional 30 days, as requested in their report, to complete the investigation into the payments to Knysna & Partners; if not, why not; if so;
- (3) whether the investigation has been concluded; if so, (a) what were the findings and (b) recommendations;
- (4) whether any steps have been taken by the Knysna Municipality to recover any irregular, unauthorised and/or fruitless and wasteful expenditure from Knysna & Partners; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (5) (a) when did he first become aware of the legal opinions on the funding of Knysna & Partners and/or Knysna Tourism and (b) what steps or actions did he or his Department take?

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5. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

On 30 October 2018 the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (“the Hawks”) recommended in a report that a number of allegations of corruption relating to the Knysna Municipality be investigated by the Anti-Corruption Task Team under enquiry reference number 19/07/2018:

- (1) Whether the recommendations of this report were implemented; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the allegations of corruption identified for investigation have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the progress and (b) when will the investigation be concluded;
- (3) (a) how did the Anti-Corruption Task Team resolve the error in their report where they conflated the allegations of corruption in the Integrated Strategic Development Framework (ISDF) tender with the Knysna Tourism contract and (b) in this regard, have they investigated (i) the backdating of the appointment of the Municipal Manager to the day before the signing of the Knysna Tourism funding contract and (ii) the awarding of the ISDF tender;
- (4) the report also recommended that allegations by the complainant of intimidation by the Knysna Fire Chief and allegations of fraudulent qualifications be investigated by the Knysna SAPS and be referred to the Provincial Commissioner, what progress has been made with these investigations?

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6. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

- (a) How many social workers are currently employed in Mitchells Plain and (b) what services do they provide?

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7. Mr F C Christians to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With all eight districts in the province showing an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, what measures have she and her Department taken to ensure that (a) all medical staff members are being taken care of emotionally and physically and (b) the current circumstances do not have a negative impact on their families at home?

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

- (a) What is the current bed occupancy rate at quarantine and isolation facilities in the province and (b) what are the reasons for this rate?

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9. Mr M Xego to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

- (1) What is the state of the Western Cape health facilities at the moment as far as coping with COVID-19 cases and other health-related issues;
- (2) whether her Department has plans to expand these facilities or are they deemed to be adequate; 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 31 July 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.