

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2020

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

In terms the Local Government Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998), a municipal council may establish one or more committees necessary for the effective and efficient performance of any of its functions or the exercise of any of its powers:

- (1) What is the function of the Leadership and Development Committee established by the City of Cape Town's Municipal Council;
- (2) whether the Leadership and Development Committee complies with the requirements of section 79 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998, namely that may be "necessary for the effective and efficient performance of any of its functions or the exercise of any of its power"; if so, what functions or powers are these;
- (3) (a) when was this committee established, (b) which Executive Director reports to this committee and (c) what has been the cost of this committee to the City since the establishment of this committee?

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

With reference to the number of cases referred to the South African Police Service (SAPS) pertaining to gender-based violence, femicide and domestic violence in the Western Cape:

- (1) How many of the referred cases (a) required psycho-social support services and (b) received psycho-social support services in (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19, (iv) 2019/20 and (v) 2020/21 to date;

- (2) whether there are instances of cases not being referred to the provincial Department of Social Development; if so, what was the reason for this?

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3. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) (a) How many members of the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) units of the SAPS in the province are (i) currently being investigated and (ii) were investigated over the past five financial years for matters relating to misconduct or poor performance and (b) what is the status of these investigations;
- (2) in light of nationwide attention to the issue of gender-based violence and the President's comments regarding GBV as a pandemic, whether there is any plan or intention to specify a particular unit or entity at the South African Police Service for carrying out the functions and duties of the Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP); if so, what are the relevant details?

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4. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With reference to social workers at schools in the province:

- (1) What is the (a) total number of social workers who have been recruited by her Department and who are currently employed (i) in each school district and (ii) at each school and (b) ratio of social workers to learners (i) in each school district and (ii) at each school;
- (2) what (a) is the total number of social workers who are employed by the Province (i) on a permanent basis, (ii) on a fixed-term and/or (iii) on a temporary contract, (b) is the total number of social worker vacancies in the province and (c) are the reasons for these positions still being vacant;
- (3) what is the current case load of each social worker employed by the Province?

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

- (1) Whether independent schools are allowed to withhold academic reports and/or other documents of learners who owe school fees; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there has been any cases of independent schools withholding documents of learners owing fees; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how does her Department intervene in such cases;
- (3) with regard to the case of a learner at the Junior College who has been out of school for several months and the school's refusing to give the parents the academic report, (a) what steps did her Department take after the case was reported and (b) what steps is she going to take to assist the learner whose right to education is being infringed upon;
- (4) whether she would institute an investigation into independent schools' possible practice of withholding important documents from learners who owe fees; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Mr M Kama to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the funding, recruitment, training and deployment of investigators as part of the Western Cape Safety Plan:

(a) What progress has been made with regard to the funding, recruitment, training and deployment of these investigators, (b) what is the breakdown of the expenditure for the recruitment, training and deployment of these investigators from September 2019 to September 2020, (c) how many investigators have been (i) recruited, (ii) trained and (iii) deployed to date and (d)(i) who is providing the training and (ii) what are the focus areas of this training?

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7. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) What are the details of the investigations being conducted by various state organs in connection with (i) the Western Cape provincial government, (ii) Western Cape municipalities and (iii) officials of the provincial government and municipalities and (b) what are the updates on each of these investigations?

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8. Mr M Kama to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to increased incidents of human trafficking:

(1) (a) What programmes are in place (i) to raise awareness about the dangers of human trafficking and (ii) to prevent human trafficking in the province and (b) what is the number of (i) women and (ii) children who have been reported missing and/or who have fallen victim to human trafficking in the Western Cape between 2019 and 2020 to date;

(2) whether there are any special operations in place to prevent and investigate cases of human trafficking; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether there are any victims of human trafficking who have been saved in the province in (a) 2019 and (b) 2020 to date; if so, (i) what are the relevant details and (ii) what was his Department's involvement?

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

(a) What is the (i) number and (ii) details of the schools in the Western Cape that have been closed for deep cleaning since the phased-in return of learners up to the latest date for which information is available and (b) what is the (i) total amount and (ii) breakdown of the expenditure for the deep cleaning of schools in the Western Cape, including (aa) the details of the service providers and (bb) how much each service provider received?

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

With regard to decisions issued by his Department during the month of September 2020 following applications for listed activities under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998):

(a) How many applications were received, (b) how many decisions were issued, (c) of those, how many decisions were essentially the granting of all the rights that were applied for, (d) what was the average period that lapsed between the receipt of the application or the final submission of outstanding evidence or paperwork, where applicable, to the date on which the decision was issued, (e) how has the backlog in the consideration of said applications been affected by the regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and (f) what are the plans to achieve shorter turnaround times?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 23 October 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.