

**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, 6 NOVEMBER 2020

1. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to his statement at the Standing Committee on Education meeting on 15 September 2020, when he said, “In January 2017, we asked the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) for advice on section 16 of the Public Service Act with regard to extending the contracts of heads of departments.”:

- (1) Whether he can provide more details regarding the advice, including (a) through which medium was this advice sought, (b) the details of all the officials of the Department of the Premier (DotP) involved in the communication with the DPSA and (c) copies of all the communication and correspondences between the DotP and the DPSA; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how was the advice given (telephonically, by fax, by emails or by word of mouth);
- (3) whether the transcript of or the correspondence with the advice is available; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether the concerns of the Concerned Parent Committee at the Divine Heritage Christian Centre (DHCC) have been brought to her attention; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what measures were put in place to address them;
- (2) whether she received a copy of the memorandum from the Concerned Parent Committee at the Divine Heritage Christian Centre (DHCC); if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) with regard to media comments by the spokesperson of her Department that they were aware of some of the allegations raised and that they have investigated them, (a) what are the details of the investigation, including the (i) findings and (ii) recommendations and (b) when will the report be released to other stakeholders, including the Concerned Parent Committee;
- (4) with regard to the staff complement at the school, what (a) is the number of teachers employed at the school, including how many (i) permanent, (ii) non-permanent, (iii) qualified and (iv) student teachers there are and (b)(i) is the number of foreign nationals teaching at the school and (ii) what are the details of their qualifications and (c) is the teacher-to-learner ratio;
- (5) whether learners have textbooks and other learning material; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the application by the School Governing Body of the Emil Weder Secondary School for the extension of route 315 in Grabouw:

- (1) What is the (a) current status of the route and (b) number of learners who are transported;
- (2) whether her Department has received a reapplication for the extension of the route for 2021; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether all other schools have to reapply for the extension of routes on a short-term basis; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what are the plans to extend the route beyond December 2020 and in 2021 if the application for extension is granted?

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

(a) What is structure of the war room, (b) what are the names of those participating in the war room, including those from the (i) government, (ii) private sector and (iii) labour sector, (c) what is the (i) number and (ii) names of those employed to coordinate the work of the war room, including the details of their (aa) remuneration and (bb) job descriptions, (d) how many jobs have been created since the inception of the war room and (e) what is the total amount spent from the inception of the war room to date?

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

What are the (a) number, (b) names, (c) remuneration, (d) qualifications and experience and (e) roles of his advisers?

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6. Ms W F Philander to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the Premier's Western Cape recovery speech delivered at the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on Thursday 22 October 2020 and the "90-90-90" TB strategy announced therein:

- (1) (a) What research and best practices inform this strategy, (b) in what ways will this be tailored for the context of the Western Cape, (c) when will the strategy be launch officially and (d) what are the proposed milestones for its achievements;
- (2) whether the Province will use its own resources to deliver medication to those TB patients in vulnerable groups; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what additional support will drug-sensitive TB patients receive, (b) how many of those patients have been identified in the Western Cape and (c) what proportion does represent of the total number of TB patients in the province?

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

With reference to the proposed migration of early childhood development (ECD) from the national Department of Social Development to the national Department of Basic Education as announced by the President in February 2019:

- (1) Since the Minister's call on 5 October 2020 for clarification on the proposed migration, what developments have taken place;
- (2) whether she has received a response from her national counterpart; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) to what extent will the migration of ECD to the provincial Department of Education have an impact on (i) the performance of the Province to support ECD centres, (ii) the learners attending ECD centres, (iii) ECD practitioners and (iv) NGOs and (b) what are the budgetary considerations of this proposed migration?

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

With reference to her statement on 27 October 2020 regarding the proposed six new shelters for the Western Cape:

- (1) Whether the memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been signed at national level; if not, why not;
- (2) (a) what are the details of the six sites, (b) what is the availability of service providers to support these sites, (c) what are the needs that each shelter will fulfil and (d) in which ways will the provincial government support the fulfilment of such needs?

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9. Mr P J Marais to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the reported closure of the Voor-Groenberg Primary School:

- (1) (a) What is the estimated monthly expenses that will be added to her Department's budget to move the children to the Wagensmakers Primary School and (b) what alternatives have been taken into account;

- (2) whether the traveling expenses incurred by parents and teachers will be subsidised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether discussions regarding the closure of the school has been done in consultation with the South African Teachers Union and parents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to his Department's rental stock:

- (a) (i) What is the number of vacant rental units that his Department currently has and (ii) for how long have these units been vacant, (b)(i) what is the number of applications from qualifying tenants that have been received for rental units for the period January 2019 to October 2020 and (ii) how many of these applicants have been rejected, (c) what are the reasons for not allocating the vacant units to qualifying applicants and (d)(i) what is the budget for renovations and upgrades, (ii) how many of the vacant units have been fully upgraded and are ready for allocation and (iii) what are the reasons for the non-allocation of those vacant units?

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11. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to his Department's rental stock:

- (1) Whether the rental units in Sanddrift and Philip Kgosana Drive (de Waal Drive) that had been allocated to applicants before those allocations were reversed and/or suspended are currently being occupied by security guards; if so, (a) what are the reasons for the reversal or suspension of the allocation of the units and (b) why are these units occupied by security guards;
- (2) whether the security guards are allocated (a) per unit, (b) per day or (c) per night in the same complex; if not, why not; if so, (i) what are the relevant details and (ii) why is his Department not allocating one or two security guards per complex depending on proximity or distance of those vacant units;
- (3) what is the detailed breakdown of his Department's (a) budget and (b) expenditure on security companies for the vacant rental units per month for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years, including the (aa) number and (bb) details of the rental units that were secured by the security guards per month in those financial years and (cc) details and (dd) duration of the contract to secure these rental units?

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12. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to his Department's rental stock:

- (1) (a) What is the breakdown of the expenditure of his Department on the internal upgrading of (i) rental units and (ii) vacant units and (b) what is the cost of the upgrading per unit;

- (2) whether there have been any major (a) internal and (b) external upgrades of rental units in (i) 2017, (ii) 2018, (iii) 2019 and (iv) 2020 to date; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department has any approved policy on (a) rental stock and (b) the allocation of rental units to applicants; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) (a) what criteria have to be met in order to allocate rental units and (b) where does the Department obtain the details of applicants to whom units are allocated?

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13. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to his Department's rental stock:

- (1) (a) What is the motivation for the external upgrades to the rental stock (i) on Philip Kgosana Drive (de Waal Drive) and (ii) in Gardens, (b) what is the breakdown of the expenditure on external upgrades to the rental stock (i) on Philip Kgosana Drive (de Waal Drive) and (ii) in Gardens and (c) when were the upgrades completed;
- (2) whether there are any external upgrades that have been done in other areas or at complexes besides at the rental stock on Philip Kgosana Drive (de Waal Drive) and in Gardens; if not, (a) why is his Department not attending to the external upgrades at other complexes and (b) what are the plans to upgrade other parts of the Department's rental stock; if so, what are the relevant details?

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14. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to his Department's rental stock:

- (1) How much did his Department spend on (a) rates and (b) taxes in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20 and (iii) 2020/21 financial years;
- (2) whether his Department has any plans to assist those who are earning more than R3 500 but less than R22 000 per month with rental accommodation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department has any cost recovery plan for costs incurred for the maintenance of and rates and taxes on rental units that have been unallocated in the past two financial years; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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15. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to serviced plots:

- (1) (a) What is the (i) number and (ii) details of serviced sites in the province that are vacant and (b) what are the plans for developing each of these serviced sites;
- (2) (a) what is the number of serviced plots in the province that have been developed per year from 2009 to 2020 to date, (b) how much was spent in each of the years in (a) for serviced plots and (c) what is the (i) number and (ii) details of serviced plots that have been vacant since 2009;

- (3) whether there are any serviced plots in the province that have been sold or utilised for private development in the period 2009 to 2020 to date; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there is any policy that prohibits the government from allocating serviced plots to members of the public to build their own houses; if not, is releasing serviced plots to members of the public who can develop the plots for themselves being considered; 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 20 November 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.