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WRITTEN REPLY

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

With reference to the Divine Heritage Christian Centre (DHCC):

- (1) Whether allegations that the principal collected money from parents promising to run a music academy for the school and to buy uniform and textbooks but never having done so have been bought to her and her Department's attention and have been investigated; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what was the money spent on;
- (2) whether the difficulties of parents to afford the fees and the subsequent request to lower the monthly fees from R1 750 to R750 due to impact of COVID-19 pandemic have been bought to her attention; if so, (a) what measures are available in her Department to assist them and (b) what steps will be taken to assist the parents;
- (3) (a) what is the quality of the curriculum taught at the school, (b) what is the effectiveness of the school's online teaching and (c) how does the Department monitor these aspects?

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

(a) What has his Department done to assist local governments in the province to prepare themselves and their zoning regulations for the expected repeal of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act, 1970 (Act 70 of 1970), in order to preserve farms as economically viable units and (b) how ready is the province to deal with the implications of this change?

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

With reference to his reply to question 14 of the Written Question Paper dated 2 October 2020:

(a) When was this technology first implemented in the City of Cape Town, (b) when was the use of this technology terminated in the City of Cape Town, (c) why is it "currently" not in use in the City of Cape Town, (d) how many people were arrested during the period in which the technology was being used by the City of Cape Town as a direct result of this technology, (e) how many people were convicted as a result of this technology and (f) what has been the total cost of this technology since its inception?

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

- (1) Whether there are any government projects that have been stopped or delayed due to demands for extortion money in the province in the period 2014 to 2020; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are any government departments or municipalities that have been forced to pay gangs protection fees or extortion money in order to continue with their projects in the province in the period 2014 to 2020; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there are government or municipal officials who have been robbed while implementing projects in the province in the period 2014 to 2020; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what are the details of the measures that his Department has put in place to prevent delays in government projects due to demands for extortion money in the province, particularly on the Cape Flats?

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5. Mr M Kama to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) Whether there are any housing developments that have been stopped or delayed due to demands for extortion money in the province in the period 2014 to 2020; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are any official from his Department or municipal officials who have been robbed while implementing projects in the province in the period 2014 to 2020; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what are the details of measures that his Department has put in place to prevent delays in government projects due to demands for extortion money in the province, particularly on the Cape Flats;
- (4) whether there have been any instances where gangs demanded extortion money from contractors in his Department in the period 2014 to 2020; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how was the matter addressed;
- (5) whether there are any contractors in his Department who awarded security contracts for housing projects to gangs in the province in the period 2014 to 2020; if so, what are the relevant details;

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(6) whether his Department awarded any contracts to (a) gangsters, (b) families of gangsters or (c) wives or girlfriends of gangsters in the period 2014 to 2020; if so, (i) what are the relevant details and (ii) what were the value of the contracts?

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

With reference to his reply to question 10 of the Written Question Paper dated 4 September 2020:

(a) Were these audit fees paid to the Auditor-General or to external consultants and (b) if the fees were paid to consultants, (i) what are the relevant details, (ii) who are the consultants and (iii) what are the names of each company per municipality?

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

With reference to his reply to question 1 of the Written Question Paper dated 9 October 2020:

- (a) What is the cost of the committee to the City of Cape Town per annum since its inception and (b) what is the cost of (i) the chairperson's salary, (ii) secretarial services, (iii) refreshments, (iv) committee activities and (v) travel and other disbursements;
- (2) what "capacity building" activities have the committee exercised oversight over since its inception?

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8. Mr R I Allen to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to the meeting held on 16 October 2020 where it was agreed to convene a transversal steering committee on organised crime:

(a) What were the shortcomings identified during this meeting that led to the agreement and (b) what is the role of the provincial government in this agreement?

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

With reference to an article published on 3 November 2020 in the *Cape Argus* (page 4, "State of water treatment plants revealed") in which the national Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation indicates that 265 wastewater treatment works across the country are in a state of decay:

- (1) (a) How many of these sites are in the Western Cape and (b) where are they located;
- (2) whether the Western Cape municipalities received support or grant funding to refurbish the wastewater treatment plants; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the overall amount of the funding;

- (3) how many projects are (a) underway to refurbish the wastewater treatment plants in the province, (b) not taking place and (c) in their initiation phase;
- (4) whether there are any wastewater treatment plants in the province that are being upgraded besides those that are being refurbished; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Ms N Makamba-Botya to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the 2015 report of the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) submitted to the South African National Aids Council (SANAC) titled "The people living with HIV stigma index: South Africa 2014":

- Whether he, as chairperson of the Provincial Council on Aids, took any actions to establish if there are any women who were sterilised at province health facilities; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what action was taken and (c) what is the total number of women involved;
- (2) whether he or any members his cabinet met or corresponded with any complainants of forced and coerced sterilisation; if so, what are the relevant details of (a) who was met, (b) when the meetings took place and (c) what the outcomes of the meetings or correspondence were, including (i) which matters were referred for internal and/or criminal investigation by him or any other members of the executive council and (ii) what the case and/or reference numbers are?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 27 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.