

**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, 25 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

With regard to ongoing complaints in South Africa about the forced and/or coerced sterilisation of HIV- and Aids-positive black women at certain public hospitals in the country:

- (1) Whether there are any cases in Western Cape public health facilities of HIV-positive black women who were sterilised illegally without their consent since the enactment of the Sterilisation Act, 1998 (Act 44 of 1998); if so, (a) how many women have come forward to report cases of forced and/or coerced sterilisation at Western Cape public health facilities and (b) how many health professionals and government officials from her Department have been implicated in these medical procedures;
- (2) (a) how many forced and/or coerced sterilisation litigation matters have her Department had since 1998, (b) how many were settled out of court, (c) what is the overall amount of these settlements and (c) what is the number of non-disclosure agreements that have been signed in relation to these out-of-court settlements;
- (3) (a) what action did her Department take against health professionals and officials implicated in these litigation matters, (b) how does her Department plan to cover the costs of the resources to facilitate the reversal of the illegal sterilisations, where possible;
- (4) whether her Department has kept a record of all the cases of forced and/or coerced sterilisations at public health facilities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

During the parliamentary sitting on 10 September 2020 the Minister said, “We have not only released 300 hectares of land across the province for human settlements development, they are also at different stages of development” (according to Hansard):

(a) What does the Minister mean by “released”, (b) how, following what process, was this land “released”, (c) over what period was this land “released”, (d) how many hectares have been “released” per year, (e) to whom was the respective parcels of land – making up the “300 hectares” – “released”, (f) what human-settlements projects have been completed on each of the parcels of land that make up the “released 300 hectares of land”, (g) what projects are still under constructions on each of the parcels of land that make up the “released 300 hectares of land”, (h) how much of the “released 300 hectares of land” has not yet been developed or is not yet under construction and (i) how much land, in hectares, has been transferred from the provincial Department of Transport and Public Works to his Department for housing purposes over the past five years?

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

- (1) What was the average police-to-population ratio of the (a) Cape Town metropolitan area and (b) Western Cape in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years;
- (2) whether these ratios include (a) student constables and (b) support staff; if so, what are the ratios excluding (a) and (b);
- (3) what is the police-to-population ratio of each individual police station in the Cape Town metropolitan area?

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

- (1) What was the budget that was allocated to the South African Police Service and the SAPS Western Cape in the (a) 2015/16, (b) 2016/17, (c) 2017/18, (d) 2018/19 and (e) 2019/20 financial years;
- (2) what was the shortage of police officers in the (a) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years?

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

Regarding the release of 19 000 prisoners in the country during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic:

How many of these prisoners (a) were released in the Western Cape, (b) were released in each of the Western Cape’s 11 priority areas and (c) have been found guilty of reoffending?

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6. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to an unresolved complaint against the SAPS, whether he can provide an update on case number 101/08/2020?

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7. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

With reference to the newly formed Rural Safety Committee and the designation of a rural safety plan to each district:

- (1) (a) How has each safety plan been formulated or has a universal safety plan been applied, (b) what role will the South African Police Service (SAPS) play, (c) what is the aim of each safety plan, (d) how will this assist the SAPS, (e) what oversight mechanisms will be in place for the implementation of each safety plan, (f) how will this support and interact with any existing community policing forums, if at all, and (g) who is responsible for ensuring the day-to-day coordination of each safety plan in each district;
- (2) whether municipalities will be provided with the funds by the Provincial Treasury; if so, (a) how will the funds be released to each district, (b) what is the process for allocating the funds and (c) what determines the allocation per region or district?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 9 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.