

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, 12 MARCH 2021

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

With regard to early childhood development (ECD) centres in the province:

- (1) Whether there is a policy on the (a) number of ECD centres allowed in one geographical area and (b) ratio of children to ECD practitioners allowed in each class; if not, why not; if so, who monitors the implementation of this policy;
- (2) whether any unannounced visits are undertaken by her Department to ECD centres to monitor compliance with COVID-19 regulations; if so, how many unannounced visits does her Department conduct to ECD centres per month;
- (3) (a) how many ECD centres are currently open in Mitchells Plain and of these (b) how many are funded by the Department of Social Development?

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

- (1) (a) How many old-age homes in Mitchells Plain are funded by her Department and (b) how are they identified for funding;
- (2) whether there is currently a waiting list for people who need this service; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how (a) often and (b) many visits do officials undertake to the old-age homes in Mitchells Plain in order to monitor compliance with norms and standards, including COVID-19 regulations?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has a regional database for foster-care parents; if so, what norms and standards has her Department put in place in this regard;
- (2) whether her Department has a Provincial Child Protection Strategy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(100)

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

- (1) (a) What is the breakdown of the COVID-19 roll-out programme in terms of (i) the number of people who have been inoculated, (ii) their age groups, (iii) their race, (iv) their sex and (v) the health facilities where they work as at latest date for which information is available and (b) what (i) information is required when people register for the vaccine and (ii) measures are in place to prevent healthcare workers from registering their family members who are not healthcare workers;
- (2) whether there are people who are not healthcare workers or in the category of people who should not be inoculated in the first phase who have cheated the process and got inoculated; if so, what are the relevant details?

(101)

5. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the Province's quarter 3 procurement disclosure report for the 2020/21 financial year:

- (1) (a) What is the detailed list of all the items that were procured by each department and entity, including the (i) quantity and (ii) unit price and (b) what are the details of the BBBEE compliance of all the suppliers that were contracted by the departments and entities;
- (2) whether his Department ensured strict adherence to the BBBEE provisions and to local content during PPE expenditure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(102)

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

- (1) Whether her Department conducted any monitoring and evaluation at the Darul Islam Islamic High School in 2020; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Darul Islam Islamic High School is compliant with the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) regulations for independent schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she can provide the full report of the monitoring and evaluation that was conducted at the independent school called the Darul Islam Islamic High School in 2020, including (a) the findings of the report, (b) the details of non-compliance with WCED regulations for independent schools, (c) the recommendations made by her Department for remedial action in respect of the non-compliance with the regulations and (d) all the correspondence between her Department and the school

with regard to the latter's obligation to comply with the regulations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (4) whether there are any independent schools in the province that are not complying with the WCED regulations for independent schools; if so, what are the relevant details?

(103)

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

- (1) What is the total number and details of the (a) attacks and (b) robberies on buses of Golden Arrow Bus Services, including incidents where commuters and/or drivers were (i) injured and (ii) murdered in (aa) November 2020, (bb) December 2020, (cc) January 2021 and (dd) February 2021;
- (2) whether his Department has plans to address the attacks on Golden Arrow buses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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8. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to the Procurement Disclosure Report for quarter 3 of 2020/21:

- (1) What is the total breakdown of the amount paid to Umanyano Travel Service, including the (a) number and details of the taxis from different associations that benefited from this transaction, (b) number of trips undertaken, (c) distance travelled, (d) number of people transported and (e) average cost per kilometre;
- (2) with regard to payments for accommodation and catering, what (a) are the reasons for that expenditure, (b) are the details of the number of persons who made use of accommodation, (c) is the cost per night and (d) is the total amount that the Department spent per person on accommodation and catering?

(105)

9. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

What is the total number of women in senior or top management positions who are employed by the Western Cape Government and its entities, including their (a) positions, (b) salary ranges and (c) race in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date?

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

With reference to her reply to question 1 of 19 February 2021:

Whether she can provide a detailed list of the specific (a) transgressions and (b) sanctions for each transgression of (i) principals, (ii) SMTs, (iii) teachers, (iv) officials in her Department and (v) senior managers in her Department in (aa) 2019/20 and (bb) 2020/21?

(107)

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

With reference to point 3(1) in the Minister's response to question 3 of 5 February 2021: "An investigation was conducted by an independent investigator who found no evidence of misconduct on the part of the 'former Director'."

- (1) Whether this certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, is no longer a Director in the Stellenbosch Municipality; if so;
- (2) whether he resigned, retired, was dismissed or left the Municipality for another reason;
- (3) if he left the Municipality for another reason, why is he being referred to as a "former Director";
- (4) if he is no longer employed by the Stellenbosch Municipality, whether the Minister is aware of his employment by any other Western Cape municipality; if so, where;

The Minister replied that a certain other person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, is still employed by the Municipality but has been transferred from the post to another "for which she did qualify". This confirms that she was not qualified for the position in which she was initially appointed:

- (5) (a) why is this certain other person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, being given special treatment, (b) how is this certain other person related to an Alderwomen, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, and (c) how is this certain other person related to a person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, who is also related to this case;

At a special meeting of the municipal council it was highlighted that two staff members of the Human Resource Department, whose names have been furnish to his Department for the purpose of his reply, who had been present in this interview, did not understand their roles and responsibilities with regard to the recruitment of staff:

- (6) (a) what are the qualifications of these two staff members, (b) why does a senior manager and a HR professional not understand HR processes, employment equity and a fair recruitment processes and (c) why did the municipal council resolve that this did not amount to misconduct or incapacity and did not proceed with disciplinary processes;
- (7) (a) what allegations did a certain councillor, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, make during this special council meeting with regard to this matter and (b) can he a copy, record or minutes of these allegations be provided?

(108)

12. Mr B N Herron to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With reference to the reply to question 1 of 12 February 2021 received from the Minister of Transport and Public Works in point (3) that the CTICC had been decommissioned and that the details of the equipment had been compiled and distributed by the Department Health:

- (1) What are the names of the organisations that benefitted;

- (2) (a) who was accommodated at the following facilities: (i) Lagoon Beach Hotel, (ii) Houwhoek Hotel, (iii) Bidvest Properties, (iv) CTICC, (v) Protea Hotel Durbanville and (vi) Reeds Country Lodge in the period April to September 2020 and (b) can copies of the close-out reports for each of these facilities be provided?

(109)

13. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to the sexual harassment case against the traffic chief and after it has been learnt that the victim of this GBV case has been so traumatised that she has had to receive outside assistance as none was offered by the very department meant to protect her and that she is now allegedly being victimised further in that she is alleged to be going through a “competency hearing”:

- (1) (a) Why was the perpetrator not placed on leave while the investigation was ongoing and (b) why has his Department not provided any counselling intervention for the family;
- (2) whether the victim is being put through a “competency hearing”; if so, why;
- (3) how many cases of sexual harassment has been made with in this department from 2010 to date;

It has been alleged that there are staff members who have been promoted after being sexually harassed:

- (4) whether he is aware of any such persons in the Department; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) (a) what remedial action will be put in place for victims to come forward and (b) what will he do to protect any whistle-blowers in his Department?

(110)

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

With regard to the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) and the Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG):

- (a) What is his Department’s policy and/or approach when aligning the funding of the HSDG with the USDG and (b) how are housing developments prioritised when it comes to the distribution of funding received from the national government?

(111)

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

With regard to the illegal invasion of land owned by subnational governments in the Western Cape:

- (1) (a) How many vacant parcels of land have been illegally occupied since March 2020 that are owned by the (i) Western Cape Government and (ii) City of Cape Town and (b) how many of these invaded parcels of land were earmarked for housing development by the (i) Western Cape Government and (ii) City of Cape Town;
- (2) whether housing opportunities have been lost to illegal land invasion; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the relevant details;

- (3) (a) what steps has his Department taken to address the continued illegal invasion of vacant land parcels owned by the (i) Western Cape Government and (ii) City of Cape Town and (b) how much money has his Department spent on protecting vacant land parcels from illegal occupation in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20 and (iii) 2020/21 to date?

(112)

16. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to the decision by Stellenbosch Municipality to investigate the use and generation of alternative electricity energy supplies:

- (1) (a) What alternative energy supplies are being considered by the Municipality and (b) what are the relevant details;

His Department has indicated that the Green Economy Unit, alongside other partners, will assist the Municipality:

- (2) what exact support, such as resources and consultation, does the MER project offer the Municipality;
- (3) when does the Municipality envision that it will complete its investigations into alternative energy supplies;
- (4) whether a working document has been developed on the matter; if so, can a copy be provided?

(113)

17. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to the announcement by the George Municipality of a pilot project to investigate its options of wheeling electricity on its grid:

- (1) What developments have taken place since the announcement in late January 2021;
- (2) whether the Municipality has a planned development for the project; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how long does the Municipality envision the pilot project will take, (b) in what phase is the project currently in and (c) what are the details thereof?

(114)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 29 March 2021. 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.