

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

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**QUESTION PAPER  
ORAL REPLY**

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Note: \* Indicates translated version.

**THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2025**

**INTERPELLATIONS**

**1. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:**

Whether her Department has plans to improve financial management and governance in poor performing municipalities; if so, what are the (a) relevant details and (b) timelines?

(445)

**2. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

Regarding the review process of the Western Cape Safety Plan (WCSP) that is underway, and the persistence of the high murder rate in the Western Cape and in the City of Cape Town specifically:

(a) Which additional interventions, if any, are being explored to reduce the murder rate drastically to the target in the WCSP and (b) which new interventions have been targeted at the communities surrounding the police stations with the highest number of murders?

(447)

**3. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:**

With regard to the Tafelberg site:

What concrete steps are being taken to prioritise affordable and low-income rental housing on this site?

(456)

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

*Question to Premier standing over from Thursday, 18 September 2025, as agreed to by the House:*

**1. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

In the light of the ongoing crises facing the province, such as unemployment, food insecurity, taxi violence and housing backlogs:

(a) How does he assess the performance of his Cabinet Ministers in addressing the urgent challenges facing the province and (b) what measures are in place to hold each Minister accountable?

(407)

*New question to the Premier:*

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

Whether his office has investigated concerns about irregularities in municipal appointments, including allegations of nepotism, selective reporting and exclusionary practices; if so, what were the (a) findings and (b) corrective actions taken?

(457)

*Questions standing over from Thursday, 18 September 2025, as agreed to by the House:*

**3. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:**

(a) How many opportunities have been created through the Contractor Development Programme over the past five years and (b) what has been the average number of contractors supported by the programme over this period?

(400)

**7. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:**

What specific (a) programmes and (b) initiatives does his Department have in place to preserve, promote and celebrate our rich heritage, particularly in working-class and rural communities that are so often excluded from the Province's cultural investment?

(408)

*Questions standing over from Thursday, 25 September 2025, as agreed to by the House:*

**3. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:**

Which targeted suicide-prevention strategies has his Department implemented in high-risk communities in the province, particularly among the youth and for rural populations?

(414)

*New questions:*

**2. Mr F C Christians to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:**

(a) What plans does his Department have to (i) promote tourism, (ii) increase tourism and (iii) promote job creation and (b) what are the challenges going forward?

(446)

**3. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

(a) How many confiscated weapons have been destroyed in 2025 and (b) why is weapon destruction reportedly carried out exclusively at a single facility?

(448)

**4. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:**

(a) What steps is his Department taking to address the significant reduction in funding to national sports federations, which has led to cuts for some sports codes, to ensure that such decisions do not undermine sport development on grassroots level and (b) what sport organisations in the province have been affected by these budget cuts?

(449)

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

What risk analyses has his Department undertaken regarding the impact of closing unlicensed waste management facilities in the province, particularly in relation to (a) environmental compliance, (b) municipal service delivery and (c) the safe disposal of waste?

(450)

**6. Mr D W Bryant to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

With reference to the closure of the Fountain Shack and Miaspoort trails by CapeNature due to drought conditions:

(a) What process is being undertaken to rehabilitate these areas and (b) when is it anticipated that the trails will be reopened to the public?

(451)

**7. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:**

Why is his Department emphasising the transfer of title deeds to housing beneficiaries?

(452)

**8. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to the Department's Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Programme:

What are the details of the GBV Programme in terms of the total (a) budget allocation for the programme and (b) number of GBV ambassadors appointed in the province?

(453)

**9. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:**

Whether it has been brought to his attention that certain political party leaders from ward 27 in the Drakenstein Municipality wore party regalia at the Ligstraal School while donating sport equipment; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) measures is his Department taking to prevent political activities at schools?

(454)

**10. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:**

(a) What progress has been made with the development of the Overberg Rail Business Case and (b) how is this initiative expected to support and strengthen the export economy of the province?

(455)

**11. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:**

What (a) monitoring and (b) oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure that (i) the Expanded Public Works Programme is administered fairly and transparently and (ii) recruitment processes are not subject to manipulation by councillors or political structures?

(458)

**12. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:**

With regard to unemployment in the Western Cape that has now increased to 21%, with a loss of 117 000 jobs in the second quarter of 2025:

What (a) evidence is available showing that the Growth for Jobs Strategy is effective at creating jobs in the province and (b) urgent interventions are being put in place to ensure that this strategy delivers tangible job creation rather than continued job losses?

(459)

**13. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:**

Regarding community health workers (CHWs) in the province:

What (a) measures are in place to ensure that the voices of CHWs are meaningfully included in (i) policymaking and (ii) programme design and (b) mechanisms for (i) grievance redress, (ii) participatory decision-making and (iii) recognition of their lived experience as care workers are available for the shaping of the public health system?

(460)

**14. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

In the light of the recent reports, including but not limited to reports that the journalist Sandiso Phaliso has experienced harassment and physical assault at the hands of the police while trying to report from crime scenes in Nyanga:

(a) What are the current statistics for the past three months on the number of civilians who have (i) died and (ii) sustained serious injury as the result of altercations or confrontations with SAPS officers, (b) what immediate disciplinary and/or criminal action has been taken against SAPS members implicated in such incidents, (c) what mechanisms are in place in her Department to ensure that such cases are tracked and concluded in a timely and transparent manner, particularly those involving journalists and other civilians and (d) what specific oversight mechanisms has her Department implemented to prevent patterns of abuse, particularly against journalists and community members in high-crime areas such as Nyanga?

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