

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
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WESTERN CAPE**

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**QUESTION PAPER
ORAL REPLY**

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2020

INTERPELLATIONS

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

What is her Department's approach to teaching the history of the Palestinian–Israeli conflict?

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2. Ms N Makamba-Botya to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With reference to the recent violence in the taxi industry and attacks on public transport busses:

What measures did his Department take to ensure the safety of commuters who use these modes of transport?

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

Regarding the rise in the number of unemployed people in terms of the expanded definition of unemployment over the course of the second quarter of this financial year

What is the provincial government doing and/or planning to do to stimulate economic opportunities and job creation?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**1. Mr M Kama to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

Whether there has been any progress with the implementation of plans to prevent crime through urban design and spatial integration as highlighted in the Safety Plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(581)

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

(a) What is his Department's total expenditure for legal services since the beginning of the sixth administration and (b) how much of this has been spent on property-related litigation?

(584)

3. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

(a) What is the status of the availability of rape kits at SAPS stations in the province, (b) which stations currently have a shortage and (c) how long has this been the case?

(566)

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

(a) What is the role of her Department in the provision of psychosocial support to the victims of gender-based and domestic violence and (b) how has such support been altered during the nationwide lockdown?

(567)

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

- (1) What are his Department's plans to assist local communities with future applications for abalone farming at abalone ranches;
- (2) whether this will include (a) support with the founding of cooperatives, (b) support for the restocking of abalone, (c) future marketing options and (d) training in mariculture; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

What is the position of this government with regard to the decentralisation of the fishing industry and related rights to provinces?

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7. Mr D G Mitchell to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to rail services, the President stated that the central line would be fully functional by September 2021.

- (1) (a) What factors prevented this and (b) what is the current status of the central line;

- (2) whether busses have been hired to supplement the rail services for the passengers who are unable to utilise the service; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) why has the construction of a safety wall between the Netreg and Bonteheuwel railway stations commenced and (b) what are the repercussions of this, including on the safety of commuters and on the infrastructure?

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

With regard to potential properties earmarked for housing developments in Cape Town's inner city that are owned by the national government:

- (1) How many nationally owned properties have been identified by the Province and the City of Cape Town in the inner city that would be suitable for the development of social housing;
- (2) whether his Department or the City of Cape Town has approached the national government for the release of these properties; if not, why not; if so, what was the response from the national government?

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

With regard to housing projects being implemented by local authorities in the Western Cape:

- (a) How many municipalities are struggling to implement and complete housing projects in the Western Cape, (b) what are the reasons for the lack of implementation and (c) what steps is the Department taking to address this lack of implementation?

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10. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

What is he and his Department doing to create safer communities in the province?

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11. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

What is she and her Department doing to prevent drugs from entering our schools?

(574)

12. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

On 23 July 2020 the Minister announced the establishment of a "Central Procurement Advisory Committee" and enhanced "surveillance of procurement of personal protective equipment, including mobilising ... internal auditors to scrutinise and monitor procurement transactions":

- (1) Whether (a) the committee has been functioning and (b) procurement transactions have been scrutinised and monitored; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether any irregular or suspicious procurement has been detected; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) (a) what procurement is under investigation by the SIU and (b) why?

(575)

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

(a) What is the intended outcomes of the amendments to the Western Cape Liquor Act and (b) how will the amendments to the Western Cape Liquor Act support his Department's aim to reduce alcohol-related harm in the province?

(576)

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

(a) What was the number of active SAPS stations during lockdown level 2 in the province following numerous reports of police station closures as a result of police officers who had been infected by COVID-19 and (b) how many police stations were active in the Western Cape prior to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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

Whether the concerns raised by the residents of Crawford and surrounds regarding a cellphone tower being erected at the Thornton Road Primary School have been brought to her attention; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) when is her Department going to meet with the concerned residents?

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

With regard to the amended directions and standard operating procedures communicated to schools on 17 September 2020 that allow schools to implement physical distancing of only one meter per class:

(a) What are the implications of this for schools with overcrowded classrooms and (b) how does her Department aim to mitigate the risk of further infections under such conditions?

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17. Ms G N Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the increase in the number of cases of gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide in the province and her reply to question 13 of Question Paper 10 dated 24 April 2020:

What progress has been made (a) to increase the number of bed spaces and (b) with the recruitment of 30 VEP social workers?

(482)

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

(a) What circumstances have led to the high levels of irregular expenditure at municipalities in the province, particularly at the City of Cape Town, and (b) what measures are in place to address that?

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

Given the Competition Commission's stance that "The minibus taxi industry needs to be subsidised through increased funding for the Taxi Recapitalisation Programme":

Whether his Department plans to increase the funding for the Taxi Recapitalisation Programme, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(585)

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

- (1) Whether the Saldanha Bay Municipality awarded a security services contract to any company from Paarl; if so, what are the details of the company;
- (2) whether the company was compliant at the time when the contract was awarded; if not, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will institute an investigation to determine if the company is related to any councillor; if not, why not?

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21. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the top 30 gender-based violence (GBV) hotspots that have been identified by the national government, including the eight hotspots in the Western Cape:

(a) What are the reasons for the Western Cape having the highest number of GBV hotspots in country and (b) what measures has her Department put in place to deal with GBV cases in the specific hotspot areas in the province?

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

With regard to the Municipal Energy Resilience (MER) Project:

- (1) (a) What does the project entail and (b) how does MER assist with the achievement of energy security in the province;
- (2) whether there has been buy-in from Western Cape municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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