

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

=====

**QUESTION PAPER
ORAL REPLY**

=====

Note: * Indicates translated version.

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025

INTERPELLATION

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

Given the critical trade and investment relations between the Western Cape and China:

- (1) Whether Minister Meyer's excursion to Taiwan has jeopardised these vital ties;
- (2) whether he will reprimand the Minister for this conduct; if not, why not; if so, what specific disciplinary measures or remedies will be taken?

(160)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

New questions to the Premier:

1. Ms T Lithakong to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the Tafelberg Place matter in which the Western Cape Government has been a party in various litigation stages involving the piece of land:

- (1) Whether the Provincial Government is a respondent in the same matter before the Constitutional Court; if so, why;
- (2) whether the Provincial Government has now decided to abide by the order of the Western Cape High Court to develop the site for purposes of responding to inner-city social housing deficiencies in an effort to reverse the effects of racially skewed spatial planning; if so, what are the relevant details?

(156)

2. Ms A Cassiem to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the George building collapse investigations by the Western Cape Government:

(a) What are the purposes of these investigations by his provincial government if the South African Police Services (SAPS) and the National Department of Employment and Labour are already conducting similar investigations and (b) what caused the investigations by the province to take long, similar to those of the SAPS and the Department of Labour?

(157)

3. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

What is the overview of usage patterns at (a) the 10 most used the e-centres in Cape Town and (b) what are the details of the most (i) used e-centres and (ii) accessed services?

(172)

Question standing over from Thursday, 24 April 2025, as agreed to by the House

4. Mr N Constable to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the Draft Western Cape Provincial Land Transport Framework:

(a) When will the public participation process commence, (b) in which regions will public participation take place, (c) what is the proposed programme and (d) what is the budget available for this process?

(132)

New questions:

4. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) How many projects have been allocated to Communicare for social housing and (b) (i) how many of these are still being finalised and (ii) why these projects are not finalised?

(158)

5. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) (i) How many curator and mentor principals have been appointed and (ii) what is the budget cost for these appointments and (b) what is the timeline of his Department to appoint permanent principals where curator and mentor principals are deployed?

(159)

6. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With reference to the News24 article published on 16 April 2025 regarding the abandoned foetus and the access to safe abortion services:

(1) Whether there are any reports detailing instances where healthcare practitioners in abortion clinics have chastised or discouraged women from obtaining an abortion; if so, how many;

- (2) whether any reports have been made of women facing obstetric violence within these clinics; if so, what safeguards are in place to ensure that women seeking abortions in these clinics feel safe and free from judgment?

(161)

7. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms B M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

With reference to the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999) and in particular the Minister's and the provincial Treasury's legislative obligations in terms thereof:

- (1) Whether the provincial budget tabled in March 2024 was compliant with Section 27(3)(b) of the PFMA with respect to the estimates of current expenditure for the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) vote in respect of Cost of Employment; if not, why not;
- (2) given the provincial Treasury's legal duty under Section 18(1) of the PFMA, how did a multi-billion-rand gap in the WCED's Cost of Employment emerge within just four months;
- (3) whether she has initiated any formal inquiry or investigation to determine whether the Education Department's accounting officer committed financial misconduct in the light of the R3,8 billion shortfall, as required by Section 81(1)(a) of the PFMA; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(162)

8. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With reference to the recent shooting and killing of a witness in the Wynberg Court:

- (1) Whether the safety of witnesses is assured when appearing in court; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what steps are taken to prevent a recurrence of the shooting incident?

(163)

9. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

What is the prevalence of tuberculosis in the Western Cape in relation to the statistics for (a) adult cases and (b) childhood cases?

(164)

10. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In respect of violent crimes in and around Philippi and its spiralling effect on education in the areas:

What programmes is her Department implementing to ensure the safety of educators, learners and the broader society in Philippi?

(165)

11. Ms R Windvogel to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

In respect of the Exploratory Study of Elder Abuse in Cape Town Townships by Ikamva Labantu:

(a) What were the findings of this study and (b) what is his Department doing to address the reported abuse of elderly people in Cape Town?

(166)

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

Whether she is aware of any challenges at the Grabouw Clinic, including staff shortages and infrastructure-related challenges; if so, what is her Department doing to address these challenges?

(167)

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

(a) What steps have his Department and CapeNature taken to assist in combating the poaching of crayfish and abalone along the Western Cape coast and (b) what additional measures can be implemented in collaboration with other spheres of government to enhance these efforts?

(168)

14. Mr D W Bryant to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister Finance:

(a) Which municipalities in the Western Cape have outstanding Eskom debt and (b) what steps is her Department taking to ensure that this debt is paid?

(169)

15. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by the three local spheres of government:

- (1) How will the signed agreement help with policing in rural communities;
- (2) whether similar MOUs are envisaged in rural municipalities in the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

(170)

16. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the backlog at the SAPS Forensic Science Laboratory:

(a) How does the backlog affect active cases and (b) what steps is her Department taking to hold the South African Police Service to account to ensure a decrease in the backlog?

(171)