

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

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

THURSDAY, 14 APRIL 2022

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

With reference to the 11 085 schoolgoing girls between the ages of 10 and 19 who gave birth in public facilities in 2021:

How many of these learners have returned to school in 2022?

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2. Mr F C Christians to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

Whether Western Cape community clinics in Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha and Nyanga are being considered for closure; if so, (a) what are the reasons for the proposed closures and (b) how will the proposed closures benefit the communities?

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3. Mr S N August to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the former Minister of Community Safety, Albert Fritz:

(1) (a) When did the former Minister withdraw the Head of Department's delegated authority to appoint persons in the employ of the Department of Community Safety, (b) to whom did the former Minister delegate the authority to appoint persons in the employ of the Department of Community Safety, (c) what role did the former Minister's Head of Ministry play in the appointment of persons in the employ of the Department of Community Safety and (d) what role did the Department of the Premier play in the amended delegations;

(2) whether the authority to employ persons in the Department of Social Development, during the period in which the former Minister was the Minister of Social Development, was delegated to the Head of the Department of Social Development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) whether any other Minister withdrew or withheld delegations from any other Head of Department to appoint persons in the employ of their departments; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) why was this allowed;
- (4) why did the Premier permit a Minister to withdraw these delegations;
- (5) whether he has initiated an investigation into the role of any employees in the Department of Social Development in regard to the allegations of sexual misconduct against the former Minister while he was Minister of Social Development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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4. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

With respect to the Plattekloof Forensic Science Laboratory's commitments to improve the maintenance of its equipment:

- (1) Whether the necessary maintenance plans are in place to meet this commitment; if so, how long would these contracts take;
- (2) (a) what DNA processing equipment has been bought and (b) what is the total value thereof?

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5. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) How are station-level resources calculated based on a station headed by a (a) brigadier, (b) colonel and (c) captain;
- (2) (a) how many (i) detectives and (ii) vehicles are there at every station in the province and (b) what is the average number of vehicles not in working order?

(210)

6. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to the latest National Green Drop Report:

- (1) (a) What are the criteria against which scores are calculated, (b) which five local governments in the province performed best and (c) which were ranked last, according to this report;
- (2) (a) which municipalities' water systems are viewed to be at risk due to poor waste management and (b) what support has his Department in the past rendered to local governments across the board to assist them to (i) lessen the risk of water scarcity and (ii) improve on their scores;
- (3) what support did municipalities in the province receive from the national Department of Water and Sanitation in order to address water scarcity risks and to improve their scores against the Green Drop criteria?

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7. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to the latest National Green Drop Report:

(a) What were the technical issues with the fourth water waste system of the Witzenberg Municipality that resulted in it not receiving the 3D certification and (b) what are the plans to ensure that this poor-performing water waste system of the Witzenberg Municipality performs better during future assessments?

(212)

8. Ms L J Botha to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Regarding the meeting that took place between the George Municipality and its Electro-technical Services Committee on 5 April 2022 where the Committee revealed that a total of 1 085 illegal electricity connections were removed in the month of February alone:

(1) (a) What did the 1 085 illegal connections cost the Municipality in rand and (b) which other municipalities in the province currently have programmes in place to cut illegal electricity connections;

(2) whether there are plans in place to provide alternative power sources to the informal settlements; if so, what are these plans?

(213)

9. Ms L J Botha to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

In reference to the planned government “refresh”:

(1) (a) When is the deadline for this restructuring to be completed and (b) how much money is projected to be saved due to increased efficiency in government structuring in the first five years after the refresh is completed;

(2) whether a feasibility study has been conducted to ensure the refresh does not have unintended negative consequences for effective governance; if so, (a) who was responsible for this study and (b) what were the findings?

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10. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In reference to the Airports Company of South Africa stating that air travel into the country is steadily recovering to pre-pandemic levels:

(a) What steps is his Department taking to ensure SMMEs in tourism-focused sectors are well-positioned to take advantage of this influx in relation to job creation;

(b) whether his Department is receiving support from any national government departments; if so, what are the details of this support;

(c) how much money is being allocated to programmes specifically aimed at helping SMMEs create sustainable jobs to match the recovery in international and domestic tourism to the Western Cape?

(215)

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

In relation to public–private partnerships in the Department of Human Settlements:

(a) How many public–private partnerships has the Department entered into, (b) what is the monetary value of each partnership entered into, (c) what are the specific terms and conditions for entering into a public–private partnership, (d) what challenges have been identified by his Department for entering into public–private partnerships and (e) how are these challenges being addressed?

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

In relation to the deeds office backlog preventing the transfer of title deeds to beneficiaries:

Whether his Department is taking innovative steps to deal with the title deeds backlog in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of these steps?

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13. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the South African Police Service’s investigation of CAS100/02/2022:

(a) What is the current status of the investigation and (b) when is the investigation expected to be concluded?

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14. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to police training:

(1) (a) What sort of training do police officers receive with regard to the taking statements from the public and (b) how often is this training done;

(2) whether the training is being done in their mother tongue; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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15. Mr M Kama to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the establishment of K9 units in the province:

(1) (a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of these units that have been established, (b) what criteria are used to identify municipalities where these units are deployed, (c) how many are deployed in the entry points, such as the Southern Cape, Beaufort West and Laingsburg, (d) what is the number of K9 dogs that are deployed in each municipality and (e) what is the (i) total cost for each unit, (ii) price per dog and (ii) other related expenditure to maintain the wellbeing and training of K9 dogs;

(2) whether the K9 dogs in all municipalities are owned by government; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether K9 dogs are rented from private service providers; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what is the rental cost per dog and (c) what are the reasons for renting the dogs?

(220)

16. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the Grootkraal UCC Primary School's court case against her Department:

- (1) (a) What were the details and judgment in the case, (b) what are her Department's plans to develop and renovate the school and (c)(i) what is the status of the School Governing Body, (ii) who are its members and (iii) when they were elected;
- (2) whether there are any current and/or pending disciplinary actions against (a) teachers, (b) SMT members or (c) the principal; if so, (i) what are the relevant details, (ii) what are the specific transgressions under investigation, (iii) when did the investigation start and (iv) what was the complaint?

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17. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the Grootkraal UCC Primary School:

- (a) what type of transport is being rendered to the learners at the school, (b) what is the rationale for the decision to change (i) the service provider for learner transport and (ii) the route and (c) how many learners have been negatively affected by this change?

(222)

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

- (1) Whether her Department supports the decision to allow supporters back into stadiums; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the envisaged benefits of this;
- (2) whether she has had any engagements with the provincial Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport to manage the spread of COVID-19 in these sporting events; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the meetings held and (c) what are the details of the plans to manage the spread?

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19. Mr M Kama to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

- (1) Whether the Province has a transversal Youth Development Policy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Province has a transversal Youth Development Strategy; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) can a copy of the strategy be made available and (c) how does the strategy address social pathologies, such as drug and substance abuse, violent crime and gangsterism?

(224)

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

- (1) Whether her Department has conducted any investigation into financial irregularities and/or maladministration and malfeasance at the Heatherlands High School; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b)(i) when was the investigation instituted, (ii) what are the reasons for it, (iii) what were the findings and recommendations and (iv) can a copy of the investigative report be made available;
- (2) whether there are any government officials, political office-bearers, as well as officials in the Education District, who were implicated in any wrongdoing during

the investigation of financial irregularities and/or maladministration at the Heatherlands High School, if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) whether schools are allowed to have financial reserves; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the Heatherlands High School has had any financial reserves in the past; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) where were these reserves kept, (c) what are the details of the trust fund where these reserves were kept and (d) what are the details of the trustees?

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

With regard to the Heatherlands High School:

- (1) (a) What are the details and condition of the (i) assets, (ii) tractors, (iii) ploughs and (iv) trucks that belong to the school and (b) what happened to the cash reserves of the school;
- (2) what (a) is the number and (b) are the details of the staff members who worked at the school;
- (3) whether the daughter of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, worked at the school, as well as at another school called Carpe Diem; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what are her qualifications and (c) why was she dismissed;
- (4) whether the son-in-law of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, is the Principal at the Olympia Skills School; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (a) What are the details of all investigations into financial irregularities and maladministration that have been instituted against schools in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date and (b) can copies of such investigations and findings be made available?

(227)

23. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) (a) Which pockets of land and/or housing projects are earmarked to benefit residents of temporary relocation areas (TRA) and (b) how much is made available in the 2022 MTEF;
- (2) (a) what progress has been made with the Airport Precinct Housing Project, (b) what is the project specifications, (c) what is the total breakdown of the expenditure and expenditure items and (d) when is the first residents expected to move in?

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24. Mr M Kama to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) (a) What is the number of GBV cases that were monitored by Court Watching Brief Programme in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date and (b) of these, (i) how many were dismissed and thrown out of court and (ii) how many were reinstated and successfully concluded because of the intervention of the programme;
- (2) (a) what is the number of staff members who are employed in the Court Watching Brief Programme and (b) what are their (i) qualifications and (ii) salary ranges;
- (3) what is the number of Court Watching Brief Programme personnel designated to monitor GBV and femicide cases?

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

- (a) How many private functions have taken place at his residence in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date, (b) what are the details of these functions and (c) what are the names of the hosting organisations?

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26. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

Whether the Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE) has in its possession the up-to-date integrated transport plans (ITPs) of municipalities; if so, can a copy be made available of the ITP of the (a) City of Cape Town, (b) Garden Route and (c) Cape Winelands with direct reference to the parts or sections that the PRE utilises for its decisions on operating licence applications?

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

With reference to her reply to question 10 of 18 March 2022:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of (i) COVID-19 posts and (ii) non-COVID-19 posts that were created between 2020 and 2022 in her Department and (b) what was the total expenditure;
- (2) whether any of these persons were and/or are currently employed through agencies; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the number of staff members who are employed through agencies, (b) what (i) are the details of the agencies used and (ii) is the number of staff members allocated per agency and (c) what is the total cost breakdown per staff member and agency?

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

With reference to her reply to question 10 of 18 March 2022:

With regard to staff members who were re-employed in her Department, (a) what is the nature of the contracts, (b) in which facilities are they employed, (c) what is the (i) total cost and (ii) breakdown per post, (d)(i) how many are permanently employed to fill funded vacant posts and (ii) at which facilities and (e) how many are employed through agencies?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 3 May 2022. 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.