

**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, 9 APRIL 2021

1. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to the COVID-19 Business Relief Fund launched in the 2020/21 financial year:

(a) How many (i) small, (ii) medium and (iii) micro enterprises (SMMEs) did the fund support in Mitchells Plain in the 2020/21 financial year, (b) which businesses received funding and (c) how much funding did each business receive?

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2. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the school gardens in the Western Cape, which is a part of the National School Nutrition Programme:

(a) How many organisations in Mitchells Plain benefited from the project in the 2020/21 financial year, (b) which schools benefited from this project, (c) what is the process for schools when applying for this project and (d) what criteria do schools need to meet in order to benefit from this project?

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3. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With regard to the culture and heritage in the Western Cape:

(1) Whether there are any plans to build more museums in townships in the foreseeable future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether there are any strategies in place to preserve the food history and the recording of traditional recipes of the people of the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) whether there are any plans to launch the oral history initiative in (a) Mitchells Plain and (b) Khayelitsha; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there have been any audits done on the monitoring and evaluation of the use of the three official languages of the Western Cape in the last three years; if not, why not; if so, what have been the outcomes?

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

- (1) (a) What is the total expenditure of his Department's Expanded Public Partnership (EPP), (b) how many community policing forums (CPFs) (i) participated and (ii) received funding, (c) what (i) is the breakdown of these CPFs and (ii) amount each CPF received in the 2020/21 financial year, (d)(i) what are the details of the CPFs that do not participate in the EPP, (ii) what are the reasons for this and (e) what measures have been taken by his Department to improve relations between the CPFs and his Department;
- (2) whether the Department can provide a breakdown of its expenditure on EPPs between the 2018/19 and 2020/21 financial year, including details of how much each CPF received?

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5. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to allegations of sexual harassment against the Traffic Chief, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, and his Department's decision not to suspend him pending the investigation:

- (1) (a) What applicable legal prescripts guide the work of the provincial government to suspend senior employees for allegations of sexual misconduct and (b) how were they applied in this case;
- (2) whether this person has been charged by a court of law in 2020; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what remedial action did his Department take;

With regard to the Department's commitment to appoint an independent panel to investigate the allegations:

- (3) (a) what is the status of that investigation and (b) how much has been spent on it to date;
- (4) whether the victim has not been to work since September 2020 due to health reasons; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) when last did she report for duty, (c) what is her state of health and mind, (d) what support has been given to her and (e) what protection has been given to her and with regard to her job security?

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

With regard to a media report (IOL) on 9 March 2021 regarding the retirement of the Principal of the Grove Primary School:

- (1) Whether she can provide an update regarding the South African Council of Educators (SACE) disciplinary hearing that was scheduled for 25 March 2020; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether she can provide reasons why her Department did not inform the SACE of the findings against the Principal of the Grove Primary School after her Department's disciplinary process had been concluded;
- (3) whether her Department recommended a full forensic investigation into the financial affairs of the school and the suspension of the Principal with pay pending that investigation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) how did her Department arrive at the amount of money that was to be recovered from the Principal, as mentioned in summons 16290/2019 at Wynberg Magistrate's Court;

Given that the amounts related to the summons do not account for the illegal off-budget amounts paid to the Principal in 2016 or 2017, which compounded in subsequent years, as the correction was never made to the actual budget-approved increase in 2017:

- (5) whether she can provide an explanation for this oversight in calculating the correct amount that was illegally paid to and received by the Principal of the Grove Primary School; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) whether this oversight will be corrected and a proper forensic investigation be conducted to determine the depth of the Principal's illegal and possibly fraudulent conduct; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (7) whether she and her Department will support the SACE case against the Principal for financial mismanagement; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (8) whether she can provide an update regarding the instruction to the State Attorney to recover the funds; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether she can provide details on the sudden resignation of the Principal of the Greenfields Girls' Primary School; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she can provide details of the complaint against the Principal of the Greenfields Girls' Primary School that the Principal is alleged to have acted inappropriately towards girls; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she can provide clarity on how this educator was vetted before being employed by her Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether she can provide clarity on how this educator was vetted and cleared before being appointed as the Principal of the Greenfields Girls' Primary School; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether the South African Council of Educators (SACE) has been notified of the allegations to prevent this educator from having access to vulnerable learners, particularly young girls, in the future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) whether her Department will (i) pursue and continue to investigate the complaint even though the Principal has resigned and (ii) report the matter to the relevant authorities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details and time frames?

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

With respect to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that has been signed between his Department and the Passenger Rail Association of South Africa (Prasa):

(a) What challenges have been successfully mitigated, (b) what working objectives have been set and (c) what are the details, including time frames if available, for their realisation?

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

With reference to the reply to question 15 and question 16 published in the Question Paper for Written Reply dated 2 October 2020:

- (1) Whether Prasa has submitted any of the information that was requested by his Department relating to the following; if so, what are the relevant details regarding significant vandalism and theft during the COVID-19 lockdown period;
- (2) whether an audit or survey has been done to ascertain the implications for restoring rail services after the COVID-19 lockdown period; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether an audit or survey has been done to determine the total kilometer of rail that (a) currently is not in use in the province, (b) is not in use in the province as a result of vandalism or theft and (c) cannot be accessed in the province due to the illegal occupation of land; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) how many of the train stations and train sets in the province are (a) operational and (b) non-operational?

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

On 31 March 2021 the Public Protector issued a report that found that the Minister of Transport and Public Works, Minister B S Madikizela, breached the Executive Ethics Code. According to media reports, attributed to the Premier's spokesperson, Minister Madikizela "rejected the legality of the complaint and is seeking legal advice":

- (1) What is the Western Cape Government's policy on the provision of legal advice or services by the provincial Legal Services Branch to members of the provincial executive;
- (2) whether there is a policy or legislation that determines this; if so, (a)(i) when was it adopted or approved and (ii) by whom and (b) can a copy be made available;
- (3) whether Minister Madikizela has requested or applied for legal advice or services from the state and/or the provincial Legal Services Branch in relation to this report from the Public Protector; if so,
- (4) whether the provincial government will be providing or paying for such legal advice or services; if so, (a) what is the basis for providing legal advice or services in this instance and (b) what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) (a) What is the number of instances in which he and his Department have been taken to court, (b) what are the details of the (i) disputes, (ii) judgments and (iii) costs to the Department associated with cases in (aa) 2014, (bb) 2015, (cc) 2016, (dd) 2017, (ee) 2018, (ff) 2019, (gg) 2020 and (hh) 2021 to date;
- (2) whether there are any pending cases before the courts that his Department is involved in; if so, what are the relevant details?

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12. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to media reports (IOL) on 2 April 2021 about the discovery of a 17-year-old girl's body near a farm in Groot Drakenstein in Paarl:

- (1) What is the number of deaths that have been recorded of learners walking to and from school in the province in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021;
- (2) whether children walking for 5 km to a learner transport pick-up point and/or to school poses a risk to their lives; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what measures have been put in place to improve the safety of learners who walk to school or to bus pick-up points, particularly in rural communities?

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13. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the claim of the Western Cape Commissioner for Children, Christina Nomdo, that "I heard today of children who walk 5 km to learner transport pick-up points":

- (1) Whether her Department knows how many children walk 5 km to learner transport pick-up points; if so, what are the relevant details; if not;
- (2) whether her Department will investigate to determine the number; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the Department will consider some innovative and cost-effective measures to assist the learners who walk 5 km to learner transport pick-up points and/or to schools in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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14. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

- (1) (a) What are the details of transfers to municipalities for the building and renovation of sports facilities that have been made by her Department in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of the expenditure for each transfer;
- (2) what is the state of sports facilities in the province, including a detailed breakdown per municipality of the condition of each facility in the municipal area;
- (3) whether there are any sports facilities that have been rezoned for a different purpose in the province in the last eight years?

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

With regard to unplaced learners in the province:

(a) What is the number of learners who had not been placed in schools at the end of each quarter of academic year in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date and (b) what (i) are the details of hotspot areas for unplaced learners, (ii) is the breakdown per grade and (iii) is the breakdown according to the (aa) race and (bb) gender of learners?

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

Whether his Department has paid and/or made any transfers of funds to municipalities for the payment of security contracts for housing projects in (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, (d) 2017, (e) 2018, (f) 2019, (g) 2020 and (h) 2021 to date; if so, what (i) are the relevant details, (ii) is the detailed breakdown of the expenditure per municipality and (iii) are the details of the companies that benefited?

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

With regard to human-settlements-related expenditure by his Department and municipalities between 2014/15 and 2020/21:

Whether he can give a breakdown of the expenditure by his Department and municipalities in (a) 2014/15, (b) 2015/16, (c) 2016/17, (d) 2017/18, (e) 2018/19, (f) 2019/20 and (g) 2020/21, including details of (i) SMMEs and emerging contractors and (ii) big companies that benefited in each of the projects, including the amounts benefited by each; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether her Department tested and/or screened travellers who entered the province during the Easter holiday; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the details of operations that her Department held to contain the spread of COVID-19 during Easter holidays?

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

With regard to Western Cape travellers that visited other provinces:

- (1) (a) What is the number of Western Cape travellers who visited other provinces during the Easter holiday, (b) what is the number of travellers from other provinces who visited the Western Cape during the Easter holiday and (c) what are the details of operations that his Department held during the Easter holiday;
- (2) whether travellers entering and/or leaving the province were screened or tested; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to allegations that a councillor at the Swellendam Municipality, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, who serves on the Executive Mayoral Committee, is running a private business without having completed a declaration of financial interest:

Whether his Department has conducted an investigation into these allegations; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) remedial action has been taken?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 23 April 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.