

**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, 16 APRIL 2021

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

With regard to mass participation, opportunity and access, development and growth (MOD) centres in Mitchells Plain:

- (1) Whether the MOD centres are currently operational; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the number of centres that are operational;
- (2) how many learners participated in MOD centre activities in (a) 2019 and (b) 2020;
- (3) whether the centres have been able to retain the services of the coaching staff during the lockdown period; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) which facilities have been able to continue to pay their coaching staff?

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

With regard to mental-health facilities and support for learners and staff at schools in Mitchells Plain:

- (1) Whether all the schools in Mitchells Plain have access to mental-health support in the form of counsellors, social workers and/or psychologists; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether (a) learners and (b) teachers have access to this support; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what other interventions have been implemented to support the mental health of (a) learners and (b) teachers?

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3. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

(a) How many family violence, child protection and sexual offences (FCS) units are there in the province, (b) how many of these units are closed, (c) what is the reason for the closure of each of these units and (d) where are they located?

(200)

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

(a) What is the total number of SAPS members in the province who have transgressed the policy on the use of official vehicles in contravention of the South African Police Service Discipline Regulations in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20 and (iii) 2020/21 financial years up to the latest date for which information available, (b) what was the nature of the transgression in each case and (c) what action was taken against these members in each case?

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

With reference to prosecutions in the province:

How many cases were (a) lodged, (b) brought to court and (c) successfully prosecuted in the province in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19, (iv) 2019/20 and (v) 2020/21 financial years up to the latest date for which information available?

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

(1) Whether he and his Department supported wine farmers in the province in order to mitigate the losses suffered because of COVID-19 regulations; if so, in what respects were the wine industry supported;

(2) whether he and his Department are aware of any initiatives or special support programmes undertaken by the national Department of Agriculture, or any other national departments, in order to mitigate the damage to the wine industry by the ban on transport, sales, and so forth, due to COVID-19 regulations; if so, what are the relevant details?

(203)

7. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

During January 2020, the City of Cape Town's Council dealt with the Immovable Property Adjudication Committee item IPAC 18/11/2020 regarding the proposed transfer by way of long-term lease of a portion of remainder erf 99939, Cape Town, known as the Cape Town market (Cape Town Market (Pty) Ltd). In terms of paragraph 5.3.5: Black economic empowerment:

(a) How has the operators of the Buitemark been accommodated inside the Epping precinct, (b) what action will be taken to move the operators from the road reserve and (c) who are the recipients of the 50,1% shareholding as recorded in the report?

(204)

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

The community of Hanover Park has been requesting assistance from your office and the provincial government to implement a special skills development programme in the community for over two years:

- (1) Whether his government is committed to skills development interventions for young people in communities such as Hanover Park; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) which provincial department is responsible for the project that was intended to be implemented in Hanover Park, (b) what has happened to this skills development programme and (c) was it (i) cancelled or downscaled and (ii) what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether a community such as Hanover Park needs to implement more skills development programmes; if so, (a) how will this happen, (b) what is the nature of the skills development programme intervention and (c)(i) where else in the province has it been implemented and (ii) what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there is a connection between the special skills development programme, the Hanover Park Safety Blitz Project and the deployment of LEAP officers to Hanover Park; if not,
- (5) whether these are separate interventions; if so, (a) how are they being coordinated, (b) when were they implemented and (c) what are the proposed outcomes?

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

(a) How many community food gardens were supported by his Department during the past financial year, (b) what support is offered by the Department to establish and to ensure the continued existence of community food gardens, (c) what is the average cost for his Department to establish a community food garden, (d)(i) what methods are used to utilise water from sources other than potable water and (ii) how cost-effective are these methods and (d) what are the major factors that determine the continued existence of community food gardens?

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10. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With reference to requests received by my office from community members of Hanover Park who allege that they are unable to get satisfactory responses to their questions from the ward councillor (the question is posed in terms of section 152 of the Constitution):

- (1) Whether the following projects have been implemented: (a) Urban Agriculture Equipment (CPX.0018279-F1), (b) Hanover Park Civic – Sports and Recreation Equipment (WPX.0012284), (c) Youth Entrepreneur Programme (WPX.0012284) (d) Multi-activity Market (WPX.0011549) and (e) Life Count Programme (WPX.0012722); if so, (i) what are the details of the projects, (ii) where have these projects been implemented and (iii) which organisations have been identified to roll out or implement the programmes or projects;
- (2) whether the organisations in 1(iii) above are compliant with all procurement and legislative obligations; if so, what are the relevant details?

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11. Ms M M Wenger to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

What is the status of (a) CAS 154/08/2020 Kirstenhof and (b) CAS 143/10/2020 Kirstenhof?

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

- (1) What formal training programmes and/or courses does his Department plan to offer to prospective students from January 2022 onwards;
- (2) whether his Department has been accredited to offer these training programmes or is the Department still in the process of applying for accreditation to offer these programmes; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what is the minimum duration of the training programmes and (b) which quality assurance body or bodies would be issuing the certificates to students;
- (4) whether his Department experienced delays in the issuing of certificates by any quality assurance body or bodies for training that concluded up to December 2020; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what is the number of students who were affected and (c) what has been the duration since the last assessments?

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

- (1) (a) What steps are being undertaken to address the presence of bacterial wilt of potatoes caused by the *Ralstonia solanacearum* bacterium in South Africa, (b) what is the latest position of potato farmers who exercise quarantine measures in order to control the presence and spread of bacterial wilt and (c) under what circumstances do they qualify for financial compensation for assisting in the control of bacterial wilt;
- (2) whether farmers in the province have received any compensation in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With respect to the proposition of a single transport authority in the province, as stated in the Premier's most recent State of the Province Address:

- (1) Whether preliminary discussions have begun with respect to its establishment; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) when does his Department envisage the authority coming into effect, (b) what would be the preferred objectives of such an authority and (c) what is the time frame for the development of this authority?

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

With reference to the grants that the Department provides to Western Cape district municipalities:

(a) What is the return on investment for the infrastructure projects that are funded by the aforementioned grants to the municipalities, (b) what support does his Department provide to municipalities for such projects, (c) how is the benefit of such grants assessed and (d) what monitoring and evaluation does his Department provide in this regard?

(212)

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

In light of the ongoing acts of vandalism and theft of municipal infrastructure in the province, particularly in the City of Cape Town:

- (1) What collaboration exists between his Department and the municipalities in the Western Cape to prevent and/or address the aforementioned concerns;
- (2) whether his Department monitors acts of vandalism and theft in municipalities; if so, what are the trends recorded in this regard;
- (3) whether his Department has engaged with the national government for support in countering vandalism and theft at municipal level; if so, what are the relevant details?

(213)

17. Ms L J Botha to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to various news reports concerning the high number of unplaced learners who still have to be placed for the 2021 academic year – approximately 5 900 as last reported by the Minister in the House:

- (1) (a) What method or methods has her Department used to accommodate the high number of unplaced learners since the start of the year, (b) what is the current best practice to place learners speedily and (c) what challenges does her Department face in this regard;
- (2) with reference to the majority of unplaced learners in Grade 8, whether her Department is aware of the underlying causal factors; if so, (a) what are they and (b) how are they being addressed;
- (3) what support does her Department receive annually from the national Department of Basic Education with the placement of learners?

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

With reference to this claim in her 2021 Western Cape Education budget speech: “Now that we have data from the annual SNAP Survey to indicate the exact areas of growth and demand, our Head of Department has recently approved 342 additional teaching posts in areas where the demand for places is growing quickly. This is in addition to the 429 posts added in 2020.”:

- (1) What is the detailed breakdown of the annual SNAP Survey, including (a) the breakdown of learner population growth per education district in the (i) 2019 and (ii) 2020 academic year and (b) the details of class sizes per quintiles;
- (2) (a) what is the detailed breakdown of the allocation of additional teaching posts per school in the (i) 2019, (ii) 2020 and (iii) 2021 academic years and (b) what criteria were used for determining this allocation?

(215)

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

- (1) Whether the following persons, whose names have been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, have applied for housing subsidies in the Witzenberg Local Municipality in the period 1991 to 2017; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether subsidies were approved; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to public transport sector subsidies for buses, trains and minibus taxis:

What are the details of the subsidies that the government has paid for commuters using (a) buses, (b) trains and (c) minibus taxis in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 in each municipality in the province?

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21. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (a) How much did his Department allocate for transport infrastructure development in each municipality in the province in (i) 2014/15, (ii) 2015/16, (iii) 2016/17, (iv) 2017/18, (v) 2019/20, (vi) 2020/21 and (vii) 2021/22, (b) what are the primary modes of transport in each rural region and municipality in the province and (c)(i) what are the detailed plans and programmes that have been put in place to improve public transportation in the rural areas in the province and (ii) what is the budget allocation linked to these programmes?

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22. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to elderly persons, disabled persons and children, and child-headed households that have applied for houses in municipalities:

- (1) Whether reports have been brought to his attention that many child-headed households, disabled persons and elderly people who have applied for housing in the Witzenberg Local Municipality have been on the waiting list for over a decade; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what is the number and details of the (i) elderly, (ii) disabled persons and children and (iii) child-headed households that have applied for housing subsidies in the Witzenberg Local Municipality and (b) what are the details and updates of each application;
- (3) what programmes are in place in his Department to assist the elderly, the disabled and child-headed households to receive houses in the province?

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