

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST 2025

1. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the reply to question 11 of 27 June 2025:

- (1) In terms of the “Application for consolidation, rezoning and permanent departures, erven: 35172–35174 Milnerton” submitted to the City of Cape Town for the erven in Racing Park, whether the application has been approved for (a) consolidation, (b) the rezoning for General Residential 4, (c) the site development plan and (d) the building line departures; if not, what is the current status of the application; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the original intention to build three-storey blocks of residential flats, measuring approximately 21 m² each, with a total yield of 246 temporary relocation area (TRA) units, still remains; if not, (a) why not and (b) what is the current proposed use of the erven acquired in Racing Park; if so, what progress has been made on the application erven;
- (3) (a) what number of the residents in the Siyahlala Informal Settlement has been relocated and (b) to where have they been relocated;
- (4) whether the Racing Park erven have been used for any housing development; if not, what is the current use of the land;
- (5) in 2020, during COVID-19, the Siyahlala Informal Settlement was identified – as one of the 29 informal settlements nationally – for priority dedensification, whether this informal settlement is still regarded as a priority; if so, how is it being implemented?

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2. Mr G P Marais to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

What active measures does his Department have in place to give the general public the assurance that all old-age facilities are (a) actively monitored and (b) regularly inspected to prevent the risk of the abuse of older persons by anyone, including staff, at these facilities?

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3. Mr P Johnson to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

- (1) (a)(i) Which municipalities in the province currently maintain an official indigent register and (ii) when was the most recent update or verification conducted in each case, (b)(i) how frequently are municipal indigent registers required or expected to be reviewed or verified and (ii) what standards or guidelines does the Province use to assess their accuracy and (c)(i) how many registered indigent households were reported in all municipalities in the 2023/24 financial year and (ii) how does this compare with the prior year;
- (2) to what extent do outdated or incomplete indigent registers affect the calculation of the equitable share allocation to municipalities;
- (3) whether his Department has identified any instances where municipalities may have received reduced allocations as a result of outdated or incomplete indigent registers; if so, what are the relevant details?

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4. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) What is the latest update on the placement of (i) Grade 1 and (ii) Grade 8 learners who have applied online for the 2026 academic year, but who have not yet been placed, (b) what is the number of unplaced learners, with a breakdown per education district, (c) what are the current processes and timelines in place to ensure these learners are placed before the start of the school year, (d) what support mechanisms are being offered to parents during this period and (e) how is his Department addressing capacity constraints in high-demand areas?

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5. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

- (1) (a) What is the (i) mandate and (ii) primary purpose of the Road Safety Ambassador Programme, (b) how many road safety ambassadors have been deployed by his Department in the 2025/26 financial year, (c)(i) in which areas, towns or regions have road safety ambassadors been deployed, (ii) what criteria were used to determine these deployment locations and (iii) what is the breakdown of the number of road safety ambassadors per area, town or region, (d) what measurable impact has the programme had on reducing road-related incidents, particularly those involving pedestrians and minibuses, (e) what specific campaigns, outreach efforts or educational initiatives have road safety ambassadors undertaken to promote safe road behaviour, especially among the youth and public transport users, (f)(i) how does his Department monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Road Safety Ambassador Programme and (ii) what, if any, are the key performance indicators or outcomes used and (g) what is the total budget allocated for the Road Safety Ambassador Programme in the 2025/26 financial year;

- (2) whether the road safety ambassadors are compensated for their work; if so, what is the (a) nature of the compensation and (b) amount of this remuneration?

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6. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

In terms of social workers in his Department:

- (a) What is the (i) current staff complement and (ii) social worker-to-client ratio in the province, (b) what is the vacancy rate for social workers, (c) what is the allocated budget for social workers for the 2025/26 financial year, (d) what progress has been made in classifying social workers as essential workers and (e) in what way has the rollout of the SWIMS application supported social workers in the field and demonstrated its effectiveness?

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

For each of the Western Cape's SAPS precincts:

- (a) How many SAPS detectives are operational, (b) what is the detective vacancy, (c) what is the caseload per detective and (d) what is the detectives' rate of detection?

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8. Mr F Kamfer to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

In respect of the Department's statement issued on 31 July 2025 regarding his decision to appoint an independent auditor to assist the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis:

- (1) (a)(i) What factors were discussed at the meeting with the board on 31 July 2025 that have motivated the decision and (ii) what is the rationale for this decision, (b) what role will the current board play in the (i) process and (ii) day-to-day running of the institution, (c)(i) what is the time frame for the independent auditor's assignment and (ii) what is the detailed scope of the work and (d) when will the annual general meeting be held;
- (2) (a) what is being done to hold those implicated in complaints and reported incidents of abuse accountable, (b) why were his Department's recommendations not implemented, (c) why have the current board and staff members who have been accused of atrocious acts against the elderly not been dismissed and (d)(i) what role will community members and activists play in this process and (ii) to what degree will community members and activists be involved?

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9. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In respect of the recent murder of a female motorist along the R300 highway:

- (1) (a) What is the number of motorists who have been attacked and/or murdered along highways from 2019 to 2025 to date, (b) what specific measures are in place to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians along highways, particularly at night, (c)(i) what is the current status of the investigation into the murder of the female motorist on the R300 and (ii) what leads are being pursued;

- (2) whether the CCTV camera near the crime scene was operational at the time of the incident; if not, what were the reasons for its malfunction;
- (3) (a) how many CCTV cameras are currently installed along major highways, including the R300, (b) which entity (government, private or PPP) owns and maintains these cameras, (c) how many of these cameras are (i) fully functional and (ii) non-operational as at the latest assessment and (d)(i) how often do these CCTV cameras experience breakdowns, (ii) what are the common causes of these failures, (iii) what is the average time needed to repair malfunctioning cameras and (iv) what steps are being taken to improve response times?

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10. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

- (a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the investigations undertaken by the Provincial Forensic Services Unit from 2019 to 2025 to date, (b)(i) what are the specific allegations under investigation and (ii) which departments are involved, (c) what (i) is the number of the investigations that have been concluded and (ii) were their outcomes, (d)(i) how many cases have been closed without an investigation and (ii) what are the reasons therefor, (e)(i) how many open cases are there currently and (ii) what is the progress update on them and (f) what (i) is the number of delayed cases and (ii) are the reasons for these delays?

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11. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In respect of safety initiatives in Philippi and Nyanga:

- (1) (a) What is the detailed breakdown of the 17 priority crimes, particularly sexual offences and murders, committed between January and August 2025, (b)(i) what is the total number of CCTV cameras that have been installed in these areas and (ii) how many of these cameras are broken or non-functional and (c) how many neighbourhood watches (NHWs) are registered and accredited in (i) Philippi and (ii) Nyanga;
- (2) whether all the NHWs received any form of support from her Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there are any NHWs in these areas that are not accredited; if so, what are the relevant details?

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12. Mr M K Sayed to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) Whether the Stellenbosch Municipality has lease agreements of between 30 and 100 years on agricultural land; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) when were the lease agreements entered into;
- (2) (a) what are the details of all the lease agreements on agricultural land in (i) the Stellenbosch Municipality and (ii) other municipalities in the province and (b) what are the rental amounts per month for each lease?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 22 August 2025. 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.