

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Mr G P Marais to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In the light of the suspension of the national Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu, following allegations of corruption:

- (1) (a) What impact did this have on the existing collaboration between the City of Cape Town, the provincial government and the national Ministry and (b) what contingency plans are in place to ensure that cooperation continues uninterrupted among the three spheres of government;
- (2) whether there were any positive developments or achievements to date in the fight against crime following the initial inception of the MOU; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) (a) What is the number of (i) arrests made for the possession of illegal firearms and/or (ii) confiscations effected in the province from 2024 to 2025 to date and (b) what is the conviction rate for the possession of illegal firearms and ammunition in the province for the period 2024 to 2025 to date;
- (2) whether her Department and the SAPS have a targeted programme in place to reduce the circulation of illegal firearms and access to ammunition in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(a) What is the number of murders that have been recorded in the province in (i) 2024 and (ii) 2025 to date, (b) what is the detailed breakdown per SAPS police precinct, (c) what is the breakdown of mass-murder incidents (as defined by the SAPS) according to (i) date of incident, (ii) location, (iii) number of deaths, (iv) number of women killed and (v) number of children (persons under 18 years of age) killed?

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

With reference to the reply to questions 7 of 13 June 2025 that stated, “The Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness (WCDHW) has not received any official complaints about this practitioner”:

- (1) Given that there is email correspondence between an official from the ASD Inspectorate: Directorate Assurance, Department of Health and Wellness, Western Cape Government, and the South African Nursing Council (SANC) regarding complaints against this nursing practice dating back to September 2024; why did she respond that there had been no complaints about this practitioner;
- (2) the correspondence indicates that there were differing legal opinions between the Department and the SANC over whether the practice and practitioner in question were allowed to continue practicing and considering this, whether her Department has taken any actions to ensure the integrity of the provision of public health services to citizens; if not, why not; if so; which actions have been taken?

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5. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With reference to the Western Cape Government’s Year Beyond Programme:

- (a) How many young people have participated in this programme in the past three years,
- (b) what measurable outcomes have been achieved in terms of employment or further study opportunities for these participants and
- (c) how does his Department intend to expand or adapt this programme to strengthen its impact on youth development in the province?

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

- (a) What steps is CapeNature taking to work with the relevant authorities to prevent the poaching of the critically endangered *Clivia mirabilis* species and
- (b) how is his Department strengthening its capacity to protect biodiversity hotspots in the province from organised environmental crime?

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

- (1) (a) What steps has his Department taken to monitor and address incidents of illegal tyre dumping and burning in the province and
- (b) how many such incidents have been reported in the past 12 months, broken down by region;

- (2) with reference to the role of the Waste Management Bureau (WMB), (a) what coordination has taken place between his Department and the WMB to address failures in tyre collection and processing and (b) what feedback has the Department received regarding the employment of collectors in the province;
- (3) with reference to the reply question 6 of 4 April 2025, (a) what is the timeline for the establishment of the four new waste tyre depots and (b) how many jobs are expected to be created once these facilities are operational;
- (4) whether any assessments have been conducted on the environmental and health impact of illegal tyre burning and dumping in the province; if so, what were the key findings?

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8. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (a) How many violations of protection orders were recorded in the province during the period 2020 to 2025, (b) how many (i) resulted in arrests, (ii) led to prosecutions and (iii) culminated in convictions, (c) how many police stations in the province currently have fully operational victim support rooms as required under the Domestic Violence Act, 1998 (Act 116 of 1998), and (d) what systems or mechanisms does the SAPS currently have in place to track (i) applications for protection orders and (ii) violations of protection orders?

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

- (a) What concrete measures has his Department taken to strengthen the capacity of social workers and social auxiliary workers and (b) what partnerships has his Department entered into to ensure the safety and well-being of children in the province?

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

Regarding the SWIMS application:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of users of the application and (b) what tangible efficiency is seen with the use of the SWIMS application;
- (2) whether the rollout of the application has been extended to other departments; if so, what has the outcome been;
- (3) (a) what qualitative return on investment has this application provided and (b)(i) what is the long-term strategy for the use of the application and (ii) what is the timeline for the rollout of these strategy?

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

With the recent scourge in social worker attack:

- (a) What active steps is his Department taking to protect social workers from these attacks, (b) what additional costs has his Department incurred in order to protect staff and (c)(i) what update does his Department have regarding the classification of these attacks

as crimes against the state, (ii) what impact will this have on the overall roles and responsibilities of social workers and (iii) how will it affect the residents they serve?

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12. Mr T C R Walters to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

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(a) How does he see the Ceasefire programme previously piloted in Cape Town being transversally implemented in the province, (b) which departments are involved in its implementation, (c) which Municipalities are involved and (d) what national departments are involved?

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13. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What is the number of land invasion incidents recorded in the period 2020 to 2025 to date according to (i) location of each and (ii) projects or intended land use that were impacted, (b) what is the delivery impacts of these invasions on projects, including (i) delays, (ii) cancellations or (iii) additional costs, (c)(i) what is the court processes and costs incurred for each matter and (ii) whether any cost orders were made in favour of or against the Province, (d) what is the operational costs associated with addressing land invasions, including (i) the removal of structures, (ii) site security and (iii) other related expenses, (e)(i) what is the cost of providing alternative accommodation or temporary relocation for affected persons and (ii) what are the funding sources used and (f) what steps are being taken by the Province to recover or secure costs arising from these incidents?

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14. Mr T C R Walters to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) What initiatives are currently in place to incorporate AI technology into provincial service delivery and (b) how will this benefit municipalities in the province?

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15. Mr T C R Walters to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

How is the SWIMS application, pioneered in the Western Cape Department of Social Development, being rolled out to other departments?

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16. Mr M Booysen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

(a) What is the staffing ratio at each (i) hospital and (ii) clinic, (b) what is the ideal staff-to-patient ratio and (c) what plans does her Department have in place to address the shortage if the daily traffic of patients exceeds staff numbers?

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17. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) (i) How many schools have been built as part of the Rapid School Built Programme from its inception to date and (ii) how many classrooms have been built from the

inception of the programme to date, (b) what has been the annual cost of the programme for each financial year since its inception, (c) what are the projected number of (i) schools and (ii) classrooms to be built over the next three financial year and (ii) what is the estimated cost, (d)(i) how is the programme being funded and (ii) what are the main funding sources and (e)(i) how many schools or classrooms are currently under construction, (ii) what are their expected completion dates, (iii) what mechanisms are in place to ensure (aa) proper procurement, (bb) quality control and (cc) maintenance of the schools built as part of the programme?

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18. Mr M Booysen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Whether her Department has done an assessment of staffing nurses and doctors for the Laingsburg Hospital; if so, what was the outcomes of the assessment?

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19. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

Whether his Department has send officials to schools to assist parents with online applications; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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20. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Regarding the recent assets sold by the Stellenbosch Municipality:

- (1) Whether the Stellenbosch Municipality sold these assets for market value; if so, can a list with prices attached to asset sold be made available;
- (2) whether the community was consulted before the blue water meters were installed by the municipality; if so, (i) what are the relevant details and (ii) when did it take place;
- (3) whether the water meters are SABS-approved; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) (a) what are the reasons for so many people in Stellenbosch having sky-high rates and taxes on their municipal bills and (b) how many Stellenbosch residents have lodged complaints regarding their rates and taxes bills after the blue water meters were installed?

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21. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to his response during the sitting of 28 August 2025: “It happens to be that the South African Police Service came and reported to the Provincial Cabinet yesterday and I brought along the report that they gave us”:

- (a) What were the contents of the report and (b) can a copy of the report be made available?

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

With regard to the call by Overcome Heights, Muizenberg's Community Policing Forum, for backup following a deadly week marked by gang-related killings:

(a) What concrete steps are she and her Department taking to ensure that CPFs in Overcome Heights, and similarly affected communities, receive the urgent SAPS support they require, such as enhanced patrols, rapid response capability and visible policing presence and (b) how is her Department improving coordination and accountability between CPFs and police stations to ensure that crime scenes are processed swiftly, investigations are speedily launched and residents' calls for help are not ignored in the face of escalating gang violence?

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23. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

The Western Cape is the exclusive home of rooibos production, sustaining around 8 000 rural jobs, and with the US now imposing a 30% tariff on rooibos imports:

(a) What specific interventions are being undertaking to safeguard these jobs, especially for vulnerable rural communities, and (b) how is his Department facilitating and supporting rooibos producers in accessing new markets, in securing trade deals and in promoting market diversification to reduce reliance on the US amidst global protectionist moves?

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24. Mr F Kamfer to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

- (1) Whether his Department has supported the rollout of the Dial-a-Ride service; if not, why not; if so, what are the detailed breakdown of the support provided per year from the inception of the project to date;
- (2) with reference to the City of Cape Town's decision to scale down the Dial-a-Ride service from September 2025, which will result in the service being available only to wheelchair users and individuals with severe walking impairments, whether his Department is intervening to ensure that no one is left without this essential service; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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25. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

(a) How many cases of mob justice have been recorded in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023, (vi) 2024 and (vii) 2025 to date and (b) what is the detailed breakdown per (i) municipality and (ii) police precinct?

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26. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What is the municipal breakdown of infrastructure expenditure per municipality in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023, (vi) 2024 and (vii) 2025 to date and (b) what is the (i) detailed breakdown of contractors who received contracts during the same period in (a) in each municipality, (ii) BBBEE ranking of each service provider and (iii) value of each contract?

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27. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) How many municipalities have released land for human settlements from 2014 to 2025 to date and (b) what is the size of land released per municipality?

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

(a) (i) How much has been spent on First Thursday sessions from the inception to date and (ii) how much has been spent on each session and (b)(i) what are the details of the issues that have been raised through these platforms, (ii) how many of the issues have been successfully addressed and resolved and (iii)(aa) how many remain unresolved and (bb) what are the reasons why they remain unresolved?

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30. Ms T Lithakong to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

(a) What is the turnaround waiting-time period for patients at (i) regional, (ii) district and (iii) tertiary hospitals in the province and (b) how many walk-in emergency patients have lost their lives in Western Cape hospitals while waiting to be attended by medical staff from 2024 to date?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 19 September 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.