

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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## QUESTION PAPER

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### WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: \* Indicates translated version.

**FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2025**

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

With reference to the reply to question 12 of 29 November 2024:

(a) How much public funds have been used to date by this Department and (b) can a copy of the records be made available?

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

With regard to the Competition Commission's Cost of Living Report (August 2025):

- (1) Whether his Department has engaged with the findings of the Competition Commission's Cost of Living Report (August 2025) regarding the disproportionate impact of rising food, transport, housing and utility costs on low-income households in Cape Town; if so, what measures are being implemented to provide relief to vulnerable residents in the province;
- (2) in the light of evidence of "price stickiness" of staple foods (such as bread, maize meal, chicken, eggs and sunflower oil) where producer cost reductions are not passed on to consumers, what steps is his Department taking to address anti-competitive behaviour in food retail markets, particularly in urban centres such as Cape Town;
- (3) given that electricity tariffs have increased by 68% and water by 50% over the past five years, with Cape Town residents facing compounded municipal tariff hikes, what interventions are being considered by his Department to curb the burden of administered prices on households, especially on households in informal settlements and low-income communities?

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**3. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:**

Regarding the Western Cape Government challenging the NHI:

(a) What are the reasons for her Department's legal challenge against the implementation of the National Health Insurance Act (NHI Act) and (b) what evidence is available that indicates that devolution will lead to an improvement in our health services?

(464)

**4. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:**

(a) What factors have contributed to the consistent success of Wesgro as the official trade, investment and tourism promotion agency of the province and (b) what lessons can other state-owned entities learn from Wesgro's approach to governance, accountability and delivery?

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**5. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:**

What is the significance of the CapeWine 2025 event for the agricultural and wine sector of the province, particularly in (a) strengthening exports and (b) promoting local producers on a global stage?

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

With reference to the Wingfield Informal Settlement that is situated on Ndabeni Trust land and land owned by the national Department of Public Works and/or the National Defence Force:

- (1) (a) How many (i) shelters and/or (ii) families live in the Wingfield Informal Settlement, including the sections known as Gate 7, 18th Avenue and Olympic Park and (b) how old is the Wingfield Informal Settlement;
- (2) whether a plan exists to acquire the land on which the Wingfield Informal Settlement is situated from the respective landowners for the purpose of upgrading the informal settlement; if not, what plans exist to ensure the housing rights of Wingfield residents are realised; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there are any plans to engage with the families regarding their housing future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what steps will be taken to provide (a) toilets, (b) electricity, (c) waste removal and (d) high-mast lighting to the Wingfield residents;
- (5) whether the families will receive basic services; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(468)

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

In the light of the recent decision by the NCOP to reject the application to place the Knysna Municipality under administration and to dissolve the Council;

- (1) What specific steps does he now intend to take to address the governance challenges in the Knysna Municipality;
- (2) whether he will pursue alternative interventions under section 139(c) or other mechanisms; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are they, (b) what is the timeline for implementation and (c) how does he plan to mitigate any negative consequences for residents while pursuing these alternative governance interventions;
- (3) whether he will engage further with the (a) NCOP or (b) other national oversight structures to secure approval for any future interventions in the Knysna Municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there will be monitoring mechanisms implemented to track administrative performance during this period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**8. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to the Western Cape Drug Master Plan:

- (1) Whether his Department has ensured that every municipality in the province has an active Local Drug Action Committee (LDAC) in place; if so, can he provide evidence of local drug action plans (LDAPs) being (a) developed, (b) funded and (c) implemented in each municipality;
- (2) (a) what measurable outcomes have been achieved by his Department in addressing substance abuse through municipal-level interventions in (i) the past three years and (ii) high-risk areas, such as the Cape Flats, and (b) how are these outcomes monitored;
- (3) (a) how much funding has his Department allocated specifically to support LDACs and to implement the National Drug Master Plan at local government level and (b) what oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure these funds are used effectively?

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**9. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:**

- (a) (i) What role does his Department play in supporting participation in Fruit Attraction 2025 and (ii) which entities, such as Wesgro or producer associations, are involved in coordinating this participation, (b)(i) how many Western Cape fruit producers and exporters are expected to participate in the event and (ii) what support (financial or logistical) has been provided to assist them, (c)(i) what was the estimated total export value of the Western Cape's fruit industry in the 2024/25 financial year and (ii) what percentage of South Africa's total fruit exports does this represent, (d)(i) what specific

market access or trade opportunities is his Department seeking to expand through participation in Fruit Attraction 2025 and (ii) how will this contribute to provincial economic growth and job creation and (e)(i) what outcomes or trade leads resulted from the Western Cape's participation in previous international fruit exhibitions and (ii) how does his Department measure the success or return on investment from such past participation?

(471)

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

Given that the illegal harvesting of and trade in indigenous plants (including succulents, bulbs and other threatened flora) continue to pose serious risks to the Western Cape's biodiversity:

- (1) (a) In which regions or conservation areas of the Western Cape has plant poaching been most prevalent since 2020, (b) what trends have been observed regarding the frequency or scale of such incidents, (c)(i) what are the primary species or plant groups most commonly targeted by poachers and (ii) what is the estimated market or commercial value associated with these plants and (d) what are the most common uses for or destinations of illegally harvested indigenous plants;
- (2) whether his Department has identified any international or domestic trade routes linked to this activity; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what joint operations or partnerships have been undertaken between CapeNature, the SAPS, customs authorities and NGOs to detect and prevent plant poaching and (b) what outcomes have been achieved through these collaborations;
- (4) (a) what public awareness or community engagement initiatives are being implemented to reduce the occurrence of plant poaching and (b) what additional measures or resources are planned to strengthen prevention and enforcement in the 2025/26 financial year?

(472)

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

- (a) How many visitors participated in CapeNature's 11th annual Access Week, (b) how does this figure compare with the 10th Access Week, (c) what public activities, educational events or community initiatives were hosted during the campaign and (d) what feedback has CapeNature received from participants or partners regarding the (i) success and (ii) impact of the 11th annual Access Week?

(473)

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

Following the rejection of the Western Cape Government's proposed section 139(1)(c) intervention in the Knysna Municipality by the National Council of Provinces (NCOP):

- (1) (a)(i) How many complaints or representations from members of the public has his Department received relating to the Knysna Municipality since 1 January 2024 and (ii) what were the main issues or categories of concern raised and (b)(i) how were these complaints processed or referred by his Department and (ii) what outcomes or responses have been communicated to residents;
- (2) following the rejection of the section 139(1)(c) intervention by the NCOP, (a) what mechanisms remain available for residents to escalate governance or service delivery complaints to the provincial government and (b) how does his Department intend to continue monitoring governance stability in the Knysna Municipality going forward?

(474)

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

(a) What measures are being taken to (i) support medical students and (ii) ensure a sufficient pipeline of qualified healthcare workers, especially for rural areas, and (b) what financial support is available for disadvantaged students pursuing medical studies?

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

How does her Department promote preventative care (a) in communities and (b) at school level?

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

(a) What is the involvement of his Department in next year's Minstrel Carnival, (b) what is the allocated budget for the 2026 event, (c) what is the (i) involvement of the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in the Minstrel Carnival and (ii) budget that has been allocated to the 2026 event?

(477)

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

With regard to the 2025/26 financial year:

In what upcoming (a) sport and (b) culture events in the province is his Department involved?

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

(a) What is the current number of LEAP officers deployed across the province, (b) what measurable impact has LEAP had on crime reduction in hotspot areas since its implementation, (c) what is the total budget allocation for LEAP in the 2025/26 financial year, (d) what partnerships exist between LEAP and (i) local police stations and (ii) community policing forums (CPFs) and (e) what challenges has her Department encountered in implementing LEAP?

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

(1) (a) What specific programmes are currently being implemented by his Department to prevent children and the youth from becoming involved in (i) gangsterism and (ii) drugs, (b) what is the total budget allocated to these programmes, (c) how does his Department identify and prioritise communities for the rollout of these anti-gangsterism and anti-drugs initiatives, (d) what partnerships exist between his Department and other stakeholders in addressing youth involvement in (i) gangs and (ii) drugs, (e) how many children have participated in departmental programmes aimed at diverting them away from (i) gangsterism and (ii) drugs in the last two financial years, (f) what measurable outcomes have been recorded to assess the effectiveness of these interventions and (g) what psychosocial support services are provided to at-risk young people and their families as part of these programmes;

- (2) whether there are any after-school programmes supported by his Department that provide alternatives to gang involvement; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (a) What is the objective of his Department's Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Ambassador Programme, (b) when was it officially launched, (c)(i) how many GBV ambassadors have been recruited to date and (ii) in which areas are they deployed, (d) what are the selection criteria for individuals chosen to serve as GBV ambassadors, (e) what (i) training and (ii) support do GBV ambassadors receive to effectively (aa) raise awareness, (bb) provide support and (cc) refer victims to appropriate services, (f) how much funding has been allocated to the GBV Ambassador Programme in the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 financial years and (g) what measurable impact has the programme had in terms of (i) community engagement, (ii) awareness raised and (iii) referrals made for GBV-related services?

(481)

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

- (1) (a) How many community nutrition and development centres (CNDCs) are currently operational in the province, (b) where are they located, (c) how many individuals currently benefit from the services provided by CNDCs monthly, (d) what is the total budget allocation to the CNDC programme in the 2025/26 financial year, (e) what type of support and training is provided to the (i) staff and (ii) volunteers who operate CNDCs;
- (2) whether there are plans to expand the CNDC programme to additional communities, especially those facing high levels of food insecurity and poverty; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what challenges have been encountered in the implementation or sustainability of CNDCs and (b) how is his Department addressing them?

(482)

**21. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms B M Baartman, Minister of Finance:**

- (1) (a) What rollover requests have been made to the National Treasury by (i) the Provincial Treasury and (ii) provincial departments and/or provincial entities in the 2025/26 financial year, (b) what are the details of the (i) rollover request amounts, (ii) projects for which rollovers have been requested, (iii) original budget per department or entity and (iv) reasons for the rollover requests, (c) whether an indication can be given of consultation with the relevant department, (d) what has been the response from the National Treasury about the requests and (e) what is the status of each request;
- (2) whether a list of rollover funds from the 2024/25 financial year can be made available; if so;
- (3) whether the funds had been spent to date; if not, why not;
- (4) in the light of the upcoming budget adjustments, whether her Department received requests for rollover of funds from the Provincial Treasury and other provincial departments and entities; if so, what are the relevant details?

(483)

**22. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

(a) What is the detailed breakdown of how many free Wi-Fi facilities there are in the province and (b) how much is the provincial government spending on the free Wi-Fi facilities in the province?

(484)

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

(a) What is his Department doing to safeguard farmers against natural disasters, such as droughts, floods and crop fires, (b) since the implementation of the 30% tariffs by the USA, what are the top five regions to which the province exports produce, and (c) what is the breakdown of each region in terms of exports?

(485)

**24. Ms B N Stoffel to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

(1) What is his Department doing to prepare municipalities for rapid urbanisation;  
(2) whether there are any capacity-building programmes for officials and senior municipal managers; if so, (a) what do the programmes focus on and (b) what are the details of the municipalities where these programmes are currently being offered?

(486)

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

With reference to erf 448 in ward 37, Nyanga East:

(a) What is the total number of houses that have (i) been completely demolished or (ii) had parts of the top structure removed due to structural defects, (b) what is the total amount that has been spent by his Department to address these structural defects on erf 448 and (c) what plans, if any, are in place to ensure that residents are adequately rehoused or compensated as a result of these structural defects?

(487)

**26. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to youth development programmes in the following wards: ward 33, ward 34, ward 35, ward 36, ward 80 and ward 88:

(a) What is the number of persons designated as youth who reside in these wards, (b) what youth development programmes are currently planned or being implemented by his Department in these wards, (c) which service providers have been identified to implement these programmes, (d) what is the value of the funds allocated to each programme and (e) what are the implementation timelines of each programme?

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

With reference to neighbourhood watch (NHW) structures in the City of Cape Town:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of registered and accredited NHW members in the City of Cape Town, broken down by area, (b)(i) what is the total number of NHWs per police precinct that are not registered and accredited and (ii) why are they not registered and accredited and (c) what forms of support (financial, training, resources, equipment or other) have been provided to these NHW structures (both accredited and non-accredited) by her Department;
- (2) whether all registered NHW members have received formal training; if not, (a) what percentage has been trained and (b) what is her Department's plan to ensure full training coverage?

(489)

**28. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:**

- (1) Whether the public hospitals in the province are permitted to lend out medical equipment to private hospitals or private medical facilities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she is aware of reports that certain public hospitals have been lending medical equipment to private hospitals; if so, (a) how has she and her Department responded to these reports, (b) how much revenue has been generated by hospitals from lending medical equipment to private medical facilities in (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21, (iii) 2021/22, (iv) 2022/23, (v) 2023/24, (vi) 2024/25 and (vii) 2025/26 to date and (c) what are the details of the equipment that was lent out in terms of the (i) type of equipment, (ii) name of the hospital that lent it and (iii) name of the private medical facility that received it?

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

With reference to children living on the streets in the Western Cape:

- (a) (i) What is the number of children currently living on the streets in the province and (ii) what is the breakdown per municipality, (b)(i) what is the number of children accommodated in homeless shelters in the province and (ii) what services are rendered to them by his Department at these shelters and (c) what whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches are in place to (i) ensure that children living on the streets are reunited with their families wherever possible and (ii) guarantee that such children gain access to early childhood development programmes and education?

(491)

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

With reference to the performance of provincial departments and entities:

- (1) How has each provincial department and entity performed in respect of its set annual performance targets for the financial year (a) 2019/20, (b) 2020/21, (c) 2021/22, (d) 2022/23, (e) 2023/24, (f) 2024/25 and (g) 2025/26 to date, specifically indicating the (i) performance indicators that were set, (ii) number of indicators achieved, (iii) number of indicators not achieved, (vi) effect of underperformance on service delivery and (v) impact thereof on households in the province;



- (2) (a) what were the performance indicators that were set in alignment with national government priorities for each provincial department and entity in the same period as in (1) above and (b) how did the Province perform in achieving those indicators?

(492)

**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 17 October 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.**