

**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, 20 OCTOBER 2023

1. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the reply to question 5 of 20 July 2023:

- (1) (a) Who is the owner of the Old Stone Church Precinct, (b) what are the details of “The Range”, (c) who is the agent managing the letting of this portion of the property, (d) what are the monthly rental rates being paid by “The Range” for this part of the property to the owner of the property or the agent and (e) what are the details of the annual remuneration agreement between the Department and the agent;
- (2) whether his Department has an agent managing the agreement with SANParks under whose management the Manor House Precinct currently is; if not, why not; if so, (a) who is the agent, (b) what are the monthly rental rate being paid by SANParks for this part of the property to the owner of the property or the agent and (c) what are the details of the annual remuneration agreement between the Department and the agent?

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

On 10 May 2022 the Equal Education Law Centre presented information to the Standing Committee on Education regarding challenges related to learner admissions in the Western Cape. During this session, the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) committed to providing updates to the Standing Committee on Education on the progress of the online appeal process pilot project by the end of the last quarter of 2022:

- (1) What is the comprehensive update on the pilot project;
- (2) whether the pilot project has been initiated; if not, (a) why not and (b) what is the reason for the delay; if so, what is the current status?

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3. Mr P T de Villiers to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to his commitment in March 2020 to relocate 75 households from Kanana to the Forest Village Housing Project:

- (1) (a) Why did the beneficiaries approved for BNG houses in Forest Village in 2020 not receive their houses and (b) what is the status of the beneficiaries from Kanana who were approved for Forest Village but never relocated;
- (2) whether the beneficiaries remain approved for Forest Village; if not, (a) what project are they allocated to and (b) when will they receive their houses; if so, when will they receive their houses;
- (3) why has his 2020 commitment to prioritise “disabled, vulnerable and elderly community members” not been honoured and (b) how does his Department intend to assist or communicate with these approved beneficiaries?

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4. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the Department of Infrastructure’s rail projects:

- (a) What projects are delayed due to Prasa not giving permission, (b) what are the estimated costs for the delay of these projects and (c) where are these projects situated?

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5. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the title deeds backlog:

- (a) How many title deeds are delayed because of a failure to transfer land from the national Department of Public Works to a municipality between 2019 and 2022, (b) how long have these transfers of land parcels been delayed, (c) which municipalities are affected and (d) how many people are set to benefit if the backlog gets cleared?

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6. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

- (a) How many jobs have been created in the Western Cape from international (i) films, (ii) series and (iii) documentaries since 2020 and (b) how much have these projects contributed to the provincial economy?

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7. Mr M I Sileku to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to water quality:

- (a) What is the quality of the drinking water in (i) Kannaland, (ii) Beaufort West and (iii) Laingsburg, (b) which viruses have been detected in the water tests conducted in each town, (c) what has led to the poor water quality in each town and (d)(i) what steps have been taken to improve the water quality and (ii) how much has been spent?

(581)

8. Ms C A T Murray to ask Ms M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In relation to the Tourism Challenge Fund:

- (1) (a) How many beneficiaries (i) applied and (ii) have benefited from this fund and (b) what are the details of the projects funded from this fund;
- (2) whether this initiative has reached its intended goals; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether Casidra is charging a management fee for its work in managing the farms (a) Waaikraal and (b) Amalienstein; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the management costs are included in the annual financial statements of these farms; if not, why not;
- (3) (a) what were the annual costs that Casidra incurred in managing these farms in the (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22, (iii) 2022/23 and (iv) 2023/24 financial years and (b) to what extent have farming conditions on these farms improved since the severe drought that hit the Klein Karoo during the latter half of the previous decade?

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10. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) Whether locust swarms have in the past bred on or crossed nature reserves or nature areas under the control of CapeNature; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is his Department's position on the (a) chemical and (b) biological control of locust plagues in the province, particularly if it should be found that swarms at the hopper stage exist in nature reserves;
- (3) to what extent has his Department in the past monitored actions to control locust swarms, including the use of insecticides, by the (a) provincial and (b) national Department of Agriculture?

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11. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) Whether his Department has in the past experienced periods when abalone and crayfish poaching were more prevalent; if so, which months have seen above-average marine poaching activities;
- (2) to what extent is information regarding poaching hotspots and times during the year that see increased poaching activities used to plan anti-poaching actions;
- (3) (a) to what extent do anti-poaching actions influence applications for holiday leave and (b) what percentage of staff involved with law-enforcement activities is not allowed to take holiday leave over the December to January festive season?

(585)

12. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (a) How many recommendations by the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) did the SAPS implement in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021, (iii) 2022 and (iv) 2023 to date and (b) what percentage of the total recommendations made by IPID did the SAPS implement in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021, (iii) 2022 and (iv) 2023 to date?

(587)

13. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) (a) How many mass murders have occurred in the Western Cape in each precinct for the following periods: (i) April 2020 to March 2021, (ii) April 2021 to March 2022, (iii) April 2022 to March 2023 and (iv) April 2023 to June 2023, (b) in each instance, (i) how many murders took place and (ii) what were the circumstances of each incident, (c)(i) in how many of these cases has a suspect or suspects been arrested and (ii) in how many instances has a charge been laid against the accused and (d)(i) how many of these cases have been finalised and (ii) how many convictions have resulted from these prosecutions;
- (2) whether the SAPS has uncovered any evidence that demonstrates links between any of the incidents; if so, what are the relevant details?

(588)

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

In relation to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed at the Green Hydrogen Summit between the Western Cape, the Eastern Cape and the Northern Cape:

- (a) What is the intended goal of the MOU, (b) what are the financial implications of the MOU for the Western Cape Government and (c) how will the MOU contribute to job creation in the Western Cape?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 3 November 2023. 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.