PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 2 JULY 2021

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

(a) What has been the time line since the application for the registration of "rooibos" or red bush by the European Commission in its register of protected designations, (b) which entities were involved with the registration process and (c)(i) which other agricultural products from the Western Cape may benefit from a similar registration processes and/or protection and (ii) what has been the progress to date?

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2. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

- (1) What activities, programmes and/or projects is her Department engaged in to promote and to protect the three official languages of the province;
- (2) whether there are any initiatives or programmes that are currently supported by her Department that promote sign language in the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

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3. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

(a) How many ECD centres (i) operate and (ii) are subsidised by her Department in each municipality in the province and (b) what are the names of the subsidised ECD centres?

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4. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) What progress has the provincial government made with regard to the target set by his predecessor in 2017 to enable the independent generation of 135 MW through solar panel (PV) installation by 2020 and (b) how much has been spent on the project to date?

5. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

(a) What is the number of vaccination sites that will be opened in the various subdistricts (including the CTICC) and (b) how much is budgeted for it?

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6. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

What progress has been made with the preparations for the Netball World Cup?

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

(a) What progress has been made with the Agri-worker Electrification Project that was piloted in 2016 and (b) which farms have been connected?

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

What is her Department's plans to assist schools to operate at full capacity?

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9. Mr A Lilli to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) What is the number of government officials on the waiting list for housing opportunities for government rental units;
- (2) whether there are any delays in the allocation of these rental units; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

What are the details of the (a) staff complement and (b) staff shortages at each of the community healthcare facilities in the province in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date?

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11. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

(a) What are the details of the sessional workers who have been employed in community healthcare facilities, (b) which positions were filled by these sessional workers and (c) what is the cost breakdown for employing these sessional workers in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date?

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12. Ms M Kama to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

(1) What infrastructure development work has been done in the (a) Cederberg Municipality and (b) Saldanha Bay Municipality and the surrounding areas in preparation for the Netball World Cup;

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(2) (a) what is the total expenditure for the Netball Legacy Project to date and (b) what is the (i) total breakdown of the expenditure and (ii) breakdown in the Cederberg Municipality and (iii) breakdown in the Saldanha Bay Municipality and the surrounding areas?

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

(a)(i) What is the number of principals who have been found guilty of transgressions, (ii) what are the details of their transgressions and (iii) what are the details of their schools, (b)(i) how many have been dismissed and (ii) what are the reasons for their dismissals, (c)(i) how many have resigned and (ii) what are the reasons for their resignation in (aa) 2014, (bb) 2015, (cc) 2016, (dd) 2017, (ee) 2018, (ff) 2019, (gg) 2020 and (hh) 2021 to date?

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14. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to funded posts in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) (a) What is the number of vacancies in (i) senior to top management and (ii) all other levels that currently exist in his Department as at the latest date for which information is available, (b)(i) what are the reasons for each post being vacant, (ii) how long has each post been vacant and (iii) what are the plans to fill the vacancies and (c)(i) what is the number of people who are currently holding acting roles in vacant positions in senior to top management, (ii) what is the rationale for having acting persons as opposed to filling the vacancies, (iii) for how long have these people been acting and (iv) when will each vacancy be filled;
- (2) whether the vacancies have had any impact in the work of his Department to achieve its set targets; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how many targets are affected?

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15. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to the reply to question 3 of 7 May 2021:

- (1) (a) Under what legislation or regulations does the Special Investigation Unit (SIU), now referred to as the Safety and Security Investigations Unit (SSIU), derive its "investigative" powers or authority and (b) what does it investigate;
- (2) how does he and his Department account for the unit's role in the implementation of the provincially funded LEAP Plan or Western Cape Safety Plan if the unit is not part of the municipal police service;
- (3) whether the SIU is subject to his or the provincial government's oversight; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether he investigated or enquired about the lawfulness of the SIU; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he enquired about the recent arrest of the head of the SIU, being the Chief of Specialised Investigation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(6) (a) how many LEAP officers have been deployed as investigators, (b) who is the current command or head of the investigating unit, (c) how many LEAP officers are currently deployed in the City of Cape Town and (d) how many LEAP officers are peace officers with the powers assigned to them in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act Regulations?

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16. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to the replies to question 3 and 4 of 30 April 2021:

- (1) Whether this conflict was a risk that should have been included in the report to the Provincial Cabinet; if not, why not; if so, why was it not reported to the Provincial Cabinet;
- (2) whether the Provincial Cabinet should have been made aware of the conflict of interest when considering the appointments; if not, why not; if so, why was this information withheld from the Provincial Cabinet;
- (3) whether either of the job descriptions was amended at any point after the positions were first advertised; if so, (a) when, (b) why and (c) in what way;
- (4) (a) how were the headhunted candidates identified, (b) who (with reference to designations) formed part of the committees that (i) identified, (ii) interviewed and (iii) ultimately selected these candidates;
- (5) during what stage of the interviews (prior to or during) of the headhunted candidates was he made aware that the two successful candidates were related;
- (6) whether the Head of Department (HOD) of the Provincial Treasury previously worked for the National Treasury and/or with the incumbent DDG and CD at the National Treasury; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (7) whether the HOD was aware of the conflict before the headhunting process formally commenced; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (8) (a) who made up the selection committee for each post and (b) what provisions in the WCG's Recruitment and Selection Policy guided the headhunting process;
- (9) whether a copy of the Headhunting Policy or the section of the WCG's Recruitment and Selection Policy that guided the headhunting process can be made available?

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

With regard to the procurement of two high-end remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS) devices by the City of Cape Town's metropolitan police service:

- (1) Whether these devices were purchased with the necessary authorisation; if not, how were they purchased; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) when did the officials start their training and (b) when will the training be completed;

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- (3) whether CPX 0012865-F1 Surveillance drone components R150 000,00 tabled at the Subcouncil on 14 May 2018 was purchased in addition to the two drones mentioned in the Implementation Plan; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether these devices have they been utilised in the City of Cape Town since being purchased; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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18. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With regard to reports of four prevalent COVID-19 variants in the province:

(a) What is the prevalence of these variants in the province, (b) which districts are affected by each variant and (c) what is the breakdown of the number of people infected by each of the four variants in the province?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 16 July 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.