

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 9 JULY 2021

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

- (1) Whether the community healthcare facilities in the province have waiting facilities and/or other measures to assist patients who are queuing outside for long; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the plans to protect patients from the cold and rain during the winter; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the average waiting time to receive medical care at community healthcare facilities in the province, (b) how has COVID-19 affected the waiting times and (c) what measures have been put in place to minimise the spread of COVID-19 at our healthcare facilities where patients stand in long queues for hours in order to get medical care?

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

- (1) Whether the Nolungile Community Health Centre (CHC) in Khayelitsha has requested her Department and/or the City of Cape Town to build a shelter outside the facility to accommodate patients who queue outside the facility; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) when will the shelter be completed;
- (2) whether her Department has any plans to build shelters outside community healthcare facilities to accommodate patients who queue outside facilities from early in the morning until facilities open; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her Department has any plans in place to assist patients who queue outside local clinics for long to get healthcare services during this rainy winter season; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

What is the breakdown of the (a) consolidated rates and services debt and (b) outstanding debts to (i) Eskom and (ii) water boards per municipality in the province as at the latest date for which information is available?

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4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With reference to the De Novo property:

(a) What is the current position regarding the application for the subdivision and rezoning needed to develop the De Novo property near Kraaifontein for residential use (b) how many housing units are currently being applied for, (c) what segment or segments of the housing spectrum are being envisaged and (d) what has been the timeline of past applications and the subsequent provision of infrastructure required in order to utilise the De Novo property for additional residential units since the first application by the Dennis Moss Partnership on behalf of the Western Cape provincial government was made?

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

With regard to a PPE supply company that has a billboard in Cape Town that promotes misinformation and a Bill Gates conspiracy theory about the COVID-19 vaccine:

- (1) Whether the Western Cape provincial government procured any PPE or other medical supplies from this company, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply; if so, (a) which departments and (b) what is the value of the procurement;
- (2) whether there is a mechanism available to the Western Cape provincial government to prevent public-sector procurement from a business that openly campaigns against the COVID-19 vaccine and advertises misinformation and conspiracy theories about the vaccine; if so, what are the relevant details; if not;
- (3) whether the Western Cape provincial government will take any steps with regard to this message that undermines the Cabinet's vaccination promotion campaign; if not, why not; if so, what action?

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6. Mr B N Herron to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

- (1) (a) What role does her Department play in identifying medical-intern training or placement opportunities in the Province and (b) how many medical interns are currently placed in the Western Cape provincial healthcare system;
- (2) whether there is an opportunity to address the current pressures on the healthcare system through the appointment of additional medical interns in the Province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there is anything that prevents her Department from offering placement to additional medical interns; if so;

- (4) whether there is a cost or budget constraint; if so; what is the cost per placement of a medical intern;
- (5) whether her Department has made any offer to appoint additional medical interns; if not, why not; if so, (a) to whom and (b) what are the relevant details?

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7. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to the Blue Dot taxi project:

- (1) What feasibility studies were done before the project was launched;
- (2) whether a plan or strategy document was prepared; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) can a copy be made available;
- (3) (a) what are the incentivising mechanisms, (b) how do these contribute to reducing taxi violence as claimed, (c) why is the project reportedly planned for nine months only, (d) what percentage of the Western Cape taxi industry is participating, (e) how many taxis are operating as “Blue Dot” taxis and (f) what are the prerequisites for a taxi operator to participate;
- (4) whether the reference to “taxi companies” refer to taxi associations or mother body corporatising; if so, which ones have formed companies;
- (5) whether all the operators in the associations of the mother body have shares in the companies; if not, who are these taxi companies; if so, how were shares allocated;
- (6) (a) what is the total cost of the nine-month project, (b) what amount of this cost is transferred to the taxi industry, (c) how are these payments made up, (d) what is the financial incentive for each taxi company and (e) what is the financial incentive for each taxi driver;
- (7) whether the incentive is a guaranteed gross incentive against which “demerits” are deducted or a reward incentive; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (8) (a) what provision has been made to expand this project to the entire taxi industry and (b) what would the cost of that expansion be?

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8. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (a) What is the (i) number, (ii) details of taxi routes that are operational in municipalities in the province and (iii) details of associations that are operating the routes, (b) what is the number of (i) taxi operating permits and/or operating licences that have been issued to the taxi industry and are legal per route in the province and (ii) what is the backlog of taxi operating permits per route in the province, (c)(i) what is the number of taxi routes that are currently being disputed, (ii) which areas have reported cases of taxi violence, (iii) what are the causes of such disputes and (iv) what steps has his Department taken to respond to each dispute and (e)(i) what is the number of taxi operating permits that have been revoked per route in the province in (aa) 2018, (bb) 2019, (cc) 2020 and (dd) 2021 to date and (ii) what are the reasons for such action?

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9. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (1) What is the updated details regarding the sexual harassment case against a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply;
- (2) whether he has been made aware of the reasons for the Head of Department's delay in acting on the findings and recommendations of the internal investigation into this matter; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he has received a formal complaint against the conduct of the Head of the Department and other senior officials in his Department for their handling of this case; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (a) What are the reasons for the poor road and drainage infrastructure in municipalities and (b) what are the (i) plans and (ii) budget for the maintenance of road and drainage infrastructure in municipalities in the province and (c) what is the total breakdown of expenditure on road and drainage system maintenance per municipality 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. Mr P Marran to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (1) Whether all Ceres regional depot staff have been transferred to the Paarl office; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) when was the decision implemented, (c) where was it negotiated, (d) what is the full list of employees (inclusive of underaged children affected), (e) what are the demographics of the affected employees and (f)(i) for how long is transport assistance offered and (ii) why not for a longer period;
- (2) whether due processes has been followed to dispose of public-works stock and/or property at the Ceres offices; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what processes were followed;
- (3) whether the process to dispose of stock was advertised; if so, (a) where and (b) when;
- (4) whether he and his Department can provide a detailed list of the disposed items, including the prices paid for each item; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

How much has her Department spent to date on the hearing of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, including on the Labour Court hearings?

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

(a) What is the (i) total number, (ii) ages, (iii) qualifications and (iv) posts occupied by people over the age of 65 in (aa) senior to top management positions in her Department and (bb) in schools and (b)(i) what are the full details of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, filling a new position in her Department and (ii) who does this person report to?

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

(a) How many schools in the province are able to comply with COVID-19 regulations when they go back to full capacity, (b) which schools are able to comply and (c) what criteria are used to show compliance?

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

(1) (a) What is his Department's Township Revitalisation Strategy, (b) what is its (i) rationale, (ii) objectives, (iii) budget and (iv) implementation model and (c) can copies of the strategy document and supporting documents be made available;

(2) whether the Pick n Pay (PnP) supermarket stores is the only project of this Township Revitalisation Strategy; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, including, (b) how many PnP stores have been implemented, (c) in which townships have they been implemented since the implementation of the strategy, (d) what criteria were used to choose them and (e) what is the performing status of each to date?

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

(a) What is the (i) total breakdown of elderly people who have been vaccinated to date and (ii) breakdown per district, (b) what is the (i) number of people between the ages of 50 and 59 who have registered for vaccination and (ii) breakdown per district, (c)(i) what is the number of people who have been vaccinated at private-sector sites, (ii) how many are not on medical aid and (iii) how many are under 50 years, (d)(i) what is the number of people under the age of 50 who have been vaccinated in the province and (ii) what is the breakdown per occupation and (e) what is the number of farm workers who have (i) registered for vaccination and (ii) been vaccinated?

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17. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) What is the market-related value of each of his Department's rental stock units, (b) what is the (i) age, (ii) gender and (iii) race of tenants in government's rental stock who are paying monthly rental fees of (aa) not more than R900 and (bb) more than R100?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 23 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.