

**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, 30 JULY 2021**

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

(a) What childhood (i) illnesses and (ii) deaths are linked to living conditions with limited access to clean water, poor sanitation and poor hygiene, (b) what is the child mortality rate from (i) childhood illnesses and (ii) acute diarrhoeal disease for period 2016 to 2021 for each of the health subdistricts in the Cape Town metropolitan area, (c) what is the child mortality rate of each of the health subdistricts above between 2016 and 2021, (d) what health and built-environment interventions are required to eliminate childhood illnesses and deaths and (e) what steps have been taken to implement these interventions?

(501)

**2. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

With respect to the ongoing safety and security concerns about the rail infrastructure in the Western Cape and following Prasa's briefing to the Standing Committee on 22 June:

(a) How many incidents of vandalism and/or theft have been recorded for the period 1 January to 30 June 2021 at all train stations in the province, (b) what is the cumulative value of this for the period in question, (c) what corrective actions have been taken or are in progress to combat such incidents and (d) what is the current number of security personnel deployed at each train station in the province?

(502)

**3. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:**

With regard to the non-servicing of DNA machines used to process specimens specifically related to gender-based violence (GBV) at the SAPS Forensic Sciences Laboratory in Platteklouf:

- (1) Whether there has been any changes in the working status of the machines since they were last reported as out of order; if not, why not; if so, what measures are in place to maintain the working status of the machines;
- (2) (a) what are the details of the contract management that led to the machines not being serviced since 2019, (b) how often should these machines be serviced, (c) how long can these machines be left without being serviced and (d) how many days has it been since they were declared out of order;
- (3) how many matters related to gender-based violence form part of the DNA backlog in the province, as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (4) whether there is a time frame available for clearing this backlog; if so, what are the relevant details?

(503)

**4. Mr R I Allen to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:**

With reference to the reply to question 1 of 25 June 2021:

- (1) (a) What was the number of SAPS employees on the actual establishment in the province in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020 and (iv) 2021 to date, as at the latest date for which information is available, (b) what is the actual number of employees per station and at other units in the province in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020 and (iv) 2021 to date, as at the latest date for which information is available, and (c) how many shifts are executed per day at each respective station;
- (2) whether the actual allocation of members per station is split per shift; if so, what are the reasons for this?

(504)

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

- (1) (a) What is the total budget for learner transport in the Western Cape, (b) what is the breakdown of this per district, (c) what is the number of operators that are operating in each of the education districts in the province and (d) what is the total budget that has been saved during the closure of schools;
- (2) whether her Department has received any complaints from transport operators regarding the nature of contracts signed with them; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there are plans to provide bus operators with financial assistance following the impact of the third wave of COVID-19; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(505)

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

- (1) (a) What lessons have been learned from the collaboration schools pilot, (b) what challenges have been highlighted and (c) how is her Department addressing these challenges;
- (2) whether there are any (a) principals and (b) SMTs from the collaboration schools that have resigned in the period 2019 to 2021 to date; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) whether she and her Department have received correspondence from parents and SGB members from the Apex Primary School regarding challenges with the service level agreements at their school; if so, (a) when were the letters written, (b) what were they complaining about and (c) how did she and her Department respond and address these challenges?

(506)

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

- (1) (a) What is the total breakdown of expenditure for her Department on disciplinary hearings in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date and (b) what are the details of each case;
- (2) (a) how much has her Department spent on the disciplinary hearing of a certain person whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of this expenditure?

(507)

**8. Mr M Kama to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:**

- (a) What are the (i) details, (ii) ages, (iii) gender and (iv) qualifications of the persons who applied for the position of Chief Education Specialist: Governance and Examination (Specialist Advisor), (b) how many persons were shortlisted, (c) when was the need for the position identified and created and (d) when was the last day in office as Head of the Western Cape Education Department of a certain person whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply?

(508)

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

With reference to the reply to question 17 of 9 July 2021:

- (1) Whether there are any tenants of government rental stock units who are paying less than the stipulated market-related value; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) why;
- (2) what are the income levels of all those tenants who are paying less than (a) R1 000 and (b) R100 in monthly rental fees?

(509)

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

With regard to the Western Cape High Court matter between a contractor and the Bitou Municipality (8526/21):

- (1) Whether the allegations of extortion and corruption detailed in the founding affidavit of the High Court case have been brought to his attention; if so, (a) what steps has he taken in terms of section 106 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), and (b) what was the outcome of his action;
- (2) whether the persons allegedly acting in collusion to defraud the state and extort bribes from housing contractors are still in office; if so, why;
- (3) whether he contemplates placing the Bitou Municipality under administration; if not, why not; if so, when;

- (4) whether he has conducted an investigation into the extent of the corruption in rand value; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he has taken no steps; if so, why not?

(510)

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