

**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, 5 FEBRUARY 2021

1. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) (a) What is his Department's processes and standards when reviewing business plans put forward by local municipalities with regard to new housing developments and (b) how often are these processes and standards reviewed;
- (2) whether his Department supports local municipalities in the process of identifying suitable land parcels for housing developments; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department is liaising with other government departments regarding the necessary bulk services, community facilities and commercial spaces needed when identifying land parcels for development; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

According to media reports dated 26 January 2021, the City of Cape Town has blocked residents of this city from logging service-delivery complaints and from emailing officials and councillors.

- (1) Why has residents of the City of Cape Town been denied access to officials, services and enquiries;
- (2) whether it is lawful for government officials and elected public representatives to deny residents and voters email access to their local governments; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what has happened to the following service requests: (a) 9109970321, (b) 9109988521, (c) 9109988362 and (d) 9109988163?

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

According to media reports dated 3 December 2020, the Stellenbosch Municipality was ordered to pay a settlement of R750 000 to an employment applicant who was replaced by a candidate who did not meet the job criteria.

- (1) Whether the Director of Planning and Development, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, has been charged for the fruitless and wasteful expenditure that this amount of R750 000 now represents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the unqualified candidate, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, has been replaced at the Municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will institute his own investigation into this matter; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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4. Ms L J Botha to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

Given the recent reports that the Gauteng Department of Education spent R431 million in just three months to “deep clean” or “decontaminate” schools:

- (a) What is the WCED’s policy on decontamination or deep cleaning, (b) how much was spent on decontamination or deep cleaning during 2020, (c) what was the average amount spent on decontamination or deep cleaning and (d) what monitoring mechanisms have been put in place to control PPE stock at schools and district offices?

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

Regarding the Jonkershoek Nature Reserve:

- (1) (a) What are the latest developments regarding vehicular access for visitors to the Jonkershoek Nature Reserve and (b) what options are available for conducting the envisaged public-participation process under COVID-19 regulations;
- (2) whether there are plans to provide additional parking space inside the nature reserve; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the construction cost has been established; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

How many brutality cases have been lodged with the Independent Police Investigative Directorate since the start of the lockdown in March 2019, (b) where were these cases lodged, (c) how many have been resolved, (d) what were the outcomes and (e) for cases not resolved, why was it not possible to resolve these cases?

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

(a) How many members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Western Cape have been charged for (i) corruption, (ii) defeating the ends of justice and (iii) dereliction of duty from 1 April 2020 to the latest date for which information is available, (b) for each charge, (i) how many have been concluded and/or is currently under investigation, (ii) what is the status of the case and (c) what is the rank of each SAPS member charged?

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

(a) How many police stations have closed during the (i) first and (ii) second wave (mid-November 2020 to present) of COVID-19 infections across the province, (b) what is the turnaround time for the closure of stations, (c) what is the contingency plan for the closure of stations if prolonged for longer than 24 hours and (d) how many staff members have lost their lives due to COVID-19 per unit of the Western Cape police service?

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

- (1) Whether it has been brought to her attention that the Samekoms Khoisan organisation has been prohibited by a company, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, from entering land in Tokai belonging to the Province; if so,
- (2) whether she could intervene to allow the organisation access to its ancestral land; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Mr G Brinkhuis to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

Whether her Department is investigating alternative methods (such as SABC television and radio stations) to teach the school curriculum during the COVID-19 pandemic; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

The Provincial Treasury's COVID-19 procurement reports no longer disclose the detail of the procurement per department.

- (1) Why has his Department switched from providing detailed procurement reports to summarised information only;

With regard to the following procurement reports issued by the Provincial Treasury, can he provide details for the following listed amounts:

- (2) Procurement report dated 01/10–31/10/2020, Issue 5, 30 October 2020, (a) Department of Education: (i) PPE expenditure of R37 723 215,97 and (ii) other COVID-19 expenditure of R2 135 704,46, (b) Department of Health: (i) PPE expenditure of R14 930 167,85 and (ii) other COVID-19 expenditure of R39 314 373,25 and (c) Department of Transport and Public Works: (i) other COVID-19 expenditure of R17 491 598,63;

- (3) Procurement report dated 01/11–30/11/2020, Issue 6, 31 December 2020, (a) Department of Education: (i) PPE expenditure of R27 480 774,70 and (ii) other COVID-19 expenditure of R404 933,02, (b) Department of Health: (i) PPE expenditure of R13 721 374,21 and (ii) other COVID-19 expenditure of R12 293 449,45 and (c) Department of Transport and Public Works: (i) other COVID-19 expenditure of R19 091 107,08?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 19 February 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.