PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2022

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

(a) What is the state of the Western Cape's preparedness for the upcoming veld and mountain fire season, (b) what funds are allocated to the prevention and mitigation of veld and mountain fires and (c) what assistance does the Department of Local Government provide to municipalities to ensure their readiness for fires?

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

How much does her Department spend annually on the building maintenance of (a) theatres and (b) museums in the province?

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

With regard to the reply to question 8 of 19 August 2022:

(a) On what date is maintenance due to commence at the Berg River facility shared between Sassa and her Department and (b) when is the maintenance due to be completed?

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

(a) What has been the response, in terms of the number of day visitors, to previous promotion initiatives by CapeNature, such as Access Week, (b) what are the aims of Access Week and (c) against what parameters will the success of this initiative be measured?

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

- (1) Whether there is factual evidence that the complaints by farmers that the increase in their input cost is currently by far exceeding the inflation rate; if so, (a) what are the main drivers of the increases in input costs and (b) to what extent have the prices changed over the last 12 months;
- (2) what will the effects of a continued increase in input costs be on the (a) cost of food, (b) economic viability of farming and (c) liquidation of farming operations;
- (3) whether there are already signs of the expected changes in the prices of food products; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Ms C Murray to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to the Diep River directive:

- (1) Whether the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), does allow the provincial Minister to impose administrative fines or penalties as listed in the Diep River directive; if not, whose responsibility is it to impose the listed penalties for non-compliance with the directive;
- (2) what action has been taken by his Department in the absence of strategic stormwater outlets being installed to trap general waste by 30 November 2021, as specified in point 4.2.7 of the amended directive;
- (3) what (a) steps and (b) associated timelines have been put in place by his Department to ensure that the Estuary Rehabilitation Plan, as specified in point 5.5.132.3 of the amended directive, is implemented;
- (4) whether his Department will continue to conduct quarterly engagements with the (a) Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (OUTA), (b) Milnerton Central Residents Association, (c) national Department of Water and Sanitation and (d) national Department of the Environment, Forestry and Fisheries; if not, why not?

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

With regard to his announcement at the Women in Construction Engagement on 31 August 2022 of an app to streamline tender processes:

- (1) What are the precise plans for the development of this app and (b) when will the app be launched;
- (2) whether his Department has implemented any measures to reduce the amount of documentation needed for the tender application process, given the concerns raised by attendees at the engagement; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the developments at the Heathfield High School and the provincial government's expenditure on the Wesley Neumann matter:

- (1) (a) What is the total breakdown of the expenditure incurred by the provincial government and the WCED on the Wesley Neumann matter and (b) what (i) are the details of the expenditure items, (ii) is the cost per item from the beginning of the matter to date and (iii) are the details and cost of any outstanding payments;
- (2) what is the (a) total breakdown of the legal costs for the appeal to be finalised and (b) detailed breakdown of costs incurred for arbitration thus far;
- (3) whether his Department approved ad-hoc posts outside the official staff establishment for the Heathfield High School; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the total cost and/or amount allocated for this;
- (4) whether the Municipal Act and/or South African Schools Act allow the deployment of law enforcement officers at schools to instil discipline; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) which laws were applied for the deployment of law enforcement officers at the school;
- (5) what is the total cost for the deployment of law enforcement officers at the Heathfield High School to date?

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9. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

- (1) What are the details of (a) how the Pick n Pay Market Store Project was conceived, (b) the agreements made and targets set, (c) the evaluation reports that have been conducted now that her Department has exited the project;
- (2) whether her Department can make available the (a) concept document and/or business case that were presented to it by Pick n Pay on this collaboration, (b) agreement signed by her Department and Pick n Pay outlining the partnership and the expectations of all the parties in the agreement and (c) close-out report?

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10. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) What is the number of Grade 7 learners from the Van Rheede Primary School who have applied for placement at the Oudtshoorn High School for the 2023 academic year, (b)(i) how many have been accepted and admitted and (ii) what is the breakdown by (aa) race, (bb) age and (cc) gender and (d)(i) how many are on the waiting list, (ii) how many have not been accepted and (iii) what is the breakdown by (aa) race, (bb) age and (cc) gender?

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11. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

How many black learners (ie African, coloured and Indian) from the Van Rheede Primary School have been (a) admitted, (b) rejected for admission at the Oudtshoorn High School in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date and (c) what are the reasons thereof?

12. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With regard to the poor state of the fencing at the Bhongolethu Primary School and the Fezekile High School in Oudtshoorn:

What are the plans of his Department to replace the vandalised fences at these schools?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 23 September 2022. 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.