

**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, 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

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

(a) To what extent has the Western Cape agricultural sector been able to contribute to the job-creation targets set in the National Development Plan, (b) how does the province compare with the other provinces in this regard, (c)(i) to what extent is the country on track to achieve these targets and (ii) what are currently the most important variables that influence the progress being made with achieving the job-creation targets, (d) to what extent can the variables in (c) be influenced by (i) national or provincial policies and (ii) the performance of public entities and (e) what can the Province do to address issues limiting job creation in the agricultural sector?

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

In relation to the Presidential Employment Stimulus:

- (1) (a) What is the reason that the province has the lowest number of beneficiaries of any province and (b) why is the rate at which these vouchers are redeemed in the province so low;
- (2) whether the Department is in a position to support farmers in this regard; if so, what support can his Department provide to ensure that more subsistence farmers benefit from this initiative in the future?

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

What projects does her Department currently administer in conjunction with other departments of the Western Cape Government?

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

(a) What plan does the Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC) have in place to ensure service delivery in the event of load-shedding at stage 8 or higher, (b) how does the PDMC monitor the impact of load-shedding on critical infrastructure and (c) what support is being provided to municipalities to mitigate the effects of load-shedding?

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5. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

In relation to her Department's strategy to ensure that an applicable backup rollout plan takes place at priority primary healthcare facilities and other facilities:

Whether progress is being made with the feasibility plan; if not, at which point will a feasibility study begin with respect to this plan; if so, (a) which priority primary healthcare facilities have been identified, (b) what is the projected cost of this plan and (c) what is the projected timeline for its completion?

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6. Mr C Fry to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) How much has the Western Cape Government invested in cyber security between 2020 and 2022 and (b) how has the national government supported the province with regard to cyber security?

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7. Ms C Murray to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In relation to the Western Cape Government's contingency plans for rolling blackouts or grid collapse:

(a) What measures are included in these plans to support entrepreneurs and small businesses, (b) how much money will be allocated to support the implementation of such plans and (c) over what time period would support be provided?

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8. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With respect to the ongoing effects of rolling blackouts on service delivery:

- (1) Whether any surgeries have been (i) delayed or (ii) postponed as a result of load-shedding since the beginning of this year; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her Department's accelerated backup plan for 2022/23 has been affected by rolling blackouts; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what effect does the blackouts have on her Department's supply of diesel to public healthcare facilities;
- (4) whether the frequency of the blackouts has a negative impact on mortality rates at hospitals; if so, what are the relevant details?

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9. Mr S N August to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to all provincial government departments:

(a) Which government departments have outsourced consultancy work in the past three financial years, (b) what services did these government departments outsource, (c) what is the detailed information about these services per department and (d) what are the costs incurred for these services?

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10. Mr S N August to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) Which (i) municipalities, (ii) district municipalities and (iii) metropolitan municipality have outsourced consultancy work in the past three financial years, (b) what services did these municipalities outsource, (c) what is the detailed information about these services per municipality and (d) what are the costs incurred for these services?

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11. Mr S N August to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) Which (a) municipalities, (b) district municipalities and (c) metropolitan municipality have implemented (i) the recommendations by the Auditor-General and (ii) stronger controls to measure the spending of public funds in the last three financial years;
- (2) how much public funds were lost over the past three financial years to (a) fruitless and wasteful expenditure, (b) corruption and (c) mismanagement in each municipality;
- (3) how are municipalities decreasing fruitless and wasteful expenditure, corruption and the mismanagement of public funds;
- (4) how many instances of (a) fruitless and wasteful expenditure, (b) corruption and (c) mismanagement of funds have been (i) referred to law enforcement agencies and (ii) followed up with successful convictions?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 7 October 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.