

**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 OCTOBER 2020**

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

At a briefing of the Standing Committee on Local Government on 13 October 2020, his Department noted that the increase of illegal land invasions in the province is a potential contributing factor to fire hazards:

- (1) (a) In what way do illegal land invasions erode the formal and/or informal urban edges of human settlements, (b) what is the impact of this in the (i) short and (ii) long term and (c) what measures are in place to manage the eroding of urban edges;
- (2) whether his Department has engaged with the provincial Department of Human Settlements, other provincial entities, municipalities and/or the national government on this matter; if so, (a) what is the nature of these discussions and (b) what pertinent outcomes mitigate the risks?

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

- (1) What are the amounts owed by each municipality in the province to (a) water boards or the Department of Water and Sanitation and (b) SARS;
- (2) whether each municipality has payment agreements for each of the amounts owed in (1); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) which municipalities, if any, are facing litigation as the result of the non-payment of these debts;

- (4) whether criminal charges have been brought against any municipality for any such non-payment of debts; if so, what is the value of the litigation (contingencies) faced by each municipality for the non-payment of these debts?

(606)

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

With reference to the Waaikraal and Amalienstein farms:

- (1) For each year since the financial statements have been drafted in their current format, what are the amounts of the financial support that have been transferred by (a) his Department or (b) from other sources to each of these farms' finances, which have been included in the figures shown as "income" for each of these farms;
- (2) how much has Casidra charged the farms for its role in managing the farms for each of the last three financial years;
- (3) (a) which entity or entities are funding the research and/or studies in order to turn around the financial position of these farms for each of the last three financial year and (b) what is the estimated costs for these services?

(608)

**4. Ms M M Wenger to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:**

- (1) (a) How many kidnappings have been recorded in (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 to date, (b) for each financial year in (a), how many of the kidnap victims were children and (c) how many (i) hostage crises, (ii) negotiating teams and (iii) trained hostage negotiators are there in the province;
- (2) how prevalent are child kidnappings in the Western Cape;
- (3) whether child kidnappings are linked to organised crime; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether his Department is monitoring reports of attempted child kidnappings; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(609)

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

What is the process for the transfer of land to the Housing Development Agency (HDA) for the purpose of human-settlement projects in cases where the land is owned and/or managed by the (a) national government and (b) provincial government?

(610)

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

- (a) What is the status of human-settlement projects at (i) Ysterplaat, (ii) Culemborg, (iii) Wingfield, (iv) Denel and (v) Youngsfield and (b) when does his Department expect to hand over housing opportunities to the beneficiaries at these five sites?

(611)

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

With regard to applications for enrolment at public schools:

(a) At what point is public schools declared full, (b) who makes this determination, (c) what legislation is used to determine this and (d)(i) how, (ii) when and (iii) by who is this communicated to the parents and the general public?

(612)

**8. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

With regard to his commitment during his SOPA address on 20 February 2020 that his government would build 30 security fences at schools in high-risk locations each year for the next five years:

- (1) Whether he can give an update on this commitment, including the (a) number and (b) details of the schools where the fences have been built in the 2020 academic year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what are the details of schools that have been selected for the 2021 academic year and (b) what are the selection criteria for these schools;
- (3) whether there has been any changes to the plan to build 30 security fences at schools each year for the next five years; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(613)

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

With regard to the risk of a second wave of COVID-19 infections:

(a) What is the risk of the province being hit by the second wave of COVID-19 infections and (b) what steps have been taken to prepare the public healthcare system for this?

(614)

**10. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

With regard to rising dam levels and the directive from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to local authorities supplied with water from the Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS) to lift water restrictions:

What engagements has he had with municipalities and the City of Cape Town, in particular, to review and lower tariffs and to lift restrictions?

(615)

**11. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

With regard to the directive from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to local authorities supplied with water from the Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS) to lift water restrictions:

(a) What is his Department's position regarding this, (b) what steps will be taken to ensure that the directive is actioned in municipalities and (c) what are the current (i) water tariffs and (ii) water restrictions in each of the Western Cape municipalities?

(616)

**12. Mr D Smith to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

(a) What are the details of all 106 investigations undertaken by his Department in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20 and (iii) 2020/21 to date, (b) what is the current status of each of these investigations and (c) what were the outcomes and actions taken for all those investigations that have been finalised?

(617)

**13. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:**

With regard to the security company rendering screening services at the legislature precinct:

(a) What are the details of the security company that has been hired to provide this service, (b) what is its BBBEE status, (c) which department procured the services of this company, (d) what is the cost breakdown of the services provided by the company and (e) what are the details of the service level agreement with this company and (f) whether he can provide copies of the relevant documentation?

(618)

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

(1) What are the (a) number of employees, (b) number of vacancies, (c) personnel expenditure and (d) number of agency personnel and related costs for (i) community health clinics, (ii) community health centres, (iii) districts hospitals, (iv) psychiatric hospitals, (v) regional hospitals, (vi) TB hospitals, (vii) central hospitals and (viii) tertiary hospitals;

(2) (a) what is the detailed breakdown of the expenditure to date for the 2020/21 financial year for each of the categories in (1)(i) to (viii) above, (b)(i) what is her Department's expenditure on agency personnel, (ii) what are the details of the agencies from which the Department procured the services of personnel and (iii) what amount was received by each agency;

(3) (a) what is the number of staff members who are permanently employed by her Department and (b) how many are on agency payrolls in the province?

(619)

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

With regard to the powers and functions of hospital boards and clinic and community health centre committees:

(1) Whether any committees and/or boards have taken any measures to improve the quality of service at their respective facilities in (a) 2019/20 and (b) 2020/21 to date; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether any committees and/or boards conducted scheduled visits at their respective facilities in (a) 2019/20 and (b) 2020/21 to date; if not, why not; if so, (i) what are the relevant details and (ii) what were the recommendations forwarded after each visit;

(3) whether all the facilities in the province have functional committees and/or boards; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(620)

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

Whether the Western Cape has a tourism recovery plan; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) can a copy of the plan be provided?

(621)

**17. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:**

(a) What are her Department's plan or strategy regarding its readiness for a possible second wave of COVID-19 infections and (b) what are the deliverables of this plan or strategy?

(622)

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

With reference to the amount of R7 billion requested by the Department of Basic Education for allocation to 319 000 education and other assistants:

(a) How many of these assistants will be allocated to Western Cape schools, (b) what is the rand value of the roll-out in the province, (c) what are the criteria for the allocation, (d) what are the guidelines provided to provincial departments for the Education Assistance Programme (EducAP) in particular and (e) when is the programme expected to commence?

(623)

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

What is the percentage of schools in the province that (a) comply with the minimum physical infrastructure norms and standards and (b) do not comply with the minimum sanitation infrastructure standards?

(624)

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

With regard to the employment of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of the reply, in his Department:

- (1) Whether the appointment of this person has been discussed with the Minister of Agriculture; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) at what stage was he informed about the appointment;
- (3) whether any performance appraisal has been conducted for this position; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(625)

**21. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:**

(a) How many housing opportunities were delivered in the Western Cape during the 2019/20 provincial financial year, (b) what is the breakdown of the housing opportunities per (i) typology and (ii) municipality, (c) how many housing opportunities were delivered by the City of Cape Town in the 2019/20 municipal financial year and (d) what

is the breakdown of housing-opportunity typology delivered by the City of Cape Town in the 2019/20 municipal financial year?

(626)

**22. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

(a) What is the total cost of the upgrade of the R60 road and bridge through Ashton, (b) to whom was the contract initially awarded, (c) what is the total approved cost of the new bridge in Ashton and (d) how much of this budget has thus far been spent?

(627)

**23. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

On 26 March 2019 Minister Madikizela confirmed to the Western Cape parliament that 8,4 hectare of land was being released in the Bo-Kaap, Oranjezicht, Tamboerskloof and in the CBD of Cape Town for “extraordinary high-density” housing for 10 000 beneficiaries:

Whether he can (a) provide an update on the progress of these housing projects and (b) indicate whether these properties have now been released for human settlement; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(628)

**24. Ms N Makamba-Botya to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

With reference to the recent violence in the taxi industry and attacks on public transport busses:

What measures did his Department take to ensure the safety of commuters who use these modes of transport?

(588)

**25. Mr D G Mitchell to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

With regard to rail services, the President stated that the central line would be fully functional by September 2020:

- (1) (a) What factors prevented this and (b) what is the current status of the central line;
- (2) whether busses have been hired to supplement the rail services for the passengers who are unable to utilise the service; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) why has the construction of a safety wall between the Netreg and Bonteheuwel railway stations come to a halt and (b) what are the repercussions of this, including on the safety of commuters and on the infrastructure?

(570)

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

With regard to potential properties earmarked for housing developments in Cape Town’s inner city that are owned by the national government:

- (1) How many nationally owned properties have been identified by the Province and the City of Cape Town in the inner city that would be suitable for the development of social housing;
- (2) whether his Department or the City of Cape Town has approached the national government for the release of these properties; if not, why not; if so, what was the response from the national government?

(571)

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

With regard to housing projects being implemented by local authorities in the Western Cape:

- (a) How many municipalities are struggling to implement and complete housing projects in the Western Cape, (b) what are the reasons for the lack of implementation and (c) what steps is the Department taking to address this lack of implementation?

(572)

**28. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

Given the Competition Commission's stance that "The minibus taxi industry needs to be subsidised through increased funding for the Taxi Recapitalisation Programme":

Whether his Department plans to increase the funding for the Taxi Recapitalisation Programme, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 6 November 2020. 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.**