

**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, 14 OCTOBER 2022**

**1. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

- (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, served as Head of Office for the Minister of Human Settlements; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) for how long did this person occupy the position;
- (2) whether a request to appoint this person as Head of Office for the Minister of Transport and Public Works in 2019 was denied; if so, (a) on what basis was it denied and (b)(i) who was then appointed as Head of Office and (ii) on what basis was this person appointed?

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

- (a) To what extent has the water allocation to farmers, as managed by the Lower Olifants River Water Users Association (Lorwua), been curbed for this summer season, (b) which entity is responsible for annually determining the percentage of the water quotas that may be used by quota holders and (c) to what extent will the plan to increase the capacity of the Clanwilliam Dam alleviate the challenges and uncertainty for farmers?

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**3. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Mobility:**

- (1) Whether the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa or any of the other national rail entities in the past contributed to the costs related to the improvement of rail safety, such as the construction of road bridges over railway lines; if so, what are the details on how these costs were split;
- (2) (a) what percentage of the amounts referred to in (1) was claimed from national state entities responsible for rail transport, (b) from which national state entities were claimed and (c) what amounts are still outstanding;

- (3) (a) what is the age analysis of any outstanding amounts that were claimed and (b) what actions were undertaken to communicate and follow up on these claims;
- (4) what dispute-resolution options are available for provinces (a) that wish to claim for costs incurred on behalf of national state entities and (b) that do not receive feedback about such claims;
- (5) what is the estimated amount spent by the Western Cape Government on improving the safety of railway crossings over the last ten years?

(718)

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

With regard to the beneficiaries of the SMME Booster Fund:

- (a) What support is her Department providing to upskill businesses in the adoption of online payment methods, (b) what benefits has this had for these businesses, (c) what are the number of businesses that have received this support to date and (d) what sort of online payment methods are businesses adopting?

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

With regard to small-scale embedded generation (SSEG) and wheeling:

- (1) (a) What support is provided to municipalities, (b) how many SSEGs have been brought online to date, (c) how much electricity is this anticipated to bring into the grid once fully implemented, (d) in which municipalities has it been rolled out to date and (e) what is the current shortfall in electricity in the province;

- (2) whether all the municipalities have submitted their tariff plans; if not, why not?

(720)

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

How has the Problem-driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA) programme been beneficial for governance in the province, particularly in the field of commuter mobility and safety?

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**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 28 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.**