

**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, 15 OCTOBER 2021

1. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With reference to availing public libraries in the Western Cape as COVID-19 vaccine registration sites:

- (1) (a) How many individuals were assisted with their respective vaccine registrations, (b) what is the breakdown per region, (c) when did libraries first begin providing this service, (d) is it still ongoing, (e) which libraries provided registration assistance under level 4 and (f) what measures were put in place to assist those who are not computer literate;
- (2) whether library staff or other officials were trained in order to assist with the provision of COVID-19 registration and vaccination information to residents; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) who provided the training and (c) what support did the provincial Department of Health provide;
- (3) whether her Department is collaborating with the provincial Department of Health on any other ongoing projects to address the COVID-19 pandemic; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

What (a) programmes, (b) projects or (c) other means of support to residents does her Department offer to improve the levels of computer literacy in the province?

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

- (a) How many protected areas advisory committees are there in the province, (b) what areas are covered by each committee, (c) who are the members of these committees,

(d) who have been invited during 2021 to attend meetings of these committees as interested and affected parties, (e) what support is given by CapeNature and/or his Department to these committees and (f)(i) what is his and his Department's position on the establishment of these committees and (ii) how can their role and contribution to the environment be enhanced?

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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:

Regarding hiking in the Nuweberg Reserve:

- (1) (a) Since when has the trail via Pofaddernek and Noordekloof been closed to hikers and (b)(i) what are the reasons why this trail has been closed and (ii) do these reasons also apply to the summer season;
- (2) whether CapeNature plans to reopen this trail in the future; if so, when;
- (3) (a) what is the current condition of the initial four overnighting huts for hikers and (b) what are the detail of the amounts budgeted in the current financial year for the maintenance and/or upgrading of these facilities?

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5. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

Whether provincial departments and entities have poverty alleviation programmes; if so, what are the (a) details and (b) expenditure of each in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (vi) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date?

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

- (1) Whether he has initiated or requested any investigation in terms of section 106 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), into the City of Cape Town in this term of office; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he has requested the City of Cape Town's Municipal Council or Municipal Manager in terms of section 106(1)(a) to provide information as required in a notice arising out of any allegation or complaint as provided for in terms of section 106(1) of the Municipal Systems Act; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he has taken any steps in terms of section 106 of the Municipal Systems Act; if so, (a) what is the nature of the steps, (b) what is the situation or occurrence being investigated or requiring information and (c)(i) what is the current status of those investigations and (ii) when will they be finalised;
- (4) whether he had not acted in terms of section 106(1), 106(1)(a) or 106(1)(b), respectively, of the Municipal Systems Act;
- (5) whether he has received any information, allegation or complaint directly or through the Premier (or his office) that required him to act in terms of section 106; if so, why has he not acted?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 29 October 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.