

**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, 12 NOVEMBER 2021

1. Mr R I Allen to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

(a) What amount of funding was provided to the Laingsburg Municipality for the Rural Safety Plan and (b)(i) for what purpose were the funds used and (ii) what are the details thereof?

(677)

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

With regard to the funds handed over to the Laingsburg Municipality on 19 October 2021:

(a) What amount was provided, (b) what was the purpose of the funding and (c) what amount has been spent to date?

(678)

3. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to the reply to question 14 of 17 September 2021:

(1) Regarding the response to 14(c), (a) what are the specific details of each of the “several interventions” implemented to address the root causes underlying the DNA backlog at the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and (b) how does each intervention contribute to ensuring the backlog does not occur again;

(2) regarding the response to 14(e), for how long were the RI Lane instruments not operating at full capacity;

(3) whether the contract for the maintenance of the RI Lane instruments is still pending; if so, (a) what is the latest update and (b) what is the reason the delay;

- (4) what is the daily difference in cases processed when the RI Lane instruments are fully operational as opposed to when these cases are processed manually?

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4. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to the processing of DNA specimens at the South African Police Service (SAPS) Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL):

- (a) What is the total number of backlogged cases as a result of delayed DNA processing at the SAPS FSL in the province, (b) how many of these cases are related to sexual offences and (c) what is the timeline for the eradication of the case backlog related to sexual offences?

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5. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to the reply to question 15 of 17 September 2021:

- (1) Regarding the response to 15(b–c), the reply indicates in part (b) that 59 police officers had disciplinary proceedings instituted against them; however, a breakdown of these proceedings in part (c) indicates that four officers had “no steps taken” against them, (a) what is the reason for this discrepancy and (b) why did these four officers not face disciplinary action;
- (2) regarding the response to 15(d), (a) how many workshops related to gender-based violence (GBV) have taken place in 2021 to date and (b) at which (i) stations and (ii) units did the workshops take place;
- (3) what measures are involved in “consequence management” to deter members from being involved in misconduct?

(681)

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

With respect to the 5 640 household food gardens, 132 community food gardens and 43 school food gardens having been established thus far:

- (a) How much, on average, does a (i) household, (ii) community and (iii) school food garden cost, (b) how much has this achievement cost to date, (c) what measures are being implemented to ensure that these gardens are sustained and do not become dormant and (d) how many (i) household, (ii) community and (iii) school food gardens are planned for the next financial year?

(682)

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

With reference to his Department’s Drone Technology Expansion and Training Programme:

- (a) How many people have graduated with their drone pilot’s licences since the inception of this programme, (b) of those who have graduated, how many (i) are employed in the agriculture sector, (ii) are not employed in the agriculture sector and (iii) have sought and found employment as drone operators, (c) how many people have enrolled in the training programme and (d) what are the planned intake number for the next intake?

(683)

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

With reference to his Department's decision to establish a Climate Change Unit:

- (1) What are the unit's (a) operations and (b) responsibilities;
- (2) whether any progress has been made with its mandate to date; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what metrics are used to evaluate the unit's performance and (b)(i) what is the unit's budget allocation and (ii) to whom does the unit report?

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9. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether he and his Department have plans to provide formal housing to backyarders and wendy house dwellers; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Mr M Kama to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

(a) What is the total amount that has been sent to the West Coast Netball Union in (i) 2013, (ii) 2014, (iii) 2015, (iv) 2016, (v) 2017, (vi) 2018, (vii) 2019, (viii) 2020 and (ix) 2021 to date, (b) what was the money intended for, (c)(i) what is the address of the union and (ii) who are its members and (d) what is the (i) number of netball facilities that have been built in the West Coast region and (ii) location of each facility?

(686)

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

- (1) (a) What is the number of applications for the 2022 academic year that have been submitted and (b) what is the breakdown of the applications per (i) grade, (ii) race and (iii) gender;
- (2) (a) what is the number of learners who have been placed at schools for the 2022 academic year and (b) what is the breakdown of the placements per (i) grade, (ii) race and (iii) gender;
- (3) what is the number of learners who have not been placed at schools for the 2022 academic year, (b) what is the breakdown of the learners who have not been placed per (i) grade, (ii) race and (iii) gender and (c) what are the reasons that these learners not having been placed?

(687)

12. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With regard to claims by the Chairperson of Heritage Western Cape in the 2020/21 Annual Report that the Council is of the view that more staff members are needed in order to execute its mandate optimally:

- (1) (a) What measures have been put in place to pay the heritage professionals salaries that are competitive in the market and (b) what is the number of employees who have resigned from Heritage Western Cape in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date;

- (2) whether there are plans to increase the budget for Heritage Western Cape; 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 26 November 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.