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WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2022

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

(a) What training opportunities are available for agricultural extension officers, (b) to what extent are they allowed to attend agricultural shows, farmers' days and opportunities to liaise with marketing divisions of agricultural products, (c) what formal training opportunities are there and (d) what percentage of the payroll of his Department is spent on formal training opportunities for staff of his Department?

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2. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to weighbridges:

Whether an investment in more weighbridges on routes currently not covered by such weighbridges would be financially justifiable to the Province in terms of the damage caused to surfaced roads by overladen vehicles; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) What is the teacher-to-learner ratio at the Ceres Secondary School;
- (2) whether the school management has reported the shortage of classrooms to her Department prior to the 2022 school year; if so, what progress has been made in this regard;
- (3) whether there was an application for mobile classrooms; if so, when is the outcome of the request expected?

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

With reference to the additional water that would be available once the capacity of the feeder canal to the Brandvlei Dam is increased:

- (1) (a) What criteria does the national Department of Water and Sanitation consider in order to determine allocations of water for the irrigation of agricultural land, (b) what would be the process to apply for such water rights and (c) when is the application process expected to commence;
- (2) whether his Department has any role to play in this regard, especially to speed up the decision-making processes by the national Department; if so, what are the relevant details?

(58)

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

With regard to municipal landfills declared non-compliant by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment as reported by a Cape Times article on 16 February 2022:

- (a) How many municipalities were declared non-compliant, (b) what are the constraints preventing them from being compliant and (c) what assistance does his Department give to the municipalities deemed to be non-compliant?

(59)

6. Mr G Bosman to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With reference to child deaths in the province:

- (a) How many children have died in the past 12 months, (b) what is the most common cause of child deaths in the province and (c) how many children died as a result of (i) natural causes, (ii) murder and (iii) accidents?

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7. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

- (1) How many child-headed households are there in the province;
- (2) whether her Department assists these households; if so, what measures does her Department implement to do so?

(61)

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

With regard to the Premier's statement in the SOPA 2022 that, between the first quarter of 2020 and the third quarter of 2021, unemployment in the province increased by 132 000:

- (1) What is the detailed breakdown of this number per (a) industry, (b) age, (c) race, (d) gender, (e) municipality and (f) ward;

- (2) with regard to the assertion in the SOPA 2022 that “the next two years will be about helping businesses create jobs, and a lots of them”: (a) what are the details of the support or help that will be given to businesses, (b) what the phrase “and lots of them” in numbers means, (c) what is the exact target for job creation over the next two years and (d) what is the nature of jobs?

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

With regard to pronouncements by the Premier in his SOPA 2022 that the Province is planning five mega health infrastructure projects, including the Belhar, Klipfontein and Helderberg regional hospitals, the Tygerberg Central Hospital development and the Swartland District Hospital:

- (a) (i) What are the time frames for these projects and (ii) at what stage are they currently, (b)(i) what is the envisaged total budget for each project and (ii) how much will be budgeted in the new financial year and (c) what plans are in place to guard against delays in the projects?

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10. Ms R Windvogel to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to his pronouncement in the SOPA 2022 that preparation is commencing for the Belhar and Klipfontein regional hospitals and detailed planning to enable a public–private partnership for the Tygerberg Central Hospital development has also begun, working in collaboration with the World Bank:

- (a) What are the detailed updates of the planning to enable the public–private partnership for the Tygerberg Central Hospital, (b) what are the details of the collaboration with the World Bank, including the (i) number of meetings held, (ii) content of discussion, (iii) minutes of the meetings, (iv) details of the officials from his government who are engaging the World Bank and (v) details of the involvement of the national government in the process?

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

With regard to the Premier’s announcement during the SOPA 2022 that his government will employ around 1 100 new teachers this year, as well as the commitment to build security fences at 30 schools this year:

- (1) (a) What is the budget for the employment of these new teachers, (b) what mechanisms were used to determine the required number of teaching posts, (c) what criteria will be used to deploy these teachers and (d) what is the detailed breakdown of the schools at which they will be posted;
- (2) (a) what is the detailed list of all the schools that benefited from the fencing project in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020 and (iii) 2021 and (b)(i) which schools will benefit in the 2022 academic year and (ii) what criteria are used to identify them?

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

With regard to the functioning of the Schools Evaluation Authority, which has already completed 111 evaluations:

- (1) Whether copies and details of these evaluations can be made available; if not; why not;
- (2) what is the total expenditure breakdown of the Schools Evaluation Authority per year from its inception to date;
- (3) whether there are any vacancies in the unit; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the Schools Evaluation Authority conducted any work on the challenges of unplaced learners, overcrowded classrooms and learner transport issues; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the Premier's announcement in SOPA 2022 that there are six new mobile schools anticipated for completion in 2022/23:

- (a) What are the details of the new schools, (b) how much is budgeted for these schools, (c) what is the number of mobile classrooms that will be erected per school and (d) what is the number of teachers that will be employed per school?

(67)

14. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to the Premier's announcement that his government has invested R6 billion on road infrastructure since 2019, with half of that money being spent on maintaining the existing network and the other half of that money being spent on new construction:

- (1) What is the detailed breakdown of expenditure, including (a)(i) a detailed list of projects and (ii) the cost per project and (b)(i) a detailed list of service providers, (ii) the amount received by each service provider and (iii) the BBEEE status of each service provider;
- (2) with regard to the announcement in SOPA 2022 that three new road upgrade projects would be launched in the next financial year: (a)(i) what are the details of the these projects and (ii) what is the contractual value of each project and (b)(i) what service providers have been appointed, (ii) what is the BBEE status of each service provider and (iii) what is the contractual value of each project?

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

With regard to the assertion made in his SOPA 2022 that wheeling (which is the private-to-private trading of energy) across municipal networks is being explored in seven Western Cape municipalities, given the recent unlocking of national electricity regulations:

- (a) What are the details of this wheeling, including (i) the amount of energy being traded and (ii) the cost of the electricity and (b)(i) what are the details of the seven municipalities and (ii) what criteria were used to select them?

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16. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to claims made in the SOPA 2022 that over 32 000 housing opportunities have been provided since the start of his government's term of office:

(a) What are the details of the 32 000 housing opportunities, (b) what is the number of (i) serviced sites and (ii) top structures delivered per year since the start of the term of office, (c) what is the detailed breakdown of the type of subsidy delivered, (d) what is the breakdown per (i) municipality and (ii) suburb and (e)(i) what is the number of social-housing opportunities provided and (ii) what are the details of the companies that the government partnered with for social housing?

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17. Mr A Lili to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to social-housing provision in the province between 2014 and 2022:

(a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the companies that his Department has partnered with, (b) what is the number of housing opportunities provided by each company, (c) what are the details of assistance provided by his Department per social-housing project, (d) what are the details of the board members of each of the companies that his Department partnered with and (e) what is the number of persons that have been evicted from Communicare properties during the specified period?

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18. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (1) What is the number of properties in the province that are owned by companies whose names has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply;
- (2) whether these companies have the title deeds and/or any other proof of ownership of these properties; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) can copies of the proof of ownership of these properties be provided and (c)(i) when and (ii) where did they acquire these properties from?

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19. Mr M Kama to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the Premier's assertion made in SOPA 2022 that "we adopted the most extensive provincial Safety Plan in South Africa, which has now resulted in 1 056 Law Enforcement Advancement Programme (LEAP) officers being trained and deployed, through the City of Cape Town, to 13 high-crime police precincts":

- (1) (a) What are the details of the deployment of these LEAP officers, (b) what are the details of the 13 high-crime police precincts, (c) what is the number of deployed officers per area and (d) of the deployed officers, how many are dealing with (i) crime prevention, (ii) anti-land invasions and (iii) public-order policing;
- (2) whether any detectives have been recruited and deployed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) under which section of the Western Cape Safety Plan is provision made for the establishment of Area-Based Teams (ABTs), (b) what are the details of the high-crime areas where these ABTs are deployed, (c) how much is paid per month to these ABTs and (d) what are the daily responsibilities and tasks of these ABTs;

- (4) what is the total breakdown of expenditure of the Safety Plan from its inception to date, including the cost of (a) training, (b) remuneration and (c) equipment and machinery?

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

With regard to the Premier's pronouncement in his SOPA 2022 that his government plans to create a dedicated Violence Prevention Unit in the Western Cape's Department of Health:

- (a) Where will this unit be housed in her Department, (b) what will be its powers and functions, (c) how many staff members will be employed, (d)(i) how much will be budgeted for it and (ii) where will the budget come from, (e) how does it aim to prevent violence in the province and (f) what programmes will it run, including daily tasks?

(74)

21. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to his announcement during SOPA 2022 that his Cabinet has adopted a GBV Implementation Plan and that key interventions have been identified and agreed upon to be prioritised by all 13 heads of department:

- (1) (a) What are the details of the GBV Implementation Plan, (b) what are the key interventions that have been identified, (c) what are the specific roles that will be played by each department, (d) what accountability measures will be put in place to ensure that Ministers are held accountable for any failure to implement these interventions fully and (e)(i) what will be the total budget for this GBV Intervention Plan and (ii) where will it come from;
- (2) (a) what is the total breakdown of the expenditure of his government in the fight against GBV and femicide in the province in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date and (b) what is the breakdown of expenditure per municipality?

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22. Ms N Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

- (a) What progress has been made with the shifting of the Early Childhood Development function from her Department to the Western Cape Education Department (WCED), (b) what are the details of the functions currently undertaken by (i) her Department and (ii) the WCED and (c)(i) what has caused the delays in the migration of this function to the WCED and (ii) when will it be completed fully?

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

- (a) What was the total cost of the State of the Province Address in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020, (iv) 2021 and (v) 2022, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of the expenditure on (i) items and (ii) costs and (c) what is the (i) detailed list of service providers, (ii) amount paid to each and (iii) BBBEE status of each service provider?

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24. Mr S N August to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) (a) What is the status of the 13 000 low-cost homes to be built in the inner city, (b) in what financial year will this project commence and (c) from which regions in the province will people be able to apply for said homes;
- (2) whether this housing will be reserved for young professionals employed in the city; if so, what are the relevant details?

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25. Mr S N August to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) Whether a recent video of school-going children consuming alcohol on school premises and mentioning the intent of smoking cannabis has been brought to her attention; if so, (a) what is the name of the school, (b) what is the age range of the learners, (c) what action has been taken by her Department and (d) what psycho-social support does her Department deploy in these cases;
- (2) what programmes does her Department have in place to capacitate teachers to deal with such destructive behaviour and to ensure that it does not fester in schools?

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26. Mr S N August to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) What factors allowed for the underspending of her Department's annual budget, given the shortage of public schools and the placement for thousands of learners, (b) what programmes currently exist to (i) capacitate teachers to educate and train learners better in a changing academic environment, (ii) ensure teachers are at the forefront of utilising technology in the classroom and (iii) ensure that teachers are familiar with understanding, navigating and dealing with the psychological impact of harmful socio-economic factors;
- (2) what is the (a) short-, (b) medium- and (c) long-term academic implications of not having allocated desks to thousands of children in the province?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 11 March 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.