

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
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WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 5 MARCH 2021

1. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In the State of the Province Address, the Premier notes that the Department of Economic Opportunities and Tourism, along with the Department of Local Government and the Provincial Treasury, is in the process of assessing municipalities “to determine their readiness for and to select those that can be the initial drivers of new energy opportunities”:

- (1) (a) What are the criteria for the assessment of local municipalities and (b) how was this preferred set of criteria determined;
- (2) (a) how many municipalities have been identified and (b) what are the relevant details of each;
- (3) whether his Department completed its assessment and engaged the municipalities that have been identified as meeting the criteria; if not, why not; if so, what has been the response of the local governments?

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2. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the announcement in SOPA of 2021 that the provincial government would lobby the national Department of Home Affairs to develop and roll out a remote working visa:

- (1) Whether the Western Cape Government has engaged with the national Minister concerning this initiative; if so, (a) what has been the suggestion by the provincial government and (b) what are the relevant details in the proposal;

- (2) whether the national Minister replied to provincial government's suggestion; if so, what are the relevant details?

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3. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the Community Economic Recovery Programme:

- (1) (a) How many individuals have benefitted from this programme since it was launched in September, (b) where are these individuals based, (c) how much funding has been made available to beneficiaries and (d) how many spaza shops have benefitted from this programme;
- (2) whether his Department plans to continue this programme in the foreseeable future; if so, what are the relevant details?

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4. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In the State of the Province Address by Premier Alan Winde, he noted that the Western Cape Government had procured technical expertise to assist in the Municipal Energy Resilience (MER) Project:

- (a) What exactly is meant by procuring "technical expertise", (b) if individuals have been employed for this purpose, is it on (i) a full-time basis or (ii) a part-time and/or consultation basis, (c) how many individuals have been employed and (d) what qualifications do they need to have to be considered experts?

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5. Ms D M Baartman to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the aim of the provincial government to secure trade deals worth R4,25 billion in the coming year (SOPA 2021):

- (1) (a) Which department and/or entity will take the lead in these virtual trade missions, (b) what products are being earmarked for export and (c) what are the relevant details, including which countries in (i) Africa, (ii) Europe and (iii) North America will be approached for trade deals;
- (2) whether his Department has secured any trade deals to date through virtual trade missions; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard the veld fire that raged during the last week of February 2021:

- (a) What is the size of the Jonkershoek Nature Reserve, (b) how many hectares of the reserve were affected by this fire, (c) where did this fire start, (d) what was deemed to be the cause of this fire, (e) what is the total size of veld that caught fire, (f) what were the costs incurred by each of the various entities that assisted to fight this fire, (g) what will

the effect of this fire be on efforts to eradicate alien vegetation in the affected area and
(h) what are the estimated costs of the damages caused by this fire?

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7. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the provincial government's commitment to paying suppliers within 30 days of the completion of services and/or the delivery of goods:

- (1) How many suppliers did the Western Cape Government pay in the last 12 months;
- (2) whether there is any supplier payment from the Department of the Premier that is outstanding for more than 30 days; if so, (a) why is this the case and (b) what are the relevant details;
- (3) what percentage of suppliers have been paid within (a) 30 days, (b) 60 days and (c) 90 days by the Department of the Premier over the last 12 months;
- (4) whether the Western Cape Government has failed to pay any of its suppliers; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether there is any supplier payment from the Department of Education that is outstanding for more than 30 days; if so, (a) why is this the case and (b) what are the relevant details;
- (6) whether there is any supplier payment from the Department of Social Development that is outstanding for more than (a) 30 days, (b) 60 days and (c) 90 days; if so, (i) why is this the case and (ii) what are the relevant details?

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8. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

From her reply to question 17 of 28 February 2020, which provided a list of schools that do not have their own libraries, it is clear that many of these schools are situated in poor areas:

- (a) How many libraries or computer rooms have been built at schools since 2009,
- (b) where have these libraries or computer rooms been built, (c) how many of these schools are previous model C schools and (d) how much money has been set aside for this very important educational resource?

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9. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to his reply to question 7 of 20 March 2020:

- (1) (a) What is the outcome of his investigation into this matter and (b) what steps, if any, did the Minister take following the outcome;
- (2) how is it possible that the reappointment was done without consulting the Minister;
- (3) whether the reappointment and salary increase have contributed in any way to the resignation of the chairperson; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether the salary has been revised; if so, how?

(83)

10. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

The Norms and Standards for Shelters for Homeless Adults of April 2015 recommends that a Personal Development Plan must be compiled for each resident and it must be documented by the shelter manager, supervisor or social worker to ensure the personal growth and development of residents. Each resident must be provided with an exit strategy as part of the Personal Development Plan.

- (1) (a) What is the number of personal development plans developed since January 2020 and (b) how many people have (i) successfully exited the programme and (ii) been reintegrated into the community;
- (2) whether the contact details of people who have successfully exited the programme can be provided?

(84)

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

(a) What are the reasons for the closure of Graafwater High School and (b) what is the detailed outline of the process that was followed to make that decision, including the details and minutes of meetings where the decision was taken?

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

Whether there are any hospitals and/or clinics in the province that have employed private consultants to perform medical male circumcisions; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the costs associated with this?

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

With regard to the vaccination roll-out in the province:

- (1) (a) What is the number of healthcare workers in (i) the Cape metropolitan area and (ii) rural districts who have been vaccinated in the province since the start of the roll-out and (b) what are the details of facilities where they work;
- (2) whether there are any healthcare workers who have refused to be vaccinated; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what mechanisms are in place to encourage healthcare workers to receive the vaccine?

(87)

14. Mr P Marran to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With regard to the spread of COVID-19 on farms:

- (a) What (i) is the number of farm workers who have contracted the coronavirus and (ii) are the details of the farms where they work, (b) what mechanisms are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on farms and (c) what interventions has the government

put in place to limit the spread of the coronavirus when farm workers are transported on the back of trucks?

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

Whether her Department acquired the services of private service providers for the transportation of patients in the period January 2020 to February 2021, if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the breakdown of the total expenditure?

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16. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to his government's procurement of a COVID-19 vaccine:

- (1) (a) What is the total cost that has been incurred by his government to date in the process of procuring a vaccine, including (i) the breakdown of the total expenditure and (ii) the names of the companies that his government has engaged in the process, (b)(i) what progress has been made with regard to the provincial procurement of a COVID-19 vaccine and (ii) when can the delivery of the procured vaccine be expected and (c)(i) what is the total budget for the procurement of a vaccine and (ii) how many doses are being targeted;
- (2) whether, with regard to the high demand for a vaccine and the slowness and difficulty in securing a vaccine for the province, he will consider abandoning the process of procuring a vaccine; if not, why not?

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17. Mr M Kama to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) What is the total number of violent crimes, especially murders, (i) that have been reported in the province in the first two months of 2021 and (ii) that have been reported in the top ten murder precincts in the province;
- (2) (a) what is the number of children who have been murdered in the province between January 2020 and February 2021 and (b) how many of these murders were related to gang wars;
- (3) what are the details of the operations that have been conducted by the LEAP (Law Enforcement Advancement Programme) officers in each of the identified crime hotspots from January 2020 to date;
- (4) what are the detailed plans and strategy of his Department to curb violent crimes and murders in the province?

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18. Mr M Kama to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

- (a) What criteria are followed to determine the allocation of LEAP (Law Enforcement Advancement Programme) officers to various crime hotspots in the City of Cape Town and (b) why is there no uniformity in the number of officers deployed at various hotspots?

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19. Mr P Marran to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the records of crashes involving vehicles transporting farm workers to work kept by the police and other relevant law enforcement authorities:

(a) What is the number of crashes involving vehicles transporting farm workers to and from work that occurred in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020 and (viii) 2021 to date, including the (aa) areas in which they occurred, (bb) number of the deceased and (cc) number of those injured and (b) what are the (i) plans and (ii) measures that have been put in place to make the transportation of farm workers to and from work safer?

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20. Mr P Marran to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

Whether the transportation of farm workers is regulated in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the provincial government's plans to procure a COVID-19 vaccine:

- (1) (a) What is the total estimated budget for the procurement of a COVID-19 vaccine and (b) how will the province raise the funds for the vaccine;
- (2) whether there will be any cuts made to critical programmes in order to fund the vaccine procurement process; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether her Department made any work arrangements to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infections, such as allowing staff to work remotely and/or on a rotational basis, at its (a) head office and (b) district offices in the period June 2020 to February 2021; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her Department took a decision to stop the work arrangements that had been implemented to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection at its offices by allowing staff to work remotely and/or on a rotational basis; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the number of workers at its (a) head office and (b) district offices who contracted COVID-19 from March 2020 to date and (c) how many workers have died;
- (4) what is the number of workers at its (a) head office and (b) district offices who (i) have comorbidities, (ii) are over the age of 60 years and (iii) are working from the office?

(96)

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

Whether her Department offered any assistance to Sassa to eradicate the backlog in temporary disability grants and care dependency grants; 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 19 March 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.