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

- (1) Whether the City of Cape Town took measures to improve access to water supply to informal settlements for the 21-day Covid-19 lockdown period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how many informal settlements in the City of Cape Town do not have access to water supply with a minimum flow of 10 litres per minute and are not within 200 metres of a stand;
- (3) (a) what assessments of adequate water supply during the Covid-19 national lockdown period were conducted by the municipalities in the province or by the provincial Department of Local Government and (b) what were the findings of any such assessments;
- (4) what steps did his Department take to intervene or to support municipalities to address inadequate water supply to informal settlements?

(102)

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

With regard to a number of buildings currently being occupied by activists from Reclaim the City and other organisations in the province:

Whether any measures have been taken to ensure (a) they adhere to the lockdown regulations, (b) there is enough space to apply social distancing and (c) they have access to water, electricity and decent sanitation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(103)

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

With regard to the global outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic:

Whether he can provide a detailed breakdown of the (a) interventions taken by each of the provincial government departments and (b) expenditure of those departments in efforts to contain the spread of the virus; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(104)

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

Whether the Province has allocated disaster management funds to municipalities in response to the Covid-19 virus outbreak; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(105)

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

(1) Whether all the councillors in the province have the tools of trade, including office space, at their disposal; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he can furnish us with a list of those tools of trade for the councillors at all the municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(106)

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

Whether he can provide details of the people who have been arrested for violating the regulations of the lockdown, including the (a) total number of people arrested and (b) areas where they reside; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(107)

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

With regard to the Covid-19 outbreak and the subsequent lockdown declared by the President:

(1) Whether law enforcement officers have been deployed to assist during the lockdown period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) what support is being given to other municipalities outside the City of Cape Town, given the fact that trained law enforcement officers are only being deployed in the metropolitan area;
- (3) whether he can provide a detailed breakdown of the tasks undertaken by the law enforcement officers during the lockdown period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(108)

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

With regard to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in the province:

- (1) Whether he has received any reports of companies that have forced employees to take unpaid leave during the lockdown period; if so;
- (2) whether he will investigate these reports; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what measures have been put in place to ensure that companies that provide non-essential services adhere to the nation-wide lockdown regulations, which include workers not reporting for duty;
- (4) what provisions are in place to allow workers, especially women with underage children, to take leave from companies in essential services to manage fatigue and stress levels during this period of lockdown;
- (5) whether he will investigate reports of companies, especially retail shops, that have increased prices of some essential products, such as sanitizers, gloves and basic food stuff; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) what measures have been put in place to ensure that companies that provide essential services adhere to the containment measures of Covid-19 virus in their workspaces and accommodation, including safety, high levels of hygiene and periodic testing of those working in high-risk areas, such as ports, airports and frontline services?

(109)

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

- (1) (a) What is the total number of workers at the Saldanha Bay plant of ArcelorMittal South Africa (AMSA) who have been retrenched to date and (b) what is the total number of workers from local companies, that were contracting with AMSA, who have been retrenched to date;
- (2) whether the provincial government has given the workers social support, including taking steps to assist them with re-employment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(110)

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

Whether he can provide details of support measures that his Department is offering to township businesses during the lockdown period, especially to those regarded as part of essential services (such as pharmacies, retail or spaza shops and butcheries) and to those regarded as part of non-essential services (such as B&Bs and sewing), in addition to the SMME relief package announced by the national Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(111)

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

With regard to the closure of schools due to the Covid-19 outbreak:

- (1) Whether her Department has taken measures to ensure continued learner-support programmes, especially for Grade 12 learners; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether nutrition support will be provided to learners from disadvantaged families who relied on the school nutrition programme for daily meals; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(112)

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

With regard to school dropout on the West Coast:

Whether she can provide a breakdown of the dropout rates and the affected grades for each of the following years: (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, (d) 2017, (e) 2018 and (f) 2019?

(113)

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

With reference to her reply to question 2 of Written Question Paper dated 13 March 2020:

Whether she can give a detailed breakdown of the areas where the 1 137 unplaced learners reside or where they applied; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(114)

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

Whether any provision for additional victim empowerment centres in the province has been made in the 2020/21 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(115)

15. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

(a) What measures have his Department put in place to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus on public transport, (b) how are transport regulations for the lockdown period being enforced and, where deviations occur, how are they dealt with, (c) what measures are in place at taxi ranks, bus stops and trains stations to enforce the lockdown regulations and (d) what measures have his Department put in place to ensure the implementation of these lockdown regulations?

(116)

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

With regard to the contracting of agency personnel:

- (1) Whether she can provide a breakdown of the (a) number, (b) positions and (c) expenditure on agency personnel by her Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are plans to fill these vacancies on a full-time basis rather than relying on agency personnel; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(117)

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

- (1) Whether she can provide a detailed breakdown by regions and towns of the Covid-19 infections in the province as at the latest available data; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether local clinics, inside and outside of the City of Cape Town, have been afforded testing capacity to help local residents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any measures have been put in place to provide leave and manage the pressure on health professionals and their families during this time, especially for women with underage children; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether any measures are in place to protect healthcare workers at both public and private hospitals from getting infected by the Covid-19 virus, including the provision of protective gear and periodic testing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(118)

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

With regard to a post on the Facebook page of the Embassy of Cuba in South Africa on 27 March 2020 that stated more than 200 Cuban doctors were working tirelessly in eight provinces to assist with the battle against Covid-19 in South Africa:

- (1) Whether she can provide reasons why there are no Cuban doctors assisting in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether she can give reasons why the province has not indicated the need for assistance in accordance with the national government's request, sent to provinces every year, to identify the need of specialised doctors from Cuba; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(119)

19. Mr P Marran to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

With regard to the Covid-19 outbreak:

- (1) Whether measures have been put in place to ensure that there are no more than 100 farm workers transported in trucks at any single time; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether measures have been taken to provide farm workers with protective gear, including gloves and masks; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether measures have been put in place to provide safety and hygiene for workers and public servants in the agriculture industry who are working during the lockdown period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there are measures in place to monitor and coerce farmers to adhere to the containment measures of Covid-19, including the health and safety provisions for workers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(120)

20. Mr P Marran to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

Whether he has received reports of some hotels and/or wine estates with restaurants that are still operating and forcing workers to be at work; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) will he investigate the practice?

(121)

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

With regard to the first confirmed cases of the Covid-19 virus in poor communities, such as Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain:

Whether any measures have been taken to (a) reduce the population, especially informal settlements, by relocating people to other areas and (b) improve access to water and decent sanitation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(122)

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

With regard to budget allocations for the building of stadiums in the province:

- (1) (a)(i) What is the total number of stadiums in the province and (ii) of that number, how many are compliant with Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act 2 of 2010), or SASREA, and (b) what are the plans to ensure that more stadiums are SASREA-compliant;

- (2) what is the (a) number and (b) details of stadiums in the province that are not SASREA-compliant;
- (3) what are the plans to upgrade stadiums in Mitchells Plain, which have decayed over the years, including the (a) Tafelsig Indoor Sports Stadium and (b) Lentegeur Rugby and Cricket Stadium?

(123)

23. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

Whether he can provide details of companies that have been fined for violating the regulations of the lockdown period, including the (a) total number of companies fined and (b) areas where they operate; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(124)

24. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

Whether there is any protocol or procedure to be followed by the mortuaries and/or funeral parlours in the event of deaths due to Covid-19 virus; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(125)

25. Ms A P Bans to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With regard to the Covid-19 outbreak in the province:

- (1) Whether her Department has been allocated any additional funding to respond to the outbreak of Covid-19 in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her Department has procured any additional face masks and gloves in response to the Covid-19 outbreak; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what is the number Covid-19 test kits that are available in the province and (b) what is the total number and details of self-quarantine centres that are available in the province;
- (4) whether, with regard to the number of Covid-19-positive cases that have been confirmed in the province, she can provide details of how many are (a) quarantined at home, (b) in self-isolation centres and (c) hospitalised as at the latest available data; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether all the Covid-19-positive cases from poor areas, such as Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain and Klipfontein, and their contacts have been taken to designated self-isolation centres; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(126)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 21 April 2020. 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.