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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 19 MARCH 2021

1. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to her Sanitary Pad Project:

- (1) (a) How many schools and (b) which schools in Mitchells Plain benefited from the Sanitary Pad Project in the last financial year;
- (2) how many (a) learners received sanitary products through the project and (b) sanitary products were distributed in the (i) 2019 and (ii) 2020 academic year;
- (3) what is the process for applying for these sanitary pad donations;
- (4) whether this project will continue in the 2021/22 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the Tafelsig Police Station:

- (1) (a) What is the status of the future Tafelsig Police Station and (b) what is the proposed timeline for the completion of the Tafelsig Police Station;
- (2) whether there has been any delays; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With reference to the use of private laboratories for criminal investigations and the backlog in DNA processing at the national SAPS Forensic Science Laboratory:

- (a) In how many cases have victims resorted to the use of private laboratories, such as Pathcare, to process outstanding genetic material due to backlogs at the Forensic Science

Laboratory, (b) what was the outcome of these investigations in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020 and (iv) 2021 to date and (c) what process must victims follow if they wish to use private laboratories to process DNA, which the Forensic Science Laboratory has failed to process timeously?

(117)

4. Ms M M Wenger to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to AR 33/02/2021 Kirstenhof:

- (1) What is the status of this incident;
- (2) whether any charges have been brought in respect of this AR number; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether a blood-alcohol sample was taken from the driver of the vehicle; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether (a) the victim requested a blood-alcohol sample be taken and (b) witnesses claimed the driver was under the influence of alcohol; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) (a) at what speed the vehicle was travelling when it crashed into the rear-end of the other vehicle and (b) what is the speed limit of the road on which the crash occurred;
- (6) whether the SAPS considers the scene to be contaminated if paramedics attended to an injured person at a crash site; if so, what are the relevant details?

(118)

5. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the Early Childhood Development Forum (ECD Forum) described by the Premier in his State of the Province Address (SOPA) this year:

- (1) (a) What is the timeline for the development of the ECD Forum, (b) what are the details of the ECD Forum and (c) what is the envisaged (i) structure and (ii) overall objectives;

In the Premier's address he refers to key stakeholders who will be invited to engage with the ECD Forum:

- (2) what is (a) the breakdown of these stakeholders, (b) their respective capacities for engagement with the proposed ECD Forum and (c) their contributions to date to the development and/or conceptualisation of the ECD Forum;
- (3) in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and likely third wave, how will the ECD Forum (a) be established and (b) conduct its business in order to achieve optimal results for the ECD sector in the province;
- (4) whether the Western Cape Government has drawn on any best practice from (a) other provinces and (b) other countries or global institutions in the development of the ECD Forum; if not, what other practices, documents and/or other sources are guiding the development of the ECD Forum; if so, what are the relevant details?

(119)

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

With regard to news reports on 2 March 2021 that stated that approximately 7 000 learners – of the approximately 12 000 new applications received for the 2021 academic year – still need to be placed in schools and with regard to the placement of learners in general:

- (1) (a) What method or methods has her Department used to place the balance of the approximately 5 000 learners since the start of the year, (b) what is the current best practice to place learners speedily and (c) what challenges does her Department face in this regard;
- (2) with reference to the majority of unplaced learners in Grade 8, whether her Department is aware of the underlying causal factors; if so, (a) what are they and (b) how are they being addressed;
- (3) what support does her Department receive annually from the national Department of Basic Education with the placement of learners?

(120)

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

With reference to subject choices for learners in the province:

- (a) What (i) measure or measures does her Department undertake to recommend Mathematics and Science as subject choices among Grade 9 learners who are going to Grade 10 in the province and (ii) what are the details of other measures on this matter of subject selection that fall outside this bracket (Grade 9–10) that her Department is undertaking and (b)(i) how many high schools in the province offer only Mathematics from Grade 10 onwards and (ii) what are the reasons for this?

(121)

8. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With regard to the temperature control of vaccine dosages and the two-hour lifespan of the vaccines outside of cold storage:

- (1) How does the standby system at the vaccination centres operate in this instance;
- (2) whether her Department noted any high-level challenges with the roll-out programme of the COVID-19 vaccine to date; if so, (a) what are the details of these challenges, (b) what are the lessons learnt and (c) what strategies will be put in place to mitigate these risks for future roll-out phases;

With reference to receipt of COVID-19 vaccines in the Western Cape:

- (3) (a) how many vaccines does her Department expect to receive in each of the four tranches as part of phase 1 and (b) when does her Department expect to receive vaccines for the 60% of the remaining healthcare workers who have yet to be vaccinated under phase 1;
- (4) whether her Department is aware of the number of vaccines that will be received for phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out programme from the national Department of Health; if so, (a) how many, (b) what type, (c) by when and (d) how will different variants of the vaccine be prioritised among residents in the light of their scientific efficacy rate;

- (5) (a) how has her Department sub-prioritised healthcare workers in light of the insufficient amount of vaccines received from the national Department of Health and (b) what method will be applied for phase 2 if a shortage occurred;
- (6) (a)(i) how many vaccine centres are there in the province to date and (ii) what are the details of their locations by region, (b) how many additional vaccine centres will be brought online during the (i) first and (ii) second phase of vaccine roll-out in the province and (c) how many of these will be at private healthcare facilities?

(122)

9. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With reference to the cost of rolling out COVID-19 vaccines in the province:

What is the total amount spent to date on the vaccine roll-out planning and strategy in terms of (a) equipment, (b) facilities, (c) staff and (d) training?

(123)

10. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

What is the status of each of the new or refurbished infrastructure projects planned for the 2021/22 financial year in terms of (a) capital budget expenditure and (b) notable upgrades?

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

Whether his Department can provide a breakdown of the latest data on the number of (a) murders and (b) attempted murders in what the Department deems to be the five priority crime areas over the last 12 months, as collected and monitored by the Western Cape Government's Safety Plan Steering Committee?

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

With reference to an article published on 8 March 2021 on IOL News titled: "JP Smith says persistence of illegal firearms in Cape Town is 'hugely problematic'":

- (1) Whether an investigation has been conducted on how a firearm that was listed as having been destroyed was found in the possession of a suspect who ran away when he was approached by law enforcement officers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how many firearms have been found or confiscated in (a) 2015/16, (b) 2016/17, (c) 2017/18, (d) 2018/19, (e) 2019/20 and (f) 2020/21 to date even though they were listed as destroyed by the SAPS in the Western Cape;
- (3) whether any cases were opened against SAPS officials in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many cases were opened, (b) how many cases were successfully prosecuted and (c) what is the status of each case in these circumstances?

(126)

13. Mr R D Mackenzie to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to gang murders in Mitchells Plain:

(a) How many murders have taken place in Mitchells Plain since March 2020, (b) how many murders have been linked to alleged gang members or gang-related activities, (c) how many individuals have been (i) arrested and (ii) convicted in relation to these crimes, (d) how many suspects are (i) currently on trial for alleged gang murders and (ii) awaiting trial for alleged (aa) gang murders and (bb) attempted murders, (e) of the suspects charged, how many cases have (i) failed to prosecute and (ii) been withdrawn since March 2020, (f) what were the reasons for the non-conviction in (e), (g) how many suspects accused of murder have been released on bail and (h) what plans does the SAPS have in place to deal with gang murders in Mitchells Plain?

(127)

14. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

(a) Which road infrastructure projects were undertaken in the Mossel Bay municipal area during 2020, (b) what was the total expenditure on each of these projects during that year, (c) which road infrastructure projects are currently underway or will be undertaken in the current financial year and (d) what is the estimated expenditure for each of these projects?

(128)

15. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

(a) What was the total number of learners who registered at each public ordinary school in the (i) Mossel Bay municipal area, (ii) City of Cape Town and (iii) Theewaterskloof Municipality on the tenth school day of the (aa) 2020 and (bb) 2021 academic year and (b) what is the current total number of learners in these areas who had not been placed by 16 March 2021?

(129)

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

With reference to the subjects of Mathematics and Physical Science for learners in the province:

How many learners in (a) Grade 10 and (b) Grade 12 had (i) Mathematics and (ii) Physical Science as a subject in (aa) 2014, (bb) 2015, (cc) 2016, (dd) 2017, (ee) 2018, (ff) 2019 and (gg) 2020?

(130)

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

- (1) Whether it has been brought to his attention that municipalities are charging schools at business rates for water bills; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the details of how much each municipality in the province charges schools for (a) water, (b) electricity and (c) refuse removal in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020 and (iv) 2021 to date?

(131)

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

- (1) Whether his government has any measures in place to prevent gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the (a) details and (b) total breakdown of his government's expenditure on measures aimed at preventing and addressing GBV in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020 and (iii) 2021 to date?

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

With regard to the Western Cape Safety Plan:

- (a) What is the detailed breakdown of expenditure associated with the Western Cape Safety Plan in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020 and (iii) 2021 to date, (b) what was the (i) budget and (ii) total breakdown of the expenditure for the (aa) recruitment, (bb) training and (cc) deployment of LEAP officers in (aaa) 2019, (bbb) 2020 and (ccc) 2021 to date?

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

- (1) What are the details of the tools of the trade that his Department provided to each of the neighbourhood watches in the Western Cape;
- (2) whether there are any neighbourhood-watch structures that are experiencing shortages of equipment and other tools of the trade needed in their line of work; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has measures in place to measure the literacy levels of all the grades at public ordinary schools; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the literacy levels and/or statistics of all the grades in the province, including a detailed breakdown according to education district;
- (2) whether there are any measures in place to improve the literacy levels of learners in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there are any measures in place to improve the literacy level in the foundation phase in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether her Department would consider bringing back reading periods and introducing other additional programmes to encourage reading in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(135)

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

With regard to the infrastructure expenditure plans outlined in his 2021 budget speech:

- (1) Whether he can provide the (a) details, (b) total expenditure breakdown and (c) location of all the infrastructure projects that have been budgeted for in the 2021 budget; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether his Department will put strict measures in place for the provincial government to adhere to BBEE requirements in these planned infrastructure development projects; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to unplaced learners at schools in the province:

- (a) What is the number of unplaced learners as at 16 March 2021, (b) what is the breakdown of the areas that are affected by the challenge of unplaced learners and (c) what is the breakdown by (i) age, (ii) sex and (iii) race of all the learners who were unplaced in (aa) January 2021, (bb) February 2021 and (cc) March 2021?

(137)

24. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Whether the Oudtshoorn Municipality is contravening any local government legislation or municipal ordinances by employing both a chief financial officer, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, as well as an acting chief financial officer, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the total amounts that have been paid to each of these officials by the Oudtshoorn Municipality since the date of their employment?

(138)

25. Mr G Brinkhuis to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

Where is the budget allocation for wards in the province allocated?

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

With reference to the newly established security hub for the Table Mountain Nature Reserve:

- (a) How will the newly established security hub for the Table Mountain Nature Reserve support actions, including law enforcement, in the conservation areas of the province, (b) where is the security hub located, (c) how can members of the public contact the security hub, (d) what is the operating hours of the security hub and (e) what is the preferred port of call for members of the public who want to report unlawful actions in conservation areas, including actions along our coastline?

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

With reference to the Anysberg Nature Reserve:

- (1) (a) What is the current position regarding the availability of water for (i) animals, (ii) staff and (iii) tourists in the Anysberg Nature Reserve, (b)(i) what has been the progress with the project for the harvesting of water from the atmosphere, (ii) what

amount has been spent on this project to date, (iii) what percentage of the amount included in the current financial year has been spent, (iv) what is the daily water yield that is expected from this project and (v) what is the expected cost per litre of water once the project has been completed;

- (2) whether CapeNature is planning to implement this technology at any of its other reserves in the foreseeable future; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With reference to the reply to question 7 of 22 January 2021:

- (a) How much of this budget has been spent on the upgrading of these townships and
(b) what type of infrastructure development has taken place?

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

With reference to the reply to question 1 of 19 February 2021:

How many of these cases are sexual assault or harassment cases, (b) how many of these cases have been finalised, (c) to how many of these victims have counselling been provided and (d) what has happened with the perpetrator in all these cases?

(143)

30. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to the reply to question 4 of 19 February 2021:

- (1) (a) What are the (i) roles and (ii) responsibilities of the Court Watching Brief unit, (b) from which courts have these cases been removed, (c) what has he done to have these matters investigated or brought back to court and (d) what action has he undertaken in terms of these matters that have been removed;

- (2) whether this unit is part of his Department; 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 7 April 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.