PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 7 MAY 2021

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

With reference to the reply to question 9 of 26 February 2021:

- (a) Of the 1 544 school listed on the Department's User Asset Management Plan, how many schools have (i) libraries, (ii) computer rooms and (iii) science laboratories and (b) what has happened to the 95 schools unaccounted for in the response (1 067 primary schools and 382 secondary schools equal 1 449 schools but there are 1 544 schools in the province according to the Department's User Asset Management Plan and therefore 95 schools are unaccounted for);
- (2) (a) what budget has been made available to resolve the problems at the 78 schools that have been identified as constructed from "inappropriate material" and (b) what budget has been made available for repairs at the 22 schools in need of repair;
- (3) whether children are still attending the schools in (2); if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) in which areas are these schools situated;
- (4) (a) what budget has been made available for repairs and maintenance at the schools identified and (b) how many school buildings have been transferred to the Department of Transport and Public Works since 2009?

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2. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Acting Minister of Transport and Public Works:

 (a) How many tenders for the maintenance of (i) schools and (ii) hospitals have been advertised since October 2019, (b) how many of these contracts were awarded to companies outside the Western Cape, (c) how many of these tenders require management contractors and (d) what is the CIDB grading required for these management contractors;

- (2) whether tender F044 (maintenance at schools) advertised in October 2019 was awarded; if not, (a) why not and (b) how were the school facilities maintained during the period 2019 to date; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the Department has identified a panel of contractors; if so, (a) how often is this panel updated and (b) how is the selection of contractors undertaken;
- (4) how many contractors are listed on the Western Cape Government database per CIDB grading;
- (5) with reference to tender F006/02 that is currently being processed, (a) how was this tender advertised, (b) how many interested parties responded to the advertisement, (c) what is the CIDB grading required for this tender and (d) what is the role of the management contractor in tender F006/02?

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

The contents of a media article dated 30 April 2021 with the title "Law and disorder: City of Cape Town's special investigation unit head charged in cop fraud case" raise a number of questions about the lawfulness or legitimacy of the City of Cape Town's Special Investigation Unit (SIU):

- (1) Whether he has conducted any enquiries into whether the City of Cape Town's municipal police service complies with section 64E of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act 68 of 1995); if so,
- (2) whether the City of Cape Town's municipal police service is, in all respects, operating within the policing legislation; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (3) whether he will be conducting an enquiry into the functions of the municipal police service performed or conducted by the City of Cape Town to assess that they comply with the relevant legislation; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether he made any specific enquiry or conducted any investigation into the functions of the City of Cape Town's SIU; if not, why not;
- (5) given the media report, whether he will conduct an investigation or enquiry into the lawfulness of the City of Cape Town's SIU and its functions; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (6) whether he has engaged with the Provincial Police Commissioner on the allegations against the SIU and its head and/or its functions; if so, what was the outcome;
- (7) whether the City of Cape Town's SIU conducted an investigation in 2016 into DA councillor candidates and produced a report on criminal convictions or criminal charges against some of them; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (8) whether the SIU has been involved in any investigation for political purposes; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (9) whether the SIU has been involved in any investigation that is outside the mandate of the municipal police service as provided for in the Act and/or the standards set by the national Police Commissioner; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (10) what process was followed for the appointment of the arrested SIU head by the municipal police service to head the unit?

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

With regard to the Provincial Treasury's advertisement of two bids for "strategic advisory support" and "project development services" to support municipal energy resilience (MER) in November 2020:

- (1) (a) What were the terms of reference for the appointment of these service providers,(b) what was the project scope and (c) can copies of the relevant documentation be provide;
- (2) whether the service providers have been appointed; if so, (a) what are the names of the companies, (b) what is the contract value and (c) what progress with the work has been made by these service providers to date;
- (3) (a)(i) how much was the budget and (ii) from which programmes were the funds to cover the costs of these contracts drawn and (b) how much has been paid out to date;
- (4) (a) what are the details of the (i) name or names and (ii) designations of the Bid Specification Committee (BEC) and (b) what are the details of the bid specifications for this bid;
- (5) (a) what are the details of the (i) name or names and (ii) designations of the Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC), (b) what are the details of the report and recommendation of the BEC for this tender to the Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC) and (c) can a detailed list of those that tendered versus those that were finally shortlisted or recommended be provided;
- (6) (a)(i) what are the details of the (ii) name or names of the members of the BAC and (b) what are the details of the final adjudication report for this bid, including the score sheets of those that were recommended for the award;
- (7) whether there was any deviation that had to be applied for in the case of this tender, if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what was the deviation approved by the Accounting Officer;
- (8) (a) how were the seven municipalities announced in the budget speech selected for the MER;
- (9) whether these municipalities qualify as "municipalities in good financial health" in accordance with the Minister's previous public statements; if so, (a) what are the details of that qualification and (b) what is the status of each of these selected municipalities on each element of such a qualification?

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

With reference to the reply to question 7 of 1 April 2021 and his budget speech on 16 March 2021 where he stated: "Today I am pleased to announce the six candidate municipalities participating in the Municipal Energy Resilience Project in this financial year":

- (1) Whether he can clarify the contradicting messages from the written reply and the budget speech; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what is the breakdown of the R68,8 million allocated to beat loadshedding in accordance with the budget allocation of 16 March 2021, (b) how many megawatt

will be secured with these funds and (c) by when will any of the participating municipalities be off the Eskom grid?

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6. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr T A Simmers, Acting Minister of Transport and Public Works:

(a) What are the plans of his Department to build another access road for the community of Railton, Swellendam, and (b) what was the total expenditure for road and drainage infrastructure in Railton in (i) 2014/15, (ii) 2015/16, (iii) 2016/17, (iv) 2017/18, (v) 2018/19, (vi) 2019/20, (vii) 2020/21 and (viii) 2021/22 to date?

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

With regard to irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and unauthorised expenditure in the provincial government and at municipalities:

- (1) (a) What are the plans of his Department to introduce and implement preventative and pre-emptive measure in order to prevent the above-mentioned malpractices and (b) how does his Department intend to implement the provisions of the amendments of the Public Audit Act, 2004 (Act 25 of 2004);
- (2) whether there are any cases of (a) irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and (b) unauthorised expenditure that are currently under investigation and/or finalised in the (i) 2020/21 and (ii) 2021/22 financial years in (aa) provincial government department and entities and (bb) municipalities; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(a) Which areas have been hit by the locust plague in the province, (b) what measures have been put in place to manage the situation and to control the damage caused by this challenge, (c) what is his Department doing to make sure the locust plague does not spread to other areas in the province and (d) how is his Department assisting smallholder livestock farmers in particular whose gracing land have been invaded by locusts?

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9. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) What is the current status of the Transhex Housing Project in the Breede Valley, (b) how many houses (top structures) have been built in Breede Valley Municipality over the last three financial years, including a breakdown of how many houses have been built (i) per town and (ii) per ward in the Municipality and (c) how many plots have been serviced over the last three financial years in the Breede Valley Municipality, including a breakdown of how many plots (i) per town and (ii) per ward in the Municipality have been serviced?

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

- (1) What are the challenges that the sudden resignation of Minister Madikizela has presented to the Western Cape Provincial Cabinet;
- (2) whether there remains unity and cohesion in his cabinet; if not, why not; if so,(a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the detailed plans to foster unity and cohesion within his cabinet;
- (3) what are the plans to fill the vacancy in the Provincial Cabinet?

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

Whether her Department has conducted and concluded a forensic investigation into the financial challenges at the Golden Grove Primary School; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) can a copy of the Forensic Audit Report that has been presented to the SGB of the school be provided?

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

- Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, is employed at the Vlottenburg Primary School; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the details of the qualifications and experience of this person;
- (2) whether her Department has received complaints alleging that this person may be employed without qualifications; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what steps have been taken to investigate these complaints?

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