

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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## QUESTION PAPER ORAL REPLY

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Note: \* Indicates translated version.

**THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**2. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:**

With reference to the reply to questions 9 and 10 of 14 August 2025:

- (a) When was the intergovernmental dispute resolved, (b) what are the details of the agreement or resolution and (c)(i) what are the details of the R2,6 billion reduction of votes in the 2024 MTEF baselines and (ii) which votes were (aa) reduced and (bb) by what amount?

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**RESPONSE:**

2. (a) The intergovernmental agreement was concluded on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.
- (b) The agreement between the National Treasury, Department of Public Service and Administration and the Western Cape Provincial Government resolved that:
- the integrity and credibility of budgets, once approved are sacrosanct and can only be amended in-year, in terms of the prevailing framework,
  - unforeseen economic or fiscal shocks that necessitate an amendment to the budget, be effected through proper consultation with affected organs of state,
  - to develop a procedure for consultation at Budget Council and other appropriate intergovernmental forums,
  - to review the process of consultation regarding the wage negotiations to ensure effective participation of affected parties,
  - to determine, prior to the signing of a wage agreement, which organ/s of state will be funding the cost,
  - timelines shall apply to future wage negotiations to ensure finalisation prior to the annual and MTEF budget process,

- that the quantification of budget shortfalls, including the methodology of calculating such will be an item of discussion within the relevant intergovernmental forums.

(c) The R2.6 billion reduction over the 2024 MTEF per vote is as follows:

<b>Fiscal Consolidation Reduction R'000</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>MTEF</b>
Vote 1: Department of the Premier	30 420	31 268	34 841	<b>96 529</b>
Vote 2: Provincial Parliament	3 185	3 159	3 520	<b>9 864</b>
Vote 3: Provincial Treasury	5 730	5 633	6 277	<b>17 640</b>
Vote 4: Police Oversight and Community Safety	6 083	11 314	12 607	<b>30 003</b>
Vote 5: Education	360 103	352 194	392 447	<b>1 104 744</b>
Vote 6: Health and Wellness	301 724	295 785	329 591	<b>927 100</b>
Vote 7: Social Development	42 152	41 981	46 779	<b>130 911</b>
Vote 8: Mobility	15 897	15 825	17 634	<b>49 356</b>
Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	10 324	10 288	11 463	<b>32 075</b>
Vote 10: Infrastructure	42 339	41 429	46 164	<b>129 932</b>
Vote 11: Agriculture	12 429	12 468	13 893	<b>38 789</b>
Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism	8 556	8 524	9 498	<b>26 578</b>
Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport	10 731	10 649	11 866	<b>33 246</b>
Vote 14: Local Government	6 117	6 224	6 935	<b>19 277</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>855 789</b>	<b>846 740</b>	<b>943 515</b>	<b>2 646 045</b>



**MS DEIDRÉ BAARTMAN**  
**MINISTER OF FINANCE**  
**DATE: 03 September 2025**