

**PARLIAMENT OF PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE
QUESTION PAPER - WRITTEN REPLY (FRIDAY, 19 APRIL 2024)**

3. Mr LL Mvimbi to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

What is the total amount of (a) irregular expenditure and (b) wasteful and fruitless expenditure that have been incurred by each of the provincial government department and entity in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023 and (vi) 2024 to date?

Response:

I am informed of the following:

- 3(a) The below stipulates (a) irregular expenditure for departments and public entities (i) 2024, (ii) 2023, (iii) 2022, (iv) 2021, (v) 2020 and (vi) 2019 together with a provincial comparison for the same periods:

Irregular expenditure in each Province [source: Auditor-General]

* We do not have any information for the 2024 financial year to date.

Province	Irregular expenditure					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Eastern Cape	No information available	910,000	1,350,000	3,026,440	837,080	898,000
Free State	No information available	1,140,000	2,420,000	2,219,060	3,189,120	3,800,000
Gauteng	No information available	5,780,000	7,030,000	9,716,920	7,493,820	7,130,000
Kwazulu Natal	No information available	7,370,000	9,530,000	9,002,290	9,745,420	13,050,000
Limpopo	No information available	3,610,000	2,120,000	3,396,000	3,374,000	2,816,000
Mpumalanga	No information available	1,630,000	2,690,000	3,393,000	2,494,000	2,730,000
Northern Cape	No information available	1,990,000	1,630,000	5,242,930	1,442,300	1,299,900
North West	No information available	6,170,000	3,750,000	3,451,730	4,015,090	3,331,600
Western Cape	6,665	262,709	550,120	310,638	148,828	24,644

- 3(b) The below is the table stipulates (a) fruitless & wasteful expenditure for departments and public entities (i) 2024, (ii) 2023, (iii) 2022, (iv) 2021, (v) 2020 and (vi) 2019 together with a provincial comparison for the same periods:

Fruitless and wasteful expenditure in each Province [source: Auditor-General]:

Province	Fruitless expenditure					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Eastern Cape	No information available	170,000	No information available	26,690	43,820	No information available
Free State	No information available	100,000	No information available	102,580	71,050	No information available
Gauteng	No information available	110,000	No information available	378,400	103,110	No information available
Kwazulu Natal	No information available	10,000	No information available	13,460	19,070	No information available
Limpopo	No information available	440,000	No information available	48,000	32,000	No information available
Mpumalanga	No information available	10,000	No information available	19,600	9,900	No information available
Northern Cape	No information available	20,000	No information available	10,560	8,810	No information available
North West	No information available	20,000	No information available	21,420	22,420	No information available
Western Cape	4,216	310	411	659	52	24,399

* We do not have any information for the 2024 financial year to date; and Auditor General's report had no information for the years ending 2022 and 2019.