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**FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**WRITTEN QUESTION**

**23. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

Statistics SA reports show that more than 360 000 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 in the Western Cape are currently not in employment, education or training (NEET):

- (1) (a) What is the total number of young people between the ages of 15 and 35 in the province who fall into the NEET category, (b) what is the breakdown per age cohort (i) 15–24 and (ii) 25–35, and per (aa) race, (bb) gender and (cc) municipality and (c) what is the provincial government's response to this crisis of youth exclusion from the economy, education and training opportunities;
- (2) what are the details of all the (a) programmes and (b) interventions implemented by the Western Cape Government to address the NEET challenge over the past five years, including the (i) departments responsible for these programmes, (ii) annual budget allocations, (iii) actual expenditure on each programme and (iv) number of young people reached or benefitting in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021, (dd) 2022, (ee) 2023, (ff) 2024 and (gg) 2025 to date?

REPLY:

This reply is compiled from the Quarterly Labour Force Surveys (QLFS) of Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) as the core source for labour market statistics.

*The QLFS are household surveys and are done using a sample. The sample is designed to be representative at provincial level and at metro/non-metro levels. Sample weights are then used to compute the results for the overall population. Results are subject to both sampling and non-sampling errors. Caution should be exercised when interpreting the numbers as they are estimates and not actual numbers, particularly in sub-categories. However, the estimates as presented in this document provide a good indication of the state of the labour force.*

For the purposes of the response to the query received, the relevant period is the Quarter 2 2025 dataset as it relates to the latest available results and in line with the statistics quoted in the query.

**(1)(a) Total number of young people who fall into the NEET category**

According to the QLFS, in Quarter 2 of 2025, there were an estimated 790 000 young people aged 15 – 34 that are considered not in employment, education and training (NEET). This represents 33.6% of the total population of young people aged 15 – 34.

|                       | NEET    | Not NEET  | Total Population<br>15 - 34 | % of population<br>15-34 that are<br>NEET |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Western Cape<br>Total | 790 537 | 1 563 116 | 2 353 652                   | 33,6%                                     |

Source: Statistics South Africa, Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Quarter 2 2025, extracted from Stats SA SuperWeb

**(b) Breakdown of young people who fall into the NEET category**

Table 2 below provides a breakdown per age cohort of young people for each age category 15 to 34 years who are considered NEET in the Western Cape. The highest number of young people considered NEET are found in the age categories 20 – 25. The highest percentage of young people considered NEET are in the age categories 20, 22, 23 and 25.

| Age          | NEET           | Not NEET         | Total            | % NEET       |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 15           | 1 748          | 101 030          | 102 778          | 1,7%         |
| 16           | 16 653         | 84 468           | 101 121          | 16,5%        |
| 17           | 7 677          | 116 977          | 124 655          | 6,2%         |
| 18           | 35 209         | 75 502           | 110 711          | 31,8%        |
| 19           | 45 881         | 66 971           | 112 853          | 40,7%        |
| 20           | 56 450         | 66 881           | 123 331          | 45,8%        |
| 21           | 48 790         | 63 249           | 112 039          | 43,5%        |
| 22           | 48 876         | 59 151           | 108 026          | 45,2%        |
| 23           | 53 292         | 50 159           | 103 451          | 51,5%        |
| 24           | 46 282         | 74 527           | 120 809          | 38,3%        |
| 25           | 56 045         | 68 859           | 124 904          | 44,9%        |
| 26           | 41 180         | 78 214           | 119 394          | 34,5%        |
| 27           | 45 588         | 77 052           | 122 640          | 37,2%        |
| 28           | 38 234         | 70 240           | 108 475          | 35,2%        |
| 29           | 40 959         | 87 654           | 128 613          | 31,8%        |
| 30           | 44 056         | 81 324           | 125 380          | 35,1%        |
| 31           | 36 195         | 77 741           | 113 935          | 31,8%        |
| 32           | 36 152         | 84 563           | 120 715          | 29,9%        |
| 33           | 45 788         | 99 055           | 144 843          | 31,6%        |
| 34           | 45 482         | 79 497           | 124 979          | 36,4%        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>790 537</b> | <b>1 563 116</b> | <b>2 353 652</b> | <b>33,6%</b> |

Source: Statistics South Africa, Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Quarter 2 2025, extracted from Stats SA SuperWeb

Table 3 below provides a breakdown of young people between 15 and 34 considered NEET by population group in the Western Cape. The African/Black and Coloured population groups have the highest number of young people considered NEET with almost 400 000 for

the Coloured Population Group and approximately 350 000 for the African/Black population group. The Coloured population group (35.7%) and the African/Black population group (35.6%) also have the highest percentage of young people considered NEET.

| Population Group | NEET           | Not NEET         | Total            | % NEET       |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Coloured         | 397 331        | 715 769          | 1 113 100        | 35,7%        |
| African/Black    | 346 563        | 626 059          | 972 622          | 35,6%        |
| Indian/Asian     | 6 310          | 14 965           | 21 275           | 29,7%        |
| White            | 40 332         | 206 323          | 246 655          | 16,4%        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>790 537</b> | <b>1 563 116</b> | <b>2 353 652</b> | <b>33,6%</b> |

Source: Statistics South Africa, Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Quarter 2 2025, extracted from Stats SA SuperWeb

Table 4 below provides a breakdown of young people between 15 and 34 considered NEET by gender in the Western Cape. There are more females (437 255) between the ages of 15 and 34 that are considered NEET than Males (353 281). Females (36.4%) also have a higher proportion that are considered NEET as compared to Males (30.7%).

| Gender        | NEET           | Not NEET         | Total            | % NEET       |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Male</b>   | 353 281        | 799 277          | 1 152 558        | 30,7%        |
| <b>Female</b> | 437 255        | 763 839          | 1 201 094        | 36,4%        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>790 537</b> | <b>1 563 116</b> | <b>2 353 652</b> | <b>33,6%</b> |

Source: Statistics South Africa, Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Quarter 2 2025, extracted from Stats SA SuperWeb

Table 5 below provides a breakdown of young people between 15 and 34 considered NEET by Metro and Non-Metro in the Western Cape. It should be noted that Stats SA does disaggregate the QLFS data to municipal level. Although the City of Cape Town (471 471) has a higher number of young people aged between 15 and 35 that are considered NEET as compared to the non-metro areas of the Western Cape (319 066), the non-metro areas of the Western Cape (36.1%) has a higher proportion of young people aged 15 -34 who are considered NEET as compared to the City of Cape Town (32.1%).

| Province, Metro/Non-Metro     | NEET    | Not NEET  | Total     | % NEET |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| <b>Western Cape Total</b>     | 790 537 | 1 563 116 | 2 353 652 | 33,6%  |
| <b>WC - Non Metro</b>         | 319 066 | 564 325   | 883 391   | 36,1%  |
| <b>WC - City of Cape Town</b> | 471 471 | 998 790   | 1 470 261 | 32,1%  |

Source: Statistics South Africa, Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Quarter 2 2025, extracted from Stats SA SuperWeb

**(c) What is the provincial government's response to this crisis of youth exclusion from the economy, education and training opportunities**

The Western Cape Government's response is rooted in the Provincial Strategic Plan's (PSP) integration area "Youth Agency and Preparedness" agenda, which aims to ensure that young people have the tools, ability and agency to participate in society, access economic opportunities, and pursue lifelong learning. Priorities include improving learning outcomes, aligning education and training with labour-market demand, strengthening work-readiness, expanding vocational/apprenticeship pathways, and removing access barriers (e.g., transport costs), while using libraries, broadband and digital skills as enablers. This is integrated with violence-prevention and mental-health responses that recognise the high proportion of youth needing psychosocial support. Together, these measures position youth to transition successfully from school into skills, further study and work

Under the Growth for Jobs portfolio, the PSP commits to "Improved Access to Employability and Economic Opportunities"—enabling residents to connect to one of several economic pathways and boosting entrepreneurship—through stronger career guidance, industry partnerships, realigned curricula, and practical, in-demand skills development.

The 2024/25 PG Youth-themed MTEC set out a whole-of-government, life-course approach that tackles upstream risks, supports critical transitions, and reconnects high-risk/NEET youth. Coordination is driven by the WCG Youth Forum for joint planning, budgeting and M&E across departments. The following key levers were prioritised for funding over the 2024/25 MTEF:

*Upstream: Strong Foundations (prevention at scale)*

To reduce later NEET risk, departments invested in early learning, nutrition and caregiving support; reading and after-school programmes; and safe community spaces (libraries, MOD, recreation). Expected impacts include fewer high-risk behaviours and more youth equipped

to engage in the economy. Current initiatives include ECD parenting programmes, Back-on-Track learning recovery, YearBeyond beneficiary reading support in ECDs/schools/libraries, Planet Youth, and food-security measures.

#### *Critical Transitions: school/skills/study/work*

Because many young people “lose their way” at transition points—exacerbated by mental-health challenges—the MTEC emphasised supporting these critical transitions. Programmes include Shukuma Career Clubs; expansion of vocational/technical streams; industry skills (tourism, BPO, clothing & textiles, artisans); entrepreneurship support; bursaries/graduate programmes; public-sector learnerships/apprenticeships; professional development in health; and practical enablers like a jobseeker travel voucher. Intended outcomes include higher transition rates into skills/studies/work, reduced drop-out, improved mental health, and lower NEET.

#### *High-risk youth: reconnection and second-chance pathways*

For youth already disengaged or at risk (learning barriers, exclusion, substance dependence, violence, unstable families), the MTEC directed targeted reconnection to positive pathways: early detection of special learning/social needs; substance-use reduction; trauma and resilience work; support for youth with minor criminal records; family ecosystem support; and community Youth Hubs. Delivery platforms include Chrysalis Academy and Youth Hubs, Youth Cafés and Child & Youth Centres, Integrated Adolescent Mental Health, Safe Schools and @Home Learning, plus sectoral opportunities in agri-processing and food security. Outcomes sought include measurable reductions in NEET, youth crime/substance use, and increased civic/economic participation

**(2) what are the details of all the (a) programmes and (b) interventions implemented by the Western Cape Government to address the NEET challenge over the past five years, including the (i) departments responsible for these programmes, (ii) annual budget allocations, (iii) actual expenditure on each programme and (iv) number of young people reached or benefitting in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021, (dd) 2022, (ee) 2023, (ff) 2024 and (gg) 2025 to date?**

Programmes and initiatives focussing on NEETs administered by various WCG departments are described below as follows:

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

(a) The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has several skills and direct sustainable employment related programmes such as our experiential learning programmes.

(b) Initially the Department supported NEETs through skills development programmes but the transitioning into sustainable employment was challenging after which the Department supported NEETs through experiential learning programmes that in addition to skills interventions, provided on the job training, which resulted in fulltime employment to more than 80% of youth who complete the programme.

Furthermore, the Department recognises academic instruments are not always aligned to industry requirements resulting in unemployment even after our young adults graduate from the education system. In response to improving the effectiveness of our education system the department has developed new curricula, new modalities of delivery, supported the effectiveness of the qualifications and supported the institutions that deliver these qualifications to improve educational outcomes.

(i) Department of Economic Development & Tourism

(ii)(iii)(iv)(aa) –(gg) Annual Budgets, actual expenditures and youth benefiting from skills Programmes and Projects are:

|                                          | 2019-20                                            | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Budget</b>                            | 35.202                                             | 72.276  | 60.328  | 84.847  | 88.986  | 90.974  | 65.651  |
| <b>Spent<br/>(millions)</b>              | 35.124                                             | 72.265  | 59.208  | 84.809  | 87.973  | 90.935  | NA      |
| <b>Number<br/>of youth<br/>benefited</b> | 715 Trained<br>1192<br>employment<br>opportunities | 4153    | 4153    | 4684    | 4260    | 2963    | NA      |

From the 2020-21 financial year, all beneficiaries were provided with accredited skills programmes and fulltime employment opportunities. From the 2020-21 financial year, the Department raised more than R696 million from private sector and other sources in giving expression to the above support to NEETs.

## DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

The Western Cape Government is committed to addressing youth unemployment and has a number of programmes. In 2023 we did an audit of the key projects and evaluated these against the youth norms and standards developed to guide all departments.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) spends approximately R70 million per annum on youth empowerment initiatives, including NPO funding and EPWP projects. The main initiative maintained by DCAS is the YearBeyond Programme, which targets the benefit of around 3 000 unemployed young people per year.

In addition to our direct investment in youth, DCAS also coordinates the transversal youth forum.

## DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

### MASAKH'ISIZWE BURSARY PROGRAMME

| FINANCIAL YEARS | Department responsible for these programmes | Programme name                  | Annual Budget Allocations | Actual Expenditure per Programme | Number of young people reached/benefiting |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2019            | Department of Infrastructure                | Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Programme | R10,225,000.00            | R10 225 186.03                   | 228                                       |
| 2020            |                                             |                                 | R 9,391,000.00            | R9,381,496.57                    | 186                                       |
| 2021            |                                             |                                 | R11,649,000.00            | R11,647,081.91                   | 131                                       |
| 2022            |                                             |                                 | R12,217,000.00            | R12,217,151.98                   | 144                                       |
| 2023            |                                             |                                 | R12,267,000.00            | R12,282,755.96                   | 176                                       |
| 2024            |                                             |                                 | R15,256,000.00            | R15 727 714.22                   | 174                                       |
| 2025            |                                             |                                 | R15 328 000.00            | R8,357,732.60 (current exp.)     | 151                                       |

## CAPACITY BUILDING AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

| FINANCIAL YEARS | Department responsible for these programmes | Program Name              | Annual Budget Allocations | Actual Expenditure per Programme | Number of young people reached/benefiting |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2019/20         | Human Settlements                           | Youth in Construction: HS | R3 800 000                | R3 800 000                       | 157                                       |
| 2020/21         | Human Settlements                           | Youth in Construction: HS | R3 800 000                | R1 2800 000                      | 56                                        |
| 2021/22         | Human Settlements                           | Youth in Construction: HS | R4 200 000                | R4 200 000                       | 159                                       |
| 2022/23         | Human Settlements                           | Youth in Construction: HS | R7 000 000                | R7 000 000                       | 274                                       |
| 2023/24         | Infrastructure                              | Youth in Construction: HS | R7 000 000                | R7 000 000                       | 310                                       |
| 2024/25         | Infrastructure                              | Youth in Construction: HS | R7 000 000                | R 7 000 000                      | 262                                       |
| 2025/26         | Infrastructure                              | Youth in Construction: HS | R7 000 000                | R 5 040 000(Current exp.)        | 217                                       |

- Low intake due to the detrimental effect of the Covid 19 pandemic.

## PROVINCIAL TREASURY

| Department: Provincial Treasury |                       |                        |                     |                       |                        |                     |                       |                        |                     |                       |                        |                     |                       |                        |                     |                       |                        |                     |                       |                        |                     |                       |                        |                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Programme / Intervention        | Budget Allocation (R) | Actual Expenditure (R) | Youth Beneficiaries | Budget Allocation (R) | Actual Expenditure (R) | Youth Beneficiaries | Budget Allocation (R) | Actual Expenditure (R) | Youth Beneficiaries | Budget Allocation (R) | Actual Expenditure (R) | Youth Beneficiaries | Budget Allocation (R) | Actual Expenditure (R) | Youth Beneficiaries | Budget Allocation (R) | Actual Expenditure (R) | Youth Beneficiaries | Budget Allocation (R) | Actual Expenditure (R) | Youth Beneficiaries | Budget Allocation (R) | Actual Expenditure (R) | Youth Beneficiaries |
|                                 | 2018/19               |                        |                     | 2019/20               |                        |                     | 2020/21               |                        |                     | 2021/22               |                        |                     | 2022/23               |                        |                     | 2023/24               |                        |                     | 2024/25               |                        |                     | 2025/26               |                        |                     |
| Pay Internship Programme        |                       |                        | 32                  |                       |                        | 12                  |                       |                        | 0                   |                       |                        | 0                   |                       |                        | 0                   |                       |                        | 10                  |                       |                        | 8                   |                       |                        | 7                   |
| Graduate Internship             | 16,778,000.00         | 10,067,720.00          | 3                   | 11,738,000.00         | 9,440,706.00           | 16                  | 11,708,280.00         | 8,718,991.47           | 3                   | 7,577,570.00          | 7,116,832.00           | 16                  | 8,183,061.00          | 7,071,087.00           | 15                  | 10,982,020.00         | 6,966,417.00           | 12                  | 7,124,182.00          | 4,776,403.00           | 6                   | 4,244,027.00          | 1,040,618.37 (Q1)      | 1                   |
| Chartered Accountants Academy   |                       |                        | 15                  |                       |                        | 14                  |                       |                        | 11                  |                       |                        | 12                  |                       |                        | 13                  |                       |                        | 13                  |                       |                        | 6                   |                       |                        | 6                   |
| External Bursary Programme      | 3,118,000.00          | 2,939,754.00           | 61                  | 2,563,000.00          | 2,081,637.13           | 55                  | 1,500,000.00          | 1,219,177.51           | 41                  | 2,500,000.00          | 802,816.15             | 42                  | 1,323,000.00          | 1,135,593.66           | 42                  | 1,471,500.00          | 1,779,711.02           | 39                  | 2,386,000.00          | 2,436,138.02           | 34                  | 2,500,000.00          | 357,100.48             | 50                  |

## DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER (Graduate and Pay Interns)

| Department                                          | Financial Year                 | Graduate Interns | Student Interns | First Experience interns | Work PAY | Matric Interns (other matric programmes than PAY) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Department of the Agriculture                       | 2019/2020                      | 14               | 23              | 30                       |          | 30                                                |
|                                                     | 2020/2021                      | 40               | 5               | 0                        |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2021/2022                      | 49               | 7               | 8                        |          | 5                                                 |
|                                                     | 2022/2023                      | 0                | 0               | 10                       |          | 18                                                |
|                                                     | 2023/2024                      | 105              | 0               | 10                       |          | 9                                                 |
|                                                     | 2024/2025                      | 16               | 6               | 10                       |          | 15                                                |
|                                                     | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 9                | 15              | 10                       |          | 21                                                |
| Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety | 2019/2020                      | 10               | 6               | 21                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2020/2021                      | 6                | 0               | 6                        |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2021/2022                      | 6                | 1               | 16                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2022/2023                      | 8                | 0               | 32                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2023/2024                      | 17               | 0               | 28                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2024/2025                      | 2                | 0               | 30                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 12               | 0               | 35                       |          | 0                                                 |
| Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport            | 2019/2020                      | 8                | 5               | 31                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2020/2021                      | 0                | 0               | 32                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2021/2022                      | 0                | 0               | 32                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2022/2023                      | 2                | 0               | 28                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2023/2024                      | 0                | 0               | 28                       |          | 0                                                 |
|                                                     | 2024/2025                      | 1                | 0               | 11                       |          | 0                                                 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
|                                                              | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 0  | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning | 2019/2020                      | 4  | 8  | 10 | 0 |
|                                                              | 2020/2021                      | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2021/2022                      | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2022/2023                      | 4  | 12 | 2  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2023/2024                      | 15 | 0  | 3  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2024/2025                      | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0 |
|                                                              | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 15 | 0  | 9  | 0 |
| Department of Economic Development and Tourism               | 2019/2020                      | 6  | 0  | 21 | 0 |
|                                                              | 2020/2021                      | 3  | 0  | 6  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2021/2022                      | 10 | 0  | 20 | 0 |
|                                                              | 2022/2023                      | 21 | 0  | 5  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2023/2024                      | 15 | 0  | 10 | 0 |
|                                                              | 2024/2025                      | 19 | 0  | 15 | 0 |
|                                                              | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 4  | 3  | 25 | 0 |
| Department of Human Settlements                              | 2019/2020                      | 17 | 5  | 23 | 0 |
|                                                              | 2020/2021                      | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2021/2022                      | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2022/2023                      | 7  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Department of Local Government                               | 2019/2020                      | 0  | 1  | 10 | 0 |
|                                                              | 2020/2021                      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2021/2022                      | 0  | 0  | 5  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2022/2023                      | 2  | 0  | 5  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2023/2024                      | 0  | 0  | 5  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2024/2025                      | 0  | 0  | 5  | 0 |
|                                                              | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 0  | 0  | 5  | 0 |

|                                          |                                |    |    |     |    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|----|-----|----|
| Department of the Premier                | 2019/2020                      | 9  | 31 | 115 | 0  |
|                                          | 2020/2021                      | 8  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2021/2022                      | 53 | 11 | 79  | 0  |
|                                          | 2022/2023                      | 43 | 0  | 72  | 0  |
|                                          | 2023/2024                      | 16 | 13 | 86  | 4  |
|                                          | 2024/2025                      | 33 | 31 | 54  | 3  |
|                                          | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 13 | 4  | 76  | 27 |
| Provincial Treasury                      | 2019/2020                      | 16 | 3  | 12  | 0  |
|                                          | 2020/2021                      | 5  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2021/2022                      | 14 | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2022/2023                      | 15 | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2023/2024                      | 12 | 0  | 10  | 0  |
|                                          | 2024/2025                      | 6  | 0  | 8   | 0  |
|                                          | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 1  | 0  | 7   | 0  |
| Department of Social Development         | 2019/2020                      | 47 | 2  | 20  | 0  |
|                                          | 2020/2021                      | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2021/2022                      | 0  | 0  | 23  | 0  |
|                                          | 2022/2023                      | 3  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2023/2024                      | 3  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2024/2025                      | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Department of Transport and Public Works | 2019/2020                      | 7  | 3  | 67  | 0  |
|                                          | 2020/2021                      | 2  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2021/2022                      | 0  | 2  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2022/2023                      | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
|                                          | 2023/2024                      | 5  | 0  | 2   | 0  |

|                                     |                                |    |   |    |   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Department of Infrastructure        | 2024/2025                      | 44 | 0 | 0  | 0 |
|                                     | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 12 | 0 | 0  | 0 |
| Western Cape Department of Mobility | 2023/2024                      | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0 |
|                                     | 2024/2025                      | 3  | 0 | 24 | 0 |
|                                     | 2025/2026 (till end September) | 6  | 0 | 30 | 0 |

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

| Pay and Graduate Interns intake for DEA&DP                                                                       |               |                 |              |                    | Gender |        | Race    |          |       |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| FY                                                                                                               | Interns       | Amount of Inter | Final Budget | Actual Expenditure | Male   | Female | African | Coloured | White | Indian |
| 2019/20                                                                                                          | Pay& Graduate | 12              | 595 000,00   | 594 781,00         | 6      | 6      | 6       | 6        |       |        |
| 2019/20                                                                                                          | Honararium    | 1               | 14 000,00    | 14 000,00          |        | 1      |         | 1        |       |        |
| 2020/21                                                                                                          | Pay& Graduate | 2               | 38 000,00    | 37 439,30          | 1      | 1      | 1       | 1        |       |        |
| 2021/22                                                                                                          | Pay& Graduate | 4               | 280 000,00   | 279 535,00         | 2      | 2      | 2       | 1        | 1     |        |
| 2022/23                                                                                                          | Pay& Graduate | 6               | 332 000,00   | 331 052,97         | 2      | 4      | 2       | 3        | 1     |        |
| 2023/24                                                                                                          | Pay& Graduate | 6               | 169 000,00   | 168 400,00         | 3      | 3      | 3       | 3        |       |        |
| 2024/25                                                                                                          | Pay& Graduate | 10              | 487 000,00   | 487 000,00         | 5      | 5      | 6       | 4        |       |        |
| 2024/25                                                                                                          | Honararium    | 18              | 165 000,00   | 165 000,00         | 6      | 12     | 14      | 3        |       | 1      |
| 2025/26                                                                                                          | Pay& Graduate | 24              | 2 186 000,00 | 1 602 000,00       | 11     | 13     | 5       | 19       |       |        |
| 2025/26 is the estimated expenditure                                                                             |               |                 |              |                    |        |        |         |          |       |        |
| The budget for 2025/26 was for full year 26 interns, however the appointments were staggered throughout the year |               |                 |              |                    |        |        |         |          |       |        |

## DEPARTMENT OF MOBILITY

The Western Cape Mobility Department launched the Jobseeker Travel Voucher Programme (JTVP) in February 2024, in order to provide jobseekers with free GABS bus rides to look for work or to attend interviews. Transport costs remain a major barrier for low-income jobseekers, with studies showing that they spend an average of 45% of their income on transport (COCT, 2023). The JTVP aims to address this problem by removing transport costs as a barrier to seeking employment. The JTVP responds to the WCG Strategic Plan's Growth for Jobs Portfolio – Priority Focus Area 7: "Improved access to economic opportunities and employability".

Through the programme beneficiaries are provided with free trips on Golden Arrow Bus Services to access employment opportunities. Beneficiary surveys show that approximately 40% of jobseekers using their voucher are now employed. The programme initially planned to run till March 2025 but, given its positive impact, it has been extended till March 2026.

Interventions implemented by the Western Cape Government to address the NEET challenge over the past five years:

(i) The Western Cape Mobility Department launched the Jobseeker Travel Voucher Programme (JTVP) to address the NEET challenge.

(ii) The table below reflects the Annual Budget Allocation for the JTVP:

| Year                                | Project Status                                      | Annual Budget (Inc. VAT) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2019/20                             | Not active                                          | -                        |
| 2020/21                             | Not active                                          | -                        |
| 2021/22                             | Not active                                          | -                        |
| 2022/23                             | Not active                                          | -                        |
| 2023/24                             | Phase 1                                             | <b>R 7 500 000</b>       |
| 2024/25                             | Expansion from Phase 1/<br>Phase 2 (from June 2025) | <b>R 7 488 000</b>       |
| 2025/26 (till<br>September<br>2025) | Phase 2 (from June 2025 –<br>September 2025)        | <b>R 6 916 000</b>       |

(i) The actual expenditure on the JTVP is reflected on the table below:

| Year                                | Project Status                                      | Spend (Inc. VAT) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 2019/20                             | Not active                                          | -                |
| 2020/21                             | Not active                                          | -                |
| 2021/22                             | Not active                                          | -                |
| 2022/23                             | Not active                                          | -                |
| 2023/24                             | Phase 1                                             | <b>R 12 000</b>  |
| 2024/25                             | Expansion from Phase 1/<br>Phase 2 (from June 2025) | <b>R 572 000</b> |
| 2025/26 (till<br>September<br>2025) | Phase 2 (from June 2025 –<br>September 2025)        | <b>R 315 000</b> |

(dd) 2022, (ee) 2023, (ff) 2024 and (gg) 2025 to date:

(ii) Number of young people reached or benefitting in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021,

|             | Year                          | Project Status                                      | Registered Beneficiaries – Aged 15-35 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>(aa)</b> | 2019/20                       | <b>Not active</b>                                   | -                                     |
| <b>(bb)</b> | 2020/21                       | <b>Not active</b>                                   | -                                     |
| <b>(cc)</b> | 2021/22                       | <b>Not active</b>                                   | -                                     |
| <b>(dd)</b> | 2022/23                       | <b>Not active</b>                                   | -                                     |
| <b>(ee)</b> | 2023/24                       | Phase 1                                             | <b>150</b>                            |
| <b>(ff)</b> | 2024/25                       | Expansion from Phase 1/<br>Phase 2 (from June 2025) | <b>2,800</b>                          |
| <b>(gg)</b> | 2025/26 (till September 2025) | Phase 2 (from June 2025 – September 2025)           | <b>8,300</b>                          |

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA) has implemented various programs and interventions to address the NEET challenge. Some initiatives include:

- Scholarships,
- Bursaries; and
- Internships

The Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute delivers a diverse portfolio of Higher Education and Training (HET) and Agricultural Skills Development (ASD) programmes, including:

- HET: B. Agric degree and Diploma in Agriculture

- ASD: Occupational qualifications and workplace experiential learning

Furthermore, the WCDoA has, over the past five years, implemented various employment-creation, enterprise-support, and market-access initiatives that directly address youth unemployment. These efforts align with the Department's broader goal to create growth and job opportunities, promote inclusive economic participation, and ensure sustainable rural livelihoods.

The Department's Food Security sub-programme supports vulnerable communities and households with the means to produce own food. These interventions take the form of community or school food gardens as well as household food gardens aimed at promoting food and nutrition security through own production. We have also launched the one-home-one-garden initiative to encourage own food production in affected communities, and this is also anchored by skills training which is the foundation for the suitability of the programme.

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture's youth programmes or initiatives focus on providing previously disadvantaged unemployed youth with opportunities to access:

- **Scholarships** for grade 10-12 learners at agricultural schools
- **Bursaries** for further education in agriculture fields for under and post graduate studies
- **Internships**

(b) The department has embarked on various intervention which include departmental training for all our interns, and some were trained by their host employers where they are placed to obtain experience.

(i) The Western Cape Department of Agriculture is responsible for the recruiting and placing of intern with external host employers and within the department.

(ii) The annual budget allocation is dependent on allocation by **Provincial Treasury** and the **National Department of Agriculture**.

(iii) The expenditure for each programme is outlined on the below tables for each financial year.

(iv) the total number of beneficiaries supported is (One Thousand and Eighty-Three **1083**)

(aa) For 2018/19 a total of **211** beneficiaries were supported, breakdown per below table:

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| Programme & Intake per Fin Year |              |           |              |                                                |                                                              |                     |     |               |         | TOTAL | Budget  | Expenditure |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Year                            | Scholarships | Bursaries | APFYD Matric | First Work (Pay)<br>Grade 12<br>(Matriculants) | Student WIL (Work Integrated Learning / In-Service Training) | Unemployed Graduate | YPP | Admin Interns | Support |       | (R'000) | (R'000)     |
| 2019                            | 3            | 20        | 30           | 10                                             | 15                                                           | 127                 | 6   | N/A           |         | 211   | 19 029  | 19 468      |

(bb) for 2019/20 a total of **84** beneficiaries were supported per below breakdown

| Programme & Intake per Fin Year |              |           |              |                                                |                                                              |                     |     |               |         | TOTAL | Budget  | Expenditure |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Year                            | Scholarships | Bursaries | APFYD Matric | First Work (Pay)<br>Grade 12<br>(Matriculants) | Student WIL (Work Integrated Learning / In-Service Training) | Unemployed Graduate | YPP | Admin Interns | Support |       | (R'000) | (R'000)     |
| 2020                            | 3            | 20        | 30           | 10                                             | 15                                                           | N/A                 | 6   | N/A           |         | 84    | 17 289  | 12 910      |

(cc) for 2020/21 a total of **213** beneficiaries were supported per below breakdown

| Programme & Intake per Fin Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | TOTAL | Budget | Expenditure |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|--------|-------------|
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|--------|-------------|

| Year | Scholarships | Bursaries | APFYD Matric | First Work<br>(Pay)<br>Grade<br>12<br>(Matriculants) | Student WIL (Work<br>Integrated Learning / In-<br>Service Training) | Unemployed Graduate | YPP | Admin Support<br>Interns |     | (R'000) | (R'000) |
|------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| 2021 | 3            | 20        | 30           | 10                                                   | 15                                                                  | 132                 | 3   | N/A                      | 213 | 17 289  | 15 406  |

(dd) for 2021/22 a total of **82** beneficiaries were supported per below breakdown

| Programme & Intake per Fin Year |              |           |              |                                                          |                                                                              |                            |     |                          | TOTAL | Budget  | Expenditure |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Year                            | Scholarships | Bursaries | APFYD Matric | First Work<br>(Pay)<br>Grade<br>12<br>(Matricu<br>lants) | Student WIL<br>(Work<br>Integrated<br>Learning / In-<br>Service<br>Training) | Unemployed<br>Graduat<br>e | YPP | Admin Support<br>Interns |       | (R'000) | (R'000)     |
| 2022                            | 5            | 20        | 30           | 10                                                       | 15                                                                           | N/A                        | 2   | N/A                      | 82    | 17 574  | 15 482      |

(ee) for 2022/23 a total of **200** beneficiaries were supported per below breakdown

| Programme & Intake per Fin Year |              |           |              |                                                          |                                                                              |                            |     |                          | TOTAL | Budget  | Expenditure |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Year                            | Scholarships | Bursaries | APFYD Matric | First Work<br>(Pay)<br>Grade<br>12<br>(Matricu<br>lants) | Student WIL<br>(Work<br>Integrated<br>Learning / In-<br>Service<br>Training) | Unemployed<br>Graduat<br>e | YPP | Admin Support<br>Interns |       | (R'000) | (R'000)     |
| 2023                            | 2            | 20        | 30           | 10                                                       | 15                                                                           | 121                        | 2   | N/A                      | 200   | 14 838  | 13 632      |

(ff) for 2023/24 a total of **68** beneficiaries were supported per below breakdown

| Programme & Intake per Fin Year |              |           |              |                                                      |                                                              |                     |     |                       | TOTAL | Budget  | Expenditure |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Year                            | Scholarships | Bursaries | APFYD Matric | First Work<br>(Pay)<br>Grade<br>12<br>(Matriculants) | Student WIL (Work Integrated Learning / In-Service Training) | Unemployed Graduate | YPP | Admin Support Interns |       | (R'000) | (R'000)     |
| 2024                            | 2            | 20        | 30           | 10                                                   | 4                                                            | N/A                 | 2   | N/A                   | 68    | 13 768  | 12 989      |

(gg) for 2024/25 a total of **225** beneficiaries were supported per below breakdown

| Programme & Intake per Fin Year |              |           |              |                                                      |                                                              |                     |     |                       | TOTAL | Budget  | Expenditure |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Year                            | Scholarships | Bursaries | APFYD Matric | First Work<br>(Pay)<br>Grade<br>12<br>(Matriculants) | Student WIL (Work Integrated Learning / In-Service Training) | Unemployed Graduate | YPP | Admin Support Interns |       | (R'000) | (R'000)     |
| 2025                            | 7            | 25        | 23           | 10                                                   | 15                                                           | 131                 | 2   | 12                    | 225   | 17 289  | 12 910      |

### Opportunities and programmes delivered by the Agricultural Training Institute.

The Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute delivers a diverse portfolio of Higher Education and Training (HET) and Agricultural Skills Development (ASD) programmes, including:

- HET: B. Agric degree and Diploma in Agriculture
- ASD: Occupational qualifications and workplace experiential learning

All programmes are supported by modern digital learning platforms to enable flexible, blended delivery and expand access across the province.

An independent evaluation conducted in 2023 demonstrated EATI's tangible contribution to youth employment and training transitions. Within six months of graduation:

- 42% of surveyed graduates were employed
- 18% were engaged in further training (learnerships, apprenticeships, internships)
- 2% were self-employed
- 21% remained unemployed

These outcomes reflect meaningful progress in strengthening youth pathways into the agricultural workforce and related training opportunities.

The following table outlines programme categories, budget allocations, actual expenditure, and participant numbers for the reporting period:

| Year    | <b>HET</b> Participants Trained | <b>ASD</b> Participants Trained | Annual Budget Allocation (R'000) | Actual Expenditure (R'000) |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2019/20 | 487                             | 68                              | R 64,086                         | R 64,062                   |

|         |     |    |          |          |
|---------|-----|----|----------|----------|
| 2020/21 | 472 | 59 | R 54,817 | R 54,403 |
| 2021/22 | 489 | 68 | R 61,103 | R 55,475 |
| 2022/23 | 502 | 67 | R 65,073 | R 63,996 |
| 2023/24 | 557 | 55 | R 66,678 | R 61,542 |
| 2024/25 | 572 | 41 | R 76,597 | R 73,058 |

### **Opportunities and programmes delivered by the Agricultural Economic Services**

In order to support the creation of employment opportunities in the province, especially in peri-urban and rural areas, the Programme implemented the Agri-Processing On Wheels. This is an innovation designed to take processing capability to aspiring and existing remote agripreneurs, eliminating the need for them to travel long distances to access fixed facilities. Workshops and demonstrations were held to empower the young people by equipping them with skills and knowledge necessary to start small enterprises or expand existing ones, thus enhancing their competitiveness. This initiative directly contributes to employment and business opportunities through the establishment of business owners and new jobs created. This is also one way to integrate young people into the agricultural value chains by capacitating them.

Number of young people reached or benefiting 2019-2025: **Over the years, capacity building has been provided to 152 youth.**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Number of participants</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 2020-2021   | 75                            |

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| 2022-2023 | 106 |
| 2024-2025 | 60  |
| 2025-2026 | 17  |

### **Opportunities and programmes delivered by the Agricultural Producer Support and Development.**

(b) During the 2024/2025 financial year, the programme supported 126 community gardens, 36 school gardens and 3 111 households with the means to produce own food. The Department also introduced vertical gardening at the Hands and Feet project in the Cape Metropole, as an innovation within the food security space to support people living with disabilities. This was undertaken in partnership with Urban Organics NGO.

The details for the Food Security Interventions are:

#### **Households Food Gardens**

- Garden Tools: Spade, Fork Spade, Garden Toolset Lasher, Rake, Watering Can, Shade Net (5m x 3m @ 40% Black / Green).
- Compost: 10 x Bags of Compost
- Seeds: 25 x Folio Packs of Vegetables
- Seedlings: Different Vegetable Seedlings
- Fertilizer: 1 x 3:1:5 10kg bag
- 1 x Eco Pellets Bag – 10kg

#### **School Food Gardens / Subsistence Food Security Projects**

- Vegetable seedlings x 4 different types

- Watering can/s
- Compost (will demonstrate how to make your own compost if needed)
- Water hosepipe
- Water tank/s – 2 500 / 5 000 litres
- Irrigation system
- Fencing
- Chemicals
- Fertilizer
- Gardening equipment (Spade/s, Fork, Rake, etc)
- Shade netting
- Extension and Advisory Services (Continuous)
- The Department can give specialist advice if needed.

In summary, beneficiaries receive production inputs, garden tools/equipment, infrastructure support, training and extension and advisory services.

Our food garden programme is implemented across the province, although the Cape Metropole takes a bigger share, largely due to the monetised nature of access in the urban setting.

### Household Food Garden statistics:

| WCODA HOUSEHOLD GARDEN PROJECTS 2024/25 |           |           |           |           |       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| DISTRICT                                | QUARTER 1 | QUARTER 2 | QUARTER 3 | QUARTER 4 | TOTAL |
| Cape Metropole                          | 466       | 306       | 335       | 205       | 1312  |
| Cape Winelands                          | 61        | 69        | 140       | 86        | 356   |
| Central Karoo                           | 35        | 51        | 53        | 47        | 186   |
| Eden                                    | 57        | 173       | 92        | 176       | 498   |
| Overberg                                | 53        | 80        | 75        | 66        | 274   |
| West Coast                              | 87        | 148       | 170       | 80        | 485   |
|                                         | 759       | 827       | 865       | 660       | 3111  |

| WCODA SUBSISTENCE/COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2024/25 |           |           |           |           |       |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| DISTRICT                                     | QUARTER 1 | QUARTER 2 | QUARTER 3 | QUARTER 4 | TOTAL |
| Cape Metropole                               | 5         | 20        | 6         | 4         | 35    |
| Cape Winelands                               | 2         | 8         | 4         | 4         | 18    |
| Central Karoo                                | 1         | 0         | 1         | 6         | 8     |
| Eden                                         | 13        | 15        | 2         | 0         | 30    |
| Overberg                                     | 0         | 4         | 3         | 1         | 8     |
| West Coast                                   | 10        | 8         | 6         | 3         | 27    |
|                                              | 31        | 55        | 22        | 18        | 126   |

| WCODA SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECTS 2024/25 |           |           |           |           |       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| DISTRICT                             | QUARTER 1 | QUARTER 2 | QUARTER 3 | QUARTER 4 | TOTAL |
| Cape Metropole                       | 5         | 8         | 6         | 3         | 22    |
| Cape Winelands                       | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 2     |
| Central Karoo                        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1     |
| Eden                                 | 0         | 4         | 0         | 0         | 4     |
| Overberg                             | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 2     |
| West Coast                           | 1         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 5     |
|                                      | 6         | 15        | 8         | 7         | 36    |

Out of the **3273** projects implemented last year, the spread is reflected in the table below, and summarised as follows:

| District              | Food Garden Projects 24/25 | Community Projects 24/25 | School Garden Projects 24/25 | Total       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Cape Metropole</b> | 1312                       | 35                       | 22                           | <b>1369</b> |
| <b>Cape Winelands</b> | 356                        | 18                       | 2                            | <b>376</b>  |

|                      |             |            |           |             |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Central Karoo</b> | 186         | 8          | 1         | <b>195</b>  |
| <b>Eden</b>          | 498         | 30         | 4         | <b>532</b>  |
| <b>Overberg</b>      | 274         | 8          | 2         | <b>284</b>  |
| <b>West Coast</b>    | 485         | 27         | 5         | <b>517</b>  |
|                      | <b>3111</b> | <b>126</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>3273</b> |

## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Paye and graduate interns: Youth are recruited through the Department of the Premier Programme and are afforded a one or two year internship with the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety.

Chrysalis Academy students: The Department continues to support the Chrysalis Academy in expanding its reach to at-risk youth, enhancing their skills and resilience to navigate the challenges of violent environments, and empowering them to make meaningful contributions to their communities. The partnership between the Academy and the Department has had a positive impact on youth in the "Not in Education, Employment, or Training" (NEET) category, particularly in addressing the high unemployment rate. The Academy's holistic training programme equips young people with the tools needed to secure employment, build personal resilience, and transform their futures.

Chrysalis Youth Hub Ambassadors: In support of violence prevention initiatives and the empowerment of youth on the margins of society, the Department has expanded the Chrysalis Academy programme to include targeted interventions for vulnerable youth. A key component of this expansion is the appointment of Chrysalis Youth Hub Ambassadors, who provide ongoing support to at-risk youth in priority areas once they return to their communities after completing the Academy's residential training programme. The Youth Hub Ambassadors initiative currently operates in the following communities: Atlantis, Beaufort West, Ceres, Delft, Elsie's River, George, Gugulethu, Khayelitsha, Kraaifontein, Malmesbury, Manenberg, Mfuleni, Nyanga, and Steenberg. To date, ten (10) Youth Hub Ambassadors remain active across the identified areas, continuing to play a vital role in strengthening community resilience and promoting positive youth development.

Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) for youth: Youth who graduate from the Chrysalis Academy are placed on a 12-month internship programme funded through the EPWP. They are placed with a range of host institutions, from civil

society, municipalities and government. To ensure the success of this programme, the Department (PoCS) has forged strategic partnerships through Memoranda of Understanding with key stakeholders. These include district and local municipalities, government departments such as the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Department of Health and Wellness, the Justice Department, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), and others. These partnerships, typically established for a three-year term, enable a collaborative approach to youth development and community upliftment.

School Resource Officers (SROs): From 2019 to 2021 the Department and the City of Cape Town partnership aimed to reduce crime in and around priority schools in high-risk communities and priority safe zone routes by funding the deployment of trained and certified law enforcement officers, auxiliary officers and/or School Resource Officers (SRO's) to priority schools and areas.

Peace Officer Programme: Since 2022 the Department initiated the Peace Officer/Traffic Warden training and deployment programme to build the law enforcement capacity of rural municipalities. In partnership with the City of Cape Town Public Safety Training College (PSTC), the department offers the young people a 30-day accredited training programme. After graduation, the Peace Officers are placed with the municipalities on an EPWP contract for a period of 12 months to complement the training received with practical experience.

Tourism Safety Officers: The Department established a Tourism Safety Unit during 2022–2024 comprising 20 Chrysalis Academy graduates. The Chrysalis Academy Graduates acted as Tourism Safety Officers funded through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and was implemented in partnership with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Table Mountain National Park. The Chrysalis Academy graduates were trained in tourism sensitivity skills by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. The 1<sup>st</sup> initial intake of Tourism Safety Officers commenced on 29 November 2022 until 28 February 2024. Followed by phase 2 of the project from 1 June 2023 to 30 May 2024. POCS conducted daily monitoring site visits to monitor attendance and performance. The Tourism Safety Officers were placed at key tourist attraction areas such as Signal Hill, Lion's Head, Devil's Peak, Bear Park, Platteklip, Noon Gun, Newlands, Oudekraal and Clifton Pipe Track. They worked under the supervision of SANPARK rangers. Daily deployments were overseen by POCS officials, with ongoing engagement and communication with SANPARK.

(ii) and (iii) Annual budget allocations and expenditure are listed in the table below.  
Budget and Expenditure on Youth Programmes

|                                  | 2019/20           | 2020/21           | 2021/22           | 2022/23           | 2023/24           | 2024/25           | 2025/26           | Total              |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Chrysalis Academy Budget         | 14,195,000        | 16,939,000        | 23,529,000        | 23,552,000        | 21,542,000        | 26,474,000        | 24,205,000        | 150,436,000        |
| Chrysalis Academy Expenditure    | 14,195,000        | 14,195,000        | 14,195,000        | 14,195,000        | 14,195,000        | 14,195,000        | 17,000,000        | 102,170,000        |
| EPWP Budget                      | 16,992,000        | 34,998,000        | 45,704,000        | 32,140,000        | 27,071,000        | 35,104,000        | 31,902,000        | 223,911,000        |
| EPWP Expenditure                 | 16,991,516        | 34,189,777        | 41,884,101        | 30,813,445        | 21,192,475        | 31,925,555        | 14,764,821        | 191,761,689        |
| EPWP Tourism Safety              | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 292,534           | 1,186,222         | 0                 | 0                 | 1,478,756          |
| Pay Interns                      | 1,303,416         | 177,965           | 811,243           | 1,909,490         | 1,689,805         | 1,832,628         | 1,171,447         | 8,895,994          |
| Graduate Interns                 | 6,223             | 635,216           | 371,222           | 146,766           | 1,112,854         | 839,865           | 368,155           | 3,480,301          |
| Peace Officer (transfer to City) | 4,159,000         | 4,388,000         | 4,629,000         | 2,852,000         | 4,666,000         | 5,400,000         | 1,800,000         | 27,894,000         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>         | <b>36,655,155</b> | <b>53,585,957</b> | <b>61,890,566</b> | <b>50,209,235</b> | <b>44,042,357</b> | <b>54,193,048</b> | <b>35,104,423</b> | <b>335,680,740</b> |

\*Expenditure for 2025/26 to 30 Sept 2025.

\*\*The costs to the Chrysalis Youth Hub are accounted for in the Chrysalis Academy Budget.

\*\*\*The cost to the Tourism Safety Officers are accounted for in the EPWP Budget for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 FY.

(iv) Number of young people reached and benefiting from various programs:

| Program                           | (aa) 2019/20 | (bb) 2020/21 | (cc) 2021/22 | (dd) 2022/23 | (ee) 2023/24 | (ff) 2024/25 | (gg) 2025/26 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Paye interns (First Work)         | 21           | 6            | 12           | 32           | 28           | 30           | 35           |
| Student Interns                   | 6            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Graduate Interns                  | 10           | 6            | 6            | 8            | 17           | 2            | 12           |
| Chrysalis Academy (Actual Intake) | 646          | 332          | 413          | 670          | 747          | 685          | 670          |
| EPWP - Youth                      | 621          | 319          | 2028         | 995          | 1058         | 839          | 416          |
| Peace Officers                    | 28 (SROs)    | 28 (SROs)    | 28 (SROs)    | 71           | 155          | 127          | 116          |
| Tourism Safety Officers           |              |              |              | 20           | 20           |              |              |

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Department of Social Development has a dedicated Youth Development programme in place. The Youth Development programme provides holistic youth development interventions targeting Neet (Not in Education, Employment and or Training). The Youth Development programme also focus on Youth Café Services. Along with a good cup of coffee, Youth Cafés will provide internet access and computer access to budding entrepreneurs and aspirant jobseekers. In addition, the facilities offer opportunities and training in;

- Digital Training
- Work Ethics
- Business Entrepreneurship
- Life Skills Sessions
- Creative Design
- Youth Data
- Event Management
- Leadership Training
- Project Management

The Youth Development programme also supports Community Based interventions that deals with issues such as mentoring, skills development and training opportunities for young people. The Department also have an Expanded Public Works programme that focusses on interventions that provides short term work opportunities for young people through various programmes and projects, as well as youth in transition through the After School Game Changer programme

The DSD Youth Development Programme further focuses on “Creating an environment to help young people to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities for them to build their competencies and needed skills to engage as partners in their own development and that of their communities.”

The holistic skills development programme covers life skills, hard skills, work skills. Mentoring and Psych- social support. This basket of services includes a variety of skills development programmes.

### **(b) What are the details of interventions implemented by the Western Cape Government to address the NEET challenge over the past five years?**

The DSD as annually contracted service delivery partners to render services in partnership with the programme. 24 Organisations across the Province are funded. They operate as Youth Cafes, which create safe, innovative spaces for youth and Community Based Organisations creating access to services within identified communities. The presented the following

programmes to make youth prepared for life. Life Skills, Introduction to Baristas, Entrepreneurship, Financial Equipping, Creative Arts and Media, Vocal Training, DJ Training, Public Speaking, Work Readiness, Grow Your Own Garden, CV Writing, Job Shadowing, Mentoring, Sexual Health, Hospitality, Driving License Lessons, Computers, Creative Arts, Women Entrepreneurs, ICAN – Learn Programme, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Confectionary. Personal Development, Character Building, Leadership Development, Digital Entrepreneurships, Mobile Literacy, Photography, Modelling, Project Management, Policy Education

**(i) Departments responsible for these programmes:**

Department of Social Development: Youth Development Programme

**(ii) Annual budget allocation**

| Financial Year | Total Budget & Expenditure |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| 2019           | R 17 145 000.00            |
| 2020           | R 15 653 000.00            |
| 2021           | R 4 974 000.00             |
| 2022           | R 3 592,034.00             |
| 2023           | R 14 171 000.00            |
| 2024           | R 12 175,000.20            |
| 2025           | R 12 711,00,00             |

**(iii) actual expenditure on each programme**

See total of transfer funds above. This is only including the totals of the Youth Development Programme under the Community Development Directorate and not the Social Welfare Programmes.

**(iv) number of young people reached or benefitting in**

(aa) 2019- 14 473 participants

(bb) 2020- 16315

(cc) 2021- 12229

(dd) 2022- 14566

(ee) 2023- 14 538

(ff) 2024- 14566

(gg) 2025- In progress currently on 3472

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

- a)** The focus of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) initiatives and programmes is on school based learners. Noting, however, that there are many programmes within the WCED that promote job readiness and skills development. These include our Schools of Skills programmes, Career Clubs and Entrepreneurship initiatives within the Life Orientation curriculum.

The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has outlined several strategic priorities to ensure learners are job-ready and equipped for the evolving world of work. These priorities are embedded in both the 2020–2025 and 2025–2030 Strategic Plans and are aligned with the Western Cape Government's Growth for Jobs Strategy.

- b)** In terms of NEET, the WCED does employ interns through the Graduate Internship Programme and Premier's Advancement of Youth (PAY) project.

The PAY project provides 12 months of paid internship within various Western Cape Government departments, offering:

- Workplace experience
- Mentorship
- Skills development
- Career exploration

The Graduate Internship Programme is a structured youth development initiative designed to provide unemployed South African graduates residing in the Western Cape with practical work experience across various government departments, including the Western Cape Education Department.

The table below outlines the number of PAY and Graduate interns participating in the programme over the past 7 years:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Number of interns</b>                              |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 2019        | 200 Pay and 20 Graduate Interns.                      |
| 2020        | No PAY intake due to COVID 19<br>20 Graduate interns. |
| 2021        | 10 Pay Interns and 21 Graduate interns.               |
| 2022        | 44 Pay Interns and 15 Graduate interns.               |
| 2023        | 189 Pay interns and 95 Graduate interns.              |
| 2024        | 192 Pay Interns and 37 Graduate interns.              |
| 2025        | 181 Pay Interns and 97 Graduate interns.              |

The table below outlines the budget allocated and expenditure for the PAY project and the Graduate Internship Programme over the past 7 years:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Expenditure</b>                     |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|
| 2019        | R 13 116 000  | R 11 455 358                           |
| 2020        | R 14 036 000  | R1 274 000                             |
| 2021        | R 13 753 000  | R 2 738 000                            |
| 2022        | R 14 549 000  | R 5 659 000                            |
| 2023        | R 15 592 000  | R20 602 000*                           |
| 2024        | R 19 406 000  | R17 093 000                            |
| 2025        | R20 765 000   | R11 241 000 (01 April – 30 Sept. 2025) |

*\*The over expenditure was as a result of programme expansion due to increased needs, particularly in the admissions space, and was covered within the training budget of the department.*

In addition to the initiatives described here, supplementary information may follow.