

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER: WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 25 JULY 2025

6. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the career-building opportunities advertised on the Department of Infrastructure's website, namely the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), the Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Programme, the National Youth Service (NYS), the Contractor Development Programme and the Youth in the Built Environment Programme:

(a) How many applications were received from residents in the province for each programme, (b) how many opportunities were granted to successful applicants for each programme in (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24, (iii) 2024/25 and (iv) 2025/26 to date, (c) of those granted opportunities in each programme, how many were awarded to (i) males and (ii) females, (d) what was the total cost incurred by his Department for each programme from the 2022/23 financial year to date and (e) what measurable outcomes have been achieved through each programme from 2022 to date in terms of (i) skills development, (ii) certification or qualifications awarded and (iii) employment placements whether (aa) temporary or (bb) permanent?

RESPONSE:

There are four (4) programmes under the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), namely, (1) Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Programme, (2) National Youth Service (NYS), (3) Contractor Development Programme and (4) Youth in the Built Environment Programme which are being advertised in the Department of Infrastructure's website with reference to the career-building opportunities. The table below provides a breakdown of statistics per programme in accordance with the financial years. The breakdown outlines the (a) received applications, (b) total number of successful applicants, (c) gender distribution, (d) cost and (e) measurable outcomes with regards to (i) skills development, (ii) certification/qualification and employment placement: (aa) temporary, (bb) Permanent

(1) Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Programme:

No.	Financial Year	(a) Received Applications		Successful Applicants				(d) Cost		(e) Measurable Outcomes					
				(b) Total		(c) Gender				(i) Skills Development	(ii) Certification / Qualification		Employment Placement		
						M							F	(aa) Temporary	(bb) Permanent
1.	2022/23	421		144		76	68		R12 217 000		n/a	47		44	n/a

2.	2023/2 4	368		176		94	82		R12 828 756		n/a	43		43	n/a
3.	2024/2 5	330		174		87	87		R15 727 714		n/a	44		38	n/a
4.	2025/2 6	*n/a		151		72	79		R15 328 000		n/a	*n/a		*n/a	n/a

*2025/26 Applications currently open for recruitment towards 2026 academic year.

*2025/26 Employment placement in process and will conclude after December 2025 graduations.

(2) National Youth Service (NYS):

No.	Financial Year	(a) Received Applications	Successful Applicants				(d) Cost	(e) Measurable Outcomes			
			(b) Total	(c) Gender		(iii) Skills Development		(iv) Certification / Qualification	Employment Placement		
				M	F				(aa) Temporary	(bb) Permanent	
1.	2022/23	10154	209	119	87	R25,705,000.00	155	137	15	24	
2.	2023/24	9882	209	134	65	R26,446,000.00	166	101	26	15	
3.	2024/25	5899	189	111	78	R26,961,000.00	14	14	1	2	
4.	2025/26	14976	200	3	2	R27,233,000.00	0	0	0	0	

(3) Contractor Development Programme:

The accredited courses offered are unit standards from various qualification such as: Business Management, Building Construction, Civil Engineering Construction, Insurance and Investment etc. The objective is to introduce the contractors to building blocks for their industry's body of knowledge. Contractors can readily apply the learnings in their business. Contractors may also further their studies by adding onto the unit standards to pursue full certification.

The cost cited is the complete Goods and Services budget for the component.

No.	Financial Year	(a) Received Applications	Successful Applicants			(d) Cost	(e) Measurable Outcomes			
			(b) Total	(c) Gender			(v) Skills Development	(vi) Certification / Qualification	Employment Placement	
				M	F				(aa) Temporary	(bb) Permanent
1.	2022/23	214	95	61	34	R 4,934,000	Unit standard competence	Partial certification n- Unit Standards at NQF 1 to 5	n/a	n/a
2.	2023/24	245	90	50	40	R 4,729,000	Unit standard competence	Partial certification n- Unit Standards at NQF 1 to 5	n/a	n/a
3.	2024/25	316	120	67	53	R 4,722,00	Unit standard competence	Partial certification n- Unit Standards at NQF 1 to 5	n/a	n/a
4.	2025/26	112	65	45	20	R 4,993,000	Unit standard competence	Partial certification n- Unit Standards at NQF 1 to 5	n/a	n/a

(4) Youth in the Built Environment Programme:

No.	Financial Year	(a) Received Applications		Successful Applicants				(d) Cost		(e) Measurable Outcomes					
				(b) Total		(c) Gender				(vii) Skills Development	(viii) Certification / Qualification		Employment Placement		
						M							F	(aa) Temporary	(bb) Permanent

1.	2022/2 3	700+		376		209	167		R6 769 173		271	229		368	0
2.	2023/2 4	750+		443		237	206		R4 953 312		264	169		404	0
3.	2024/2 5	550+		432		253	179		R5 747 468		262	235		418	0
4.	2025/2 6	600+		215		98	117		R810 856		215	0		125	0

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