#### PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

##### QUESTION PAPER No 40

##### WRITTEN REPLY

**FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2021**

**6. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

1. (a) Where are the offices of each of the Provincial Ministers situated, (b) how much is the rental fee per month, (c)(i) who owns the buildings and (ii) what are the details of all the shareholders;
2. whether any office space for the Provincial Ministers’ offices is rented from private entities; if so, (a) what are the reasons for that and (b) why are they not renting office space in the Department’s own buildings?

**ANSWER**

(1)



\* Note: these costs are calculated based upon the square meter rental amount and a desk-top calculation of floor space allocated to the Ministry.

(2) The table above indicates that the office space for the Provincial Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs and Sport are rented from private entities and the office space for the Provincial Minister of Community Safety is being rented from the Government Employees Pension Fund;

1. The Provincial Ministers of Cultural Affairs and Sport as well as Community Safety are accommodated in the same building as their Departments.

At the time of the lease of the accommodation for the Provincial Minister of Education, the WCED indicated that:

1. additional space was required for their Directorate: Infrastructure Planning and Management (DIPM) due to their staff establishment having been expanded by an additional 15 (fifteen) employees. There was no space available in the rented office accommodation to house these additional employees if the MEC’s office remained in the building;
2. the department had explored all options to free up/ optimize capacity in the former space.
3. parallel to the requirement for additional space, the MEC of Education requested that alternative accommodation be sought for the Ministry in order to relocate to premises closer to the Provincial Parliament precinct. Several challenges were experienced with the building including unreliable elevators during load-shedding and problematic access to the parking.
4. No rental is payable for Western Cape Government users located in owned buildings. As noted above, two of the MECs are co-located with their departments and at the time of concluding the lease for the MEC of Education, there was no space available in owned buildings.

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

**DATE:**

**PARLEMENT VAN DIE PROVINSIE VAN DIE WES-KAAP**

##### VRAELYS No 40

**SKRIFTELIKE BEANTWOORDING**

**VRYDAG, 29 OKTOBER 2021**

**6. Me P Z Lekker vra mnr D G Mitchell, Minister van Vervoer en Openbare Werke:**

1. (a) Waar die kantore van elk van die Provinsiale Ministers geleë is, (b) hoeveel die huurgeld per maand beloop, (c)(i) wie die geboue besit en (ii) wat die besonderhede van al die aandeelhouers is;
2. of enige kantoorruimte vir die kantore van Provinsiale Ministers van privaat entiteite gehuur word; so ja, (a) wat die redes daarvoor is en (b) waarom hulle nie kantoor-ruimte in die Departement se eie geboue huur nie?

**ANTWOORD**

(1)



\*Let Wel: Hierdie kostes word bereken op grond van die vierkante meter huurbedrag en ‘n tafelblad-berekening van vloerspase wat aan die Ministerie toegeken is.

(2)(a) Die bostaande tabel dui aan die kantoorspasie vir die Provinsiale Ministers van Onderwys en Kultuursake en Sport word by private entiteite gehuur en die kantoorspasie vir die Provinsiale Minister van Gemeenskapsveiligheid word van die Pensioenfonds vir Staatsamptenare gehuur;

Die Provinsiale Ministers van Kultuursake en Sport sowel as Gemeenskapsveiligheid word in dieselfde geboue as hul departemente geakkommodeer. Ten tyde van die huur van die akkommodasie vir die Provinsiale Minister van Onderwys, het die WKOD aangedui dat:

1. addisionele spasie was nodig vir hul Direktoraat: Infrastruktuurbeplanning en -Bestuur as gevolg van hul personeeldiens wat met 'n bykomende 15 (vyftien) werknemers uitgebrei is. Daar was geen spasie beskikbaar in die gehuurde kantoorakkommodasie om hierdie bykomende werknemers te akkommodeer as die LUR se kantoor in die gebou gebly het;

ii die departement het alle opsies ondersoek om kapasiteit in die voormalige spasie op te gee/ te optimaliseer.

iii parallel met die vereiste vir bykomende spasie, het die LUR van Onderwys versoek dat alternatiewe akkommodasie gesoek word vir die Ministerie om na 'n perseel nader aan die Provinsiale Parlementsgebied te verskuif. Verskeie uitdagings is ervaar met die gebou, ingeslote onbetroubare hysbakke tydens beurtkrag en problematiese toegang tot die parkering.

(b) Geen huur is betaalbaar vir gebruikers van die Wes-Kaapse regering wat in eie geboue geleë is nie. Soos hierbo genoem, is twee van die LUR'e saam met hul departemente geleë en ten tyde van die sluiting van die huurkontrak vir die LUR van Onderwys was daar geen spasie beskikbaar in eie geboue.

**MINISTER VAN VERVOER EN OPENBARE WERKE**

**DATUM:**