PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2025

5. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

With regard to expenditure on auditing in the Western Cape Government:

(a) What was the total breakdown of expenditure per provincial department and entity for auditing in (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21, (iii) 2021/22, (iv) 2022/23, (v) 2023/24, (vi) 2024/25 and (vii) 2025/26 to date and (b) for each year in (a) above, what (i) are the details of the audit firms contracted by each department and entity for auditing purposes, (ii) are the names of the persons at each firm who actually performed or signed off the audits, (iii) are the names of the directors serving on the boards of each contracted audit firm and (iv) is the BBBEE rating of each contracted firm?

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Response:

(a) The table below depicts the breakdown of the external audit fees from 2019/20 to 2024/25 financial years and is based on the audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements (ACFS):

Provincial Votes

Vote	Department	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
		R '000	R '000	R '000	R '000	R '000	R '000	
1	Premier	6,277	5,030	6,315	5,426	6,446	6,617	
2	Provincial Parliament	3,669	3,700	4,087	3,691	4,034	4,555	
3	Provincial Treasury	5,939	5,062	6,297	5,766	6,868	7,376	
4	Police Oversight and Community Safety	3,492	2,844	2,734	4,409	2,796	4,909	
5	Education	13,571	11,693	14,660	13,836	14,630	15,405	
6	Health and Wellness	17,625	18,170	22,572	20,799	23,420	24,163	
7	Social Development	5,225	4,504	6,808	5,023	5,557	6,717	
8	Human Settlements	6,784	7,298	11,041	9,000			*
8	Mobility					711	7,761	**
9	Environmental Affairs And Development Planning	3,327	3,392	4,973	3,918	3,916	4,459	
10	Transport And Public Works	9,553	8,747	11,270	12,961			*
10	Infrastructure					19,874	13,885	**
11	Agriculture	4,339	3,552	4,738	3,775	4,653	5,507	
12	Economic Developm & Tourism	3,119	2,555	3,362	3,159	2,887	5,068	
13	Cultural Affairs And Sport	3,910	3,214	3,677	4,142	4,533	4,491	
14	Local Government	3,047	2,660	2,984	2,596	3,010	3,070	
	Total	**89,877**	**82,421**	**105,518**	**98,501**	**103,335**	**113,983**	

* This department ceased to exist by 01 April 2023 as per the Proclamation signed by the President of South Africa on 20 February 2023.
** This department was established by 01 April 2023 as per the Proclamation signed by the President of South Africa on 20 February 2023.

Provincial Entities

Code	Entity	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
		R`000	R`000	R`000	R`000	R`000	R`000	
WC001	Heritage Western Cape	77	95	76	73	78	102	
WC002	Western Cape Cultural Commission	63	69	70	57	66	97	
WC003	Western Cape Language Committee	91	65	68	50	63	77	
WC004	Western Cape Investment and Trade Promotion Agency	2,452	3,346	2,977	4,488	4,187	3,404	
WC005	Western Cape Liquor authority	2,099	1,630	1,430	1,611	1,313	1,245	
WC006	Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board	2,238	1,759	2,318	2,449	2,963	2,898	
WC007	Western Cape Nature Conservation Board		2,971	3,018	4,108	3,380	3,793	*
WC008	Cape Agency for Sustainable Development and Rural Areas (Casidra)	902	584	1,132	1,589	1,455	1,902	
WC010	Government Motor Transport	2,934	2,641	3,351	3,098	2,656	3,737	
WC011	Atlantis Special Economic Zone			1,485	2,125	1,710	1,746	**
WC012	Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone	1,536	2,239	2,453	2,126	1,630	1,709	
	Total	**12,392**	**15,399**	**18,378**	**21,774**	**19,501**	**20,710**	

* The audit fees for this entity was not indicated as a separate line item in the audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for this financial year.
** This entity became operational during the 2021/22 financial year.

(b)

(i) The Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) is a Chapter 9 institution who's primary purpose is to strengthen democracy by enabling oversight, accountability and governance in the public sector. One of the key objectives of the AGSA is to audit public sector entities, therefore the AGSA is the audit firm that conducted the audits, for the period requested, for all provincial departments and entities.

(ii) The external audit reports were signed off by the delegated official within the AGSA offices, that is allowed to make use of the Auditor General signature.

(iii) Given the response provided above in (b)(i), this would be not applicable.

(iv) Given the response provided above (b)(i), this would be not applicable.