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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT**

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[Hybrid sitting held with some members present in the House and some in virtual attendance through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - see p. 5962**

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE<sup>5</sup>**

The SPEAKER: Hon members, the hon Premier of the Western Cape and, of course, leaders of political parties, it is nice to be in the Chamber with all the members and of course it is a full House but I also need to appreciate the honourable members that are in the virtual platform. There is an echo that bothers me. I hope no member has an active microphone.

In terms of the virtual sittings, we know that members are able to connect using their devices virtually. This is a hybrid session. That then puts an onus and of course a responsibility on the honourable members to observe the directives issued by myself in 2020, which were agreed to by this House, but the virtual sessions are by nature designed to ensure that this House functions optimally, irrespective of the circumstances brought by the geopolitical environment. So it made us function optimally throughout COVID-19 and we continue to do so.

The hon members have seen the hon Minister of Corporative Governance's issued amendments to what the state of disaster looks like and of course it was further declared to have ended, as per the instruction by the head of state, the President, but this Parliament has taken a decision, hon members, the hon Premier, that let us continue, hon Premier and the hon members, to take advantage of the hybrid session so that we do not go back but we move forward, taking full advantage of the tools of trade and the instruments of the dynamic world that we find ourselves in and the change of work.

So we will continue with the hybrid sessions as per the communication to all of you, hon members, but we always encourage those hon members who can be here, that we try and bring back some normality. It helps us, it is always nice to look at the hon members in person, just to touch that hand, to be able to know that you are here. It always works quite positively. It is comforting to see all of you back here.

Now in terms of our sitting here, if you are a guest, you are connected virtually; please do not activate your microphone. You are a guest and that means you are sitting in the gallery, like those members who are guests here in the gallery here in the Chamber. So there is no difference for those who are in the online gallery.

Members of the press, no temptation should let you activate your microphone and your camera, so let us be circumspect of the Rules of the virtual sittings.

### **BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That in terms of Section 6(3)(b) of the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act, 1998 (Act 20 of 1998), the upper limits of the salary and allowances of the Premier of the Western Cape, as proclaimed by the President of the Republic of South Africa by Proclamation No 67 of 2022, published in *Government Gazette* No 46545, dated 14 June 2022, be determined as the salary and allowances of the Premier of the Western Cape with effect from 1 April 2021. I so move.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam the Chief Whip, and I would like to put to the House whether there are any objections to the motion being moved.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Do you know hon excellency, the Premier, why there is no objection? Because the hon members have their increases paid to them already and you signed that memorandum for that to happen, so it makes it easy. May I then move to the next one, I also at this point recognise the hon Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party (Ms L J Botha): That the House, noting:

1. The report of the Conduct Committee published in the ATC on 2 June 2022;
2. That the Speaker is the subject of the Committee's enquiry;
3. The intention by the Speaker to appeal against the penalty recommended by the Committee;
4. That, in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Code of Conduct, a member who is the subject of a conduct investigation must recuse himself or herself from the deliberations of the Committee;
5. The Speaker's recusal from the Appeals Committee, as contemplated in paragraph 18 of the Code of Conduct, affects the composition, chairpersonship and the procedure of the Appeals Committee as far as it pertains to the submission to the Appeals Committee of an appeal stipulating the basis for the appeal; and
6. That the Code of Conduct is silent on matters where the Speaker, as the Chairperson of the appeals structure, is the subject of the Conduct Committee's enquiry and wishes to appeal a recommendation of the Conduct Committee,

Therefore resolves that:

1. The Hon F C Christians be appointed to serve on the Appeals Committee and that the Hon F C Christians be appointed as Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for the duration of its deliberations on the above-mentioned enquiry;
2. The Speaker submit his written submissions stipulating the basis for his appeal to the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee; and
3. The Conduct Committee, assisted by the Secretary to Parliament, be instructed to review the Code of Conduct and make recommendations to the House on the membership of the Appeals Committee, the recusals of members from the Appeals Committee who are subjects of Conduct Committee enquiries, and other matters incidental thereto.

Agreed to.

## **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, the generally negative economic impact of loadshedding is known to us all, but many may not realise the severe impact these blackouts have on the agricultural sector.

The face of agriculture, the field, that for centuries was able to function without electricity, has completely changed over the last number of years.

With only a few exceptions, commercial farms now require a reliable source of electricity preferably at competitive prices. Farmers therefore pay high so-called transformer fees for the availability of electricity on their farms.

Just a few examples of the role of electricity:

- Pumps require electricity for modern day irrigation systems.
- High quality wine production requires the ability to carefully control temperatures.
- Milk pasteurisation and milking equipment requires electricity.
- The production of frozen vegetables and fruits requires energy.
- Our hops farmers outside of George use sodium lights to artificially increase the daylight hours in order to compete with other world regions.
- Young livestock are raised under the heat of ultra-red lights.
- Electric lights in chicken coops stimulate hens' ovaries so that more eggs can be produced more cheaply.

Loadshedding is no longer just a slight inconvenience in our daily lives. It is now a legitimate threat to the functioning of our economy. It threatens South Africa's agricultural sector and we stand to lose our advantage to compete on a global scale.

What is worse, loadshedding is pushing up prices which in turn is leading to malnutrition, poverty, etcetera. Eventually it is again the poor that suffer most under ANC incompetence.

That is why we have welcomed the steps outlined by the President to address the energy crisis. They are straight out of the DA's playbook, but we have seen that script before. This time we need real action from Government. We trust that these measures will be implemented without delay ...[Interjection.] in order to [Inaudible.] the agricultural sector and the economy at last. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Thanks, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, on 9 June this year Tiger Brands announced that they have plans to close factories in Langeberg in Ashton.

Even though these plans were two years in the making, the announcement shocked the food industry. Over the last 70 years, the factory has been able to provide employment and seasonal jobs for many. At the time of the announcement nearly 2 500 farmworkers and 300 farmers were at risk. 4 000 jobs were said to be affected.

At the time of the announcement, Mr Jacques Johannes, CEO of Canning Food Producers Association indicated that, and I quote:

"We need some people to take our hand and help invest in this business to prevent it from closure. I think the effect is a social economic disaster. It is not just a cold business decision."

While there is no doubt that the Western Cape Provincial Government would want to claim this as their victory, the real heroes in saving the factories are the farmers, farm workers and factory workers.

In these tough economic times farmers have pledged not to increase their produce prices, while workers have stated that they will not ask for any wage increase. COSATU, often scoffed by this Provincial Government, showed leadership and ensured a partnership between the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Development, as well as other their development finance institutions.

This role should be played by the Provincial Government, facilitating social compacts with social partners, but once again the Provincial Government came late to the party. I thank you.

Mr D AMERICA (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, at a time in which the economy is under severe strain, Government must lead the way in ensuring that every cent of public money is spent responsibly and wisely. Our citizens are already facing the burden of high costs of living, and must be assured that their money, tax money, is being used for the public good.

With that in mind, hon Deputy Speaker, I am overjoyed to see that the Western Cape municipalities have taken this message to heart. The Auditor-General's municipal audit outcomes report for the 2020/2021 financial year showed two things. Firstly, that South Africa's municipalities are in dire financial straits and secondly, that the Western Cape is the only place in South Africa in which municipalities are holding fast against the slow rot of financial mismanagement.

The Western Cape holds a little over 10% of all the municipalities in South Africa and yet accounts for more than half of the clean audits in the country. The AGs Office attributed this success to the quality of the Western Cape's leadership and the competence and experience of its staff. Clearly, at a time in which as much is going wrong in the country, something is going right in the province.

Of course, there is more work to be done. We must ensure that we achieve good governance everywhere in the province, not just in most of it particularly where the ANC and other Opposition parties are governing. But as I ...[Interjection.] what I am confident of, hon Deputy Speaker, is that in a year's time I will stand up in this House and attest to the fact that 100% of our municipalities have achieved a qualified audit. Thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr S N AUGUST (GOOD): Hon Deputy Speaker, the state of primary healthcare in the Western Cape is tremendously concerning considering the National Development Plan and the Western Cape Provincial Strategic Framework towards promoting health and wellness to improve the quality of health services and patient experience. In embedding good governance, what is happening in communities does not reflect what is adopted in theory.

The Department have had some wins; we acknowledge those. However, accountability should be exercised where the need arises, and our communities need competent, functional health services.

From Wesfleur to Ceres to Grabouw, clinics and hospitals alike are experiencing the same challenges: dilapidated infrastructure, shortage of staff, under-maintained ambulances, shortage of medicine and the staffing of critical care units, gross mismanagement of medical centres and security guards policing the access patients have to these facilities.

To alleviate pressure from the Wesfleur Hospital, this Government should consider adopting the two primary healthcare clinics in Atlantis into the Provincial Department of Health, to capacitate and staff their operation to ensure decent health services are delivered within the Atlantis community and surrounding areas.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I reiterate that we will compliment where good work has been done, but we cannot remain silent when communities are in harm's way when there are manageable interventions in existence to ensure that the Department of Health delivers the services in line with its objectives and the 2030 Provincial Health Plan. The framework exists, all this Government needs to do is to cultivate the political will. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Madam Deputy Speaker, I want to make a plea to the Western Cape Government to do something when it comes to the homeless. They form part of our daily lives, and we cannot wish them away. We cannot wave a magic wand and they will disappear. The reality of the homeless is here, and we must deal with it. How they are dealt with is evidence of our empathy in every situation. The homeless take shelter and sleep under cardboard, plastic sheeting. Where do they relieve themselves? Where do they wash themselves? Where do they wash their clothing?

Some of them, sadly, when I drive, I see some of them have little babies with them and where do they go to school? I think all of them; toddlers, do not go to school and it is painful to see at the robots, mothers sitting with little children in their hands and knowing that tonight, they do not know what they are going to eat.

The homeless are not always what they seem to be. Some of them were upstanding members of communities, but today we see them scratching in dirt-bins to stay alive, selling recycled plastic and anything that will bring an income. Some of them were married, some of them could not deal with the trauma in life and that is why my plea to the Western Cape Government is to do something when it comes to the homeless. Sometimes, I see how the homeless are harassed when it comes to law enforcement officers and how they are treated.

I want to say the homeless, we can be homeless, but by the Grace of God, it is not me and you. So, my plea from the ACDP is that the Western Cape Government does something. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The ANC in the Western Cape Legislature commends the national ANC for the commencement of the Makhaza Police Station in Khayelitsha in November of this year. The building of this police station has been in the making for many years.



The lack of a police station in Makhaza created a lot of challenges for policing in Khayelitsha, where resources were sometimes overstretched as many officers had to be sent to the Makhaza area.

Before the announcement on the commencement of the building project, SAPS provincial leadership had already taken steps to redeploy resources away from the police stations in the leafy suburbs, to crime hotspots in Makhaza, Philippi and surrounding areas. We commend the sterling work by the SAPS leadership in the province. In the midst of recent spikes, this House can bear witness to violent crimes, notably the mass shooting occurring nearly every weekend in our poor communities.

The shortages of police resources, coupled with the Provincial Government's lack of prioritisation of safety in poor working-class communities were laid there. The building of this new police station will go a long way in addressing many policing challenges in Makhaza and Khayelitsha at large. With Stats South Africa estimates on the population of the area to approximately 451 000 people, Khayelitsha boasts only three police stations in the region, which would not be able to cater for the entire community's safety needs.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I would also like to applaud the National Government for supplying Khayelitsha with additional police vans on Youth Day to mitigate the issue of police vans not responding timeously due to a shortage of vans, as well as the addition of 85 police officers that will be deployed., unlike the DA-led City of Cape Town LEAP programme, which has already appointed an individual with a questionable record. A word of advice: go and tell your colleagues in the City ...[Interjection.] to vet its new recruits. You will lose because of these ...[Interjection.] new systems and a compromise to the very same security. I thank you. [Time expired.]

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. On a positive note, I just want today to congratulate our champion sports women of Banyana Banyana. They have managed to do something that our men have not been able to achieve for 26 years, and that is to win the African Cup of Nations. I also want to send special congratulations to our players from the Western Cape – Sibulele Holweni, Amogelang Motau, Boingeka Gamede, and Regil Ngobeni – who all play their club football at UWC.

This victory does shine the spotlight on other pressing issues in our country and that is equal pay for equal work. And yet, when it comes to pay for national team performance which is of course, paid by National Government, the men earn much more than women. How is that right? The men earned R520 000 for only reaching the last eight of AFCON in 2019, but the women only earned R400 000 for winning the whole thing.

Is the message this National Government wants to send to our young women that if a woman does the same thing as a man, only better, she will get less of a reward? That is no way to inspire the generation of girls. We call on equal pay between Banyana Banyana and Bafana Bafana. Let the fair play concept in sports also include equal pay to all, irrespective of their gender. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus wishes to place on record our most serious concern over the frequent reports by whistle-blowers of misbehaviour, dishonesty, allegations of sexual misconduct, fruitless and wasteful expenditure by senior members of the ruling party in this House which, in fact, include that of two hon Ministers, as well as the hon Speaker and hon Deputy Speaker. While some of these matters are still subject to internal and external investigations, the image of this august institution, we must admit, has been tarnished in spite of the steps taken by the hon Premier and his Cabinet to address any malpractices.

I therefore call for full disclosure of the relevant facts relating to all unresolved matters to this House and that a public apology by the hon Premier should be considered on behalf of this Parliament, to allay fears of any further similar disclosures in the near future by anyone in this House. Promoting persons to positions of authority and seniority, should be considered in future with greater caution to prevent recurrences in an attempt to restore the dignity of this House.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, it is very disturbing that the Western Cape Provincial Government boasts it is all set and ready to take over the Western Cape South African Police Service, whom it describes as incompetent to deal with crime.

The DA-led Provincial Government further stated that its LEAP officers are proof that there are sustainable ways in winning the war against crime. How selfish of this Provincial Government. If this Government has sustainable ways to solve crime in the province, then why does it not implement the sustainable ways to eradicate crime, instead of playing politics with it?

The DA Government must act against the root causes attributing to crime and not just treat it with a plaster. It is a known fact that shebeens are breeding grounds for criminal activities. Close the shebeens! It argues for more boots on the ground, but the Province is selective in how and where it deploys more boots on the ground. It is clear as daylight that more policing is needed on the Cape Flats and in townships. The tavern attacks are not a new phenomenon.

Between 2019 and 2021, there were 30 reported mass murders in the province, which claimed the lives of 117 people, including 11 children. The National Ministry of Police was given R22 million to deal with gangsterism and R10 million of that R22 million, was given to the Provincial Government of the Western Cape. The Province also received extra resources and budget, compared to other provinces in the country.

For as long as there is no real action taken against shebeens and liquor outlets that are conduits for crime and violence, there will always be a need for more boots on the ground. The Provincial Government says it has the mechanisms to fight against deadly attacks, but deadly attacks are taking place every day as the Provincial Government fails to use the resources and mechanisms at its disposal. [Interjection.] These resources come from National Government to protect the people in your province ...[Interjection.] so, use it for that purpose and not for political gains. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, earlier this year we spoke about the need for us to focus on combatting TB in our province, as we find ourselves in a period of post-pandemic recovery. Within the first half of this year, there have been almost 23 000 individuals who have contracted tuberculosis in which just under a tenth of those have resulted in death.

It is for this reason that the Provincial Government has pioneered in instituting various initiatives, such as the Multi-Sectoral Provincial TB Emergency Response Plan and the Provincial TB Dashboard. These are examples of a proactive government that innovates service delivery.

Hon Deputy Speaker, now is the time for us as the Legislature to contribute to these efforts. As the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, we are poised to establish a TB caucus in the Western Cape as an ad hoc committee by the end of August. This comes after a research document on guidelines was sent to the Committee and which follows a number of engagements since February 2021, with a multitude of stakeholders in Government, civil society, and within Parliament.

Hon Deputy Speaker, a multi-sectoral approach is thus required to help fight this disease as a whole, so that our communities can be further protected. Hon Deputy Speaker, health is everybody's business, and we can clearly see that these plans are proof of a province that ensures the wellbeing and dignity of residents. I thank you.

### **ATLANTIS: PRIMARY HEALTHCARE CLINICS**

(Notice of Motion)

Mr S N AUGUST: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the consideration of adopting two primary healthcare clinics in Atlantis into the provincial Department of Health to capacitate and staff their operation as a means to alleviate pressure on the Wesfleur Hospital, which is severely strained with service delivery and heavily short-staffed with the result that it is unable to handle the influx of patients who must be assessed daily.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

### **STALLHOLDER PERMITS**

(Notice of Motion)

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the intervention into the requirements for applications for permits to operate as stallholder.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We now move to Motions without Notice. I would like to inform you that in terms of the Standing Rule 150 pertaining to Motions without Notice, that condolence and congratulatory were submitted to the Programming Authority prior to this plenary on 26 July 2022. Hon members are reminded that Motions without Notice pertaining to congratulatory and condolences will not be allowed in this sitting, that have been processed by the Programming Authority.

I have been informed that in the Programming Authority meeting of 26 July 2022, political parties did submit the names of hon members in the desired order of speaking and who had wished to move a Motion without Notice in this sitting of the House. I will therefore, just for noting and for the purpose of the Minutes, call out the hon members whose names have accordingly been submitted and approved.

The following member motions have been approved by the Programming Authority as follows: hon Christians, hon Lekker, hon Botha, hon Sayed, hon Bosman, hon Sayed, hon Mvimbi, hon Bans, hon Windvogel, hon Bans, hon Dugmore, hon Bosman, hon Bosman, hon Bosman, hon Mackenzie and hon Botha. I now put the motions duly submitted and approved by the Programming Authority to the House.

**LEAH-ANGEL BAUER**

(Motion)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I move without notice:

That the House commends Leah-Angel Bauer, a learner in Grade 7 at Forest Village Leadership Academy; notes that the *Daily Voice* of 21 July 2022 (Marsha Dean) reported that Leah opened Leah's Drink 'n Stop about three weeks ago; notes that she serves coffee, Milo, hot chocolate and bottled water to schools and the community; notes that she is very professional in her approach and the community sings her praises; notes that, through her business, she is able to be independent and to build her savings; notes that Leah says, 'My special ingredient is to go with the feeling and add a lot of love', in this way she is putting a smile on the faces of the community; and salutes her entrepreneurial spirit and wishes her well for the future.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**LATE YASMIN “JESSIE” DUARTE**

(Motion of condolence)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes with profound sadness the untimely passing of Deputy Secretary-General of the ANC, comrade Yasmin ‘Jessie’ Duarte on 17 July 2022, following a lengthy battle with cancer; further notes that comrade Jessie will be remembered fondly for her dedication and selfless sacrifices in the anti-apartheid struggle, which spanned from 1979 when she was recruited by Mama Albertina Sisulu to set up women’s structures throughout the country and later in 1981, when she served as the secretary of the Federation of Transvaal Women (FEDTRAW); further notes her anti-apartheid activism saw her targeted and detained without trial in 1988; further notes comrade Jessie also worked with Reverend Beyers Naudé to set up a scholarship fund to educate anti-apartheid activists to become an effective corps of public servants; further notes she also served as special assistant to both President Mandela as well as Walter Sisulu; further notes she also served as a member of the Provincial Executive Council (MEC) for Gauteng, as ambassador to Mozambique, and as spokesperson for the ANC, before assuming the position of Deputy Secretary-General of the ANC in 2012 until her death on 17 July 2022; further notes that she will be remembered fondly for her selfless dedication to the anti-apartheid struggle, her love for the people and unwavering dedication to the struggle for women emancipation; and conveys deepest sympathies to her family and loved ones. Hamba kahle, comrade DSG Jessie.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**CHRISTO “KITO” BOKS**

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the newly elected Matzikama councillor, Mr Christo Boks, affectionately known to his community as ‘Kito’ Boks, on his victory during the Ward 7 by-election in the municipality; notes that the Democratic Alliance won this by-election six-love by claiming victory in all voting districts; and further notes that this victory will strengthen the mandate of the multi-party coalition in Matzikama.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**LATE BUYILE SANGOLEKHAYA BERNARD MATIWANE**

(Motion of condolence)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes with deep sadness the untimely passing of the 21<sup>st</sup> Deputy President of the South African Students Congress, comrade Buyile Sangolekhaya Bernard Matiwane, who succumbed on Monday 11 July 2022 at his residence after a short period of sickness; notes that, at the time of his passing, he was serving as the Deputy President of SASCO and as a member of the Provincial Congress Preparatory Committee of the African National Congress Youth League of Western Cape; notes that he will be remembered for his dedication to students and the youth and for his great appreciation for reading, writing and his contribution to the public discourse on various topics that he wrote about; and extends deepest and sincere condolences to his mother, the Matiwane family, his friends and comrades. Long lives the spirit of 'Prof'.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**JAMES GAAG, PETER TEMPELHOFF AND KOBUS VAN DER MERWE**

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Peter Tempelhoff, owner of Fyn, Kobus van der Merwe, owner of Wolfgat, and James Gaag, owner of La Colombe, on their restaurants being named in the top 100 best restaurants by the World's 50 Best Restaurants list; and notes that this achievement contributes to a positive international reputation for the Western Cape as a choice destination for tourism.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**LATE RYKIE CLOETE**

(Motion of condolence)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes with deep sadness the untimely passing of comrade Rykie Cloete from the West Coast; and conveys deepest sympathies to her family, friends and comrades.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**GARDEN ROUTE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

(Motion)

Mr L L MVIMBI: I move without notice:

That the House notes with a great sense of pride and celebrates and congratulates the achievements of the Garden Route International Film (GRIF) Festival; notes that the GRIF Festival was held from 12 to 16 July and included learner workshops, teaching learners about the film industry and some were fortunate to create their own short films, which were screened at the festival; and notes this festival transferred camera skills to teenagers who did not even have the knowledge to operate a camera.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**SPRINGBOKS: CASTLE LAGER INCOMING SERIES**

(Motion)

Ms A P BANS: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Springboks who won the Castle Lager Incoming Series against Wales, where the Springboks beat the visitors in two of the three scheduled games of the tour; notes that this series was the first where the world champions had to play in front of their home crowd following the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, where they had to play in empty stadiums without the fans; wishes the Bokke a prosperous season; and hopes they stay uniting the South African nation.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**MANDELA DAY CELEBRATIONS**

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I move without notice:

That the House notes the Mandela Day celebrations that took place with MPPs doing their bit for their communities: Honourable Gladys Bakubaku-Vos worked with Drakenstein councillors, Moutie Richards and Mncedisi Nobala, at Antes farm where they prepared warm meals for the farm dwellers and had a Mandela lecturer, and in Mbekweni Ward 12 honourable Bakubaku-Vos handed out clothes and food to victims of a fire and she worked with the ward councillor Sindiswa Sambokhwe and PR councillor Bongwiwe Duba.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**DHL STORMERS: VODACOM UNITED RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Motion)

Ms A P BANS: I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates the DHL Stormers on winning the Vodacom United Rugby Championship against the Vodacom Bulls in June 2022; notes that this Championship is an annual rugby union competition that was previously known as the PRO 14, one of the three major professional leagues in Europe, and in 2021 four South African teams joined the league; further notes that the Stormers dominated, made history and won the inaugural URC in Cape Town; and wishes the Stormers, alongside the Cell C Sharks and Vodacom Bulls, the best of luck with the European Rugby Champions Cup.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**PRINCESS CHARLENE OF MONACO AND LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN**

(Motion)

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates the Mossel Bay professional golfer, Louis Oosthuizen, and Princess Charlene of Monaco for helping children in Mossel Bay communities; and notes that the #feed2gether initiative aims to better the lives of the marginalised by providing assistance in sports participation and by offering a feeding scheme.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**LATE DON MATTERA**

(Motion of condolence)

Mr G BOSMAN: I move without notice:

That the House sends its condolences to the family of poet and anti-apartheid activist, Don Mattera, who passed away on 18 July at the age of 86; and notes that Mattera's autobiography *Memory is the Weapon*, a Steve Biko Prize-winning work, provides an important glimpse into 1950s Sophiatown, while his works of poetry stood out in their eloquent and poignant criticism of the apartheid government of the time.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*



**LATE BARRY RONGE**

(Motion of condolence)

Mr G BOSMAN: I move without notice:

That the House sends its condolences to the family of celebrated critic and journalist, Barry Ronge, who passed away on 3 July 2022 at the age of 74; and notes that Ronge's decades-long career saw him becoming a well-loved fixture in the literary sphere of South Africa, with his humour and biting wit bringing joy to millions of devoted readers.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**DESIREE ELLIS**

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the coach of the South African women's national football team, Desiree Ellis, who won the CAF Women's Coach of the Year Award for the third consecutive time on 21 July; notes that Ellis, who played for and was a founding member of Banyana Banyana, and the second captain of the team, continues to exemplify the finest characteristics of the South African sporting sector; and notes that she also serves as an inspiration to women in the sporting sector everywhere and is worthy of congratulations.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**WESTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

(Motion)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure that financed and supported the construction of the Ashton Bridge, which has won an award for best infrastructure project over R100 million from Cement and Concrete SA.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE: RENAMING OF MAIN HALL**

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the announcement by the University of the Western Cape to rename its iconic Main Hall in honour of its late Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jakes Gerwel; and notes that Professor Gerwel's leadership at the institution was unparalleled and that the renaming of the Hall, 10 years after his passing, is a fitting celebration and recognition of his distinguished legacy.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections, agreed to. The Motions will appear in the Minutes of the proceedings and in Hansard, in each individual hon members' name as if that hon member had read them out aloud.

Hon members, I will now afford the opportunity to hon members to move Motions without Notice as per the Standing Rule 152(d). This could include Motions without Notice that were not approved in the Programming Authority meeting. Hon members are reminded that 30 minutes as per the Standing Rule will start now. As per my list, I recognise the hon Baartman.

**WESTERN CAPE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House commends the Western Cape Education Department for its #BackOnTrack recovery plan which seeks to tackle the learning losses experienced in the Foundation Phase. By allocating an additional 2 hours of group-guided reading and 1 hour of Mathematics every week, it is expected that every Foundation Phase learner will gain an extra 60 hours of learning over the course of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> term. We look forward to this programme's success. I thank you.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): I move without notice:

That the House commends the Western Cape Education Department for its #BackOnTrack recovery plan that seeks to tackle the learning losses experienced in the Foundation Phase; notes that, by allocating an additional two hours of group-guided reading and one hour of Mathematics every week, it is expected that every Foundation Phase learner will gain an extra 60 hours of learning over the course of the third and fourth quarter; and looks forward to this programme's success.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

### **BANYANA BANYANA**

(Motion)

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with pride the victory of the South African Soccer Women's Team, Banyana Banyana, who have been crowned the Women's Africa Cup of Nations champions following their victory in Morocco last week; notes further that the four Banyana Banyana stars made it into the Women's Afcon Best 11; namely, goalkeeper of the tournament and co-captain Andile Dlamini, defender Bambanani Mbane, co-captain Refiloe Jane and striker Jermaine Seoposenwe; congratulates Banyana Banyana for winning the tournament and the four players who made the best 11; and reiterates calls for equality in sports which should include equal pay between Bafana Bafana and Banyana Banyana. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with pride the victory of the South African Soccer Women's Team, Banyana Banyana, that has been crowned the Women's Africa Cup of Nations champions following their victory in Morocco last week; notes further that four Banyana Banyana stars made it into the Women's Afcon Best 11, namely goalkeeper of the tournament and co-captain Andile Dlamini, defender Bambanani Mbane, co-captain Refiloe Jane and striker Jermaine Seoposenwe; congratulates Banyana Banyana for winning the tournament and the four players who made the best 11; and reiterates calls for equality in sport, which should include equal pay for Bafana Bafana and Banyana Banyana players.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

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**REPORT OF THE CONDUCT COMMITTEE ON THE FAILURE OF HON  
MEMBER S N AUGUST TO SUBMIT DISCLOSURE FORMS TIMEOUSLY  
(2020)**

(Consideration)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I have been informed by the Chief Whip that the Programming Authority resolved that there would be no list of speakers and that parties who wished to do so, would now be afforded an opportunity to make a declaration of the vote for a maximum of three minutes. I will now afford those parties an opportunity. I recognise the ANC.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.] Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The ANC notes the report presented to this House today. The ANC believes in accountability and integrity. Even more so, we expect our public representative to be exemplary and if they have transgressed in any manner, they must be held accountable.

While we wish not to rub salt in wounds, this report must be a reminder to all of us of the high calling we have as representatives of the people of this province. We pause again today to be reminded that our responsibility is not for ourselves or our families and friends, but the poorest of the poor of the Western Cape. We sit in this House, mandated by our people, as vulnerable as they may be, because of poverty, unemployment, and inequality. We serve at the behest of our people and our example of being punctual and beyond reproach must be emphatic.

Yet, our people must also be aware that mud is often thrown at opponents because that is the nature of politics. Our people must be aware that at times, factional battles bring into question the integrity of those who walk these hallowed halls. Our people must know that those who pursue political agendas, often do so by applying a double standard. Sadly, double standards are often based on race, class, and gender, and is often also part of the nature of politics.

The ANC will not be used in DA factional fights as the proverbial saying goes 'what applies to the goose, must apply to the gander'. We hope that like the ANC, the DA will rise to the occasion and act with integrity and hold its public representatives accountable without fear or favour. I thank you.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER (DA): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. At a meeting of the Committee held on 12 May this year, the Registrar of Members' Interests, Adv Burgers, presented a report on members' submission of disclosure forms for the year 2022. All the members, except for member S N August, returned their disclosure forms timeously as required by the Code.

Hon member S N August was sworn in as an hon member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on 8 February 2022. The Registrar informed the hon member by email on 14 February 2022, that he was required to submit a member's disclosure form by no later than 60 days after taking office.

The password to open the documentation was also provided to him on 14 February 2022.

A reminder was sent the hon member on 4 March 2022 that the form had to be submitted by 8 April 2022. A final reminder was sent on 7 April 2022, reminding hon member August that the deadline for the submission was the close of business on 8 April 2022.

Hon Deputy Speaker, on 8 April 2022, a request for the password was received from the hon member's office. The password was provided by the Registrar for a second time. On 8 April at 15:25, an email was received from Phumla Mtati on behalf of hon member August, apologising for not submitting the form, stating that it would be sent on Monday, 11 April 2022.

The Registrar then sent an email to hon member August on Saturday, 9 April, informing him that he was now *de facto* in the breach of the Code. The due date for the submission of the disclosure form by hon member August was 8 April 2022. The disclosure form was finally received on 21 April this year.

The Committee afforded hon member August the opportunity to provide reasons for the late submission and in mitigation of the penalty to be recommended by the Committee. The Committee met again on 1 June 2022 and the response received from hon member August was considered.

Hon member August explained that as a former member of the National Parliament, who has now migrated to the WCPP, he was inundated with several engagements, both in handing over his office in the NA and in taking up office at the WCPP. In addition, his staff reported that the document was faulty and problematic, and that it was not possible to edit online. All these factors put together resulted in him being unable to submit the document on time.

He stated that he was under the impression that having submitted similar declarations when he started in the Legislature, his latest declarations to the Registrar had been made. He was therefore under the impression that no further declaration of interest would be needed.

The Committee noted the reason provided by hon member August and after deliberations, resolved to recommend that hon member August receive a reprimand in terms of paragraph 32(1) of the Code of Conduct for members of the Provincial Parliament. Hon Deputy Speaker, I therefore encourage this House to accept the recommendation by the Committee. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I have to announce that there are currently 38 hon members present and entitled to vote, and the House is therefore quorate. The question put before the House is that the Report of the Conduct Committee be adopted. Are there any objections to the Report being adopted? No objections? [Interjection.] Agreed to. I am not going to the yeas and nays. It has been no problem. We now will ask the Table staff to read the Second Order of the Day.

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**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ON THE  
WITHDRAWAL OF THE DECLARATION OF THE DRIFTSANDS NATURE  
RESERVE IN TERMS OF SECTION 24(1)(B) OF THE NATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003  
(ACT 57 OF 2003), DATED 23 JUNE 2022**

(Consideration)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I have been informed by the Chief Whip that the Programming Authority resolved that there will be no list of speakers and that parties who wish to do so, will now be afforded an opportunity to make a declaration of the vote for a maximum of three minutes. I will now afford those parties the opportunity. I recognise the ANC.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, the ANC cannot support this declaration today. Whilst we are aware of the tight legal corner that the National Minister finds herself in, the ANC at this provincial level has consistently warned about the lack of proactiveness by this Provincial Government and the Department in particular, with regards to the disastrous situation in the Driftsands Nature Reserve. This withdrawal of the status of Driftsands as a nature reserve is simply too convenient.

This Provincial Government, in particular the failing Minister of Infrastructure, must take responsibility for the failure to build houses for our people. The Provincial Government, in particular the Department of Local Government, must take responsibility for the lack of oversight given to the City of Cape Town and holding the City to account for lack of basic service delivery.

In the Budget Vote earlier this year and in Interpellations sponsored by the ANC, we warned that this Department was simply taking the easy way out. If this Department cares about the environment, it would have found houses for our people occupying the nature reserve and relocated them, but because this Provincial Department and this Provincial Government are a failure, they did not heed our warnings and even worse still, it is because they do not care about our people and even less, about the environment.

The people of the Western Cape, the withdrawal of the status the Driftsands Nature Reserve, must spell another reason why this Province urgently needs an Environmental Commissioner. The Province cares little about our people, their living conditions, and the environment. This is the legacy that this MEC leaves behind, a legacy where one of the nature reserves in our province is de-proclaimed. It is this failure by him and the Provincial Government, and he must understand it as such.

The ANC will continue to call on the establishment of an Environmental Commissioner as compelled by our Provincial Constitution. If he wants to be called a Minister, then you must want to establish an Environmental Commissioner. I thank you.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): [Inaudible.] that the hon Marran is not supporting the de-proclamation of the Driftsands Nature Reserve, while we actually have in writing that his National Minister, Minister Creecy, is in support of this. It is so difficult in a country when our Official Opposition is so divided.

Hon Deputy Speaker, before we consider the Report on the possible withdrawal of the Driftsands Nature Reserve status, it is critical that this House understands the challenges of rapid urbanisation in the Western Cape. Furthermore, the House should recognise that the Western Cape Government, through its nature conservation entity, CapeNature, did everything in its power to preserve the ecological dignity of the Driftsands Nature Reserve. Our law enforcement entities such as SAPS, unfortunately failed us.

There has been a notable increase in the number of people moving to Cape Town from rural and other regions of the country. This is because Cape Town and the Western Cape provide prospects for dream realisation, a new lease on life and a government that works to ensure that the private sector prospers in order for job creation to flourish. This migration and the lack of money from the national fiscus for our Provincial Human Settlements initiatives, have contributed greatly to 11 400 people unlawfully setting up their dwellings on the Nature Reserve.

The tempo of this has escalated dramatically since the COVID-19 regulations, promulgated by the same National Government, which put a high strain on law enforcement and severely limited the options of landowners to protect their land against illegal land invasions, land invasions like in this case, where people go so far as to put themselves and their families at a serious risk of floods and flooding.

The Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs was briefed by CapeNature on 23 June this year and scientific arguments were presented which showed that the integrity of the biodiversity was severely compromised. The environmental degradation is so bad it was deemed to be irreversible. The motivation to preserve this land as a conservation site has therefore vanished.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning's report therefore recommend to the House that the declaration of Driftsands as a Provincial Nature Reserve, will have to be withdrawn.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it is unfortunate that this debate has to happen on World Nature Conservation Day. A day where we should be celebrating the conservation of ecosystems found in our province's reserves. Fortunately, this province is still blessed with large and wonderful nature reserves and to put it into perspective, Driftsands forms less than 0,05% of our provincial conservation areas, excluding the reserves managed by SANParks.

I therefore recommend that the House adds its support to the report, recommending that the Driftsands Nature Reserve's proclamation be withdrawn. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I have to announce that there are currently 37 hon members present and entitled to vote, and the House is therefore quorate. The question put before the House is that the Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning be adopted. Are there any objections to the report being adopted ...[Interjection.]. Your objection will be noted to the hon members of the ANC. Thank you. The report is as adopted.

Thank you. Hon members, that concludes the business for the day. The Secretary will now end the meeting and all the hon members will exit the meeting. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 16:33.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

THURSDAY, 28 JULY 2022

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Speaker:

#### **REPORT: ADVANCED PARLIAMENTARY DEVELOPMENT RESIDENCY PROGRAMME, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, 21–27 MAY 2022**

In accordance with Rule 89(3) of the Standing Rules of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, the attached report on the official visit to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, from 21 to 27 May 2022 is hereby tabled.

Copy attached.

FRIDAY, 29 JULY 2022

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Speaker:

**Referral of document to committee in terms of section 52 of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:**

#### **Parliamentary Oversight Committee**

**Western Cape Provincial Parliament:** Executive summary and first quarterly performance report for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022.



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**TABLINGS**

The Speaker:

1. **Tabling of document in terms of section 52 of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:**

**Western Cape Provincial Parliament:** Executive summary and first quarterly performance report for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022.

2. **Tabling of document in terms of section 17 of the Interpretation Act, 1957 (Act 33 of 1957):**

**Minister of Mobility**

**Publication of Provincial Notice 91 of 2022** – Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works: Registration and Licence Fees for Motor Vehicles Regulations, 2022, published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8635, dated 25 July 2022.

Copies attached.

MONDAY, 1 AUGUST 2022

**TABLINGS**

The Speaker:

1. **Tabling of document in terms of section 71(7) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 53 of 2003):**

**Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities**

**Publication of Provincial Notice 93 of 2022** – Local government: Municipal Finance Management Act. Quarterly consolidated statement 2021/22: Quarter 4 ending 30 June 2022 (preliminary results), published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8639, dated 29 July 2022.

2. **Tabling of document in terms of section 17 of the Interpretation Act, 1957 (Act 33 of 1957):**

**Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety**

**Publication of Provincial Notice 90 of 2022** – Western Cape Liquor Act, 2008 (Act 4 of 2008): Western Cape Liquor Regulations, 2011: Amendment, 2022, published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8633, dated 20 July 2022.

Copies attached.

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 MONDAY, 1 AUGUST 2022
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Speaker:

**Change in Democratic Alliance membership of committees (\* denotes a change):****1. Parliamentary Oversight Committee****Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Botha, LJ Bosman, G Maseko, LM  <b>Alternate Members</b> Mackenzie, RD Baartman, DM Plato, D	Lekker, PZ  <b>Alternate Member</b> Dugmore, CM	Xego, M  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**2. Standing Committee on Health (*Health*)\*****Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Kaizer-Philander, WF (C) Mackenzie, RD* Plato, D  <b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G* Maseko, LM*	Windvogel, R  <b>Alternate Members</b> Lili, A Bakubaku-Vos, NG	Xego, M  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**3. Standing Committee on Education (*Education*)\*****Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF	ACDP (1)	AL JAMA-AH
Baartman, D (C) Kaizer-Philander, WF Plato, D*	Sayed, MK	—	Christians, FC	—

<b>Alternate Members</b> Mackenzie, RD Van der Westhuizen, AP Schäfer, BA	<b>Alternate Member</b> Kama, M	<b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N		<b>Alternate Member</b> Brinkhuis, K
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#### 4. Standing Committee on Social Development (*Social Development*)\*

##### **Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Plato, D (C) Mackenzie, RD Kaizer-Philander, WF  <b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G Schäfer, BA*	Bakubaku-Vos, NG  <b>Alternate Members</b> Lili, A Windvogel, R	Makamba-Botya, N  <b>Alternate Member</b> Xego, M

#### 5. Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters (*Premier*)\*

##### **Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Botha, LJ (C) Baartman, DM Kaizer-Philander, WF*  <b>Alternate Members</b> Plato, D Van der Westhuizen, AP*	Dugmore, CM  <b>Alternate Member</b> Lekker, PZ	Xego, M  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

#### 6. Standing Committee on Human Settlements (*Human Settlements*)\*

##### **Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	GOOD (1)	EFF
Maseko, LM (C) America, D Van der Westhuizen, AP	Lili, A	August, SN	—

<b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G Mackenzie, RD Schäfer, BA	<b>Alternate Members</b> Marran, P Smith, D Bakubaku-Vos, NG		<b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N
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**7. Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism** *(Provincial Treasury, Economic Development and Tourism)\**

**Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	AL JAMA-AH (1)	EFF
Bosman, G (C) America, D Mackenzie, RD  <b>Alternate Members</b> Van der Westhuizen, AP Baartman, DM Plato, D	Nkondlo, ND  <b>Alternate Members</b> Mvimbi, LL Bans, AP	Brinkhuis, K	—  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**8. Standing Committee on Local Government** *(Local Government, Local Government Oversight and National Council of Provinces)\**

**Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
America, D (C) Maseko, LM Schäfer, BA*  <b>Alternate Members</b> Mackenzie, RD* Bosman, G*	Dugmore, CM  <b>Alternate Members</b> Marran, P Lili, A	Makamba-Botya, N  <b>Alternate Member</b> Xego, M

**9. Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works** *(Transport and Public Works)\**

**Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	GOOD (1)
Mackenzie, RD (C) Van der Westhuizen, AP America, D*	Mvimbi, LL	August, SN

<b>Alternate Members</b> Schäfer, BA Bosman, G* Plato, D*	<b>Alternate Members</b> Nkondlo, ND Dugmore, CM	
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**10. Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning** (*Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning*)\*

**Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>GOOD (1)</b>	<b>FF PLUS (1)</b>
Van der Westhuizen, AP <b>(C)</b> Bosman, G Schäfer, BA*  <b>Alternate Member</b> Mackenzie, RD Maseko, LM* Plato, D*	Marran, P   <b>Alternate Member</b> Smith, D	<b><u>Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</u></b> August, SN	<b><u>Agriculture</u></b> Marais, PJ

**11. Petitions Committee\***

**Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>EFF (1)</b>
Plato, D <b>(C)</b> Mackenzie, RD Botha, LJ*  <b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G Maseko, LM Kaizer-Philander, WF	Sayed, KM   <b>Alternate Member</b> Kama, M	Makamba-Botya, N   <b>Alternate Member</b> Xego, M

TUESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2022

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on its oversight visit to the Southern Cape from 14 to 15 June 2022, as follows:

**Delegation**

The delegation consisted of the following members:

August, SN (GOOD)

Bosman, G (DA)

Marais, PJ (FF Plus)

Marran, P (ANC)

Van Der Westhuizen, AP (DA: Chairperson and leader of the delegation)

## **1. Introduction and background**

Section 114 (2)(b)(i) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa mandates provincial legislatures to provide for mechanisms to maintain oversight over the Provincial Executive Authority in the province.

In August 2021, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning briefed the Committee on the rationale for a biomass economy. The strategic context and status of the Departmental biomass programmes were outlined that focused on various business models for Biochar, Activated Carbon and Wood Vinegar sourced from alien invasive plant clearing. The value chain and benefits regarding alien invasive plants as well as the market opportunities for the above-mentioned commodities were provided. In this regard the Department provided the Committee with an overview of the Karatara Catchment and Restore Eden Projects.

The Committee resolved that it would conduct an oversight visit to the Southern Cape to observe the progress and implementation of the Karatara Catchment Pilot Project and the Restore Eden Programme (REP) as well as the effect of the Knysna fires and the progress made in reclaiming land by means of alien vegetation clearing which could possibly ensure a future supply of biomass for some of the Department's initiatives.

Similarly in August 2021 and subsequently in February 2022, the Committee was briefed by the Department of Agriculture on its Agricultural Producer Support and Development Programme. Here the Department provided the Committee with an overview of the Programme that focused on subsistence and smallholder farmers. The Western Cape's contribution to national agricultural exports as well as the Western Cape's contribution to agricultural employment within the Province was highlighted. The support to and constraints experienced by smallholder and subsistence farmers as well as the challenges regarding land access, COVID-19 responses and the drought were outlined. The Department further outlined elements of certain disasters and constraints facing small holder and subsistence farmers.

The Committee then resolved that it would undertake an oversight visit to farms that have been enrolled in the Agricultural Producer Support and Development Programme.

The afore-mentioned engagements and emanating resolutions informed the need for the oversight visit to the Southern Cape.

The Committee visited the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning's Biomass and Restore Eden Projects on Tuesday 14 June 2022. These sights spanned from Kurland to Plettenberg Bay, Harkerville, Knysna and Sedgefield.

The Committee visited two farms that were part of the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Producer Support and Development Programme as well as the Department's Outeniqua Research Farm on Wednesday 15 June 2022. The farms spanned from Waboomskraal to Herold within the George Municipal area.

This report highlights the Committee's findings and recommendations stemming from the visits.

## **2. Restore Eden and Biomass Projects: Tuesday 14 June 2022**

### **2.1 Overview and background**

The Restore Eden Programme (REP) was a public private partnership aiming to transform South Africa's Garden Route into a globally recognised social, economic and ecological system that ensured a better future for all within the region. It operated on a simple concept, i.e. Grow More Food. The current food distribution model was challenged through the Programme where free access food gardens for the community were installed and community members were taught how to easily grow food with little resources.

The visit commenced in Kurland Village with a briefing by the stakeholders involved in the REP. The Committee then proceeded to observe food gardens in the area and engaged with community members, private stakeholders, municipal mayors and officials as well as with the officials from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

The Committee then proceeded to the Native Roots Shelter for the homeless in Plettenberg Bay where REP micro-jobbing was implemented and then to the Timber Two Processors wood mill in Harkerville where alien invasive plant sleepers were prepared for export.

The Programme continued with a visit to the Forest View community near Harkerville to observe the expansion of the REP natural products and community food gardens in the area. This was followed by a visit to Knysna for a discussion and observation of slope stabilisation after the Knysna fires. The day concluded with a visit to Karatara near Sedgefield where the Karatara Biomass Pilot Project, as part of the Biomass Programme, was showcased. This Project produced biochar, activated carbon and wood vinegar from alien vegetation clearing.

In summary, the various projects visited are as follows:

- Kurland Village Project
- Native Roots Homeless Shelter
- Timber Two Processors wood mill

- Forest View community gardens
- Slope Stabilisation in Knysna
- Karatara Biomass Project

### **2.1.1 Findings and observations: Kurland Village Project**

The Committee was impressed by this community driven initiative and by those volunteering to assist the community. The Project appeared to be highly effective and the Committee recognised the social value attached to the Project. The gardens were neat and it was evident that the community took great pride in what they had established. The Committee was also impressed by the number of food gardens that were found in the front and back yards of homes. However, it was not clear how the youth in the area were involved or impacted by this Project as most of the residents that the Committee engaged with were older people. A number of open spaces were also observed and plans to utilise these spaces were unclear.

#### **2.1.1.1 Request for information**

2.1.1.1.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with a list of the community food gardens in the Cape Metropolitan area versus the number of community food gardens in other areas of the Western Cape as well as the respective budgets for each area.

2.1.1.1.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning provides it with a:

2.1.1.1.2.1 Report on the number of youth involved with the project and its impact on the youth; and

2.1.1.1.2.2 Information pertaining to the unused open spaces that were observed, indicating if there was the potential for establishing more food gardens.

### **2.1.2 Findings and observations: Native Roots Homeless Shelter**

The Native Roots Homeless Shelter in Plettenberg Bay was a non-profit organisation funded by the Table Mountain Fund. The Shelter is part of the Siyalima Group that worked towards sustainable agriculture and biodiversity economies in order to build self-sufficient and healthy communities. It acted as a safe home, growing and selling products, promoting clean living, healthy plants, nutrient rich food and emotional support. It also played an important role in rehabilitating homeless people who were battling addiction. The Shelter actively promoted permaculture, natural composting and working with indigenous plants. The Committee was impressed by the extensive indigenous knowledge linked to the medicinal value of plants as well as the passion portrayed by the Project Director.



### **2.1.2.1 Recommendation**

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department of Agriculture contacts the Project Director to enquire what support is needed and/or lacking.

### **2.1.2.2 Resolutions**

The Committee RESOLVED that it would:

- 2.1.2.2.1 Invite representatives from the University of the Western Cape to brief it on research underway in respect of the medicinal value of plants; and
- 2.1.2.2.2 Confer with the Standing Committee on Social Development to consider a visit to the Native Roots Homeless Shelter to observe the functioning of the shelter and the methodology employed for its success and also to give consideration to duplicating the methods used in similar non-governmental and governmental institutions.

### **2.1.2.3 Request for information**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with a list of non- governmental organisations that it has partnered with in the Western Cape as well as the respective cause attached to each.

### **2.1.3 Timber Two Processors Wood Mill**

The Timber Two Processors Wood Mill in Harkerville was an independent community timber mill in partnership with the local Harkerville forestry-village community. The business harvests invasive alien species from private land owners and conducts restoration. It produced hardwood sleepers and quality planks from alien invasive plants. These products were exported to clients in the United Kingdom and Europe based on assurance that the products were harvested legally, that it was ecologically friendly and that it benefitted the community. Assurance was hampered by the use of eucalyptus, an alien invasive plant, in certain products.

Finance was needed to purchase the timber mill for the community and to expand delivery to the United Kingdom partners. The demand for timber products of this nature was very high. In order to do this the Timber mill required quality assurance on products. The Committee was pleased to be informed that the REP was in the process of establishing interim assurance while developing full certification.

The exportation of round logs was challenging as the sourcing of raw material plantations was difficult. The Timber Mill entered into a partnership with South African National Parks (Sanparks) who assisted with the monitoring and prioritisation of certain areas as well as landscaping the alien clearing layer.

The exportation of logs was of concern to the Committee as this could have a devastating effect on local job creation, climate change and biodiversity conservation.

### **2.1.3.1 Recommendations**

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- 2.1.3.1.1 Supports the owner of the Timber Mill by issuing him with a letter stating that eucalyptus is an alien invasive plant and that his use of this resource was not endangering the sustainability of the natural environment;
- 2.1.3.1.2 Liaises with Sanparks in respect of the logs going to waste; and
- 2.1.3.1.3 Engages with the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment in order to prevent the exportation of logs and investigate the possibility of a provincial and/or national ban.

### **2.1.4 Forest View Community**

The Forest View Community Gardens Project was welcomed by the Committee. However, this Project lacked sustainable water sources for it to flourish. Sanparks indicated that it would assist with the harvesting of water but also indicated that it would require support from the local municipality.

Community members in this area moved from formal housing to an informal housing settlement with no basic infrastructure such as flushing toilets. The Committee was informed that an amount of R3 million was budgeted for the establishment of a hall in the community. The Committee was of the opinion that basic infrastructure was more of a need than that of the construction of a hall.

Of concern to the Committee was that the housing structures were made of wood and surrounded by vegetation which could place people at high risk should a fire break out.

#### **2.1.4.1 Recommendation**

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning liaises with the municipalities in the area to investigate sustainable water sources for the harvesting of water.

#### **2.1.4.2 Resolution**

The Committee RESOLVED that it would confer with the Standing Committee on Human Settlements to consider giving attention to the living circumstances of the community and the lack of basic infrastructure.

### **2.1.5 Slope Stabilisation after the Knysna Fires**

The Knysna fires in 2017 had a devastating effect on livelihoods and biodiversity in the area. Rehabilitation was still underway and high risk areas for potential landslides were identified as those posing a threat to safety and to downstream catchments and man-made infrastructure.

These areas were prioritised because of the immediate danger of erosion and mudslides. High risk areas included, among others, Brenton-on-Sea and Brenton-on-Lake.

The Committee visited the Brenton site in Dolley Raats Street. This site was situated in an area that was not densely populated and showcased the success of restoration and stabilisation. Interventions after the fires included the installation of bio-sausages to slow water velocity which reduced sediment flow along steep slopes, the monitoring of plant regeneration for invasive alien plant regrowth and herbicide application to expected alien invasive plant areas.

Projects that involved housing on endangered slopes were not showcased and interventions in this regard were absent.

#### **2.1.5.1 Request for information**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning provides it with a report containing the list of projects, including housing developments that were less successful in terms of restoration after the fires with specific reference to the interventions that were implemented for each project.

#### **2.1.6 Biomass Project: Karatara**

New Carbon, a company based in the Garden Route, developed innovative technological solutions for South African and global markets. The company transformed biomass from a variety of organic sources, including alien vegetation clearing into biocarbon, activated biocarbon, wood vinegar, heat energy and other market related products.

New Carbon's solutions consisted of integrating the various elements of the biomass value chain into economic, social and environmentally viable business models. Biomass sources were harvested, collected, densified and processed.

The benefits of clearing alien invasive plants was critical for water security and economic growth in the area, as well as benefiting local communities. A biomass value chain was developed through alien vegetation removal that offset clearing costs, creates new jobs and could be used to develop innovative carbon-based products using efficient technology solutions.

The complimentary feedstock sources available in the catchment and wider region included charcoal sourced from the Western Cape and other provinces that can be enhanced, wood chips and related by-products from local sawmills, garden waste from farms and households, and forestry waste from local plantations.

The Committee commended the role-players on the research and development that was undertaken. The Committee further appreciated the contribution made to in respect of the possibilities for the re-use of alien invasive plants.

However, it was unclear whether the project could be replicated and if there were any interested investors.

#### **2.1.6.1 Request for information**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning provides it with a:

- 2.1.6.1.1 Report outlining the involvement of GreenCape in this project and also to indicate whether Wesgro was involved in offering further financial assistance; and
- 2.1.6.1.2 Response on whether the Pod system in terms of the project could be replicated and whether the concept could be sold to investors to create similar plants.

### **3. Agricultural Producer Support and Development Programme: Wednesday 15 June 2022**

The Agricultural Producer Support and Development Programme encompassed the broad development agenda of the Department of Agriculture. The design and implementation are predominantly for supporting smallholder farmers in the Western Cape but does not exclude the commercial sector. This support is to enhance land reform programmes through institutional capacity building.

The Committees visited the farms Zelpy in Waboomskraal and Herold Meander in Herald near George. The day concluded with a visit to the Outeniqua Research Farm.

#### **3.1 Findings and observations: Zelpy Farm**

This farm was situated in the Waboomskraal area, which was best suited for hops growing in South Africa due to its climate and geographical location. The main commodities on the farm were fynbos and Hops. The farmers received R7 million rand in government funding and bonded the balance to purchase the farm.

The running hops farm was purchased by the farmer in 2015. Prior to this, the farmer worked as a plant breeder for the South African Breweries.

Unfortunately, due to market factors beyond the farmer's control, the profitability of hops farming proved to be lower than was expected when the farm was originally purchased. The Department of Agriculture advised that the farmer should diversify into fynbos. Since the income from the Hops was assisting in the paying of the bond, hops continued to be the main farming enterprise in the medium term. In the long term hops growing might be replaced with protea species.

It was not clear what type of support was afforded to the farmer by the Department of Agriculture.

The Committee was informed that the neighboring farm undertook some construction work by building a road and in the process damaged a pipe that affected the water supply to the Zelpy farm which was costly to repair. The owners of the farm believed that the neighboring farm should reimburse them in this regard.

### **3.1.1 Request for information**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with a:

- 3.1.1.1 Report on the status of the road that was built and the shortage of water to the dam, outlining how the farmer can be assisted to get the matter resolved, avoiding formal court actions;
- 3.1.1.2 Report on farming with flowers in the Western Cape, specifically proteas, with specific reference to the state of the flower industry, its contribution to the agricultural economy in the Western Cape, lessons learnt and the challenges experienced in exporting fresh cut flowers to foreign markets;
- 3.1.1.3 Breakdown of the support provided to emerging farmers in the Western Cape, including Zelpy Farm, and the role of Casidra in this regard; and
- 3.1.1.4 List of farmers that have been enrolled and successfully completed the Emerging Farmer Programme (small scale farmers to commercial farmers).

### **3.2 Findings and observations: Herold Meander Farm**

Herold Meander was a 100% black owned farming business, situated in Herold along the Montagu Pass Road located approximately 35km from George.

The delegation was addressed from New York by the co-owner, Mr Theo Adams, via MS Teams. The farm was purchased in 2015. The farm was not actively farmed for 8 years as the previous owners emigrated and deserted the farm, resulting in it being covered by alien vegetation. The farm formed part of the 50 Black Producers Commercialisation Programme of the Department of Agriculture and received financial support and mentorship accordingly. The farming commodities were Honeybush and Fynbos.

Challenges on the farm included housing, where the farm did not have housing for its own farm workers as the farmhouses were occupied by neighboring farm workers; inadequate living conditions; approval from the George Municipality in respect of alternative housing for ten qualifying farm occupants since 2016, the lack of a storage, packaging and processing facility for the processing of proteas and honeybush tea; the absence of Organic and Fair Trade Certification for exports; and two primary schools in Herold, one for coloured learners and one for white learners, that have not been merged by the Western Cape Education Department.

**3.2.1 Request for information**

3.2.1.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with:

3.2.1.1.1 Information in respect of the honeybush industry with specific reference to production, pricing over the last three years, sustainability, promotion of the product and market access;

3.2.1.1.2 The legal framework for farm worker housing where farmers experience problems with people living on the farm that are not employed on the farm; and

3.2.1.1.3 A breakdown of the support that the farm has received through various sources, particularly where the Department of Agriculture was involved with providing support.

3.2.1.2 The Committee FURTHER REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture confers with the George Municipality on its decision to decline the application to build an Agri-Village and to provide the Committee with the reasons for this.

**3.3 Findings and observations: Outeniqua Research Farm**

The Outeniqua Research Farm served the area from the Tsitsikamma to Caledon. The farm was established for agricultural research, providing science-based solutions in response to challenges faced by farmers in the area.

Outeniqua Research Farm conducted research on dairy production and planted pasture. Part of the research portfolio on the farm included a number of plant variety trials as well as projects that were focused on the effects of pasture and alternative feed products for the cows on the farm, without compromising the quality of the milk.

The Agricultural Education and Training facility located on the farm served the entire Garden Route District. The facility liaises with the Department's Agricultural Producer Support and Development Programme in terms of which training and courses should be offered to farmers and persons interested in the agricultural sector. The Programme was assisted by visiting farms and encouraging farmers and non-farmers to enrol in courses and to utilise the training facilities offered by the farm. Service providers are appointed to train learners on specific courses such as first aid courses.

The facility has three classes that can accommodate 50 learners each. Open days are held on the farm to encourage members of the surrounding communities and school learners to visit the facility to gain a better understanding of what the agricultural sector can offer them. These consultations are free of charge for students.

The farm also hosts other departmental programmes such as the Structured Agricultural Education and Training, Veterinary Services, Sustainable Resource Management and Farmer Support that work together to support the agricultural community as a whole.

**3.3.1 Request for information**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provides it with:

- 3.3.1.1 A list of the satellite research farms in the Western Cape and the associated fields of specialisation;
- 3.3.1.2 The number of people that qualified at the training centre over the last three financial years as well as the qualifications obtained; and
- 3.3.1.3 A report on the training provided and the amount spent on training in order for the Committee to determine if the demand for training is growing or decreasing.

**4. Acknowledgements**

The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Mayor of the Garden Route District Municipality, The Mayor of Bitou Municipality, Ward Councillors, municipal officials, officials from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and the Department of Agriculture for coordinating the visits and for informative engagements.

WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2022

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Speaker:

**Filling of vacancies and swearing-in of new Members**

The vacancies, which occurred in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament owing to the resignations of Mr AT Fritz and Ms DA Schäfer, have been filled by the nomination of Mr C Fry and Ms C Murray with effect from 3 August 2022. The oath was administered by the Deputy Speaker on 3 August 2022.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT**

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[Hybrid sitting held with some members present in the House and some in virtual attendance through Microsoft Teams.]

The House met at 14:15

The Deputy Sepaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - see p. 6019****BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may be seated. Good afternoon, hon members, our guests in the gallery and press and all our members that are on our hybrid session. If the Table staff could just monitor the screens while my computer is just being sorted out?

I have to announce that owing to the resignation of Mr A T Fritz and Ms Debbie Schäfer two vacancies occurred in the representation of the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. These vacancies have since been filled by the nomination of Ms C Murray and Mr C Fry with effect from 3 August 2022. Ms Murray and Mr Fry were sworn in by myself, the Deputy Speaker, on 3 August 2022 and from now on I will refer to them as hon Murray and hon Fry. A very warm welcome to this esteemed House. Thank you.

Order members, before we proceed, I would just like to touch on a few of the logistics for the record. Remember, it is your responsibility to ensure that if you are participating virtually and not from the Chamber, that you have good quality connectivity and both in terms of audio and video and that there are no disturbances and that your system is functioning well. I do note that you would have received from the WCPP a good system and set of audio microphones so I trust that that will help to ensure good connectivity. Hon members are reminded that no interjections are permitted during these hybrid sittings and in this regard I draw the attention of the hon members to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), the Subject for Discussion as printed on the Order Paper takes precedence for this afternoon's sitting.

Agreed to.



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**SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION**

- [(i) The benefits, urgency and desirability of implementing the principles of subsidiarity, especially in the context of efficient, governance in the Western Cape;
- (ii) That all powers relating to the police, education, land reform and health, with the related fiscal provisions and guarantees, be devolved to the Western Cape Provincial Government by the National Government;
- (iii) That there should be open-ended approach, that amendments to both the National and Provincial Constitutions be considered and that provision for the incremental devolutions of further powers to the Western Cape Provincial Government be made.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Hon members, what I am about to deliver is not a political speech. It will be reaching out to the intellectual capacity of members in this House. It is a plea for political realism. I ask for open minds, pioneering spirits and a break with conformity and outdated concepts like “rule by a majority”.

For 28 years South Africa has flirted with a hybrid federal system. 80% of all powers in the hands of national central government and only 10% divided between the provinces and another 10% Local Government. Since 1994, the urgent need of provinces has been ignored, budgets slashed at will, unemployment allowed to rise to 70% and corruption continued unchecked and unpunished throughout South Africa. My plea therefore is for the application of a system of subsidiarity, which is well stated in our Constitution, the devolving of powers to the Western Cape instead of mere delegation of certain powers. It is the essence of good governance. Subsidiarity is a system that works all over the world. It is the passing down of powers and authority to other spheres of government, who have the capacity to handle and execute it more efficiently and effectively.

I will give you an example. In a multicultural society, it is foolish not to leave decisions to the people who live in that environment and who interpret the effects of policies on that society. Laws on education, for argument sake, can never be the prerogative of a single class or ethnic group in a cosmopolitan society, like we find in a Western Cape. The importance and validity of the Afrikaans language and Christian education per se, has not been realised and this has resulted in a perception that Coloured and White people are ganging up against English. It is not so. We plead for the recognition on an equal basis of Afrikaans as a national language.

Speaker, we are living in fear in this country, especially the Western Cape because of rampant crime. We live in fear of rapists and murderers, who poke their noses at an ill-trained, poorly equipped, understaffed police force. There is a critical shortage of skilled nurses at our hospitals and hundreds of squatter camps paint an ominous picture of a failed state knocking at our door. We are in deep trouble. Let us face reality.

National Government policies with regard to job creation, border control, orderly land reform, education, crime, health matters, police deployment, public transport and housing has failed dismally.

Cadre deployment has further aggravated matters, appointing the best among us to critical positions in the public service. It is vitally important... [interjection.] if we are to embark on a rescue mission... [Interjection.] [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, Deputy Speaker. It is now today officially a 100 days since my appointment as the Provincial Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety, and I am delighted that the ANC is very happy for me because within this particular first 100 days we have been deliberate in ensuring that we build our capacity in the Department, but also ensuring that we conduct oversight visits to the South African Police Service and patrol with Neighbourhood Watches, that we engage CPFs. I have met regularly with the Provincial Commissioner and in my office is a particular quote... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: And in my office there is a quote that says “we are in the business of policing and safety and not politics” and that particular quote I got directly from the Police Commissioner because we never want to play politics. “Politics literally means – “poli” means many “ticks” means bloodsucking creatures and from the arms deal to the Zondo Commission to State capture we have seen that the latter part has infiltrated the political arena ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: So this is not about politics. This is about the daughter of member Ayanda Bans. We are talking about the daughter of Ayanda Bans that needs to grow up here in this beautiful province, that needs to be safeguarded, so thank you member Marais and this is definitely not, and I may or I may not be a godfather as well, but also, Deputy Speaker, it was on 20 July this year... [Interjection.] ...when I published an opinion piece in the *Daily Maverick* with the headline “Devolving SAPS to provinces is the only sane solution.” This is also my topic for today with regard to the discussion, because most of us know that the definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over and expect a different result.

Unfortunately, the management of the South African Police Service sitting up in Pretoria 1500 kilometres away from where we are have yet to catch on. For years they have maintained the same outdated, unresponsive, unscientific policing practices. Meanwhile, the world has moved on and so have our criminals leaving the SAPS behind. For our part it would be insane to allow this to continue. The only manner we will see an impactful South African Police Service is if changes are made and these should be drastic and sweeping. Like tattoos, the National Minister of Police sees devolution as a criminal act.

In fact, it is this level of change that is required to start producing the different results we need from our hamstrung and mismanaged crime-fighting resources. The Western Cape Government believes that there is a firm basis for devolution of policing to provinces, particularly where we can show that we can do it better and we have consistently done that. [Interjections.]

In technical terms, reliance could be placed on the provisions of the Constitution read together with Section 206 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, a Constitution that people died for, and criminals have been able to organise that. That is why we have organised crime and we have seen to break that it should be devolved, because we also know, Deputy Speaker, that in laymen's terms it is fully within the scope of the Constitution for the National Minister to have these powers, knowing and I am sure that he does, that it would be better run here in the province because let me enlighten the House again. Section 206(4) of the Constitution also makes express provision for the assignment of policing functions to the Provincial Executive through national legislation and/or national policing policy in terms of which provinces could be enabled to exercise policing powers beyond mere monitoring and oversight, which has to date been the norm because despite the national Minister's firm stance against devolution, we in the Western Cape Government have not stood by. Knowing the painful cost of crime for our communities, we have already begun to invest in resources to offset National Government's failure in this particular sphere. We have launched the LEAP offices despite policing falling outside of our mandate, because when National Government fails to step in, we ultimately step up because the National Minister would do well to stop clutching at power and instead take a leap out of the Western Cape Government's book by simply doing what is best to address safety for the sake of member Ayanda Bans' daughter. Because a police service under the Western Cape Government would undergo several interventions. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: We would immediately commence with the recruitment of more officers with the focus on re-enlisting those who have left the service in good standing, particularly from an intelligence and a detective perspective. We cannot have our detectives sit with a case load of 250 dockets on average, because we all watch CSI, and then a case is resolved within 60 minutes. Here we are living in an environment where our detectives are overburdened and overworked. Many of them require urgent counselling and attention because it is so difficult.

We would also conduct an immediate review of all stations and assets to put an infrastructure upgrade plan in place. I have already written to Minister Patricia de Lille in that regard as well. We would establish a regular maintenance plan for all resources so that SAPS can be equipped. We will also then further learn from other countries across the world which have embraced technologies and systems to aid crime-fighting.

We would further in the interest of member Ayanda Bans' daughter, shift the ranking of officers to be based on qualifications and experience based on merit. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: We would also then reintroduce specialised units to address categories of criminal behaviour, but even more so we would invest in a world class Forensic Unit Lab. So Deputy Speaker, seven minutes is definitely not enough because I feel deeply passionate about this. I feel deeply passionate about members in this House, residents from Mitchells Plain to Swellendam, all the way to the Cederberg area, knowing that the men and women on the ground in SAPS are also yearning for better management and for choices not to be made all the way in Pretoria. Their lives are at stake, I went to Klawer and there was one female in the Community Service Centre, one female, which breaks the SOP of SAPS itself, but there was literally no-one else. That means that SAPS itself is in danger of being attacked.

Various police stations within this first 100 days, where I found and I heard firsthand, criminals break into SAPS. They break into police stations, how brazen must one be to actually rob the very entity that should be serving and protecting us, because unless the management of SAPS is devolved to our Province I am afraid we will only keep waiting and keep suffering more losses and this is ultimately insane. [Interjection.] Thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Good afternoon to you, the Premier as well as other hon members in the House. I would like to make use of the opportunity to welcome the debate as proposed by hon Marais.

Deputy Speaker, on an occasion such as this, and when participating in a debate of this nature, it is important that we recall our past. Too often the ANC is accused of always referring to history. Too often as the ANC we are always condemned for remembering those of us who were on the wrong side of history. The State and the Constitution we debate here today did not come cheap. The competencies and unity of the South African state did not fall out of the sky. The competencies and unity of the South African State came through blood and it cost lives. Yet, we do not expect everyone even in this House to appreciate this historical fact. On the occasion of his election as the first President of a democratic South Africa, President Nelson Mandela said, and I would like to quote:

“Perhaps it was history that ordained that it be here, at the Cape of Good Hope that we should lay the foundation stone of our new nation. For it was here at this Cape, over three centuries ago, that there began the fateful convergence of the peoples of Africa, Europe and Asia on these shores. When we look out across Table Bay, the horizon is dominated by Robben Island, whose infamy as a dungeon built to stifle the spirit of freedom is as old as colonialism in South Africa. For three centuries that island was seen as a place to which outcasts can be banished. The names of those who were incarcerated on Robben Island is a roll call of resistance fighters and democrats spanning over three centuries. If indeed this is a Cape of Good Hope, that hope owes much to the spirit of that legion of fighters and others of their calibre.”

The Western Cape, a part of the former Cape Colony has been and will always be an integral part of this Republic of South Africa. The hon Marais knows all too well that the Union of South Africa formed by the British in 1910, but which excluded the majority of the people of this country was formed by the Cape Colony, among others. Without the Western Cape, there simply is no South Africa. We must therefore desist the thinking where this debate today comes from. We know exactly why we are debating this topic today. It is simply not about competencies of land reform, the competencies of police, the competencies of health and the competencies of education. This debate is simply not about subsidiarity, but speaks to the very heart of our nation as a country. For more than 350 years we fought for freedom and unity as a country. For more than 350 years some even sitting here today sought to divide our country through segregation, separate development, tricameralism and Bantustans.

Today they stand up in this House and ask us to debate federalism. Efficient and good governance do not depend on federalism, governments the world over are efficient and practice good governance, even without federalism. Today, we must commit ourselves to the unitary state that South Africa is because South Africa has got one Constitution.

Today, we must insist on the principle of cooperative governance, and ensure that its spheres of government work with each other to ensure a better South Africa for all its people. This must especially apply to Local Government, which is at the coalface of service delivery. This House has deliberately refused to hold accountable those local governments under its watch, but while endowing them with funds.

The declaration in 1955 of the Freedom Charter that South Africa belonged to, all who live in it, black and white, is still as relevant as it is today. Yet, we must also acknowledge that the call for separatism of the Western Cape, especially as this motion suggests, by having an open-ended approach to the National and Provincial Constitution, is based on, if not solely, on race.

Racist opportunists call for the separation and the different treating of the Western Cape simply because the racial demographic is different than it is in any other province. The hon Marais and all those who put for separatism must know that the independence of the Western Cape will only mean subjugation of one race by another. When the apartheid regime tried to reform apartheid by introducing the tricameral system, it was the UDF which stood up and shouted "Apartheid divides, UDF unites."

In his memoir, *Politics in my Blood*, the constitutional expert Professor Kader Asmal writes, while explaining the writing of our Constitution:

"Our Constitution will recognise, accommodate and even celebrate South African diversity and the multiculturalism of our country. The belief that a unitary state could accommodate South Africa's plurality will become increasingly important over the next two to three years when we will deny alternative constitutional models put forward by friends and foes alike that emphasise South Africa's heterogeneity."

Part of the heterogeneity of our country is that Cape Town has a better governance system than Johannesburg. As the DA will have discovered, governing the cities of Johannesburg and Tshwane is not as easy as governing Cape Town. Yet, even more so we must realise that our strength lies in our unity. It makes no sense, whether politically or economically, to break away. Today the call by the Khoi and the San as expressed through their language in our country's motto rings loudly for all of us to hear. As diverse people we must unite. We must not divide. Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I also experienced the same problem of logging in. I am a guest speaker, but thank you, Deputy Speaker. From the onset we would like to make it clear that as the Economic Freedom Fighters, we do not support the proposition that powers relating to the police, education, land reform and health be devolved to the Western Cape. Supporting such a venture is tantamount to supporting this ever-increasing notion that the Western Cape should be declared a country on its own inside the Republic of South Africa. Such a notion is nothing but a pipe dream that will never be realised in this lifetime. In terms of the Safety Plan, the DA-led Provincial Government is already failing, with their so-called Safety Plan with mass shootings on the rise in the province, continuing to be a den for illegal drug trade. So imagine now trusting such a government with policing powers, when they cannot even turn its law enforcement into an effective force. The law enforcement remains useless and a waste of taxpayers' money even to this day. All they do is focus on evictions, when real crime is forever increasing in our townships.

The education system, under the DA-led Government, the Western Cape Education Department has been in crisis for a very long time now. This is a Government that struggles to place learners in schools. All the Department does is spend its time in the High Court trying to defend why it is failing to place learners in schools. So it will be a no-brainer to give such a government powers relating to education. In fact, this Government needs assistance. It cannot be left on its own to implement service delivery.

In terms of emerging black farmers, while a white-led Provincial Government cannot be trusted with land reform, every year, when we pose a clear question to the DA-led Government on what they are doing to assist emerging black farmers with regard to the acquisition of land, we never get a clear answer. They always avoid answering this question and instead they will tell you that they assist. They assist emerging black farmers with internship. How is an internship going to assist anyone to acquire land for the peoples of farming, or except for providing food gardens for our people?

In terms of the health system, the health system in the province is also not so good under the Government, where patients are found sleeping on the floor in township hospitals. When the Provincial Health Minister is asked to intervene, she replies by saying that the situation will continue being like that, and then there is nothing that can be done by the Department. This alone coming from the Minister is an acknowledgement of failure. The elderly people are always found standing in long queues in clinics, even under the bad weather conditions with the zero implementation of the principle of Batho Pele from the health institutions. Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Agb Adjunkspeaker, ek is baie dankbaar dat ons vandag hierdie debat kan voer en ek is jammer dat van ons kollegas dink dat dit hier om afstigting gaan. Sentralisering van mag is gevaarlik en onwenslik. Wat ons benodig is die sinergie wat verkry kan word in die uitruil van idees en beste praktyke tussen die onderskeie provinsies. Sentralisering is lomp, duur en oneffektief. In die afgelope twee dekades wat die ANC regeer het, het hulle hulself die reg toegeëien om al meer voorskriftelik te wees en wil hulle al hoe meer mag sentraal uitoefen.

Hiervan is daar talle voorbeelde. Ons tegniese en beroepsonderwyskolleges wat onder andere voor-matriekkursusse aanbied en wat eens onder ons Provinsiale Onderwysdepartemente geval het, is oorgedra aan die Nasionale Departement van Hoër Onderwys. Hierdie sentralisering bring enorme koste mee sonder dat opleidingsdoelwitte enigsins verbeter of behaal word.

Elsenburg Landboukollege het 'n lang tradisie van opleiding wat die unieke behoeftes van landbou in die Wes-Kaap aanspreek. Hierdie kollege se opleiding en fasiliteite is van uitmuntende gehalte, soveel so dat van die opleiding deur die Universiteit van Stellenbosch erken word.

Raai wat? Omdat dit met landbouopleiding in die ANC-beheerde provinsies so beroerd gaan omdat die diere van ander landboukolleges besig is om van die honger te vrek wil die sentrale regering Elsenburg oorneem – om moontlik darem een suksesstorie te kan hê. Sentralisering van mag is gevaarlik. Ons het meer kompetisie van idees tussen verskillende provinsies nodig. Kyk byvoorbeeld na grondhervorming waarna die vorige lid verwys het. In die Wes-Kaap het ons 'n model waar ervare landbouers deur aandeelskemas grondeienaarskap en transformasie bevorder. 72% van hierdie projekte is deur 'n onafhanklike studie as suksesvol geklassifiseer. Hierteenoor is daar die sentrale regering se model, 'n model waar ene mnr Ivan Cloete, 'n opkomende boer van Darling, op onwettige wyse van sy toegekende plaas afgesit sou word om plek te maak vir 'n MK-kader. Hierdie Provinsie se model is een van private eienaarskap. Die Sentrale Regering se model is een van staatsbesit en 30-jaar huurkontrakte. Ek sê weer, ons het nie sentralisering nodig nie, maar 'n kompetisie van idees tussen verskillende provinsies.

Adjunkspeaker, kollegas, kan u u voorstel hoeveel beter die toekenning van viskwotas hanteer sou kon word as dit deur die Wes-Kaap hanteer is? Ek herinner u daaraan dat Minister Barbara Creecy haar eie Departement hof toe geneem het om die aanvanklike toekennings tersyde te laat stel. Met die tweede probeerslag is die proses weereens so ondeursigtig, om dit sag te stel, dat die leier van die ANC in hierdie Parlement vissers aanmoedig om nie die uitslag van sy eie ANC Nasionale Minister te aanvaar nie. Die agbare Dugmore het 'n veldtog begin teen sy Nasionale Minister en help vissers om appêlle in te dien.

Adjunkspeaker, deur u, baie dankie aan die Leier van die Opposisie vir sy insig en sy erkenning dat viskwotas eerder op provinsiale vlak toegeken moet word as vanuit Pretoria. Ek sê weer, sentralisering van mag is gevaarlik. Ons het meer kompetisie van idees tussen verskillende provinsies nodig. Die sentrale regering se vermoë om enige iets te organiseer is uiters beperk.

Dit het ek onlangs weer ervaar. Dit was my voorreg om twee weke gelede 'n aantal plase te besoek saam met die Nasionale Parlement se Komitees vir Landbou, Grondsake en Landelike Ontwikkeling, sowel as die Departement van Indiensneming en Arbeid. Die reëlins vir hierdie besoeke was so swak dat enige twyfel oor die vermoë van die Nasionale Regering en sy departemente om enige iets te bestuur, soos mis voor die son verdwyn het.

Uitnodigings na die driedaagse program is slegs een dag voordat die program begin het uitgestuur. Dag een se program op De Doorns het afgeskop met 'n openbare vergadering en sou afgesluit word met besoeke aan twee plase om eerstehands die lewensomstandighede van plaaswerkers en plaasbewoners in die omgewing te sien. Ernstige kritiek teen verskeie nasionale instellings, insluitende die Departement vir Arbeid en die Departement van Binnelandse Sake is uitgespreek in 'n verskriklik oproerige vergadering en die besoeke aan plase is op die laaste nippertjie afgelas.

Dag twee, 'n Saterdag, het op 'n vals noot begin toe die blouligbrigade en hul gevolg van ongeveer 30 voertuie aanvanklik die verkeerde plaas ingeval het. Dit blyk ons manne in blou het nog nooit van Google Maps gehoor nie!

Op die tweede plaas het die verteenwoordiger van die eienaar gesê dat hy nooit ingelig is van die omvang en doel van die besoek nie. Die indienseningsrekords was, soos wat 'n mens van 'n Saterdag kan verwag, agter slot en grendel en die groep het onverrigtersake die plaaswerf verlaat.

Dag drie se program het aangedui dat twee plase tussen Vredendal en Lutzville besoek sou word. Weereens het swak organisasie ons gelei na 'n plaas wat weens swak kommunikasie nie voorbereid was op ons besoek nie. 'n Ander plaas as die een wat eintlik deur die Surplus People Project vir besoek geïdentifiseer was se bewoners het tevergeefs vir 'n besoek van die Nasionale Parlement gewag. Die kosbare tyd en belastinggeld wat deur swak organisasie gemors is, breek 'n mens se hart.

Dit sal soveel beter wees as die Nasionale Regering in die Provinsie sal gaan sit en verantwoordelikhede en rolle duidelik uitklaar en afwentel. Regeringsgesag behoort afgewentel te word tot op die laaste praktiese vlak om bevoegde provinsiale regerings te bemaatig om beter dienste aan ons mense te lewer – dienste waarmee die ANC Regering tans hopeloos misluk [Tussenwerpsel.]

***[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]***

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am very grateful that we can have this debate today and it is a pity that some of our colleagues think that it is about secession. Centralisation is dangerous and undesirable. What we need is the synergy that can be acquired in exchanging ideas and best practices between the various provinces. Centralisation is cumbersome, expensive and ineffective. In the past two decades that the ANC has governed, they reserved themselves the right to be increasingly prescriptive and do they want to exercise more and more power centrally.]



There are numerous examples of this. Our technical and occupational teachers' colleges which amongst other things offer pre-matric courses and which once fell under our Provincial Education departments, have been transferred to the National Department of Higher Education. This centralisation brings enormous costs without training goals being improved or achieved.]

Elsenburg Agricultural College has a long tradition of training that addresses the unique requirements of agriculture in the Western Cape. This college's training and facilities are of outstanding quality, so much so that some of the training is recognised by the University of Stellenbosch.

Guess what? Because agricultural training in the ANC controlled provinces is so poor because animals from other agriculture colleges are dying from hunger, the Central Government wants to take over Elsenburg – probably to have one success story. Centralisation of power is dangerous. We need more competition of ideas between various provinces. Look for example at land reform to which the previous member referred. In the Western Cape we have a model where experienced agriculturists promote land ownership and transformation through share schemes. 72% of these projects have been classified as successful by an independent study. On the other hand there is the Central Government's model, a model where one Mr. Ivan Cloete, an emerging farmer from Darling, would have been evicted in an illegal way from his allotted farm to make way for a MK cadre. This Province's model is one of private ownership. The Central Government's model is one of state ownership and 30-year leases. I say again, we do not need centralisation, but a competition of ideas between different provinces.

Deputy Speaker, colleagues, can you imagine how much better the allocation of fishing quotas could have been handled if it was handled by the Western Cape? I remind you that Minister Barbara Creecy took her own Department to court to set aside the initial allocations. With the second effort the process is again so obscure, to put it mildly, that the leader of the ANC in this Parliament is encouraging fishermen not to accept the result of its own ANC National Minister. The hon Dugmore started a campaign against his own National Minister and is assisting fishermen to lodge appeals.

Deputy Speaker, through you, thank you to the Leader of the Opposition for his vision and his acknowledgment that fishing quotas should rather be allocated at a provincial level rather than from Pretoria. I say again, centralisation of power is dangerous. We need more competition of ideas between different provinces. The Central Government's ability to organize anything is extremely limited. That I have experienced again recently. It has been my privilege two weeks ago to visit a number of farms along with the National Parliament's Committees for Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, as well as the Department of Employment and Labour. The arrangements for these visits were so poor that any doubt about the ability of the National Government and its departments to manage anything disappeared like mist before the sun.

Invitations to the three day programme were only sent out one day before the programme started. Day one's programme at De Doorns started with a public meeting and would have been concluded with visits to two farms to see firsthand the living conditions of farm workers and farm inhabitants in the area.

Serious criticism was uttered against various national institutions, including the Department of Labour and the Department of the Interior in an extremely riotous meeting and the visits to the farms were cancelled at the last minute.

Day two, a Saturday, started on a false note when the blue light brigade and their entourage of about 30 vehicles invaded the wrong farm. It seems our men in blue have never heard of Google Maps!

On the second farm the representative of the owner said that he had never been informed about the scope and the purpose of the visit. The employment records were, as one could expect of a Saturday, locked away and the group left the farmyard without having accomplished anything.

Day three's programme indicated that two farms would be visited between Vredendal and Lutzville. Again poor organisation led us to a farm which because of poor communication was not prepared for our visit. The inhabitants of another farm than the one that has actually been identified by the Surplus People Project for a visit, waited in vain for a visit from the National Parliament. The precious time and taxpayers' money wasted by poor organisation break one's heart.

It would be so much better if the National Government would go and sit in the Province and clear up and devolve responsibilities and roles. Government authority should be devolved to the last practical level to empower provincial governments to deliver better services to our people – services with which the ANC Government is currently failing with hopelessly [Interjection..]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Sentralisering van mag is gevaarlik. Ons het meer kompetisie van idees tussen verskillende provinsies nodig. Baie dankie.

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Centralisation of power is dangerous. We need more competition of ideas between different provinces. Thank you.]

Mr S N AUGUST: Deputy Speaker, in our 2019 Manifesto, GOOD laid out a plan to fix up Africa by fixing towns and cities. The rapid change we are seeing in urbanisation is due to the steady flow of people into cities and towns and it is estimated that more than 80% of South Africans will occupy town and city spaces by 2050. We cannot do government as usual, as this unprecedented shift towards economic hubs and urban centres will further drive the growing divide between the haves and the have nots.

Speaker, GOOD supports the call for metros to play an increasingly bigger role in providing services currently centralised in National Government as the societal makeup of South Africans differ from town to town and city to city. Therefore, a standardised approach will limit the urban patterns as the statistics are suggesting. We should be careful on how these calls for devolution are often opportunistic and used as political banter to feed an electorate hungry for change.

In turn, GOOD says that formal housing delivery should be devolved to metros. It will stop the expansion of low-income housing on the city outskirts as these fields urban sprawl and recreate apartheid-era dormitory suburbs of poverty.

Public transport should be integrated between buses and railways for a one ticket system to make provision for the cost-effective transport that saves time, money and reduces road congestion. We will build the infrastructure that is needed and will provide policy certainty to investments in the Metro. It will also allow the metropolitan areas to generate their own power. Devolution can work but it must serve as a solution to expedite services to poor people in town and city areas and should not be made to be a power grab or fuel the egos of political parties who predominantly exist to serve the interests of a select few. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, although South Africa bears some elements of a federal system, such as the allocation of certain powers to provinces, it is nevertheless constitutionally and functionally a unitary state. South Africa as a unitary state under the ANC rule has proven to be a broken state. The ANC is playing politics with the lives of our people. Things are getting worse under the current ANC dispensation.

Deputy Speaker, there are calls from groups within the Western Cape for the Western Cape to be an independent country. This has nothing to do with racism. This is everything to do with a desperate attempt... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...to run away from the ANC as far as possible. People are sick and tired of ANC politics... [Interjection.] ...sick and tired of corruption, sick and tired of looting state enterprises, sick and tired of this green-and-yellow monster that has been destroying this country since 1994. Now the answer is a strong federal system. [Interjections.] Provinces should have exclusive powers when it comes to policing... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order members!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...education, health, transport and much more. Metrorail, which plays an integral part in transporting our workers to and from their places of employment, needs to be localised.

Deputy Speaker, the provinces have first-hand knowledge of the conditions of the communities and the communities deserve better services. The fact that our police services are under-resourced shows that the ANC Government does not have a clue what is happening in the provinces. The ANC is clinging onto power at all costs but this will change in 2024 where the ANC nationally will sit under Opposition benches. I thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Christians. I now recognise hon Kaizer-Philander.

Ms W KAIZER-PHILANDER: Sick and tired, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I cannot hear the hon member. Thank you very much.

Ms W KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. In Schedule 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa it stipulates that health services are defined as concurrent competencies for both national and provincial spheres, as well as that of Local Government. These provisions are further elaborated in the National Health Act, where the National Department is primarily responsible for the development of policy and the province mandated to implement it. This means provinces are positioned as the agents responsible for running the majority of public healthcare facilities in our country. It is this framework which realises the structure of that uniform health care system. However, with the increasing pressures being experienced, this debate could not come at a better time as it is now where we need to expedite our efforts to devolution.

Hon Deputy Speaker, unfortunately for as long as the ANC is in control of the National Government they will not be interested in what the Constitution or any piece of legislation prescribes... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member! Order members! You may proceed.

Ms W KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. †Die waarheid maak seer! [The truth hurts!]

They are on a mission of destruction with the NHI as it aims to completely centralise healthcare. In the Bill the Minister of Health is given the power to designate certain central hospitals as National Government competence. As such the administration, management, budgeting and governance of central hospitals will be a competence of the National Government. Not only would this incapacitate public healthcare, but it would also undermine provincial powers as enshrined in the National Healthcare Act. Practically we would see the equitable share of funds to provincial departments being directed towards financing the fund. We all know that provincial departments are already stretched. Thus as a reduction in their equitable share will be disastrous and reckless towards health outcomes across South Africa. We see this in this year's budget too. While the equitable share and conditional grant contributions have increased, all of them are once again below the inflationary increases we have experienced over the past few years. This means the Western Cape will have to continue doing more with fewer resources. Despite the constraints the Western Cape finds itself in we have a competent administration dedicated to being innovative. R114 million rand was reprioritised in the departmental baseline to fund projects linked to addressing surgery backlogs, and many other more care and management capacities within our facilities. Moreover, a significant focus has been placed on infrastructure, as spending on existing infrastructure assets increased by 10,91% with upgrades, additions, refurbishments and rehabilitation spending, having increased by 99,28% and 54,1%, respectively. Beyond this new infrastructure spending is 110,11% more in comparison to the 2021/2022 year.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this is how a department ensures quality healthcare for residents in the Western Cape and how our province is the benchmark for federalism.

Despite our services being noticeably better, the ANC is of course going to argue the opposite. Their hymn sheet regarding the Western Cape's state of health, sounds like this: "long queues, people lying on floors, people waiting too long for services, staff shortages, infrastructure challenges", and yes, Deputy Speaker, these do exist, but we need to be honest about why do these exist? Let us do a reflection today. During recent oversights, it was clear that there are many socio-economic factors placing strain on our healthcare system.

Over time the demographics of the communities in which facilities operate have required them to provide more specialised services. This has translated in them going beyond the initial designs and mandates in order to serve the community. While they are able to do so for the foreseeable future in the long term, their designated funding would be insufficient for the projected demands. On top of that the healthcare system is wrapped up in immense bureaucracy from the National Government. Current legislation such as those relating to staff employment, mental healthcare and others mean that they are systemic blocks to allowing the system to work more efficiently, but what the ANC refuses to realise is that this is an issue which affects all facilities across South Africa. The only difference is that in the Western Cape we continue to provide public healthcare that works within the current system with competent management and dedicated staff members who tirelessly care for patients. That is why it is crucial for South Africa to embrace federalism. The call to devolve healthcare is not something which is unique in South Africa. It is something that has already happened around the world. While members from the Opposition will argue that decentralisation would lead to a complete failure of health, then why is it that Nordic countries often seen as the model of a welfare state have all decentralised their healthcare systems and have coupled it with a fiscal federalism approach?

Devolved health means the Department can create policies that are more aligned with the community's needs to ensure that service delivery can be done in the most effective and efficient way possible. [Interjection.] It will mean having more money being sent to provinces so that our facilities would be even more empowered. It means that services can be streamlined, and that patients no longer have to wait in long lines to get the assistance they need. [Interjection.] I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you very much. The Al Jama-ah rejects in totality this ridiculous argument by the Vryheidsfront, instigated by the DA party for National Government to hand-over powers of police, education, land reform and health to the province. We are against the DA's plans to exit the Western Cape from the rest of South Africa. The oppressed people have fought hard and sacrificed their lives and livelihoods for a democratic united South Africa. The DA is intent to bring back apartheid to South Africa... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr G BRINKHUIS: ...by plans to exit the province so it can continue to oppress and to exploit the poor masses. I thank you very much, Speaker.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I was not in the House last week, but it is hard not to miss the fact that the hon Khalid Sayed has taken the seat normally occupied by the Leader of the Opposition, who, when I last looked, was the hon Cameron Dugmore. Perhaps the hon Pat Lekker... [Interjection.] who speaks in a few moments, will tell us... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members! Order members!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...in what is clearly a divided, demotivated and defeated party. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the hon Reagan Allen on his 100 days and I would also like to note that it was so good of COSATU to join me instead in celebrating this important milestone. They must surely have been marching to the National Assembly, but then got lost and ended up out here celebrating your 100 days.

Deputy Speaker, if we step back, we lead the rest of the country in driving innovation to improve the quality of education of our learners and the education that they receive in the Western Cape. We have used the space available within our provincial mandate to implement innovations, including collaboration in schools, the school evaluation authority, annual systemic testing, and of course, most recently our intervention to reverse learning losses in the foundation phase. Our Province is clearly seeking to move forward, but too often we find that National Government and its fellow travellers hold us back, but I can assure the people of our province that we will not back down from trying out new interventions to support our learners, and from creating new learning opportunities in the Western Cape. As members of this House are aware, we recently announced that our Province will be taking decisive action over the third and fourth term to enable an increase in time allocation for mathematics and reading in the Foundation Phase.

These are the grades that were most severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and we must do everything we possibly can to ensure that our young students are not disadvantaged in later grades. The intervention will not increase the length of the school day, but that our learners have more teaching time in these critical subjects and we are pleased that this received the unanimous support of all parties in the House. Our Department is uniquely placed to identify and tackle learning losses because this of course is the only province that performs annual systemic tests in languages and in mathematics and of course, these internationally benchmarked tests can pinpoint the specific areas where learners are struggling and it is on the basis of this that we can implement the kind of forward thinking interventions that are needed to support our learners in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, as a province, we are also leading the way in developing new types of partnerships in our schools to allow public schools to access additional resources and explore new ways to improve schooling.

Yesterday I visited Apex High School in Eerste River, an award-winning school that is implementing unique teaching and learning programmes to ensure that no learner is left behind.

Many members will not be aware but this is a collaboration school, which is a partnership allowing the school to implement programmes such as reflective learning, which provides a personalised catch-up course to bridge learning gaps for individual learners. This kind of flexibility and support is unique to collaboration schools and is unique to the Western Cape. Without this model, hundreds of learners from our poorest communities would not have the opportunity to access quality education. The innovation by our province in schools stands of course, in stark contrast to the direction taken by National Government, which is currently engaged in an assault on provincial and school governing body powers through the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill and as I have mentioned earlier, given the way in which collaboration schools are delivering quality, no-fee education to hundreds of learners in need, it is surprising that SADTU and Equal Education are joining forces to block the establishment of these schools. This unique model is delivering excellent results but it is being opposed because it is new, because it is innovative and because it works creating hope for learners in poor communities. This is the sad reality we face. While we try to move forward they try to hold us back. While we try to build up they try to break us down and while we seek to open up they seek to shut us down. If National Government and its fellow travellers believe that this will stop our Government from delivering on its mandate they are sorely mistaken. We will not rest in our efforts to achieve our vision of quality education for every learner in every classroom in every school in the Western Cape. I thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The ANC welcomes this debate because we must expose the inefficiencies, lack of service delivery and transformation by this Provincial Government with the powers they already possessed. 20 years ago a member of this House stood up in this House and said:

"I have an African dream, but there are people in this House who have an American-European dream..."

Quoting Vicky Sampson's hit song, the member went on to say:

"No more walls, no more walls, no more anger, my African dream, there is a new tomorrow..."

Deputy Speaker, that member who stood up two decades ago, who speak unity and building a better South Africa, was none other than hon Peter Marais. Today the hon Marais wants to build walls and sing of a white Freedom Front Plus, not a white DP. He is dreaming of a white Freedom Front Plus, just like the one he used to know where the Coloureds are tokens and promises broken and councillors shunted to and fro. He is dreaming of a white Western Cape.

Today, we can easily include the Freedom Front Plus as a party stuck in the past, which cannot find itself at peace in a new South Africa, where majority rules. Today the very people who want to defend the Constitution against amendments of land redistribution are calling for the Constitution to be amended for their racist purposes. Today, it is very difficult to find people especially in this House, to admit that they supported apartheid.

Yet it is through debates such as this, that we find those who have taken off their masks to reveal their racist selves.

Even today, as we see members of the DA, not only the Freedom Front Plus who supports this racist call to devolve powers, people who simply do not want to be governed by Africans, people who simply believe that Africans cannot run a country – racism to the core. This debate is not about efficiency or good governance.

If it were Jooste Hospital you would have long been replaced because health is a provincial competency. In 2014 when Theuns Botha closed Jooste Hospital, the DA-led Provincial Health Department, a competency full in the hands of the Province, said that the replacing facility will be opened in 2019. Eight years later, a full eight years, the facility is still in Phase 1. DA infighting between Botha and his fellow members in the DA eventually led to Botha resigning.

Who suffered at the end of the day, the poor who are reliant on the services provided by Jooste Hospital. Our appeals for support of Mitchells Plain Hospital, Khayelitsha Hospital and Ceres Hospital have fallen on deaf ears. Luckily, we have the Constitution of the Republic, which allows us to appeal to our colleagues in the National Parliament to intervene. These are but some of the disasters in our provincial health, a provincial competency. Please do not refer us to ANC-run provinces. ANC provinces are not asking for more competencies. ANC provinces are not calling for more powers.

The MEC of Education, provincial competency, failed to appear before the Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday past. The topic of discussion was non-placement of learners and the difficult application system. In a multi-partisan approach the ANC called for the presentation by the MEC, and his Department so that we can assist the Department in this application process and prevent thousands of learners not being placed annually. These thousands of unplaced learners and those struggling with the online application system come from the ANC constituencies, the poorest of the poor. The MEC refused to make a presentation and be held accountable. Even worse still, the Chairperson of the Standing Committee agreed with the MEC that he did not appear. The DA members of this Legislature covering for DA members of this Executive, and yes, and yet this motion calls for more powers of the Legislature. Education is a provincial competency, and it is but one disaster which appears, happens annually.

The Provincial Constitution calls for the establishment of an Environmental Commissioner. Today Driftsands Nature Reserve, in the heart of a poor community, but hosting some of the rarest species of flora in the world, is being deproclaimed. Yet there is power given by the Provincial Constitution to the Premier not being used.

When we have a perfect, perfect Education Department and healthy Health Department, when the Premier of the province is doing a sterling job... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!



The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): ...at implementing the Provincial Constitution, then we can come and have this academic debate in this House on subsidiarity. The MEC for Community Safety stands up today and brags to the media that in his 100 days he has done a sterling job. Surely the hon member Marais must ask what gangster in this province fears the MEC? What drug dealer will take this Committee and MEC ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): What drug dealer will take this Committee and [Inaudible.] MEC for Community Safety *no gals* seriously? Yet members of this House want SAPS to be under their comedian.

The motion calls for more provincial powers on land reform. The MEC for Agriculture is clear he will not emphatically support emerging African and Coloured farmers. When Casidra advertised funds from National Government for these farmers during COVID-19, the MEC instructed the withdrawal of the ad calling for applications. The ANC does not only read about land reform, we live with the injustices of land distribution in this country. The ANC does not only read [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.] The ANC does not only read about crime, our communities where we live [Interjections.] are ravaged with crime, drugs and our women ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): ... and children raped. The ANC does not only read about poor schools or poor health services [Interjections.], we live in these communities where our grannies must go and sit in [Interjections.] a queue from 3 a.m. Our children are the ones that are not placed. Our children are the ones losing schools daily, yet we see this disaster and we insist that our country is one that we want to be able to rely on National Government to intervene when necessary. I thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you so much. This was a very useful debate. Apart from some skewed interpretation of what devolution means, generally I think it was of a high quality and I want to thank members on this side of the House. I also ...[Interjections.] I want to remind ...[Interjections.] ... hon member Lekker ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members! I cannot hear.

Mr P J MARAIS: ... and Xego, I want to remind them that currently South Africa is run by an intellectually ill-equipped oligarchy. A small but powerful group of people who is running this country and they are drooling at the thought of replacing your President in December. That is how sure you are of 2024. [Interjections.] We in the Western Cape ...[Interjections.] will be left as sitting ducks should the RET faction in the ANC emerge victorious. [Interjections.] We need to extricate ourselves from central domination. [Interjections.] Let me teach you what a famous writer has wrote, Maxwell J.

“If leaders demonstrate competencies, genuine concern for others and admirable character, then the people will follow them.”

Now I asked you why has the people stopped following you? [Interjections.] Is it not because you lack all these things?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr P J MARAIS: Here in the Western Cape we had such hon members of the ANC sitting here [Interjections.], but you are being led by corrupt people ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr P J MARAIS: ... that sit in National Government. You do not say what you believe, you say what you are taught by corrupt Ministers and if you deviate you are out. I can say what I like and I will stay here. [Interjections.] That is democracy. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you hon Deputy Speaker.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this debate has covered a lot of ground, but allow me to bring us back to the essence of the matter before us today. The principle of subsidiarity.

Subsidiarity is a general principle that says that Government should take place as close to the people and to the citizens, as possible. Subsidiarity protects lower levels of Government against undue interference from a National Government. Subsidiarity promotes the placing of functions and powers at the lower level of Government where possible.

The European Union is a good example where the principle of subsidiarity is strongly embedded. The central EU bodies only exercise powers when they cannot be exercised by individual member states. Internationally the principle of subsidiarity is often recognised as important for the development of Local Government systems.

Back at home in South Africa our Constitution also speaks to the principles of subsidiarity. In Section 156(4) the role of Local Government is protected and it encourages National Government to transfer functions to Local Government where possible.

Hon Deputy Speaker. we have heard arguments ranging from police, land reform, education and health. That makes out a very strong case for transferring funded mandates in these, but also other spheres of responsibilities from our National Government to the Western Cape Provincial Government.

Hon Deputy Speaker, our situation is different from the European Union. Where the EU is working to benefit its members, our National ANC Government is clinging to power for the sake of its own political survival. Let me rephrase, our National ANC Government will throw its people under the bus if it is allowed them more time at the feeding trough. For us in the Western Cape it is a fight for getting what is rightfully ours.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the hon member Marais [Interjections.] for this debate. He is quite right when he speaks to the budget of provinces, the shrinking budgets of provinces and Local Government because of the stealing and looting at a national level. We will not rectify that, hon member Marais, before we look at a different financial model because as long as the national corrupt ANC is in control of the money coffers of this country, they will keep the power there.

I want to congratulate the hon member Allen with his 100 days and thank you for your hard work. I have picked up on the CSI 60 minutes that it takes to solve a case. I think here it takes us 10 minutes to lose the dockets, but any case it is something that we need to look at, we definitely need to look at how can we protect our communities and I know that you and your Department will do your oversight role as good as you can.

To the hon member Mvimbi, you know the history is painful and nobody wants to deny our history, but I want to ask you what have the ANC done over the last 28 years, except for stealing, looting and running this country into the dumps? [Interjection.] Look at the Zondo Commission ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you can just take your seat, there is a point of order. Hon member Sayed, what is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Hon Chair, on a point of order. Can the hon member Bredell speak through you please? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Bredell, please through me.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, they can just look at the Zondo Commission. [Interjections.] That is the commission which the ANC [Interjections.] President called into life and spent over a billion rand on to look at the looting of the ANC. They spent more than a billion rand, money that could have been used to support the poorest of the poor. That is what they have done.

This is not the race debate. This is an ANC failure debate, hon Deputy Speaker. The only thing that I can agree with the hon member Mvimbi is that diversity and unity is our strength and it is sad that the ANC have not realised that over the years and build us as one nation with one future.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I want to congratulate the ACDP, hon member Christians, because yes, it is a broken state. ANC plays politics with our people's lives and they run, ja, they run from that ANC, they run from the green and yellow monster. You are quite right. You are a hundred percent correct, and the polls will show this.

Then I just want to touch also on the Standing Committee for Education. They did not refuse to appear before the Standing Committee, they just asked for postponement. They will come, they will enjoy it to come because we have got nothing to hide.

We have got a good story [Interjections.] to tell and we will teach the ANC ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... how you invest in our children so that the whole of the Eastern Cape do not end up in the Western Cape.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the hon member Lekker has touched on a lot of things ...[Interjections.] and she started 20 years back and I think 20 years back the hon member Marais would have, like most of us, had a lot of hope that the ANC will then build this country, unite the country and walk with the country. Nobody knew that they will just steal and loot and break it down as far as they go.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So, and to the hon member Lekker I want to say, hon Deputy Speaker, that Africans can govern. Africans can govern. Nobody will deny that. The ANC cannot govern. That is the problem. The ANC can steal and loot, yes, that they can do damn well as well.

Hon Chair, but you know I would have been so ashamed if I was in the ANC because we sit currently with a 70% unemployment youth rate. We sit with a 40% unemployable, right? We sit with 13 million people who apply for a R350 grant [Interjections.]. A R350 grant ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Bakubaku-Vos.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... 13 million people apply for that. This is ridiculous. [Interjections.] It is a sin ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... they should be so ashamed of themselves, hon Deputy Speaker. So ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, if you can just take a seat. Hon member Sayed, what is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Hon Chair, to pose a question to the hon Minister Bredell about whether he is in the Opposition or in Government, but the question relating ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Sayed, that is not a question. Is that a question?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] when your National Government is as useless as ours you cannot not argue for more powers to be transferred to local levels. Police, land reform, education and health were debated today, but, hon Deputy Speaker ...[interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... what about Eskom, Transnet, SANRAL? What about SASSA? The disgraceful SASSA which must support the poorest of the poor, [Interjections.] must support women and children?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The ANC is a complete failure, hon Deputy Speaker, and they sit here [Interjections.] with smiles on their faces. They should be ashamed of themselves.

Hon Deputy Speaker, every day we see how money is being stolen by cadres at a national level. Money urgently needed on a provincial and local level. We need new power stations. Instead we get Brian Molefe and Koko stealing our money at Eskom for themselves and their families.

We need trains, but we get a corrupt deal on trains that do not fit our rails. What an embarrassment.

We need new roads and harbours, but we get Minister Nathi Mthethewa who now wants to build a ridiculous flagpole. What a joke National Government has become. Hon Deputy Speaker, these are but a few examples of our National Government ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... slowly squeezing service delivery and infrastructure development to death. This ANC National Government is not capable of serving and protecting our people. It is only interested in keeping its hands on the money and clinging to power.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Government is making a very strong argument for more direct powers and budgets. Where we are in control service delivery to the people is simply better. Our safety and police oversight performance ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... support this. Our public and health performance support this.

Education supports this [Inaudible.] ...[Interjections.] outcomes in the Western Cape support this. The Auditor-General outcomes support this ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... the Blue Drop, the Green Drop, our water quality support this ...[Interjection.] Hon Deputy Speaker, that is why the Western Cape Government supports this notion that allows the amendment of both National and Provincial Constitutions that will make provisions for the incremental devolution of further powers ...[Interjections.] to the Western Cape. I thank you. [Time expired]

[Debate concluded.]

### **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr D PLATO (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. I wish to use my Member Statement to place on record my disgust at the current state of affairs at the offices of the South African Social Security Agency in Khayelitsha.

In mid-July, SASSA abruptly shut its office which serves as a vital lifeline for thousands of grant recipients in a week. The office will have been closed for an entire month. For a moment, I would like all of us to put ourselves in the shoes of those thousands of people who cannot access grants, who cannot buy food and who are now told to go to SASSA office outlets far away, away from their area, incurring travel costs which they cannot even afford. How can we allow this situation to stand, to continue? How can we tolerate such categorical failure?

SASSA says that it was forced to close its offices due to renovations, but the Provincial Department of Social Development operates out of the same building and has seamlessly moved to alternate premises where they continue to serve the residents of Khayelitsha. This situation did not have to be the disaster it has become, but SASSA has made it this way. They pass the blame onto the City, suddenly demanding that they are supplied with facilities to cover for their own uselessness.

In conclusion, hon Deputy Speaker, SASSA does not fall within the purview of the Western Cape Government, but the hon Provincial Minister of Social Development, hon Sharna Fernandez, has taken it upon herself to meet with her national counterpart to resolve this situation because she knows that we cannot allow this situation to continue. The example of the Khayelitsha SASSA office illustrates in the clearest possible terms, the difference between two spheres of government: Western Cape Provincial Government which works timeously to help its citizens and National Government which does not. Thank you.

Ms N D NKONDLO (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The African National Congress in the Western Cape would like to applaud the ANC nationally, on the policies that were proposed by the delegates who were deployed to the 6<sup>th</sup> National Policy Conference.

In his opening address, the President touched on restoring State-owned Enterprises and rebuilding public entities. The Economic Transformation Commission proposed the protection of SOEs and those without a strategic role to contribute to the developmental mandate.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the proposals made this past weekend were what the ANC in the province has also envisioned for the economic future of our country. These SOEs will contribute to the economic growth and development of South Africa, while alleviating the harsh unemployment conditions currently faced by the country. In support of this, President Cyril Ramaphosa acknowledged in his closing address that the SOEs should be stabilised, restructured and effectively capacitated to drive inclusive economic growth.

In addition, hon Deputy Speaker, another proposal commendable by these delegates is the proposal for reaffirmation of the necessity of a state bank and the accelerated process of establishing one. The state bank will be a driving force in economic transformation. Our goal is for an inclusive, non-racial, non-sexist country for the people of South Africa and the current banking sector does not demonstrate that. The introduction of a state bank will priorities inclusion, rather than marginalisation.

Hon Deputy Speaker, these policies are a clear testimony that the ANC's main objective is to liberate the people of this country while not losing focus in stabilising the economy, with an end of a developed South Africa. I thank you.

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Economic Freedom Fighters welcomes the decision of the Stellenbosch University to expel the student, Theuns du Toit. Du Toit was expelled with immediate effect following the recommendation of the University's Central Disciplinary Committee, which found him to have contravened provisions of the University's disciplinary code, as well as residence rules.

This follows actions of his racist conduct for entering the room of a fellow black learner and urinating over his belongings. The recent expulsion will go a long way in teaching those with racist mindsets that racism has no place in our society, be it in an academic institution, workplace or anywhere. We also hope that this decision will serve as a precedent to other institutions of higher learning, which have ideological roots in colonialism and apartheid, and which have often treated racism with soft gloves to an extent that they often fail to even apply their codes of conduct.

The Western Cape Education Department should also draw a leaf from this latest development and make sure that all schools have codes of conduct which embody zero tolerance for racism, and make sure that the racists are expelled from schools. As the EFF, we hope that this is not the end of the matter for Du Toit, as we expect law enforcement officials to also wrap up their investigations and send him for prosecution. Society should frown and act against racism of all forms, no matter the age of the perpetrator. Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, this week marked the beginning of Women's Month, a month where we celebrate the brave women who rejected the apartheid regime on 9 August 1956, as well as the countless other women who contributed to building a free and democratic South Africa. Since then, women have progressed significantly in society and assumed important roles in our communities.

Despite the fact that much has been accomplished, we indeed still have a long way to go in the fight for gender equality and the protection and advancement of women's rights. Women still live in fear in a supposed free society as seen by the appalling statistics on cases of gender-based violence in the nation.

Today, I would like to acknowledge the Western Cape Government's ongoing efforts to guarantee the dignity and upliftment of young women in the Western Cape, through GBV interventions and empowerment opportunities. The Western Cape is leading the fight against GBV with the Provincial Social Development Department, making significant efforts to guarantee that victims of GBV have access to safety, such as dedicated GBV shelters and Thuthuzela Centres, as well as offering counselling and mental health services to women in need.

The Province is also leading the way in uplifting women with the opportunity to upskill themselves via the hon Premier's Advancement of Youth Project. Over 60% of the 485 young people involved in the project, are female. These young women have been offered a once in a lifetime encounter that will equip them with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to enter the labour market and build their careers.

Additionally, a framework was established by the Western Cape Human Settlements Department last year that enables contractors, with a majority of female owners, to register for projects during the 2022/2023 financial period, expanding the possibilities for women in the construction industry and serving as a role model for young girls across the province.

Last year this time, women made up almost half of the Western Cape's LEAP officers who are deployed into some of the most dangerous neighbourhoods in the province. Yesterday, the hon Premier Alan Winde also participated in a foot patrol in Bonteheuwel with some of our women in the blue, together with the Cape Town ...[interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): ...Metro Police and SAPS colleagues. The DA in this Provincial Parliament commends the Provincial Government's commitment ...[interjection.] towards pursuing gender equality and building a more fair equitable society. Thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr S N AUGUST (GOOD): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Homelessness is becoming a grave challenge, both in the City of Cape Town and the municipalities across the Western Cape.



I have spoken about this before and will continue to speak out until the Government and the Department of Social Development musters the political will to find a workable solution to address this spiralling challenge. About 200,000 South Africans sleep on the street. Of that, about 4,600 in the greater Cape area, although later research suggests that the number be more than 14,000 and approximately 700 in the CBD. Homeless people are being referred to as unsavoury, criminalised, space-takers and often treated with great disgust and subjected to inhumane treatment.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I have one question for the people of this province: is the Western Cape Government, and more specifically, the Department of Social Development under the leadership of the hon MEC Fernandez, doing enough for you to find a permanent solution for homelessness? The Cape Town Mayor was recently alarmed at the upsurge of homelessness and has called for the City to respond first and foremost in a way as humane beings helping human beings. How hypocritical when the same DA criminalises homelessness and poverty? There is no separation between Government and homeless people. They are citizens in need of your help. Do something about it. I am calling on a greater cooperation between the Province and all local spheres of Government for decent, humane shelters, feeding schemes, rehabilitation centres and proper functional services. Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, the ACDP is extremely concerned by the attacks on long-distance busses. On Sunday, 31 July 2022, an attack on an Intercape bus resulted in the bus driver being admitted to hospital for gunshot wounds he sustained in the attack. This is, but one of the series of attacks on long-distance bus drivers. In April this year, a 35-year-old driver, Bangikhaya Machana, died of his wounds after an attack on a bus he was driving. He leaves behind his widow and two young children.

The careless attacks occur while drivers are on duty applying their skillsets to provide for their families. Damage to these busses and intimidation of drivers seems to be the key to these attacks. Busses are attacked by forces intent on stopping them from performing their primary function and that is namely, to transport passengers from one city to the other. It was reported in the *Daily Maverick* on 2 August 2022 by the Intercape CEO, Johan Ferreira, that the murder of bus drivers is part of a campaign of violence against the industry. Intercape has pointed fingers at the taxi industry. Between January 2021 and February 2022, more than 150 attacks on these busses were reported to SAPS. The operators say the failure of the police to make any arrests so far, will lead to further bloodshed. I thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much. Hon Deputy Speaker, the ANC is deeply concerned by the continued undermining of the oversight role of this Legislature by the Democratic Alliance, which strongly condemned the deliberate flouting of Rules of this august House in order to cushion hon members of the Executive from accountability, even when the hon members of the Executive and the case, the hon Education MEC do actually want to be held accountable.

This tendency has taken the form of questions that go unanswered by MECs with no consequences and municipalities like the DA-run City of Cape Town simply deciding that they are no longer accountable to this Legislature through the hon MEC for Local Government. This speaks to concerns raised by the hon Chief Justice Raymond Zondo in the Zondo Commission Report.

The latest incident happened earlier this week when the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education, the hon Baartman, unilaterally decided to cancel an important meeting to discuss the persistent challenges of unplaced learners across the province, on the request of the Education MEC. A meeting which was agreed to as early as June 2022. The *sub judice* principle was abused to stop this meeting from taking place.

Based on our legal advice which we have sought from two senior counsels, there is no basis for using the *sub judice* rule to block discussions on the 2023 admissions in particular. Moreover, the 2023 admissions are not even the focus of the Equal Education Law Centre's legal action against the Metro East District of the Department. They speak about 2022 and its possible impact on 2023. They merely mention 2023.

This is a textbook case of subversion of democracy where committee chairs are used as hired guns in order to protect a provincial government. The scheduled meeting was even removed from the programme before the Programming Authority even met.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Finish off, please.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): We have written to the hon Speaker to ask for his urgent intervention on this subversion of democracy. If the hon Speaker fails to deal with the matter adequately ...[Interjection.] and we will have no choice, but to consider legal action so that the Legislature can discuss ...[Interjection.] the learner placements and we can find collective solutions. I thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. As we start Women's Month, we have an opportunity to reflect at the progress being made towards gender inequality and women empowerment because not much progress is being made.

Unfortunately, in a society where crimes have reached epidemic proportions, this reflection is at the risk of being marred by the fact that we have a Police Service not capacitated enough to deal with the illegal guns in our streets. Illegal guns that are being used to slaughter the women and children in our communities, illegal guns sponsored by our National Government.

The inability of the Traffic and Police Service to dispose of illegal firearms was reviewed by SAPS themselves when they stated that transportation of illegal firearms to Pretoria for destruction is not only costly, but it is also of a high risk. The fact that they also admit that the decentralised process in this regard would be less risky and more cost-effective shows that they have no initiative to deal with this issue.

Now, there are many other factors that lead to crime and violence in our communities. This admission indicates that SAPS themselves is a stumbling block to the reforms we need to take illegal firearms off the streets. Hon Deputy Speaker, it is time for decentralisation of such mandates to be taken seriously so that our attempts to make society safer for residents can truly be realised. If National Government does not do this, they will continue to hand illegal firearms straight into the hands of the people who seek to do harm. It is time for action. I thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Hon Deputy Speaker, the Freedom Front Plus wishes to express our thanks to the Programming Committee for giving priority to the debate on the principles urgency and desirability of implementing the principles of subsidiarity in a context of efficient and good governance in the Western Cape.

I have also noted and appreciate the expected, but most enthusiastic support by the DA and also wish to mention the contribution and support by hon Christians of the ACDP and the hon member August of GOOD. The core by hon member August of GOOD, for a bigger role to be played by Metro Council in the provision of housing has been noted. The Freedom Front Plus having been instrumental in bringing about these minority coalitions in the metros of Ekurhuleni, Tshwane, Johannesburg and Mandela Bay, will certainly explore the possibility of a bigger role of metros in the provision of houses and discuss it with their alliance partners.

The descent by the ANC and its new, unofficial alliance partner, Al Jama-Ah, is regretted, but not unexpected as obviously, Al Jama-Ah is looking for warmth and that is the only blanket that they can share. However, Article 235 is evidence of the ANC's principled support for self-determination. They signed that agreement with the Freedom Front at the Kempton Park negotiations ...[Interjection.] to come here and to disagree. They must fight it out with their Executive. Thank you so much. [Time expired.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, the drivers and passengers of long-distance buses have been the targets of over 150 violent crimes since 21 January. These assaults have all involved violent shootings and other forms of violent intimidation. It has been claimed that the ongoing battle over taxi and bus routes, fares and licence issuing is the cause of these tragedies. These assaults have resulted in the death of an innocent driver in April this year. The 35-year-old Intercape driver, Bangikhaya Machana, was fatally shot three times, whilst another driver was shot this past weekend.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we as members of Parliament cannot stand by and watch as these tragedies unfold. We need to exert pressure on the South African Police Service to conduct thorough, strong investigations without fear or favour into these criminal cases. It is unbelievable that no-one has been sentenced for committing such heinous crimes over the past few years. Tomorrow, the Standing Committee will hear from the Intercape Bus Company, SAPS, SANTACO, the Ministry of Transport and Mobility, and the Community Police Oversight, on how the Provincial Government can effectively support and protect long-distance bus drivers and passengers.

I want to commend the Western Cape Government for leading the charge in the battle against the abuse of long-distance bus drivers and all the ...[Audio distorted.] they have to endure. We call on SAPS and Crime Intelligence, and our colleagues in the ANC, to urgently speak to their national counterparts to deal with the violence against the national bus drivers, and to ensure that the culprits are brought to book. We also call on the justice system to start prosecuting those involved in these criminal actions to ensure justice is seen to be done.

I urge the ANC in the Opposition benches to engage their counterparts to come to the party and assist our regional powers to eradicate this scourge of violence in this industry. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. That brings us to the end of Statements. In terms of Rule 145(6), I now give the opportunity to one or more hon members of the Executive to respond to any hon Members' Statements for not more than five minutes. I recognise the hon Minister Maynier.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The hon Khalid Sayed seems to have tied himself into a political knot. The hon member claims that the matter to which he referred is not *sub judice*, but I believe he conceded that part of the Committee's request is, in fact, *sub judice* and agreed that that matter should not be discussed. So, it seems that this Rule only applies when it suits the hon member.

He claims that the 2023 admissions process is not *sub judice* because the court papers quote/unquote:

"Only touch on it."

A few moments ago, he said it is not the focus of the matter. He said that the court papers merely mention the 2023 admissions process, but that, hon Deputy Speaker, is just not true. If you look at the papers, in fact the relief sought by the applicants does traverse the 2023 admissions process and I quote from the court papers. The relief sought includes, and I quote:

"A plan on steps that will be taken to ensure that sufficient school places are available for learners at public schools, by the commencement of the 2023 academic year."

Those are the court papers. It goes on to ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister if you can just take your seat? Hon Sayed, what is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, is the hon Minister able to take a question on the application of *sub judice*? Can he tell us that a committee, whether a committee can actually discuss a matter that is *sub judice*? He must read the Rules.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute. I am not sure that the Rules allow you to ask a question under a statement which, and I will tell you what I will do is can I refer back to you on this matter. But I will leave it up in this instance to you, hon Minister, but I am not sure that is allowed under this. Well, that is the first time I have had to deal with that. Hon Minister, over to you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I am responding essentially to a statement ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct. Correct.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...made by the hon member, and if you will allow me to continue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The relief sought by the applicant also traverses a plan to assist unplaced learners and late registration learners in the and quote:

“2023 academic year.”

So, the matter does traverse the 2023 admissions and it is not true to say that the matter does not focus on the 2023 admissions.

So, we are constrained by court proceedings, but hon Deputy Speaker, in the interests of openness and transparency, I have undertaken to provide the Committee, subject of course to legal advice, with a written report and I look forward to briefing the Committee as soon as possible under the circumstances, when it is appropriate and briefing the Committee regularly so that we can share information about the very challenging issue, which I know is of concern, not just to that hon member, but also it was raised earlier in the House by hon Fernandez.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, if you can just take your seat? One minute, there is a point of order. Hon Sayed, I can only take on a point of order.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Chair, this is a point of order, not a question, hon Chair. Is it within the Rules for the hon Minister to not want to deal with the matter in a committee because it is *sub judice*, but he is prepared to deal with the matter in the House?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Sayed, I am not able to answer the details of that. That would be a matter of interpretation. Over to you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The hon member seems a little bit desperate.

Let me conclude by saying that we have to ask ourselves, how is it? How is it that this hon member has tied himself up in a political knot and now, finds himself in a cul-de-sac? And hon Deputy Speaker, I would suggest that the reason is obvious.

He has just not done his homework. And so, hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to suggest that you seriously consider requiring the hon member to write out: I must do my homework. I must do my homework. I must do my homework 100 times and handing it to you at the next sitting of Parliament. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That is the end of Member Statements. I am not going to take any further points. We are moving over to Notices of Motion.

In terms of the – I would just like to read the following, hon members, into the record. So, in terms of Rule 151, all Notices of Motion by the hon members are required to be delivered to the Secretary for placing it on the Order Paper. These Motions have been duly submitted and published on the Order Paper below the line.

**SASSA OFFICES IN KHAYELITSHA: CLOSURE OF**

(Notice of Motion)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the sudden closure of the SASSA offices in Khayelitsha.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE: SUBVERSION OF DEMOCRACY  
IN THE WESTERN CAPE LEGISLATURE**

(Notice of Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the subversion of democracy in the Western Cape Legislature by the Democratic Alliance, and how this contributes to the weakening of the oversight role of the Legislature.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**SASSA OFFICES IN KHAYELITSHA: CLOSURE OF**

(Notice of Motion)

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the ongoing challenges with regard to operation of SASSA and the sudden closure of its offices in Khayelitsha, and the ineffective role by the Provincial Government to assist.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME**

(Notice of Motion)

Mr M KAMA: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the concerning rise in transnational organised crime in the country, and Government's plans to prevent it.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**KIDNAPPING SYNDICATES**

(Notice of Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC):

That the House discusses plans to curb the ongoing operation of the kidnapping syndicates in the province.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We move to Motions without Notice. I would like to inform you that in terms of Standing Rule 150 pertaining to Motions without Notice, condolence and congratulatory were submitted to the Programming Authority prior to this plenary, on 2 August 2022. Hon members are also reminded that Motions without Notice pertaining to congratulatory and condolence, will not be allowed in this sitting that have not been processed by the Programming Authority.

I have been informed that in the Programming Authority meeting of 2 August 2022, political parties did submit the names of the hon members in the desired order of speaking, who would wish to move a Motion without Notice in this sitting of the House. I will therefore, just for noting and for the purpose of the Minutes, call out the hon members whose names have accordingly been submitted and approved.

The following hon members' Motions have been approved by the Programming Authority: hon Lekker, hon Bans, hon Marran, hon Dugmore, hon Sayed, hon Kama and hon Christians. I now put the Motions duly submitted and approved by the Programming Authority to the House.

**NAMAQUA METHODIST CHURCH: 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes with a great sense of pride and celebrates the 90th anniversary of the Namaqua Methodist Church; and relays a message of appreciation to the church and its reverend, Mark Klassens.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**BANYANA BANYANA: WOMEN'S AFCON CUP**

(Motion)

Ms A P BANS: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the South African national women's football team, Banyana Banyana, for bringing home the Women's Afcon Cup and for winning against Morocco; notes that Banyana Banyana has been nothing short of South Africa's pride in women's soccer; and congratulates the fierce and committed players of the women's team.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**LATE ANTON MZIMBA**

(Motion of condolence)

Mr P MARRAN: I move without notice:

That the House notes and mourns the sad passing of the renowned and colourful game ranger, Anton Mzimba, who worked tirelessly in fighting to protect the wildlife against poachers; notes that Mzimba was shot outside his home on Tuesday, 26 July; and conveys sincere condolences to his family and friends.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**ANC: 6<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL POLICY CONFERENCE**

(Motion)

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates the ANC for holding a successful 6th National Policy Conference last week where it reviewed and reshaped its policy positions for the betterment of our country.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*



**NALEDI MAPONOPONO**

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates comrade Naledi Maponopono on being chosen as the winner of the Young Mandela 2022; notes that this young lion is a member in good standing of the ANCYL and has led in various position in the movement; notes that she is currently a lecturer at the University of Cape Town (UCT), lecturing Xhosa Communication for medical students; notes that she is completing her PhD in African Languages and her research focuses on language policy implementation; and conveys a message of gratitude and appreciation for achievement. Roar, young lion, roar.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**LATE ZANELE NCEDANI**

(Motion of condolence)

Mr M KAMA: I move without notice:

That the House notes with profound sadness the passing away of Zanele Ncedani, a member of the ANC and ANCYL in the Trevor Vilakazi branch, Ward 93; and conveys sincerest condolences to family, comrades and friends.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**LATE DAFFIDOL FARO AND ASEEQAH ERASMUS**

(Motion of condolence)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I move without notice:

That the House expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Daffidol Faro (62) and her grandchild, Aseeqah Erasmus (10); notes that according to the newspaper (*Daily Voice* of 28 July 2022), the victims were allegedly strangled by Ashley Faro (39), the victim's son; notes that the body of Daffidol was found stuffed in a freezer and little Aseeqah's body was found in a bath full of water, hidden under a pile of clothing, with water still running; and notes that our prayers are with the family and loved ones during their time of the bereavement.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motions will appear in the Minutes of the proceedings and in Hansard, in each individual hon members' name as if that hon member had read them out aloud.

I will now afford the opportunity for those hon members to move Motions without Notice as per the Standing Rule 152(d) and they include those that were not approved of. I begin with hon Bosman. Alright, I will come back. I recognise hon Philander.

### **NURSE TRAINING: PRIVATE HOSPITALS**

(Motion)

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern the decision by the South African Nursing Council to block the proposal for private hospitals to train nurses. This will further add to the strain experienced in our healthcare system, where there are already many shortages being faced. It is important that the public-private partnerships are formed so that we can fully capacitate our all-of-society approach efforts in changing our country for the better. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Moved without notice:

That the House notes with concern the decision by the South African Nursing Council to block the proposal for private hospitals to train nurses; notes that this will further add to the strain experienced in our healthcare system, where there are already many shortages being faced; and notes that it is important that public-private partnerships are formed so that we can fully capacitate our all-of-society-approach efforts in changing our country for the better.

Agreed to.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**LATE HENDRIK PISTORIUS**

(Motion of condolence)

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House condemns the senseless killing of Hendrik Pistorius, a farmer in Piketberg; notes that the brutal nature of this crime has no place in our society; sends condolences to Mr Pistorius' family, friends and the community of Piketberg. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Moved without notice:

That the House condemns the senseless killing of Hendrik Pistorius, a farmer in Piketberg; notes that the brutal nature of this crime has no place in our society; and sends condolences to Mr Pistorius' family, friends and the community in Piketberg during these difficult times.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**WOMEN'S MONTH AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

(Motion)

Mr D PLATO: I want to reconfirm the message earlier from our hon Chief Whip. I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the start of Women's Month, a month in which we celebrate the thousands of brave South African women who resisted and fought against the apartheid regime on 9 August 1956; while those brave women made a remarkable impact on our nation's history, the sad reality is that their contributions have been tainted by the ongoing incidents of Gender-Based Violence in South Africa, such as the heinous gang rape in Krugersdorp, which has shocked the nation. The House must reaffirm, and it is exactly what I am doing right now, its commitment to eradicating GBV in all its forms. I so move, thank you.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr D PLATO: Moved without notice:

That the House welcomes the start of Women's Month, a month in which we celebrate the thousands of brave South African women who resisted and fought against the apartheid regime on 9 August 1956; notes that, while those brave women made a remarkable impact on our nation's history, the sad reality is that their contributions have been tainted by the ongoing incidents of gender-based violence (GBV) in South Africa, such as the heinous gang rape in Krugersdorp, which has shocked the nation; and reaffirms its commitment to eradicating GBV in all of its forms.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

### **KRUGERSDORP RAPES**

(Motion)

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the arrest of 130 illegal miners in Krugersdorp following the rape of 8 women who were shooting a music video at that time. Whilst the EFF welcomes the arrests, we are also concerned about the reactionary culture of the South African Police Service as they allowed illegal mining to go on for so long and only to act now when the tragedy has occurred. We believe and hope that more can be done as it is always said that prevention is better than cure. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr M XEGO: Moved without notice:

That the House welcomes the arrest of 130 illegal miners in Krugersdorp following the rape of eight women who were shooting a music video at the time; expresses concern about the reactionary culture of the South African Police Service, as they allowed illegal mining to go on for so long and only act now when a tragedy has occurred; and believes and hopes that more can be done as it is always said that prevention is better than cure.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**WATER SAVING**

(Motion)

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House joins the EFF in calling for the Western Cape residents to do everything in their best to save water. This follows the report from the National Department of Water and Sanitation, showing a decline of dam storage levels from around 76% in 2021 to 63,57% in 2022, around this time of the year. This decline is reported to have been caused by the below-normal rainfall amongst other things. We also call on the Provincial Government and municipalities in the province to attend to water leakages, especially in townships because it would be useless to call for residents to save water whilst pipes are continuously leaking. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr M XEGO: Moved without notice:

That the House calls for Western Cape residents to do everything in their power to save water; notes that this follows the report from the national Department of Water and Sanitation showing a decline of dam storage levels from round 76,62% in 2021 to 63,57% in 2022 around this time of the year; notes that this decline is reported to have been caused by the below-normal rainfall, among other things; and calls on the provincial government and municipalities in the province to attend to water leakages, especially in townships, because it would be useless to call on residents to save water while pipes with water leakages remain not serviced.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**CITY OF CAPE TOWN TARIFFS INCREASE**

(Motion)

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that the City of Cape Town has increased the tariffs, which includes rates at 5,2%, electricity at 9,5%, water at 6,5%, sanitation at 6,5% and refuse at 5%. This happens at the backdrop of a high unemployment rate, high oil and fuel prices, high food prices and no signs of improvement on our economy. Our people remain poor and cannot afford these increases. Hon Deputy Speaker, the City must just restructure its expenses and embark on cost-cutting measures in order to use that money to cover these extra costs they are throwing at the poor. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Moved without notice:

That the house notes that the City of Cape Town has increased the tariffs which include rates at 5.2%, electricity 9.5%, water 6.5%, sanitation 6.5% and refuse 5%. This happens at the backdrop of high unemployment rate, high oil and fuel prices, high food prices and no signs of improvement on the economy. Our people remain poor and cannot afford these increases. The city must just restructure its expenses and embark on cost cutting measures in order to use that money to cover these extra costs they throwing at the poor.

*[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]*

Objection recorded.

### **WOMEN'S MONTH**

(Motion)

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the month of August is dedicated to women as Women's Month. However, with the current climate of rape culture, Gender-Based Violence and femicide, it would seem women are only celebrated through lip service and reality proves otherwise. My wish is for all women from every corner of the universe, to unite and confront the common enemy. Having said that, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all women well in this month of August and in the future. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Moved without notice:

That the House notes that the month of August is dedicated to women as Women's Month; notes that, with the current climate of rape culture, gender-based violence and femicide, it seems that women are only celebrated through lip service as reality proves otherwise; expresses the wish that all women, from every corner of the universe, unite and confront the common enemy; and wishes all women well in this month of August and for the future.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**BODY DISCOVERED IN WHEELIE BIN**

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you. I move without notice:

That the House notes with deep sadness the discovery of a body of a woman in a wheelie bin outside of a house in Old Crossroads, Nyanga, on Monday morning; notes further that a case of murder has been opened and the search continues for an unidentified man who was seen pushing the wheelie bin; condemns this senseless murder and calls on the police and Government to provide psychosocial support for the grandmother and her children, who were traumatised by the discovery of a woman's body in front of their house; and calls on the police to leave no stone unturned in search of the perpetrators of this heinous crime. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Moved without notice:

That the House notes with deep sadness the discovery of the body of woman in a wheelie bin outside a house in Crossroads, Nyanga, on Monday morning; notes further that a case of murder has been opened and the search continues for an unidentified man who was seen pushing the bin; condemns this senseless murder; calls on police and the government to provide psychosocial support for the grandmother and her children who are traumatised by the discovery of a woman's body in front of their house; and calls on the police to leave no stone unturned in the search of the perpetrators of this heinous crime.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**NDULI KHANYISO YISA AND ANDILE GILI**

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and commends ANC Ward Councillors of Nduli, Khanyiso Yisa and Mr Andile Gili who conducted an oversight visit with me to visit Nduli Primary School and Iingcinga Zethu Secondary School in Nduli, Ceres, on Wednesday, 3 August 2022, where we interacted with principals, SMT and SGB members about the challenges at the schools; notes further that both schools face similar challenges of severe shortage of teachers; serious learner transport challenges affecting learners travelling from Wolseley and Tulbagh; classrooms that are overcrowded; dilapidated infrastructure including broken fences; and also the neglect of special needs learners; no fences, poor parental involvement and social

ills such as drugs and teenage pregnancies; notes further that at their high school, there is a shortage of science lab equipment which adds to poor performance and a poor matric pass rate as three learners are forced to share one computer due to a shortage of computers; and calls on hon MEC for Education and the WCED to prioritise the schools for intervention to address these pressing challenges, especially fencing, infrastructure, learner transport challenges and staff shortage, matters that the WCED has been aware of and is aware of. I thank you.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Moved without notice:

That the house notes and commends ANC members and Ward Councillors of Nduli, Khanyiso Yisa and Andile Gili who conducted an oversight with me to visit Nduli Primary School and lingcinga Zethu Secondary School on Wednesday, 3 August 2022, where we interacted with Principals, SMT and SGB members about the challenges at the schools; notes further that both schools face similar challenges of severe shortage of teachers; serious Learner Transport challenges affecting learners travelling from Wolseley and Tulbagh; overcrowded classrooms; dilapidated infrastructure including broken fences; overcrowded classrooms; neglect of special needs learners; no fences, poor parental involvement and social ills such as drugs and teenage pregnancy; notes further that at the high school there is a shortage of science lab equipment which adds to poor performance and poor matric pass rate as 3 learners are forced to share one computer due to shortage of computers; and calls on Minister Maynier and the WCED to prioritize the schools for intervention to address these pressing challenges, especially fencing, infrastructure, learner transport challenges and staff shortages – matters the WCED is aware of.

*[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]*

Objection recorded.

### **CHRYSLIS ACADEMY GRADUATES**

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House celebrates the 190 young people for recently graduating from the Chrysalis Academy. They will now embark on a 12-month paid career opportunity and will be working in several communities in the Western Cape, which further contributes to assisting other young people in need. All in all, these efforts will help our Province fight crime and make our communities safer. We thank the management of Chrysalis Academy for the sterling work they do. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*



Mr G BOSMAN: Moved without notice:

That the House commends the 190 young people for recently graduating from the Chrysalis Academy; notes that they will now embark on a 12-month paid career opportunity and will be working in several communities in the Western Cape, which further contributes to assisting other young people in need; notes that, all in all, these efforts will help our province to fight crime and to make our communities safer; and thanks the management of Chrysalis Academy for the sterling work they do.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon members, that concludes the business for the day. All the hon members will be exited from the sitting. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 17:45.

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FRIDAY, 5 AUGUST 2022

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

**Updated list of changes in standing committees' membership (\* denotes a change):**

### 1. Standing Committee on Health (*Health*)\*

**Members: 5**

DA (3)		ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Kaizer-Philander, (C) Fry, C* Plato, D	WF	Windvogel, R	Xego, M
<b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G Baartman, D* Botha, LJ*		<b>Alternate Members</b> Lili, A Bakubaku-Vos, NG	<b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**2. Standing Committee on Education (*Education*)\*****Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>EFF</b>	<b>ACDP (1)</b>	<b>AL JAMA-AH</b>
Baartman, D <b>(C)</b> Fry, C* Plato, D  <b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G* Kaizer-Philander, WF* Botha, LJ*	Sayed, MK  <b>Alternate Member</b> Kama, M	—  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N	Christians, FC	—  <b>Alternate Member</b> Brinkhuis, K

**3. Standing Committee on Social Development (*Social Development*)\*****Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>EFF (1)</b>
Plato, D <b>(C)</b> Kaizer-Philander, WF Fry, C*  <b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G Baartman, DM* Botha, LJ*	Bakubaku-Vos, NG  <b>Alternate Members</b> Lili, A Windvogel, R	Makamba-Botya, N  <b>Alternate Member</b> Xego, M

**4. Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters (*Premier*)\*****Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>EFF (1)</b>
Fry, C* Baartman, DM Kaizer-Philander, WF  <b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G* Plato, D Botha, LJ*	Dugmore, CM  <b>Alternate Member</b> Lekker, PZ	Xego, M  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**5. Standing Committee on Human Settlements** (*Human Settlements*)\***Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>GOOD (1)</b>	<b>EFF</b>
Maseko, LM <b>(C)</b> America, D Murray, C*  <b>Alternate Members</b> Mackenzie, RD Van der Westhuizen, AP* Schäfer, BA	Lili, A  <b>Alternate Members</b> Marran, P Smith, D Bakubaku-Vos, NG	August, SN	—  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**6. Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism** (*Provincial Treasury, Economic Development and Tourism*)\***Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>AL JAMA-AH (1)</b>	<b>EFF</b>
Murray, C* Mackenzie, RD Van der Westhuizen, AP*  <b>Alternate Members</b> America, D* Maseko, LM* Schäfer, BA*	Nkondlo, ND  <b>Alternate Members</b> Mvimbi, LL Bans, AP	Brinkhuis, K	—  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**7. Standing Committee on Local Government** (*Local Government, Local Government Oversight and National Council of Provinces*)\***Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>EFF (1)</b>
America, D <b>(C)</b> Maseko, LM Murray, C*  <b>Alternate Members</b> Van der Westhuizen, AP* Mackenzie, RD Schäfer, BA*	Dugmore, CM  <b>Alternate Members</b> Marran, P Lili, A	Makamba-Botya, N  <b>Alternate Member</b> Xego, M

## 8. Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works (*Transport and Public Works*)\*

### Members: 5

DA (3)	ANC (1)	GOOD (1)
Mackenzie, RD (C) Van der Westhuizen, AP America, D  <b>Alternate Members</b> Murray, C* Maseko, LM* Schäfer, BA	Mvimbi, LL   <b>Alternate Members</b> Nkondlo, ND Dugmore, CM	August, SN

## 9. Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (*Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning*)\*

### Members: 5

DA (3)	ANC (1)	GOOD (1)	FF PLUS (1)
Van der Westhuizen, AP (C) America, D* Murray, C*  <b>Alternate Member</b> Mackenzie, RD Maseko, LM Schäfer, BA*	Marran, P   <b>Alternate Member</b> Smith, D	<u><b>Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</b></u> August, SN	<u><b>Agriculture</b></u> Marais, PJ

## 10. Petitions Committee\*

### Members: 5

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Plato, D (C) Fry, C* Kaizer-Philander, WF*  <b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G Baartman, DM* Botha, LJ*	Sayed, KM   <b>Alternate Member</b> Kama, M	Makamba-Botya, N   <b>Alternate Member</b> Xego, M

**11. Budget Committee\*****Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	AL JAMA-AH (1)
Baartman, DM Mackenzie, RD Murray, C*  <b>Alternate Members</b> Plato, D Fry, C* Kaizer-Philander, WF Maseko, LM Botha, LJ America, D Van der Westhuizen, AP Bosman, G*	Mvimbi, LL  <b>Alternate Members</b> Nkondlo, ND Smith, D	Brinkhuis, K

**12. Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport**  
(Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport)\***Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF	FF PLUS (1)	ACDP (1)	AL JAMA-AH
Bosman, G <b>(C)</b> Baartman, DM Plato, D  <b>Alternate Members</b> Fry, C* Kaizer-Philander, WF Botha, LJ*	<u><b>Community Safety</b></u> Kama, M  <u><b>Cultural Affairs and Sport</b></u> Bans, AP  <b>Alternate Members</b> <u><b>Community Safety</b></u> Lili, A Lekker, PZ  <u><b>Cultural Affairs and Sport</b></u> Kama, M Windvogel, R	—  <b>Alternate Member</b> Xego, M	<u><b>Cultural Affairs and Sport</b></u> Marais, PJ  —	<u><b>Community Safety</b></u> Christians, FC  —	—  <b>Alternate Member</b> Brinkhuis, K

**13. Public Accounts Committee\*****Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>EFF (1)</b>
America, D Maseko, LM Van der Westhuizen, AP  <b>Alternate Members</b> Plato, D Fry, C* Kaizer-Philander, WF Botha, LJ Bosman, G Baartman, DM Mackenzie, RD* Murray, C*	Mvimbi, LL <b>(C)</b>  <b>Alternate Members</b> Nkondlo, ND Smith, D	Xego, M  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**14. Ad-hoc Committee – WCPP Seat allocation\*****Members: 15**

<b>DA (8)</b>	<b>ANC (2)</b>	<b>EFF (1)</b>	<b>GOOD (1)</b>	<b>ACDP (1)</b>	<b>FF PLUS (1)</b>	<b>AI JAMA-AH</b>
Van der Westhuizen, AP <b>(C)</b> Murray, C* Mackenzie, RD Fry, C* America, D Plato, D Kaizer-Philander, WF Bosman, G  <b>Alternate Members</b> Botha, LJ Baartman, DM* Maseko, LM*	Lekker, PZ Sayed, MK  <b>Alternate Members</b> Marran, P Bans, AP	Makamba-Botya, N	August, SN	Christians, FC	Marais, PJ	Brinkhuis, K

**15. Conduct Committee\*****Members: 5**

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>EFF (1)</b>	<b>AL JAMA-AH</b>
Philander, WF <b>(C)</b> Baartman, DM America, D  <b>Alternate Member</b> Bosman, G	Lekker, PZ   <b>Alternate Member</b> Bans, AP*	Makamba-Botya, N	—   <b>Alternate Member</b> Brinkhuis, K

**TABLINGS**

The Speaker:

**Auditor-General's special reports**

1. Special report of the Auditor-General to the accounting authority of Western Cape Education Department (WCED) on the delay in submitting the audit report on the financial statements of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.
2. Special report of the auditor-general to the accounting authority of Western Cape Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Wesgro) on the delay in submitting the audit report on the financial statements of the Western Cape Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Wesgro) for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

MONDAY, 8 AUGUST 2022

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**(Negotiating mandate stage)** Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the Sectional Titles Amendment Bill [B 31B–2020] (NCOP), dated 5 August 2022, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, having considered the subject of the Sectional Titles Amendment Bill [B 31B–2020] (NCOP) referred to it in accordance with Standing Rule 217, confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Amendment Bill.

WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2022

## **TABLINGS**

The Speaker:

1. **Public Service Commission: Investigative report:** Complaint case 2122/12/06/001 – Western Cape Education Department: Mr Brian Schreuder.
2. **Western Cape Provincial Parliament** – FMPPLA S41 Report on contract performance in quarter 1 of 2022/23.

Copies attached.



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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT**

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[Hybrid sitting held with some members present in the House and some in virtual attendance through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - see p. 6057**

The SPEAKER: You may all be seated. Hon Premier, hon members, leaders of political parties, stakeholders, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, you are all welcome. As you are well aware, for the hon members who are in the virtual platform, this is a hybrid session. We have the hon members here in the Chamber and you also have the hon members who are connected by electronic means, so this is a hybrid session, and I would like to encourage the hon members to be circumspect of how we operate our gadgets, those who are connected virtually, and everybody in the Chamber.

Hon members, please do not log into the system, you are already in the House so do not do it twice, and obviously we have guests online and I would like to implore all of you to respect the Rules as you would know that if you are a guest in the gallery, that is where you are, in the gallery you do not participate in the proceedings of the House. You do not clap hands, you do not comment, no matter how excited you become. We are all welcome. It is the first time that we have a gallery that is so full and we really welcome all of you in the gallery from the different communities of the Western Cape. As for the guests that are online in the virtual platform, please do not activate your camera, do not activate your microphone.

**RULING**

Hon members, just before we begin with our Order Paper, and of course there is a matter that I would like to raise just to indicate as guidance to the members of the Sub Judice Convention. This really touches on the work of the Committee Chairpersons and, of course, of all of us as the members and the Committees and this House. From time to time it is prudent to provide guidance to the hon members as to the application of the Standing Rules as they pertain to both the plenary and the Committees as I indicated. Ordinarily this happens when I, as the Speaker, am approached for guidance by the members in the House or by way of correspondence to my office. The guidance today concerns the interpretation of the Sub Judice Convention and what our Standing Rules provide in this regard.

Notwithstanding, of course, its fundamental rights and duty to consider any matter if it is to be in the public interest. Parliaments generally impose a restriction on themselves in the case of matters awaiting or under adjudication in a court of law. This is known as a Sub Judice Convention.

The Convention is that subject to the right of the House or Legislature, to legislate on any matter. Matters awaiting adjudication in a court of law should not be brought forward in debate, motions or questions and so forth and so on. So, it therefore suggests that if there are no specific Rules or Standing Orders relating to sub judice matters, Parliaments are guided by their own practices and hence we also have our own practices in how these matters should be addressed.

The origin of the Sub Judice Convention appears to have been the desire of Parliaments to prevent comment and debate from exerting an influence on the juries which is another arm of the State, which is the judiciary, and also from prejudicing the position of parties and witnesses in Court proceedings. We understand our role as the Executive, as the legislative arm of the State and of course, the Executive is another arm of the State but the judiciary has a serious responsibility as part of the family of the three arms of the State.

This self-imposed restriction by the House not only prevents its own deliberations from prejudicing the cause of justice, but prevents reports of its proceedings from being used to do so. In the parliamentary environment, both local and abroad, it is common, hon members, to find Rules regarding the convention around the sub judice rule, and of course, also a Speaker's rulings also help in this area insofar as to clarify the uncertainty around the subject. So closer to home here in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, after much deliberation and with consent of all members, the Rules governing sub judice matters have been substantially amended and the liberal interpretation thereof has been adopted by this House. The old Rule was rather restrictive since it simply prohibited any reference to a matter on which a judiciary decision was pending. It was too limiting and often stifled our debate here in the House so given the impact of such a rigid and restrictive Rule on one of the most important and cherished privileges members enjoy, namely freedom of speech, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament decided to revisit the Rules and we acted in that way.

In the amended version of our Standing Rules, the phrase "sub judice" does not feature at all in the new Rule 63, so Rule 63 cannot be used for that purpose.

Under the heading "Reflection on Courts, Judicial Officers and Court Proceedings", the Rule reads as follows:

- "1. No member may suggest what conclusions a Court should come to.
2. No member may defame or reflect on the honour or competence of Presiding Officers of Courts.
3. No member may intimidate or bring improper influence to bear on witnesses in matters under judicial consideration..."

And that is how it reads, so it is to be noted that the Presiding Officers in the House has discretion insofar as the application of the Rule interpretation is concerned. However, the discretion exercised by the Chairperson, by the Chair of a Committee or the House, must be considered against the background of inherent right and duty of the House to debate and consider matters considered to be in the public interest.

This especially holds true when it comes to the constitutional responsibilities of the Provincial Parliament and its execution thereof, because we are a Parliament of the people, and our responsibility as a multi-party Parliament is to ensure that we are able to take and have the interests of all people in the province. Freedom of Speech is regarded as a fundamental right without which members would not be able to carry on their duties fairly.

This House has taken a stance that the Provincial Parliament would not be silenced on issues which people outside of our Parliament would be competent to speak about. Imagine being able to speak elsewhere on any matter, you come to this Parliament when you have a full protection on the Powers and Privileges and Immunities Act, it will be a disaster for our democracy.

I call on the hon members of this House and of course, implore you that you endeavour to familiarise yourselves with the Rules in this regard and to ensure a consistent interpretation and application of the Rules, and I wish to request that the hon members, insofar as this matter is concerned, if there are any areas of conflict that you continue to ask the administration for support, and of course, the Office of the Speaker as well is available to do so.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, do I understand your ruling, you concluded by saying that your ruling is for noting, you do not want any comments from, is that correct, so you are not able to say whether in fact this particular Committee of Education should now convene on that matter or not? It is just a ruling that we must interpret? That is the clarity I seek.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon, the Leader of the Opposition. Fortunately during the sitting of last week the Minister of Education responded as the Members' Statements concluded to a member statement by hon, the Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party who was an aggrieved member in this regard and that was for me a very favourable response, hon members, and, of course, there was a correspondence which came to the Speaker and I dealt with that correspondence which expanded to some extent in dealing with the specific question, and I then thought it was necessary because I responded to the specific member.

I then thought it was necessary to of course bring it to the House so that there is no repeat of the same matter and also just as members to understand that the power of a particular Committee rests with the members of that Committee. It does not rest with the individual called the Chairperson of the Committee, just like the power of this House does not rest with the Chair, the Speaker. It rests with the members of this House. That is why the House must ratify decisions and that is why the House must take resolutions, but we are human beings and there will be instances where we make certain interpretations or make certain rulings, which some could be challenged and that is why there are also processes for recourse, so this is a way of saying it should not be delegated to any other platform but to this House, and, of course, to the Committees to deal with the business of the House and to deal with the business of the Committees. I think, the hon Minister Maynier dealt with the matter and dispensed with it in the manner in which in my view was satisfactory to all the parties involved and I would like to thank the hon, the Minister Maynier in his absence in the House.

If he is online, to thank him for having dealt with the matter at the time in the manner in which he has done, because we have a responsibility, hon Premier, to ensure that this Parliament as the legislative arm of the State conducts its oversight and accountability process without fear or favour, but to do so within the prescripts of the law. We have that responsibility as this Parliament, and in a way that is multi-party in approach and in spirit and of course in nature and I think I am talking to the hon members with experience in this area and of course this now dispenses with this matter and the matter is now closed. I hope I have responded to you, hon, the Leader of the Opposition. Thank you.

## **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Hon Speaker, today I arise on a matter that might not get us as much media coverage as gang violence or the latest ANC corruption scandal, but it is of immense importance.

The foot and mouth disease outbreak across South Africa is a great threat, not only to our food security, but also, particularly, to our red meat industry as a whole. When infections break out, quarantine and the banning of exports invariably follow. The jobs supported by the export industry cannot survive if there is no market for even their healthy cattle because of blanket export bans. In our country, with a 45% unemployment rate, we certainly cannot afford to lose any of the jobs that we currently have to a disease that can be effectively dealt with if civil society and Government work together.

Speaker, in our country the majority of farmworkers are already facing hardship from immensely tough national economic conditions, over which they have no control. We cannot allow a foot and mouth disease outbreak to destroy their livelihoods as well.

I therefore want to call on all of our farmers to remain vigilant when moving or trading in cattle; to make use of the support offered by your Government to stop the spread of this destructive disease. Information on stopping the spread of foot and mouth disease is freely available on Government websites; educate yourself and your workers. Effectively dealing with this outbreak will take 'an all of society' approach and the DA urges everyone to do their part. Let us keep the Western Cape free from foot and mouth disease. Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Thank you very much, Speaker. The ANC in this Legislature was approached by many fishermen from the coastal communities about serious concerns they had with the 2021 fishing rights allocation process. In this instance, it is about ensuring that our coastal communities and small and medium enterprises have access to marine resources and are able to build sustainable enterprises.

We encouraged all individual applicants who had not been successful to submit their individual appeals, but we then also decided that we need to go and engage and listen to our communities and hear the concerns directly. So in July we went to Mossel Bay; Hawston, Kalk Bay and Saldanha and in this process we were assisted by two national ANC MPs, hon Magxaxa and hon Judy Hermans.

From that Speaker, we heard many concerns, the inaccessibility of the electronic application system; in fact, an assumption by the Department that small and medium enterprises would be able to do the applications on their own, resulting in them having to pay thousands to consultants; an unfair point system especially as it affects small and medium enterprises. Some vessels were awarded allocations while in fact they are not operational.

Over one hundred traditional line-fish rightsholders have been excluded from this sector, leaving over a thousand crew unemployed. Some corporates were in fact topped up while the SMME sector in the main were not allocated sustainable quotas. So in the letter of appeal that we wrote to the Minister, we in fact then made a number of proposals because we believe in cooperative government in working with our Ministers. FRAP20, we proposed that the FRAP20/21 allocations be set aside, and the process be taken back to when applications were submitted and a new scoring and waiting mechanism be formulated in line with the policies and also the SIAS policy submitted to the Presidency.

Secondly, that pending this process, the rights revert to the 20/20 rights registers, in other words the previous rights registers. The Minister then thirdly relooks at all ...[Interjection.] sectors and in this way, we will move towards finding sustainable solutions as the ANC together with [Inaudible.] ...[Interjection.] [Time expired.]

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA (EFF): Thank you, Speaker. The Economic Freedom Fighters is shocked at the dismissive conduct and behaviour of the Western Cape Provincial Minister of Education against Grade R teachers who marched against the Department for assistance on Women's Day.

It is important to note that 85% of these teachers are women and part of their grievances are that they have been working for more than a decade without being made permanent whilst continuing to earn peanuts. Speaker, Early Childhood Development was recently transferred from the Department of Social Development to the Department of Basic Education and to date there is no hope that the teachers will be made permanent.

The majority of these women are asked to upskill their qualifications to a diploma in ECD, which they did and ended up with seven years of study through universities such as Cape Peninsula University of Technology. Despite their working experience over the years and more years of studying, they still face the prospect of going into retirement without any retirement fund as they will be working on contract for the rest of their lives.

When they turned to the Western Cape Minister for Education to outline their grievances, instead of showing leadership and telling them that he is doing something about the situation against the powers that be. He instead chose to fold his arms and tell them that they are knocking at the wrong door. Instead of saying, let us hold hands together and approach the National Government's Department of Basic Education, to make funds available for ECD, he instead told them to go and knock on that door alone, as ECD is not compulsory after all.

Such conduct on its own shows that the Minister does not care about the struggles of women in general and the importance of ECD in preparing learners for the foundation phase. I thank you, Speaker.

Mr C M FRY (DA): Hon Speaker, even though we are currently on a break from the daily nightmares of rolling black-outs, the need to reiterate and emphasise the importance of exploring alternative energy resources, remains a topic of urgency.

While President Cyril Ramaphosa has acknowledged the importance of renewables, allegations of fraud, corruption and mismanagement at Eskom are concerning and will only bring the crawling entity down to its knees. I am however, delighted to see that the Western Cape Government and the Department of the Premier have been at the forefront of a lessor reliance on Eskom by calling for comprehensive energy plans to be considered.

Hon Speaker, the Western Cape Government has already introduced a number of initiatives to promote alternative energy sources. A Western Cape Government Energy Summit two weeks ago discussed proposals and solutions to combat the ongoing rolling black-outs.

The Provincial Government is also currently collaborating with municipalities to develop strategies for increasing renewable energy implementation on municipal networks. This is for the support of independent power producers' connections to the grid. In South Africa, encouraging and promoting independent power producers is critical. IPP's not only relieve Eskom's burden but they also assist residents in keeping their lights on.

Additionally, the Solar Photovoltaic Technician Qualification Pilot Project was also introduced last week by the Premier which will see young people being given the opportunity to develop essential skills that will aid them in the energy sector. I hope, hon Speaker, that the ANC feels inspired by these interventions so that they can convince their national counterparts to replicate them on their level. Only then will there be change. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. Hon members order, hon members. The hon Fry, it is his first opportunity, it is a maiden speech and therefore he deserves much support to deliver that speech without any heckling whatsoever and we all know here in the House, and obviously what we always say is that a maiden speech must not be controversial. I do not think it was. Oh, I am told that it was, but I think what is important is that you must allow and support the members to do so and again, welcome hon Fry and I must also say hon Murray, also welcome. I was not here to do so last week but you were welcomed by this House, let me do so again here. I now recognise the GOOD party.

Mr S N AUGUST (GOOD): Hon Speaker, August is nationally regarded as the month of women. We find ourselves looking at the advancement of women's rights, considering the progress made in ensuring safety and security of women and the girl child and condemning the slow uptake of legislation that can greatly expedite the security of mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers and all females in society.

Gender-based violence and femicide, domestic violence and abuse are of course some of our greatest considerations for this month, and I stress the fact that we still must go a great deal further for women to attain and adopt all the rights as enshrined in national and provincial legislation.

Speaker, women remain left out in all sectors of society. Not enough women occupy boardrooms, women are not able to start small businesses, the kitchen is still regarded as the only place for a female and that women must stand in service of men. Can women not own construction companies, logistic operations, provide solutions to micro and macro mobility? Are women not to be at the helm of corporations, occupy seats of power and frequent corridors of decision making?

We as South Africa and the Western Cape need to review our understanding of the role of females in society. Women must lead the economy; social and fiscal change is needed to reposition South Africa in the global world of nations. GOOD has always been a movement of power for women. We are led by one. We need South Africa and the patriarchy to adopt a model of placing powerful women at the front. Women's Month gives us the opportunity to reset our narrow view that women must always follow.

I challenge all the institutions of power, public and private to give rise to matriarchy and reimagine South Africa under the leadership of women. Thank you, Speaker.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, on behalf of the ACDP, I want to emphasise the importance of libraries in communities. The question I want to pose today is why is the City of Cape Town closing libraries? "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." This quote by Margaret Fuller puts into perspective the role that libraries play an integral part in the lives of individuals and also communities.

A community library is one of the earliest experiences children have of formal reading. Here they can develop a love for reading and in doing so, start to build their vocabulary that will last them for a lifetime. Technology will always reach for new horizons but the feel and smell of a book in the hands cannot be duplicated by electronic devices. Libraries are resource centres for research by learners. They assist with projects and provide a meeting place for community hubs. Among the many courses presented are career guidance and basic computer literacy.

All this and so much more are available at libraries for our children and our communities. Speaker, a library is a safe space where learners can gather after school. It is a meeting place for members with different tastes in music, art and books. Libraries have SmartCape, access to the internet at no cost to a member of that library. SmartCape and communities are available to the public for 45 minutes at no cost.

In summary, libraries play a vital role in the lives of the communities they serve. Speaker, our appeal as the ACDP is that despite arguments presented ... [Interjection.] Thank you, Speaker. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. The Democratic Alliance has been overseeing the tendency of mismanagement and poor management in the Western Cape Education Department and has built a legacy of not responding swiftly to allegations of corruption and maladministration at our schools, including the recent cases which are still hanging in the air of Rhodes High School and Golden Grove Primary.

It is this inaction and slow response to corruption allegations that forced the African National Congress in this House to call on the Public Service Commission to institute an investigation into the allegations of corruption, gross mismanagement and abuse of power against the principal of Zwaanswyk High School near Bergvliet. The PAC has since written to me, as the complainant, to indicate closure of the investigation and we welcome this as the principal was now found guilty and the outcome is that the principal is to be dismissed although the principal has now appealed the dismissal.

While we welcome the new MEC's swift response to the corruption allegations at the Norwood Central Primary, which I brought to his attention last week, he must know that there are many other unresolved cases left by his predecessor and we look forward and we will send the MEC more information that he has requested.

At Heatherlands High School in George, a financial office misappropriated funds, including rental income, and money from the professional rugby players that is unaccounted for. And this is not hearsay, this is from the hon MEC's written response to my question. We call for a full investigation of the recommendations of the forensic investigation which the hon MEC refers to, including the recouperation of the stolen funds and opening of criminal charges.

Poor management, hon Speaker, of school hostels, especially at schools for learners with special needs, has also been raised by the Breede Valley Education Forum's memorandum ...[Interjection.]delivered to the WCED. We will deliver this memorandum ...[Interjection.]to the hon MEC and ensure that he takes it up ...[Interjection.] because there are major corruption allegations at Nuwe Hoop Central, for example, which operates four bank accounts. I thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr D AMERICA (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. As we begin to exit the colder weather of winter, it is time to once again, turn our attention towards the issue of water usage in our province. This winter has seen a rainfall that has been heavy at times but has still been below average levels. This time last year, the province's dams stood at 77% on average. This year the average is 64%. It goes without saying that if this trend continues, the Western Cape will suffer from critical shortage of our most valuable national resource within a few short years. Remember 2018?

South Africa is a water scarce country, but the reality of climate change means that the time has come to find innovative and lasting solutions to the problem of ever decreasing rainfall. This is why I am pleased to see that the City of Cape Town has committed itself to ensuring that the production of 300 million more litres of water per day by 2030 and by lessening its reliance on rainfed dams.



The Department of Local Government is monitoring the status of the province's water supply across the board, thus ensuring that the Western Cape Government does everything necessary to position itself for the future.

However, while long-term solutions for the Western Cape are in place, the best thing that all of us can do in the short term is to reduce our water usage in our daily lives and to be cognisant of the fact that every drop of water is valuable. By working together as a society, we can avert disaster, but we must act today. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Hon Speaker, South Africa has become the happy playground of rapists, murderers, illegal immigrants, zama-zamas extracting gold and diamonds illegally and people with evil intent all over the world, coming here. Crime has become our worst epidemic. Almost daily, South Africans are shocked by media reports of stabbings at our schools, shootings in townships, cruel neglect of patients at retirement homes and hospitals, gangsterism, burning and destruction of our busses, our trains and properties.

Your aggravating factors are the failure to arrest, charge and successfully convict these vagabonds. And I appreciate the hon Premier's Safety Plan, but I ask him: is it enough? Can it be adapted? Can it be improved, hon Premier?

As Freedom Front Plus MP, I call on the hon Premier to announce the formation of what is called the bomb squad, the anti-crime bomb squad, like the Springboks do. When it is halftime, they bring on the big guys, people who can extract them from almost a loss to a victory. Hon Speaker, we need the best men and women in this province across all clusters, to redesign our mismanagement strategy, to safeguard our hospitals, our clinics, our schools, our crèches, our farms.

Bring on the bomb squad, I say, and take the field. We are losing the battle. Let us become more proactive, let us stop crime electively. Let us start fighting fire with fire before crimes are committed, not look for the culprits afterwards. Let us stop evil people ...[Interjection.] from entering our province, living and hiding here ...[Interjection.] and terrorising us. Thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. The Al Jama-Ah party alludes to the thousands of women from various cultural, religious, and social backgrounds who marched against the *dompas* system imposed on black women and men. The march by these women on 9 August 1956 was also a protest to raise their voices against discrimination, exploitation, and oppression; 9 August also marked the International Indigenous Day.

We further salute women throughout the world who are resisting imperial forces intended to steal their national resources. We salute the women of Palestine, Palestinians, as an indigenous people dispossessed, disinherited, and expelled from their ancestral lands by Zionism.

Al Jama-Ah further salutes the women on the Cape Flats and in the townships, who are trapped in gang-infested areas, riddled with drug missions.

In this Women's Day address, hon President Cyril Ramaphosa highlighted the fact that taverns and shebeens are springboards for gender-based violence and criminal activities.

We call on this Provincial Government to show a genuine compassion for the plight of women where their rights are not respected, sexual harassment and inequalities at their workplace, stop illegal evictions or women living on farms. Women are not safe in public spaces and in their homes. The majority of women still live in poverty, and they are unemployed. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER (DA): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, at the Presidential Job Summit in 2018, the Hospital Association of South Africa proposed that the private sector be allowed to train 50,000 nurses, in order to tackle the shortage being experienced in the industry. However, last week, the SA Nursing Council prevented private hospitals from bringing more students and delegates to attend the Hospital Association Conference. While this action may seem nothing more than service level antics, it speaks to a greater issue.

Over the past few years, the intake of nurses into the private sector has fallen as a result of changes to programme accreditations. This has resulted in fewer private facilities being able to train nurses and assist the public sector in producing the nurses we need, to ensure service delivery continues. Already, nurses have to work longer hours which places strain on individuals over a prolonged period of time.

At the same time, even if we are able to reverse this trend, we would need the National Government to prioritise the development of healthcare professions and improve their opportunities of being employed in the sector. Provincial Government budgets have not been adjusted to the growing needs and increased mandates over the years, meaning that the ability to take on new nurses in the future, becomes constrained.

Hon Speaker, it is time for the National Government, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, in capital letters, to send more funding to provincial departments to enable them to fulfil their mandates effectively. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Kaiser-Philander. Hon members, that concludes Members' Statements. As per Rule 145, there is an opportunity for the Executive to respond with no more than five minutes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker. I would like to begin by thanking the hon Khalid Sayed for his compliment in relation to the swift action we will take in the case of Norwood Central Primary and I would also like to assure him that we will similarly take swift action in relation to any other cases which he brings to my attention. And of course, we trust that the hon member will be handing in his 100 lines which we discussed last week to you, hon Speaker, by the end of this session.

Which brings me then to the comments made by the hon Makamba-Botya, who is mistaken. In fact, in my response, in my comments, I recognised the importance of Grade R. I recognised and in fact, was quoted as saying that Grade R is a vital year in preparing learners for the Foundation Phase. And in fact, this Province has made more progress in expanding access to Grade R than many other provinces. But I hope that the hon member would accept that if we are to universalise Grade R, then National Government will have to step up and provide the required funding for the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER FOR POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Speaker. This is a classic example of cooperation of working together, what this Government has been doing in terms of our Western Cape Safety Plan.

So, I am delighted to also see young people from Beaufort West. They are the capital of the Karoo. †So, welkom aan hulle. Ons is bly dat hulle hier is om te sien wat gebeur. [So, welcome to you. We are glad that you are here to see what happens.] So, I am not even going to reply to some of the previous comments or the Members' Statements, but I want to touch on some of it.

Hon Speaker, I am delighted when I listened to the GOOD statement because I lead a Department that has over 50% female representation. It is led by a female HOD and we are very clear that when we take away the contribution of women because women contribute so much to our society, and when we take away that contribution, economies will collapse. Families will be ruined. Streets will be unable to function. And dare I say this, hon Speaker, this Provincial Parliament and this Provincial Government and any government, will be unable to function without the input and contributions of women. So, we will always fight for women and for their rights.

So, when I listen to statements that the Provincial Government needs to show genuine compassion, we are doing that each and every day. When we are out with Neighbourhood Watches, when we are engaging CPFs, when we are engaging stakeholders, we are genuinely compassionate because we know ...[Interjections.] we know the time is now. We know the time is now, hon Speaker and the time of wearing black, the time of wearing black is a sense of when will black, the wearing of black be enough? When will our 'enough' be enough and we have been saying that. Hence, we are stepping up and we are stepping in where National Government is failing.

But I found the one comment very interesting, regarding libraries and hon member Christians, I want to thank you for raising that because the libraries are very important and maybe to the colleagues that are heckling. We heard that leaders are readers and that will be my encouragement to them through you, hon Speaker, because 102 service points in the City of Cape Town, which include 101 libraries and one satellite library, 109 million visits to libraries between 2011 and 2021, 103 million instances of borrowing audio CDs and books, and this Provincial Government contribute 24,22% from our Provincial Library Services to the grant budget here in the City of Cape Town, to support libraries because we understand that libraries are key safe places and I want to thank hon member Christians for raising that as well. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I know the hon MEC is passionate about libraries, although he is not the MEC for Cultural Affairs, but it ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Is that ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): ...is very important.

The SPEAKER: Is that a point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Ja, no, no. I want to ask a question because the sitting is not, I mean, it is not very late. It is 5 o'clock. Could he take a question ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: No, you cannot.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Just on the library?

The SPEAKER: You cannot, you cannot ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): On Plumstead library, just one question?

The SPEAKER: No, you cannot. Thank you ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Sit down!

The SPEAKER: Hon Deputy Chief Whip. Thank you. Order, hon members, that concludes Members' Statements. Now we move Notices of Motion.

## **MOTIONS**

In terms of the new Rules, as we all know, the Motions that have been submitted as Notices of Motion have been delivered to the Secretary and placed in the Order Paper. These Motions have been duly submitted and published as you have seen here in the Order Paper, here below.

### **WCED SAFE SCHOOLS CALL CENTRE**

(Notice of Motion)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the efficacy of the Western Cape Education Department Safe Schools Call Centre. The Centre only operates from Mondays to Fridays 8:00 to 19:30 and is closed over weekends.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**MUNICIPALITIES IN THE WESTERN CAPE: STATUS OF**

(Notice of Motion)

Mr D AMERICA: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the status of municipalities in the Western Cape.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**WCPP PRESIDING OFFICERS: SUITABILITY OF**

(Notice of Motion)

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the suitability of the current Presiding Officers continuing to preside over sittings of the House while they have dark clouds hanging over their heads.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**WCPP PRESIDING OFFICERS: ALLEGATIONS AGAINST**

(Notice of Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes that in light of the serious allegations against the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, as well as with the knowledge of the ongoing investigations against the two Presiding Officers, takes a decision to prevent both Presiding Officers from presiding over sittings of the House until all the ongoing investigations and other proceedings against their names have been concluded.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**ZAMA-ZAMAS: ONGOING PROTESTS AGAINST**

(Notice of Motion)

Mr P MARRAN: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the ongoing protests against zama-zamas in the Gauteng province; the dangers of similar protests spreading to the Western Cape and the Provincial Government's strategies to prevent such protests in the province.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

**PUBLIC HEALTHCARE: ONGOING CHALLENGES**

(Notice of Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates ongoing challenges in the public healthcare in the province and how the delays around the building of the new Klipfontein Regional Hospital have contributed to service pressures and other related challenges in the public healthcare.

*[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]*

The SPEAKER: Now, the Motions without Notice in terms of Rule 150, all of those motions which are congratulatory in nature and the motions of condolences, were presented to the Programming Authority on 8 August, and that the Programming Authority agreed on the set of motions. I have been informed that in the Programming Authority meeting of 8 August, all parties also submitted the names of the hon members in the desired order of speaking and who had wished to move such motions. This has been done in such a way that the names are listed as if the hon members had delivered the motions here in the House. So, I will therefore, just for noting purposes and of course, in our Minutes, and just to ensure that I read the hon members' names, but also the hon members names that I am going to read will be only for the purposes of the Motions without Notice in terms of the congratulatory and the condolences.

The first hon member is hon Christians ACDP, second is hon Kaizer-Philander DA, the third motion is hon Kaizer-Philander DA. That is a second one from the hon member. The fourth one is hon Maseko from the DA. The fifth one is hon Maseko from the DA. The same hon member moved two motions. And the sixth motion is hon Bans from the ANC and the seventh motion, hon Bans from the ANC. And that is the seven questions. I now put the motions which were duly submitted and approved by the Programming Authority to the House.

**CLARA ADAMS AND GLADYS PRINS**

(Motion)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I move without notice:

That the House applauds the labour of love of 70-year-old Clara Adams and 80-year-old Gladys Prins who feed about 1,000 people with a hot meal every month (*Daily Voice 4 August 2022 – Junior Bester*); notes that they have been serving the community where they live in Bishop Lavis for the past three years; notes that they do this from the Simonsberg Street home of Gladys, whose house has a garage; notes that for many years they have served the elderly of the area with food parcels; notes that at year-end they hand out party packs to children, while still managing to bless the community with a hot meal; notes that they are both pensioners and members of the same church; notes that the food they serve is largely paid for out of their own pockets; and commends the good work these ladies are doing in the community. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**WITZENBERG COMMUNITY: VIOLENT CRIME**

(Motion)

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: I move without notice:

That the House notes the recent brutal killings of residents in Pinevalley, Witzenberg; notes that violent crime, drug and alcohol abuse, and vandalism are becoming a growing concern in what was once a peaceful community; notes that, with the new wave of violent crime in the area, the lack of response of SAPS is deeply worrying; notes that those that end up responding to the outcry of the community are local councillors and the Neighbourhood Watches; and calls on SAPS to increase their capacity at the local police station and to deal with crime in the area decisively.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**DRAKENSTEIN: ANNUAL SPORTS DERBY**

(Motion)

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: I move without notice:

That the House wishes all schools in the Drakenstein municipal area well with their annual sport derby matches; notes that these highlights on the calendar showcase the best talent, while being rich in tradition and culture; notes that after two years, the school communities will now embark on their weekly derby matches with great enthusiasm; notes that it is commonly known that sport unites nations, as it does not need words to create the space for us to celebrate and cultivate our young talent; and wishes every school, sport management team, participant and community all the best and hopes that the derbies will unite everyone during these joyous occasions.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN**

(Motion)

Ms L M MASEKO: I move without notice:

That the House commends the Council of the City of Cape Town for approving the release of the Salt River market precinct for the construction of affordable housing, which would result in 700 mixed-development units, including 216 social housing units; and acknowledges the City's ongoing efforts to provide the residents of Cape Town with social housing opportunities.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**SWELLENDAM RAILTON PROJECT**

(Motion)

Ms L M MASEKO: I move without notice:

That the House commends the Provincial Department of Infrastructure for creating economic opportunities for Swellendam residents through the Swellendam Railton Project; and acknowledges that to date, 60 jobs have been made possible by this project, 44 of which have gone to women and young people.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**BENNI MCCARTHY**

(Motion)

Ms A P BANS: I move without notice:

That the House notes with a great sense of pride the appointment of Benni McCarthy as first-team coach at Manchester United, where he is tasked with coaching world-renowned strikers, such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial; notes further that Benni is Bafana Bafana's all-time record goal scorer and has previously coached PSL teams in South Africa; congratulates coach Benni on his big achievement; and continues to make calls for more investment in sport in the province so that we can produce more Benni McCarthys of the future.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

**INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS**

(Motion)

Ms A P BANS: I move without notice:

That the House notes with a great sense of pride South Africa's performance at international sports events, including the victory of Banyana Banyana, who are coached by our very own Desiree Ellis from the Western Cape; notes further the victory of South Africa's Blitzboks who have been crowned Commonwealth Games Sevens champions, as well as various other athletes, including veteran Paralympic sprinter Ndodomzi Ntutu who claimed the gold medal in the men's T11/12 100 metre final at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on Thursday night, taking South Africa to sixth in the medal standings, with a haul of 22 medals – seven gold, seven silver and eight bronze; and congratulates team South Africa on its good performances.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Motions agreed to.



The SPEAKER: The Motions will appear in the Minutes of proceedings and in Hansard, in each individual hon members' name, as I indicated that, as if the hon members have read them here in the Chamber aloud.

I will now afford the opportunity to the hon members to move Motions without Notice, as per Standing Rule 150(2)(d). This could also include Motions without Notice that were not approved in the Programming Authority meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup>, as I indicated. So, the hon members are reminded that we only have 30 minutes for which we are able to entertain motions and for that purpose, Rule 150 is going to apply, and the motions and the opportunity starts now.

I just need the list of the hon members. May I please have that list first? Thank you. All of the motions were submitted, and I wish the hon members could stick to what has been submitted. If you change it, you are out of order. So, the first is hon Marais.

### **MEMBERS LOUNGE REFRESHMENTS**

(Motion)

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House considers limiting refreshments served in the Members lounge during sittings to only tea and coffee. For the past year I have noticed that less than 15% of hon members attend sittings and make use of this privilege and consider incurred expenses to be wasteful. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr P J MARAIS: Moved without notice:

That the House considers limiting refreshments served in the Members' lounge during sittings to only tea and coffee because, in the past year, fewer than 15% of Members attend sittings and make use of this privilege; and considers the incurred expenses to be wasteful.

*[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]*

Objection recorded.

### **NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH**

(Motion)

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the importance of national Women's Month and the escalating crime and gender-based violence committed against women. That this House recognises that National Women's Month also serves as a time to act with compassion and Al Jama-Ah calls on the Provincial Government to increase funding to women's organisations and increase resources at shelters for abused women. I so move. Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Moved without notice:

That the House notes the importance of national Women's Month and the escalating crime and gender-based violence committed against women; recognises that national Women's Month also serves as a time to act with compassion; and calls on the provincial government to increase funding to women's organisations and to increase resources for shelters for abused women.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

### **NANTES FARM EVICTION CASE**

(Motion)

Mr P MARRAN: Thanks very much, hon Speaker. On behalf of the Congress Movement, the African National Congress, I move without notice:

That this House notes with a great sense of pride the victory by the ANC's constituency head in Drakenstein, the hon Bakubaku-Vos, on winning the Nantes farm eviction case in Paarl. The long ongoing battle between Nantes farm owners and workers has seen the light, after the Court ruled in favour of the workers to remain on the farm and order to be restored to the position it was before the respondents disturbed the position or possessions on or about 20 November 2021; and that the House congratulates everyone involved for their hard work to restore the dignity of our people and especially in this case, those farm dwellers. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marran. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself?

Mr D AMERICA: Yes, I object.

The SPEAKER: No objections?

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Object!

The SPEAKER: Is there a point of order, the hon Leader of the Opposition?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: A point of order. I noticed that hon member Murray raised her hand in objection. So, I am not – and then, you proceeded, and then I also heard that hon member Marais virtually raised an objection. So, does that mean that the DA, as well as the Freedom Front, are against the rights of farmworkers?

The SPEAKER: Thank you ...*[Interjection.]*

Mr P J MARAIS: Objection!

The SPEAKER: Hon Leader of the Opposition.

Mr P J MARAIS: I never raised the hand. I do not know which Marais he is referring to, but I did not raise a hand.

The SPEAKER: Alright, thank you. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sorry.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, thank you. Thank you. I now put the question again. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Who is that?

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Van der Westhuizen, hon Chair, because as far as I know, the honourable was not an applicant in that case.

The SPEAKER: You have objected, that is fine. Alright. Are there any objections to the motion itself?

Mr D AMERICA: Yes.

The SPEAKER: So, there is an objection to the motion being moved without notice and there is also an objection to the motion itself. So, the DA has objected, so we have recorded that. Thank you, hon members. So, the only objection is from the DA.

Mr P MARRAN: Moved without notice:

That the House notes with a great sense of pride the victory by the ANC's constituency head in Drakenstein, Honorable Ntombezanele Bakubaku-Vos, in the Nantes farm eviction case in Paarl; notes that the long ongoing battle between the Nantes farm owners and workers has seen the light, after a court judged that the workers have won and can remain on the farm and order be restored to the position as it was before the respondents disturbed such possession on or about 20 November 2021; and congratulates everyone involved for their hard work to restore the dignity of our people.

*[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]*

Objection recorded.

**GAZA STRIP: BOMBARDMENT BY THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and condemns in the strongest possible terms, the bombardment by the State of Israel in the Gaza Strip last week, which left 44 innocent people dead, including 15 children, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry; and concurs with the condemnation statement by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation which reads: 'The attacks that kill innocent civilians have no justification, and they are more abhorrent as they are committed by an occupying power which has besieged the Gaza Strip for over a decade in contravention of international law'; and calls on the Provincial Government of the Western Cape to join the National Government in condemnation of Israeli atrocities, and on the hon Speaker to also illuminate the building in black, white, green and red colours in support and solidarity with the Palestinian people. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Moved without notice:

That the House notes and condemns in the strongest possible terms the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip last week, which left 44 innocent people dead, including 15 children, according to Palestinian Health Ministry; concurs with the condemnation statement of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation that read "attacks that kill innocent civilians have no justification, and they are more abhorrent as they are committed by an occupying power which has besieged the Gaza Strip for over a decade in contravention of International Law"; and calls on the provincial government to join the national government in the condemnation of Israeli atrocities and on the Speaker to illuminate the building in black, white, green and red colours in support and solidarity with the people of Palestine.

*[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]*

Objection recorded.

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**GARDEN ROUTE: MULTIPLE GENDER-BASED  
VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE**

(Motion)

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the arrest of five suspects in connection with multiple gender-based violence and femicide related crimes along the Garden Route. These arrests which come during one of the most important months recognized in South Africa as Women's Month, are in fulfilment of this year's theme, which calls for action to all of society, Government and partners to take tangible steps forward in responding to the most persistent challenges affecting the lives of women and girls; and commends the SAPS' George Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit for making these arrests following a series of investigations that led them to the suspects, including a 28-year-old man suspected to have raped a 13-year-old girl. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Moved without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the arrest of five suspects in connection with multiple gender-based violence and femicide-related crimes along the Garden Route; notes that these arrests, which come during one of the most important months recognised in South Africa as Women's Month, are in fulfilment of this year's theme, which calls for action to be taken by all of society, the government and partners in the form of tangible steps in response to the most persistent challenges affecting the lives of women and girls; and commends the SAPS George's family violence, child protection and sexual offences unit for making these arrests following a series of investigations that led them to the suspects, including a 28-year-old man suspected to have raped a 13-year-old girl.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**HOSPITALS: SEVERE SHORTAGE OF BEDS**

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the severe shortages of beds at the Western Cape Government's hospitals, especially Valkenberg Psychiatric Hospital, and reiterate our call to the Western Cape Government of Health to allocate additional resources to eradicate bed and staff shortages, as it cannot be acceptable that a province with a population of around 7 million people only has less than 2,000 beds across this province; and notes further and calls for an integrated approach between the Departments of Health, Education and Social Development to address the scourge of substance use disorder in the province which often results in a rise in mental health challenges and subsequently, to increased service pressures in psychiatric hospitals; which is a bad reflection of the ongoing drug and alcohol abuse, and often resulting in the high numbers of psychosis. I thank you.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Moved without notice:

That the House notes the severe shortage of beds at the Western Cape Government's psychiatric hospitals, especially at the Valkenberg Psychiatric Hospital; reiterates calls on the Western Cape Government's Department of Health to allocate additional resources to eradicate bed and staff shortages as it cannot be acceptable that a province with a population of around 7 million people only has fewer than 2 000 beds in its four psychiatric hospitals; and notes further and calls for an integrated approach between the Department of Health, the Department of Education and the Department of Social Development to address the scourge of substance use disorder in the province, which often results in a rise in mental health challenges and subsequently to increased service pressures in psychiatric hospitals, which is a bad reflection of the ongoing drug and alcohol abuse, often resulting in high numbers of psychosis.

*[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]*

Objection recorded.

**UNATHI LASITHI: SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE**

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that yet another DA leader has been embroiled in another sex scandal, this time being the former official in the Western Cape Provincial Legislature and DA councillor in the City of Cape Town, Mr Unathi Lasithi, who is facing a sexual assault charge against a junior employee and is now out on R1 000 bail; notes further that the City of Cape Town Mayor, Geordin Hill-Lewis, and DA Regional Head, Jaco Londt, are well aware, but they are trying to downplay the matter as an old case; notes further that the hypocrisy of the DA knows no bounds as it continues to protect its alleged sex predators and that it seems like that DA is a hub for men like these, and that the rot of GBV is deeply entrenched. I repeat, the rot of GBV is deeply entrenched in its DNA; calls on hon MEC Allen to deploy Court Watching Briefs to monitor the case of Unathi Lasithi and for the immediate suspension of Unathi Lasithi pending the investigation into his sexual assault case. †Julle kan maar [You may] object!

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Moved without notice:

That the House notes that yet another DA leader has been embroiled in another sex scandal, this time the former official in the Western Cape legislature and DA councillor in the City of Cape Town, Mr Unathi Lasithi, who is facing a sexual assault charge against a junior employee and is out on R1 000 bail; notes further that the City of Cape Town's Mayor, Geordin Hill-Lewis, and the DA regional head, Jaco Londt, are well aware, but they are trying to downplay the matter as an old case; notes further that the hypocrisy of the DA knows no bounds as it continues to protect its alleged sex predators and that it seems like that DA is a hub for men like these and that the rot of GBV is deeply entrenched in its DNA; and calls on Minister Allen to deploy Court Watching Briefs to monitor the case of Lasithi and for the immediate suspension of Unathi Lasithi pending the investigation into his sexual assault case.

*[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]*

Objection recorded.

**SASSA: SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS GRANT**

(Motion)

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, †Somlomo. [Speaker.] I move without notice:

That the House notes the recent report from SASSA outlining that 60% of the recipients of Social Relief of Distress Grant are young people. Although this does not surprise us as the EFF, but it paints a very sad and a bad picture about the situation young people find themselves in. These are the people who should be driving our economy, but in this current regime they are made to depend on the State for handouts. Recent studies show that 80% of the unemployed young people in South Africa has to choose between looking for work or buying food wherever they have a penny. What is more concerning is that more than 600 000 applications for these grants are from individuals with a tertiary level of education, meaning that even those who are educated are still made to depend on the State, as the regime cannot create other employment opportunities for them. I so move, hon Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr M XEGO: Moved without notice:

That the House notes the recent report from the South Africa Social Security Agency (Sassa) outlining that 60% recipients of social relief of distress grants are young people; notes that this paints a very sad picture about the situation young people find themselves in; notes that these are the people who should be driving our economy, but under this current regime they are made to depend on the state for handouts; notes that recent studies show that 80% of unemployed young people in South Africa have to choose between looking for work or buying food whenever they a penny; and notes that, what is more concerning, is that more than 600 000 applications for these grants are from individuals with tertiary-level education, meaning that even those who are educated are still made to depend on the state as the regime cannot create employment opportunities for them.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.



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**DE DOORNS: SEASONAL FARM WORKERS**

(Motion)

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that seasonal farm workers in the De Doorns area have been queuing for months outside the satellite Department of Labour office for their UIF pay-outs with little to no assistance at all, from the Department. These workers rely on these UIF funds during the months when they are not working. On a daily basis, the Department's officials will assist only a handful of these people, only to come again later to tell the rest that they must go home because they are offline. Here, we are talking about poor people without permanent jobs, earning low wages through season work, who are mostly subjected to all forms of abuse and brutal treatment from farm owners. They are now suffering double jeopardy when they turn to the State for their UIF pay-outs to which they are entitled to. As the EFF, we call for an accountable Government, that is responsive and care for those who find themselves in these destitute conditions. We so move, hon Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr M XEGO: Moved without notice:

That the House takes note that seasonal farm workers in the De Doorns area have been queuing for months outside the satellite office of the Department of Labour for their UIF payouts with little to no assistance from the Department; notes that these workers rely on these UIF funds during the months when they are not working; notes that the Department's officials will assist only a handful of people every day, only to tell the rest that the system is either offline or that they running short of staff personnel; notes that we talking about poor people without permanent jobs earning low wages seasonally and who are mostly subjected to all forms of abuse at the hands of brutal farm owners who use them as slaves; notes that they are now suffering a double jeopardy when they turn to the state for their UIF payouts to which they are entitled to; and calls for an accountable government that is responsive and care for those who find themselves in destitute conditions.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**WOMEN'S DAY**

(Motion)

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that 9 August 2022, marked Women's Day within a Women's Month. It was a day when women from all fronts were celebrated for their struggle and achievements stemming from the past, including against colonialism, apartheid, and all forms of oppression. The heroines of the past showed great strength and courage in fighting against all sorts of oppression directed at them solely for being women. As women, we must unite and draw a leaf from those before us and continue to fight old and new challenges that still continue today which includes inequality, patriarchy, gender-based violence, and femicide. We must fight for a society and environment where women will not be asked for favours of an intimate nature whenever they apply for jobs or opportunities. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Moved without notice:

That the House notes that 9 August 2022 marked Women's Day in Women's Month; notes that it was a day when women from all fronts were celebrated for their struggle and achievements stemming from the past, including against colonialism, apartheid and all forms of oppression; notes that the heroines of the past showed great strength and courage in fighting against all sorts of oppression directed at them solely for being women; notes that, as women, we must unite and draw inspiration from those before us and continue to fight old and new challenges that still continue today, which includes inequality, patriarchy, gender-based violence, and femicide (to list a few); and notes that we must fight for a society and environment where women will not be asked for favours of an intimate nature whenever they apply for jobs or other opportunities.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**DELFT: GIRL SHOT DEAD ON WOMEN'S DAY**

(Motion)

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: †Somlomo, [Speaker] I move without notice:

For the House to note that the Delft Community is mourning the death of a 15-year-old girl who was shot dead in a crossfire between rival gang members on Women's Day. This on its own, depicts a picture of a decaying society where a girl-child is not safe. It also paints a picture of a dysfunctional State where anarchy prevails and where marauding gangs

operate with impunity. Society has lost faith as more money is being spent on dysfunctional policing systems in every level of Government. We have now reached a point where no-one is allowed to stand up and brag that they are doing something about crime, because reality shows that nothing is being achieved. I so move, hon Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Moved without notice:

That the House notes that the Delft community is mourning the death of a 15-year-old girl who was shot dead in crossfire between rival gang members on Women's Day; notes that this on its own depicts a decaying society where a girl child is not safe; notes that it also paints a picture of a dysfunctional state where anarchy prevails and where marauding gangs operate with impunity; notes that the society has lost faith as more money is being spend on a dysfunctional policing system in every level of government; and notes that we have now reached a point where no one is allowed to stand up and brag that they are doing something about crime, because reality shows that nothing is being achieved.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

### **CARTE BLANCHE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TRUST**

(Motion)

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commends the Carte Blanche Making a Difference Trust for raising funds to refurbish Tygerberg Hospital's Neonatal and Paediatric Care Units. This will greatly empower the hospital to continue delivering the quality healthcare services to the community. Tygerberg provides healthcare to over 50% of the province's children and also supports more than 7,000 births annually. Hon Speaker, we hope that such partnerships further embolden our all-of-society efforts and good governance. I so move, hon Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Moved without notice:

That the House commends the Carte Blanche Making a Difference Trust for raising funds to refurbish the Tygerberg Hospital's neonatal and paediatric care units; notes that this will greatly empower the Hospital to continue delivering the quality healthcare services to the community; notes that Tygerberg provides healthcare to over 50% of the province's children and also supports more than 7 000 births annually; and hopes that such partnerships further embolden our all-of-society efforts and good governance.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**CHEVELLEE SASS**

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That this House commends Chevelee Sass from Beaufort West for organising three successful Constitutional Rights workshops with youth from the community and encourages her and the team to continue empowering young people on local, provincial, and national government programmes and issues that directly affect them. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Moved without notice:

That the House commends Chevelee Sass from Beaufort West for organising three successful constitutional-rights workshops with young people in the community; and encourages her to continue empowering young people through local, provincial, and national government programmes about issues that affect them directly.

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

**SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC QUALIFICATION**

(Motion)

Mr C M FRY: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That this House commends the hon Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, and the Economic Opportunities and Finance Department Minister, hon Mireille Wenger, for helping launch the new Solar Photovoltaic qualification through the Premier's Council on Skills Programme. That this House recognises the essential knowledge and skills that this qualification will give young people, as well as the enormous impact it will have on the national and provincial energy industry. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Mr C M FRY: Moved without notice:

That the House commends the Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, and the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities, Mireille Wenger, for helping launch the new solar photovoltaic (SPV) qualification through the Premier's Council on Skills programme; and recognises the essential knowledge and skills that this qualification will give young people, as well as the enormous impact it will have on the national and provincial energy industry.

*[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]*

Objection recorded.

**KIRSTENBOSCH NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS**

(Motion)

Ms C A T MURRAY: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House commends the management of the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden on receiving the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Best of the Best Award for 2022; and also acknowledges the support provided by the Kirstenbosch Gardens Botanical Society and their branch there; noting that the award is one of the highest achievements of excellence in the tourism industry, and places the popular Cape Town-based garden attraction in the top 1% of tourist attractions worldwide, which enhances the reputation of the Western Cape as a must-visit destination; further notes that the Garden both protects and fosters awareness of our province's unique biodiversity and, in particular, its floral kingdom. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

Ms C A T MURRAY: Moved without notice:

That the House commends the management of the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens on receiving the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Best of the Best award for 2022; acknowledges the support provided by the Kirstenbosch Gardens Branch of the Botanical Society of South Africa; notes that this award is one of the highest achievements of excellence in the tourism industry and places the popular Cape Town-based garden attraction in the top 1% of tourist attractions worldwide, which enhances the reputation of the Western Cape as a must-visit destination; and notes that the garden both protects and fosters awareness of our province's unique biodiversity and, in particular, its floral kingdom

*[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]*

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: Now, that concludes the motions and that also concludes – order, hon members! Do you want me to keep you here until tomorrow, hon Marran and hon Premier? Order, hon members. I know the excitement, I know, yes ...*[Interjection.]* We have now reached the end of our sitting, but I want to make the announcement. Order, hon members, order!

We have the CPA AGM that is about to start, and I would like to request the hon members, because we are going to start immediately after this sitting. We are just going to take a body-break for five minutes and then come back. It should not take us long. I know there are other commitments from the hon members immediately after this sitting but let us come back for the CPA session ...*[Interjection.]* Ja, we are just going to take 5 minutes and then, come back. It could be 5 minutes or less, just to stretch and as I do so, I want to ...*[Interjection.]* Order, hon members. I have not blown the whistle yet. I need to end the meeting officially.

I would like to thank the stakeholders from Beaufort West. I see young people up there who travelled all the way, all the way. Could we please put our hands together for them? And we want to say *tons is baie dankbaar dat die platteland is nou hier* *[we are very grateful that the platteland is now here.]* Also, Witzenberg that was here earlier, they have since left. We thank them that they have come here because we know it is far to Cape Town, but we want the platteland to know this, too, is their Parliament. They, too. This is their Parliament. So, thank you very much and thanks to hon Baartman because you invited them for the parliamentary session. Thank you for involving them in our decision making and public participation processes.

Now, that reaches the end of this session. The House is adjourned. Thank you very much. Let us see each other in the next five minutes. Thank you, may God bless you.

The House adjourned at 17:35.

FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST 2022

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Speaker:

**The following Members have been appointed to serve on the Appeals Committee in accordance with paragraph 30(1) of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, 2020, and the resolution of the House dated 28 July 2022:**

Christians, FC (Chairperson)  
 Schäfer, BA  
 Maseko, LM  
 Dugmore, CM  
 August, SN

TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2022

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Speaker:

**Election of a chairperson of the following standing committees (\* denotes a change) in accordance with Standing Rule 82(2) with effect from 12 August 2022:**

- 1. Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters (Premier)\***

***Members: 5***

<b>DA (3)</b>	<b>ANC (1)</b>	<b>EFF (1)</b>
Fry, C <b>(C)*</b> Baartman, DM Kaizer-Philander, WF  <b>Alternate Members</b> Bosman, G Plato, D Botha, LJ	Dugmore, CM   <b>Alternate Member</b> Lekker, PZ	Xego, M   <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

**2. Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism** (*Provincial Treasury, Economic Development and Tourism*)\*

**Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	AL JAMA-AH (1)	EFF
Murray, C (C)* Mackenzie, RD Van der Westhuizen, AP  <b>Alternate Members</b> America, D Maseko, LM Schäfer, BA	Nkondlo, ND  <b>Alternate Members</b> Mvimbi, LL Bans, AP	Brinkhuis, K	—  <b>Alternate Member</b> Makamba-Botya, N

WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2022

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Speaker:

**Referral of document to committee in terms of section 54(1) and (2) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:**

**Parliamentary Oversight Committee**

**Western Cape Provincial Parliament – In-year Monitoring Report as at 31 July 2022.**

**TABLING**

The Speaker:

**Tabling of document in terms of section 54(1) and (2) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:**

**Western Cape Provincial Parliament – In-year Monitoring Report as at 31 July 2022.**

Copies attached.



**INTERPELLATIONS,  
QUESTIONS AND REPLIES**



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**INTERPELLATION**

The SPEAKER: The first interpellation by hon Kama to the hon the Minister of Police, Oversight and Community Safety, hon Minister Allen, I recognise the hon Minister. Before the hon Minister comes up, I just want to say to the hon members, as I congratulate the Minister, this is his maiden speech in this Chamber. So please do not be nasty to the hon Minister, he deserves that pampering as per the tradition and of course the convention. I hear the hon Chief Whip of the Opposition says yes. Whatever he says, you just agree.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Maiden.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Allen.

*Drug laboratories*

**1. Mr M Kama asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

What work is the South African Police Service doing to (a) identify and (b) close down drug laboratories?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY:

Hon Speaker, thank you so much. I think for the record it might be my second time within this new position but I do appreciate your sentiment and congratulations. I do want to also thank hon member Kama for submitting this particular interpellation as this is a matter that the Western Cape Government, together with the Standing Committee previously have raised and discussed regarding our concerns.

The South African Police Service have informed me that any form of drug laboratories or drug houses are identified by means of information received from SAPS informer networks linked to the illegal drug trade and ad hoc information obtained from the broader community. I want to latch on in that regard, that we have also in terms of the initial investigation to the Western Cape Police Ombudsman's office, received submissions via CPFs, via Neighbourhood Watches who are acting as the brave men and women on our streets and walking and patrolling, who are doing amazing work. But then also further, the South African Police Service have informed me on point (b) that depending on the nature and the source of the information received, it is operationalised through the execution of search warrants and Section 252A operations. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and through your permission I will have my video off due to network challenges. Hon Speaker, in South Africa in the Western Cape we have a serious drug problem that destroys families and the future of our country and province. As we committed earlier in the year when hon Plato sponsored a debate on the Western Cape drug problem, we must move with speed to implement an integrated approach that will involve various spheres of government. The National Drug Master Plan makes a correct diagnosis of our drug problem in the country when it states, and I quote:

“Socio-economic sectors such as poverty, inequality and unemployment remain key contributing elements to the increased use of drugs and the development of substance use disorders.”

The Western Cape drug problem is not a SAPS-only responsibility and I believe the Provincial Government and the MEC erred by asking the Western Cape Police Ombud to investigate SAPS's failure to close down drug dens in the province. I will further expand on this on my next input.

South Africa has become a consumer and producer and transit country for drugs. Tik is the most popular drug in the province, followed by heroin. We know, based on evidence, that these drugs are not manufactured here in the province, they are transported here from abroad and others are manufactured in Gauteng and other provinces. The Western Cape SAPS leadership has done a tremendous job in identifying and closing down clandestine labs in other provinces where illicit drugs destined for the Western Cape are manufactured.

As this House, we must commend the SAPS's effort in this regard. Additionally we must ask the MEC to tell us what his Department is doing to support these efforts by SAPS. There is enough evidence to back up this claim. A few years ago a multidisciplinary operation led by the Western Cape Hawks, the South African Narcotics Enforcement Bureau and Crime Intelligence closed down a multimillion illicit drug manufacturing lab in Soweto where mandrax destined for the Western Cape market was manufactured. SAPS is doing a sterling job in this regard and needs all the support we can give. The last thing we should be doing is politicising the drug problem. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker, and good afternoon. Hon Speaker, what we need to emphasise here is that the Province, the Western Cape, our role is to provide oversight and until such time as the National Government devolves policing responsibly to a government that can actually manage the police, that can actually fight crime, SAPS needs to be capacitated to better combat drug houses.

Hon Speaker, although policing is not a Western Cape function, we do sterling work in our municipalities, specifically in the City of Cape Town, to close down drug houses that operate within the municipal framework, within state rental stock housing and I think it is ironic that a member of the ruling party is asking what SAPS is doing when they should be asking the National Minister what they are doing and they are asking how our Provincial Minister, who has been so ably supporting the work of SAPS in this province, they are asking what he is doing when hon Kama knows exactly that it is the new Minister of Police Oversight that has actually tasked the Western Cape Ombudsman with launching this investigation. Because we know that there are more than 1 577 drug houses operating in the Western Cape, 53% of them situated in the Metro. And what we really need to get to the crux of is, what are the problems within SAPS to actually close down these known drug houses? What is being done to address the manufacturing and supply of illegal substances as well as the use, the possession and the dealing of drugs? And also how does SAPS go about using the law and the resources at its disposal to actually close down these drug houses?

Because what we know is that the Constitution places an obligation on the South African Police Service to protect and secure residents by preventing, combatting and investigating criminal activities. And the reality is that our Police Minister nationally does not understand how to do that. The Police Minister thinks that by acting, such as a talking hat like he is on Harry Potter when coming to community imbizos, that that is going to solve crime. Crime is actually solved by using the resources at your disposal and having the political will to direct those resources. [Time expired.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I welcome the question and I will agree with the previous speakers. I agree that we have oversight over the police and the ACDP agrees that we need to have police at the lowest level, province, at the lowest level and we agree that we must have operational control and just not oversight. But I want to remind everybody that the Premier has stated before, while the ANC is failing us dismally when it comes to policing with under-resourcing, the Western Cape cannot stand with their hands folded and that is why we have the Safety Plan.

So my question to the hon Minister is, what is he doing otherwise? You know, we can rely on SAPS and we can wait forever, but I know we have the K9 units stopping drugs coming into the Western Cape. What is his Department doing more to make sure that we clamp down on these drug dens, and I know that we have given quite a substantial amount of money for the LEAP officers to do and assist and I think when we take responsibility, Government takes responsibility to approach these problems, it will assist us. But if we wait on SAPS we will wait forever and our youngsters are going astray because drugs are so freely available.

So my question is to the Minister: what is he and his Department doing to assist that we get rid of this drug problem in the Western Cape?

Mr S N AUGUST: Hon Speaker, what we as the Opposition parties and this House have come to know as the responsibility of the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety is that it is easier to highlight the failures of National Government and the dysfunctionality of SAPS than what it is to accept that the Provincial Government itself is failing the people, their safety and the safety of our communities.

SAPS is gravely under-resourced. This is the unfortunate reality but I do not believe that there are incapacities of the Department from looking into creative ways, utilising community networks and using digital technologies to identify drug laboratories, with the intention of assisting SAPS in closing them down. When it comes to crime and illegalities there should be unified cooperation, not opportunistic finger pointing.

Hon Speaker, Community Police Forums are integral as grassroot informants for any illegal activities taking place in communities. It remains the responsibility of this Government and the relevant Department to serve as an intermediary, ensuring that the safety of whistle-blowers and those seeking to exterminate criminal activities. What we have noticed is this continued politicisation of the community safety structures and using these channels as schemes for cheap politicking.

The mandate is clear, it is the prerogative of the SAPS to investigate crime, but remains the position of the Neighbourhood Watches and CPFs under the competency of the Provincial Government to prevent crime.

How is this Department strengthening the resolve of these community safety structures to be the eyes and ears for SAPS to create coordinated intervention? Thank you.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and I think from the onset I must state that I believe that MEC Allen is a good leader who knows that the drug scourge in our society is not a politicking matter, unlike what we have just experienced now from hon member Bosman who mostly even contradicted himself.

I know, through many conversations we have shared during our time as colleagues in the Standing Committee of Community Safety, that he does not agree with the DA approach of using crime and the drug problem for cheap political scoring. I want to appeal to him not to allow his good name to be tainted by advancing nonsensical DA agendas like the ongoing investigation by the Western Cape Police Ombud on such failures to close down drug dens in the province.

Hon Speaker, any strategy to combat substance abuse and illicit drug trade should have as a focus the complete eradication of unemployment, poverty and inequality. Who will investigate the Provincial Government failures in this regard? And that is not the responsibility of SAPS.

Secondly, the drug dens that SAPS is being investigated for at Council-owned houses, and so therefore who is investigating the City for folding its arms when its properties are being used to commit crimes, because part of the properties that hon member Bosman is mentioning are part of the properties that are being investigated and some of them are owned by the City. Perhaps we should also ask how many times SAPS would have reported to the City that its properties are being used to commit drug crimes and what has the City done about that?

Moreover, the Provincial Government must tell us what progress has been made with regard to the development of the Provincial Drug Master Plan, what engagement have the hon MEC Allen and hon MEC Fernandez had in this regard? It is clear that the Police Ombud investigation is a ploy by the DA to politicise crime and the drug problem. My appeal is that we stop politicising the drug problem, let us work together with SAPS to strengthen the efforts to root out crime and the drug scourge.

One proposal I would like to make today is for SAPS and the City of Cape Town to enter into an agreement where the Asset Forfeiture Unit would be used to take proceeds of crimes from these Council-owned houses. Lastly, as we laud SAPS for the sterling work in closing down drug manufacturers, I believe we need to pay attention to the local supply of drugs whereby SAPS at all stations should have strategies to deal with local drug supply. Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Speaker. I am going to try to speak very slowly. I would want hon member Kama to listen very, very carefully.

I would have preferred to look him in his eyes so that he can fully understand. Hon member Kama, thank you so much again for this interpellation, together with the inputs that have been received. Hon member Kama stated that SAPS is doing a sterling job in closing down drug houses. He said this twice, when SAPS themselves identified that they are not doing a sterling job, when we have 1 557 known drug houses in our province. I am going to repeat again, 1 557 known drug houses. That is more known drug houses than actual public schools.

The SPEAKER: Hon Allen, will you please take your seat? I would like to appeal to the hon Chief Whip of the Opposition, there is nothing wrong with the interjections in the House but in terms of Rule 40 we need to do so in a way that does not disrupt the delivery of the message by the member who is currently addressing the House. So if you could please be circumspect of that and the hon members in general. Please proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much. Hon Speaker, when you are a lone ranger in the House you need to amplify your voice in order to make up for the numbers ...[Interjection], in order to make up. So let me repeat again, hon member Kama mentioned that SAPS is doing a sterling job. ...[Interjection]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please take your seat. Thank you, hon Minister. I see the hon Deputy Chief Whip of the Opposition.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, hon Speaker, my apologies. I had my hand up, I wanted to just raise a point of order. It is not to do with anyone on the floor. I think it is a technical thing because I am hearing the hon Minister, I am hearing you, I heard the hon Kama but then I heard you saying about the interjection of the Chief Whip. I could not hear that, so I am not sure whether whatever is happening in the House is coming to the members who are online or whether it is only the virtual people who are at the computers. I do not know if the technical team can just check that. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I will explain that shortly, hon The Deputy Chief Whip of the Opposition. What happens is that if you interject from the House, the members who are connected in the virtual platform are unable to hear that interjection but for the hon members who are in the Chamber, we can hear that. That is why I have made a decision when we were in the Bergrivier Municipality during the responses to the Premier on SOPA, I have made an undertaking and a decision that we can continue with the interjections in a hybrid session, but you have got to be in the Chamber or in the main venue.

So in this case you cannot hear the interjections but you will hear the hon Minister and you will hear anybody that activates the microphone. So that is the nature of the sittings. So that is why I did not hear what that interjection was about. I hope I have responded. You may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, hon Speaker. As I look into your eyes, hon Speaker, I want to repeat again, hon member Kama mentioned that SAPS is doing a sterling job in closing down drug houses. SAPS itself highlights the fact that not enough is being done and that they are falling short in that regard.

We have seen that based on parliamentary questions and information that we have, we have 1 557 known drug houses in our province, that is more known drug houses than actual public schools. Some of these drug houses have been serving three generations, where there is a grandfather, a father and a son that went to the – I almost used a word I was not supposed to use – that went to the same house in order to purchase drugs.

Here in the province we have a Western Cape Police Ombudsman and that particular office has accepted our request in order to investigate why SAPS has been failing to close down these drug houses, but also the supply and the manufacturing of drugs in our province because we have seen over a number of years, drugs being directly linked to organised crime and if we want to cripple organised crime and take gangsterism out, we would have to make sure that we do everything in our power to close down drug houses and SAPS is the leading agency in that regard.

So what I want to say is that it will never be about politics. I have walked with Neighbourhood Watch members that have shown me where those drug houses are. The communities know where those drug houses are. Some are within 100 metres away from schools. So I will invite hon member Kama to come and join me so that he can hear it is not about politics, it is about our young people who, before they go to school, go into a drug den in order to go and purchase drugs because it is ultimately about that.

And yes, I do appreciate hon member August's input as well as hon member Christians's, because it adds value and hon member Christians highlighted the Canine Unit and I was actually part of such an operation where, in the Malmesbury area during this first 92 days, we actually confiscated illegal substances via the operations that we have conducted and the Department has been funding operations in districts but also here in the city of Cape Town. Hon member Christians highlighted the LEAP programme and on a monthly basis I am wanting to scream and shout in terms of all the good work that LEAP is doing, the amount of firearms that they are taking off our streets, the amount of drugs that they are confiscating as well in terms of vehicle checkpoints.

So there is amazing stuff happening and we are doing so much. And hon member Christians mentioned, what are we doing more? We are doing so much more than any other provincial government in terms of safety and of helping our citizens, but we are always under the leadership of a Premier willing to do so much more. Hence we want to take over the South African Police Service and we want SAPS to be devolved to a capable government like the Western Cape. So we are more than welcome to do more and we would want that money to flow so that the money can be used in order to fight crime and tackle crime effectively.

Hon Speaker, hon member August also said it is easier to highlight failures. I would also then invite hon member August to come and join me because it is not to highlight the failures. Those are the realities on the ground. I will literally take hon member August with me, he would be aware of some of these houses and the outcry is clear, that we need to shut down these drug houses because they are tormenting our communities but it is also then linked to organised crime.



But yes, SAPS, we are helping, we are supporting in order to strengthen the hand of the South African Police Service because we know we cannot have – it is never normal that there is more known drug houses than public schools. Thank you.

[Debate concluded.]

### **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**

[Questions 1 to 4 withdrawn]

*Norwood Central Primary School: allegations of financial mismanagement*

#### **5. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:**

Whether he and/or his Department have received allegations of financial mismanagement and other irregularities at the Norwood Central Primary School; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what has been done to investigate these allegations?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the hon member for the question, which of course traverses the whole issue of allegations in relation to financial mismanagement and other irregularities at the Millwood Central Primary School.

5. My response is, yes, we have been informed that there are allegations of financial mismanagement. A complaint was received on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 relating to financial mismanagement by the school. These allegations included alleged irregular payments to an employee, textbooks and stationery not being purchased and that no financial committee had been established by the school.

The matter was, of course, referred to the school finance and records offices located at the district, who visited the school on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to investigate.

I am advised that after a thorough investigation by the district and careful consideration of all the facts, it was found that there were no irregular payments to the employee, but certain financial procedures and processes were not being followed by the school, particularly with regard to learning and teaching support materials.

The outcome did not warrant formal disciplinary action but further action was required and was recommended in terms of the following:

The LTSM Committee must ensure that the management of LTSM at the school is in line, of course, with the framework for the management and retrieval of learning support material, an issue traversed in Circular 40 of 2018. A parent who is employed at the school may not represent the parents on the school governing body, as stipulated in Section 23(3) of the South African Schools Act. The parent, of course, must either resign as an employee of the school or as a governing body member.

Minutes and attendance registers of all relevant meetings must be kept for audit purposes and the need to establish a financial committee at the school was communicated. This, of course, has since been established.

However, the Department has indicated to the school that the committee must meet more regularly. In addition, to further support and strengthen the school's LTSM practices and financial management, the SFRO provided training to the teaching staff on the effects of management of LTSM as prescribed by the framework for the management and retrieval of textbooks and financial management training to members of the SGB. The Metro North Education District Office is monitoring progress in implementing these regulations. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and my thanks to the hon Minister for the comprehensive response to this particular question. Given what the hon Minister has said, particularly around the financial irregularities, just to ensure that these type of things do not happen again, is the hon Minister willing to consider instituting a forensic investigation, an actual forensic investigation into the financial irregularities at the school? If not, why not and if so, what are the relevant details? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Obviously an investigation did take place. That investigation found that there were no irregular payments, as I said, and therefore no further disciplinary action, in the Department's view, was warranted. And so my answer is, under the circumstances, no. There does not appear, on the face of it, to be any reason to institute a forensic investigation. But I will say that if the hon member has information at his disposal which he believes warrants a forensic investigation, I would plead with him to please share that information with me so that that information can be evaluated and, if necessary, a further investigation could be considered. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much and my thanks to the hon Minister. We will most certainly make sure within the course of the next few days to submit further information that we have received on the matter to the hon Minister, just so that the hon Minister can consider those issues.

I just wanted to also note, the hon Minister is aware as well of issues around nepotism, alleged nepotism as well as issues of TVs and computers having been sold from the school premises by senior staff members. Those are allegations; I do not know if the hon Minister is aware of that. If he is not aware of that, we will share that information with him. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. No, I am not aware of those allegations. Again I would encourage the hon member to furnish me with full details of the allegations and all the information at his disposal so that that information can, as I have said, be evaluated and, if necessary, a further or supplementary investigation can be conducted into the affairs of the Norwood Central Primary School. Thank you.

*Safer Cities Model: municipalities*

**6. Mr M Kama asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

(a) What circumstances have led to the delay in the implementation of the Safer Cities Model in municipalities in the Western Cape and (b) what progress has been made in this regard?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Deputy Speaker.

6. I appreciate the particular question from hon member Kama but I would want to highlight that the question should be referred to the City of Cape Town or other relevant municipalities here in the province, but I do want to further echo that we are represented as a department and have representation in the Safer Cities workstream and that there are different stages of implementation, but because we have an election coming up in 2026 again for Local Government elections, I would encourage hon member Kama to consider either standing in the City of Cape Town or, alternatively asking a dwindling amount of ANC councillors in the City to pose this particular question.

Mr M KAMA: The MEC says we must ask the City but at the very same time he says the Department is represented and by that he is saying he is not answering the question. So I wanted to have your indulgence in that first before we continue, because he says the Department is represented but at the very same time he says we must ask the relevant people for this question. So that sounds like saying he will not answer the question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Well, I cannot answer that on his behalf. I am going to ask the hon Minister to respond.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you. We are making progress. There is listening taking place, thank you so much. The City of Cape Town and municipalities are the lead in this regard. This particular question should be directed to the City of Cape Town or any relevant municipality that hon member Kama wishes to obtain information from regarding the Safer Cities Model that is being implemented. What we are doing is that we are doing more - we are represented there, we are not the lead – we are doing more and there are different stages of implementation by going beyond and above what we are doing as a Department. But I would again state, if there is any matter with regard to the Safer Cities that is being held out, that hon member Kama should direct that to the City of Cape Town or, alternatively, to any other municipality in the Western Cape.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Just a question to the hon Minister. While I indicate that hon Kama resides in the Boland, in the Drakenstein, so if he wants to stand as a mayor he could stand there but –because it is important that the hon Minister knows who serves in the Committee and their profiles. But just to ask him, is the hon Minister willing to take up the position of the candidacy of the Premier of the Western Cape in 2024? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Deputy Speaker, and to hon member Sayed. Thank you for confirming where hon member Kama will stand, which then also alludes to the fact that you will be standing in the City of Cape Town in 2026. But on your question, no, we firmly believe that in the Western Cape Government under the leadership of Alan Winde, the Premier, we are on the right track, we are making progress and we have seen again how we do so much more than any other Provincial Government in terms of tackling safety.

So I am fully committed behind the Premier, the Cabinet and the leadership here under the leadership of Minister Tertius Simmers for our political party, the DA, which is doing amazing work. So we will continue to support our leaders and to work with them, but thank you so much, hon member Sayed, for the question.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, a substantive question on the topic to the hon Minister: Minister, can you perhaps tell us whether there are any overlaps between the Safer City Model and the Western Cape Government's Innovative Safety Plan that is doing so much to keep our communities safe?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much for that particular question. That is what I would highlight as when there is a complement, when governments and spheres of government complement one another. For example, our Constitution was written in the spirit of cooperation where Local Government, Provincial Government together with National Government foster working relationships and work together. Hon member Bosman, sadly that has been adopted by criminals. Gangsters have adopted the spirit in which our Constitution has been written, where entities, governments must work together and the Safer City Model is already complementing the good work that we are doing in terms of the Safety Plan. Hence I have always been very clear that as we are calling for SAPS to be devolved so that we are able to better manage the South African Police Service and strengthen the hand of SAPS members here in the Western Cape, but we also realise that we need to work with Local Government, we need to work with the municipalities. Hence we have District Safety Plans, we give funding to various districts and municipalities in order to ensure that we tackle safety matters in that particular area.

So the short answer will be: it does complement the work, the innovative plan that has been implemented under the leadership of Alan Winde here in the Western Cape.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I think, hon Deputy Speaker, this Safer Cities Model is a national project that was launched in Ethekwini in 2020 and it was meant to be piloted in ten cities and the City of Cape Town is part of it and now we have a 20-month delay in terms of its implementation. And I want to ask the hon Minister, I want to get an understanding as to how do we then take the commitments that the Premier would have made and the commitment that he continues to make and had just made even now, seriously, if he is not able to take this House into his confidence in terms of what would have led to the delay, because that must concern him if he is a Minister that is interested in an integrated approach of fighting crime.

The Safety Plan is still the LEAP service; we are only paying for the LEAP officers. So what we want to understand is: how is the hon Minister not concerned? And simply saying go and pose the question to the right area, is the hon Minister not concerned that this plan has been delayed for such a long time and it is meant to be an integrated plan that includes many departments working together to ensure that we fight crime in the province. Or is it just an issue of calling for provincial control as part of the DA manifesto? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Deputy Speaker. Even though I can appreciate a view or a sentiment, hon member Kama's question relates to circumstances that have led to a delay which is a delay in the view of hon member Kama. There are workstreams and those workstreams are at different stages of implementation here in the Western Cape across the various municipalities. But again, I trust that the hon member Kama will take the advice, that this particular matter will be taken up at Local Government level as well. But also we have standing committees here in the Western Cape Government and I am sure that hon member Bosman will also be able to engage hon member Kama in this regard.

Mr M KAMA: But we know the City never comes here, *mos*.

*GBV and sexual harassment policy*

**7. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos asked the Minister of Social Development:**

What is the impact of not having a (a) GBV policy and (b) updated sexual harassment policy in the fight against GBV and sexual harassment in the Provincial Government?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good afternoon, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the hon member Bakubaku-Vos for the question and I will reply as follows.

7. Like sexual harassment, gender-based violence compromises not only the health and safety, both inside and outside of the workplace of a victim and his or her family, but also that of co-workers.

Gender-based violence is a human rights violation and as such there is a regulatory framework that provides the employer with sufficient authority to address GBV within the Western Cape Government. The absence of a GBV policy and/or an updated Sexual Harassment Policy does not, in and of itself, limit the employer from addressing these matters. The Western Cape Provincial Government, through the Department of the Premier, has conducted a review of the Sexual Harassment Policy of 2011 and is in the process of finalising a policy that will encapsulate all forms of harassment with the focus on, amongst others, sexual harassment and bullying. Once approved, the 2022 draft Harassment Policy will replace the 2011 Sexual Harassment Policy.

In the interim, hon Deputy Speaker, reliance is placed on the current Sexual Harassment Policy, the Code of Conduct as set out in the Public Service Act of 1994, together with the applicable laws. In addition, the Disciplinary Code and Procedures for the Public Service, Resolution 1 of 2003 as well as Chapter 7 of the SMS Handbook, provide the regulatory framework to take action against officials found to be in contravention thereof. Thank you.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like to pose a follow-up question to the hon Minister. My first question: MEC, the continued absence of a uniform GBV policy in the Province has presented many challenges, including not having a standard approach of handling GBV cases in Provincial Government, which has seen the likes of Farrel Payne remaining in his job. Why does he finish at home?

I therefore wish to understand who is championing the development of GBV policy in this Province's Government and when will such a policy develop?

That is my first follow-up question and the second follow-up question: around March this year, hon Deputy Speaker, we were told that the Sexual Harassment Policy in the Provincial Government is being reviewed and updated. Can the hon Minister tell us what progress has been made in this regard? When will the process be finalised? And the last follow-up question, hon Deputy Speaker, whether any ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Bakubaku-Vos ... [Interjection.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: ... to have a uniform GBV policy and what steps have been taken with regard to that. Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Bakubaku-Vos, I am going to ask the hon Minister to respond to your first question and then if you can repeat the second question, as you can only pose one question at a time. So hon Minister, over to you.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: ... hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you, sorry.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you hon member Bakubaku-Vos for the follow-up. I did indicate in my response that once approved, the 2022 draft Harassment Policy will replace the 2011 Sexual Harassment Policy. So it is a topic that is on the table and is being explored.

I also wish to explain that within Western Cape Government we have a Transversal Gender-based Violence Forum that meets regularly once a month and within that forum we are mainstreaming and ensuring that every department has a GBV toolkit so that we can get the necessary consistency across the whole of Government.

However, hon Bakubaku-Vos, I will go on to the second part of the question, if the hon Deputy Speaker will allow me, because there is a current Code of Practice on the Prevention and Elimination of Harassment in the Workplace which replaces the previously issued Code of Good Practice on the Handling of Harassment in the Workplace of 2005.

So the Code's objectives, and I think this might allude to some of your question, the Code's objectives are as follows:

- to eliminate all forms of harassment in the workplace or any activity linked to and arising out of work; to provide guidelines to employers and employees on the prevention and elimination of all forms of harassment;
- provide guidelines on the appropriate procedures to be followed when dealing with harassment and prevention thereof;
- and to provide clear steps that employees must follow to eliminate harassment; assist employees to create and maintain harassment-free workplaces.

So this current Code is already in place and it has very clear objectives. I will go a bit further and say the Code is applicable to the working environment as a

guide to employers and employees, perpetrators and victims of harassment, which may include employers, employees, managers and supervisors, job-seekers and applicants, persons participating in training programmes, including interns and persons on learnerships, volunteers, clients and customers, suppliers and contractors and others doing business with the State. So presently when an allegation is reported, the employer must undertake the following measures:

- Consult with all relevant parties;
- Take the necessary steps to address the complaint in accordance with the Code and employer's policy or any applicable collective agreement;
- and
- Take the necessary steps to eliminate harassment.

I trust that I have answered some of the questions in part. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

*West Coast District: young people awaiting trial*

**8. Ms L J Botha asked the Minister of Social Development:**

How many young people in the West Coast District (a) were awaiting trial and (b) had been placed in secure care centres during the 2021/22 financial year?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the hon member Botha for the question and the question was in two parts. There was a question (a) and (b).

8. In terms of question (a) we had seven, seven young people were awaiting trial from the West Coast region; and part (b) of the question, 31 young people were admitted to secure care centres from the West Coast region. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the hon Minister for the response. I would like just to understand the 31 that were placed in secure care centres, is it secure care centres on the West Coast or is it outside of the West Coast?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you for the question. To the hon member – we have secure care centres across the province and there is a centralised assessment process, so children would not necessarily or youth in conflict with the law would not necessarily be placed in a centre in a district. They would be placed in a centre where there is available bed space. Thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Can I ask the hon Minister, through you hon Deputy Speaker, that if I could be furnished with a list of where those 31 youth of the West Coast have been placed, in what secure care centres and that can be done in writing.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I will ensure that my office provides the necessary feedback to the hon member as requested. Thank you.

*[Question 9 stands over]*

*Provincial traffic officers: complaints against*

**10. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Mobility:**

- (1) From the beginning of the year 2022 to date, how many complaints has his office received from public members regarding acts of (a) violence, (b) abuse and (c) brutality at the hands of provincial traffic officers;
- (2) when such complaints are brought to his attention, what is the procedure followed in order to (a) intervene and (b) resolve such matters?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you very much to hon member Xego for the question.

10. For the period mentioned only one such case was reported by a motorist alleging a case of assault and unlawful arrest by the provincial officers.

Part (2) of the question. When such matters are brought to my attention, the relevant senior manager starts with conducting a thorough investigation based on the complaint received. The parties are then given an opportunity to present their version of the incident and all other relevant evidence is scrutinised objectively.

The findings concerning the complaint are conveyed to the complainant and when an officer is found guilty of misconduct appropriate disciplinary action follows after due process.

In the aforementioned report the matter, hon Deputy Speaker, evidenced particularly video footage of the incident proved that our officers had acted appropriately in the circumstances. Thank you.

*Racism at Western Cape Schools: eradication of*

**11. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

- (1) How effective is the Western Cape Liquor Authority in enforcing compliance, through its inspectors, to make sure that licensed liquor outlets do not sell alcohol to those who are under the legal age limit;
- (2) how many liquor outlets have been closed down with the assistance of the Department from the beginning of the year 2022 to date?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Deputy Speaker, and I also want to thank the hon member for raising this particular question.

11. The Western Cape Liquor Authority inspectors enforce compliance by licence outlets, all non-compliance matters brought to the attention of the Western Cape Liquor Authority are investigated and placed before the Liquor Licensing Tribunal for determination and an appropriate sanction. These ranges from the imposition of fines, suspension of trade and the suspension of licences.



This is entirely dependent on the nature of the offence and fines can be in excess of R100 000.

Hon Deputy Speaker, for the first quarter of the financial year, five cases related to underage drinking or access to restricted areas, were initiated by the inspectorate in the following areas: one in Mossel Bay, one in Kraaifontein, one in Stellenbosch and two in Ceres. Reports were prepared and referred for prosecution before the LLT. All these matters remain pending currently, but what I also want to add is that if there is any member of this House or any member of the community, if they are aware that any outlet is selling alcohol to any person that is under age, they should duly report such matters in order for it to be looked at and that we are able to take the appropriate action.

Further, the additional inspectorate capacity has enabled the Western Cape Legal Authority to enhance its visibility throughout the province, which serves as a deterrent to licence holders.

On point (2), closed down between 1 January 2022 and 21 July 2022 is that 28 were suspended and two licences were revoked. Thank you.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and let me thank the Minister for the responses that have been provided.

I want to check, Chair, if the Authority does have capacity to ensure that within a set period of time, if it is a year, to ensure that we do have inspections in almost all the licenced liquor outlets to enforce this compliance that we are talking about, and what else is being done by the Department other than to wait for people who say there is an outlet that is selling liquor to under-aged? But what is done to enforce it or to make sure that on the part of the Department we are able to catch those who are selling liquor to under-aged in their outlets? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Deputy Speaker. Yes, I wish to repeat again. If there is any person that is aware of a liquor outlet that is selling to under-aged, they must please report that immediately. That is the one end. It is never just that is the answer. We have also capacitated and added extra inspectors to the Western Cape Liquor Authority to ensure that we are able to inspect and visit as many of these outlets.

I have been to a number of those oversight visits and joining in, and I will also definitely encourage the Standing Committee to also ensure that they visit the Western Cape Liquor Authority or plan engagements with them as well.

So we are definitely, hon member Kama, in terms of our approach to make sure that it is fully capacitated so that we are able to get to all those outlets, but make a meaningful difference because it does act like a deterrent and it is a deterrent when we do know that that liquor outlet owners are aware that inspections are soon, or that it can be unannounced. Thank you.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, through you I would like to know if the Minister could give the House an update on the amendments to the Western Cape Liquor Act?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon member Bosman. I do know that there are currently two phases and a task team as well, and that Cabinet resolution was that a regulatory impact assessment must be conducted on the two proposed amendments, and the Department of the Premier and Legal Services are supporting the Department of Community Safety, along with representation from Health, Agriculture and Economic Development and Tourism, as well as the Liquor Authority. We remain committed to make sure that that process is concluded as quickly as possible, but for each of those two amendments the significant test documents have been drafted, which is currently being reviewed by the task team and these documents will be finalised actually by tomorrow. So thank you so much that that particular question has been raised, but that process is unfolding and I am looking forward to receiving that particular document in order to peruse it, thank you.

*Rocklands Secondary School: teacher charged with sexual harassment*

**12. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Education:**

In January 2022, a teacher at the Rocklands Secondary School was charged with the sexual harassment of a teacher at the school and at the end of June 2022 the teacher was found guilty:

Whether the alleged perpetrator was still teaching at the school during the period January to June 2022; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the hon member for the question which traverses the issue of sexual harassment at the Rockland Secondary School.

12. The reply to the question is that the teacher was still employed for the period indicated, but I have been advised that the teacher was not teaching at the school during the period and more importantly the victim was also not present at the school as her contract had ended the previous year on 31 December 2021. Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Yes, thank you, hon Deputy Speaker Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, just a question to the Minister. The victim went through a difficult time and she says she is not so passionate about her job anymore and she is scared to even get close to colleagues. I want to know with the perpetrator being found guilty, and I know that 15 July they would have looked at it and the chairperson of the committee then would have brought out a sanction against the perpetrator; the question that I have is I did not know her contract ended, but what she said was that she went to go look for another job, she is there, but she is really uncomfortable. So was there any counselling towards the victim and the perpetrator? They are looking at mitigating and aggravating circumstances pertaining to that.

When will this come to finalisation? Because I believe at 15 July, after listening to all the evidence, all the mitigating evidence and aggravating evidence, the presiding officer would have then come to a sanction. So when is that taking place? Because he was found guilty at the end of June already and I do not believe if he gave this victim such a tough time, that he must ever teach, found guilty.

So that is my worry, Minister. Teaching, although she is not there, she is finding it difficult to teach and passionately because of what happened to her. He is found guilty and then he is still teaching. It is a major problem. Thank you, Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon member. On the perpetrator, of course the perpetrator, as you point out, was charged and we are, as you correctly pointed out, awaiting the sanction which we believe is imminent, but I cannot confirm exactly when the sanction will be imposed.

On the question of the victim, and I accept on your version, she was put through a terrible time. I cannot confirm whether she was provided with socio-psychological support, but I believe she would have been, but despite that, given the fact that the hon member has brought her circumstances to my attention, I will of course alert the Department and I will ask the Department to reach out to her to see whether she requires any further support.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, if I can just hear from you, as soon as we get the results of the sanction and also if the victim has received counselling, that you please send it to me in writing so that we can close this matter, because that is not the first time that I bring a matter of such a nature to you, and the more people come to a person, we address it and that we, representing the people, at least take their concerns seriously.

So I would appreciate it, Minister, if we can get both sides. If there was support to the victim and the final sanction on the perpetrator. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I will undertake to keep the hon member informed on both matters.

*Motorists: crackdown on*

**13. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Mobility:**

With regard to the recent crackdown on motorists when 42 vehicles were discontinued for not being roadworthy, whether these vehicles have been removed from the roads; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you very much to the hon member for the question.

13. The Department places a great deal of emphasis on vehicle fitness as this is one of the major contributing factors to road crashes and fatalities on the roads. The usual procedure, hon Deputy Speaker, adopted when an officer finds an unroadworthy motor vehicle on our roads, is to issue a notice in terms of Section 44 of the National Rd Traffic Act 93 of 1996.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this notice discontinues a vehicle which means that the discontinued vehicle can be used on a public road only for a limited stipulated period, just to take the vehicle to the owner's or operator's home, or to a garage for fixing.

The officer, hon Deputy Speaker, and I want to emphasise this, does not remove the vehicle from the road, but before the vehicle can be used normally on a public road again, it has to be retested to ensure that it is roadworthy. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Minister, for the reply. Just a question. So the vehicle is then given a specific period of time that the owner of the vehicle gets the vehicle roadworthy for. Must this owner then produce a certificate, a road worthy certificate, and does the Department take note of cars that have not been roadworthy, and I believe that some of these cars still carry on and drive without roadworthy.

Is there a period of time that there is some check-up or something to make sure that they complied and that they do not drive with a vehicle that is not roadworthy? Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Alright, thank you very much, Deputy Speaker, and thank you for the follow-up question.

I think it is important to note that the Department has placed an enormous amount of resources and finances into utilising technology and with the actual on the road integrated roadblocks that happen on a daily basis.

So we normally pick up these compliance issues during those integrated roadblocks, but also because of the technology the Department has invested in over years, we are able to pick that up too, but I take the point about following up on notices, so I appreciate that comment. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

#### **QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE:**

Mr P MARRAN: Thanks, hon Deputy Speaker, and good afternoon to everyone. Deputy Speaker, in the Premier's 2020 State of the Province Address, now two and a half years ago, the Premier promised 3 000 law enforcement officers.

Can the Premier tell us how many law enforcement officers are now enrolled in LEAP? Thanks.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Over to you, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member for that question and I think a really excellent question.

Of course when you get elected you put your plan together through your manifesto and we said 3 000 officers because if you will remember we are sitting with four to 5 000 officers, too few that are allocated through the police system if we are to get to parity in our province.

At the moment we are sitting at 1 200 and I think on the 14th we will see some more allocation of LEAP officers, but the number is right now 1 200, but the hon member will also know that obviously since the election we have had a

pandemic and of course we have had probably the biggest problem which is a massive slowdown in tax collection, and the economy driven mainly by ANC policy failure, ANC infighting and ANC incompetence at a national level. So at the moment that answer is 1 200.

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you. Deputy Speaker. So what the Premier is telling us when it comes to the province, the issue of COVID and the pandemic are blamed, but when it comes to National it is because they are corrupt and their weakness.

Hon Deputy Speaker, can the Premier tell us of the total funding of LEAP? How much percentage-wise, more or less, is the Provincial Government contributing to the plan? Percentage-wise?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Did you hear that?

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.] Hon Deputy Speaker, what is the percentage?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

The PREMIER: I think that is also a very good question because we have always spoken about devolution of power and policing is a national competency and not a provincial competency.

Our job is oversight, so of course we have to take of our budget. We do not really get allocated budget through the national budgeting process that says the province gets X amount for policing or safety and security, etcetera, and we take from our allocation primarily for education and primarily for health. Those are two big budget items, and then followed by the third being social support and that social net, and only then do we get to the economy and do we get to infrastructure, etcetera.

So no province has that kind of allocation, but if you remember we made a choice and we said we will put a billion rand aside to kick off the Safety Plan and the reason we had to make that decision is because we are not seeing success in fighting crime in our country, not at all.

I mean I keep awake at night because of the 4 000 people that get murdered in this province every single year, and we do not see a plan from National Government. We do not see a plan from the ANC policy position. We do not see leadership coming from the ANC in dealing with those 4 000 murders, let alone all the rest that goes with it, gender-based violence, the drug houses that we were talking about earlier in interpellations, etcetera. They are all supposed to be dealt with by the criminal justice system and the South African Police Service.

But we then took that decision, as tough as it is, to say we are going to take money from all of our departments and put it into Safety because of failure at a national level. We really would like devolution, but in the meantime we, because of that failure at a national level, have to cobble together out of our budget, and of course I keep awake because of the 4 000 people murdered in our province.

It seems that if the ANC just cruises along because we might have the highest murder per capita rate in the country, but way more than 4 000 people are murdered every single year in KZN, and way more than 4 000 people every year are murdered in Gauteng, but of course they have bigger populations and therefore the murder rate to population rate seems lower.

But just think of those numbers. They are unbelievable. I remember going to the swearing-in three years ago, as the hon member kicked off these questions, to the swearing-in of the President after the election, and at the guesthouse that I was at, there were foreign dignitaries that came to visit South Africa and there was a guy there from Copenhagen, and he said to me, "Good to see that you have been elected and I am here as a special guest," and he said, "So what are you focusing on?" and I said, "The one thing that I have got to focus on is safety. We have got to put a safety plan together. We are going to have to focus on bringing down the murder rate."

So he said, "What is the murder rate?" I said, "Over 4 000 people per year in our province." He could not believe it. He said, "You know, if we have one murder every three years in Copenhagen we go crazy."

What is being done in other provinces who have more than 4 000 people murdered every single year? Nothing, but this province is taking money away and that first R1 billion, which is now growing, taking money away from other areas because we know it is the thing that is affecting our citizens the most.

I would love to be able to say the ANC is doing such a good job, policing is being properly managed, we do not have to worry about it.

Let them do their thing because we will focus on jobs, we will focus on the economy, we will focus on the other things that we need to focus on, education and health, social development, etcetera, but we cannot do that because our citizens are hurting every single day. The gangs are running riot.

The craziest thing out is now the unions, who are partners of the ANC, the unions, who are partners, want to march next week I think it is, to the Province to moan about crime in communities. The ANC's partners.

The questions that we get here from the ANC, saying that the Safety Plan does not work, the most ridiculous questions in the world because the Safety Plan is what, Minister Allen can stand up here and say there is only one part of South Africa, one part of South Africa where the murder rate is stabilising or coming down, and that is where these 1 200 officers, that this hon member is asking about, are deployed according to data evidence and making a difference in people's lives. Saving lives. Only one part of the country, and you know who has to announce that? Minister Bheki Cele in the National Assembly. †Hy moet hard sluk toe hy daai antwoorde gee. [He had to swallow hard when he gave those answers.]

But it shows you and this is where I think our problem falls flat in South Africa; in politics you need to be able to debate, you need to be able to put different policy ideas on the table. That is actually how a democracy works, but not here.

The ANC fails and fails and fails, and then they stand up here, they do not put alternatives on the table, they keep questioning on the things that are working. It is totally ridiculous.

But anyway, at the end of the day this Government will carry on budgeting because it is in the best interest of our citizens. We will focus on safety, we will focus on jobs, we will focus on dignity. Those are our core areas that we are focusing on and it is taking budget and it is difficult when you have to put these budgets aside, but nobody said that governing was easy. Thank you.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, through you to the Premier. Hon Premier, how has the Safety Dashboard improved the response to crime from the Provincial Safety Services, please?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member for that question. I think, and it follows on very nicely from the question from the hon member Marran. They always say if you cannot measure, you cannot manage, and I mean that was one thing that I really learnt, and I think we all learnt during COVID-19, was how you could use data to help make decisions to manage and that really was I think a massive learning curve for us.

We knew that in COVID-19 we could work out day-by-day where cases were, GIS mapped. We knew which street had the most cases in it. We knew which nightclub was the spreader. I mean we could really use that data.

So I kept on saying, well, if we have got that kind of data on an infection or on a vaccination, why can we not get the same data on a murder, or a GBV case, and so that is why there is this big focus on data, on developing dashboards as management tools, and I must say that in the Safety Plan environment and specifically now moving to violence prevention, because the one thing and the first part of this conversation and the last question was about how many boots on the ground.

Boots on the ground and policing are an intervention, but more important than that is the causalities. How do we get ahead of the game? How do we get that young boy, who is going to become a gangster, identified before he becomes a gangster? We know they are a risk taker, we know that if we give them certain other support they will end up becoming that risk taker in the economy and an entrepreneur in the future.

How do we - and the hon member was at one of our Nerve Centres yesterday with the Standing Committee, having a look at how those dashboards are presented. There you were looking at other things, like we could tell you when the broadband went down at a school and when it went back up again. How it was influenced by loadshedding, but those old dashboards, they are all management tools.

For me what really stands out is, for example, if you look at when we went public with the violence prevention dashboard, you could see that we know now, through the health data coming out into the dashboard system, that

violence against women, gender-based violence against women who are pregnant, that the common violence happens to women in the second trimester. We know now that it is generally perpetrated by partners and by men known to that women, and we know that they are between the ages of 24 and 34, and then we GIS map it as well, so we know it is in this suburb or in this street or in that community.

And now that data then goes to Minister Allen who says, "Okay, what are we going to do from a policing point of view? Minister Fernandez, what are we going to do from a support point of view from Social Development? How do we move in?"

So that is about data, so that is what the dashboard is about. So we get the data, we analyse the data. Yesterday, the Standing Committee members saw what kind of roll-out on those dashboards our broadband is having, and we could see yesterday on that dashboard that R25 million worth of data is what our citizens are using every month on the broadband free Wi-Fi hotspots. R25 million random month that that infrastructure is actually giving to citizens every month.

We also know what kind of data they are looking for. The thing that hit me yesterday was how many people are on YouTube. Now I have asked I want more data. What is it on YouTube? Is it an educational programme or is it sport events that you are watching? What value are we getting out? What is that R25 million so-called buying?

So just as important as that is, even more important, are the violence prevention dashboards, the mechanisms for us to manage, to make decisions, so that every single department gets that data and then says what are we going to do about it? How are we going to affect change? How do the schools behave differently? Because we know that they are in the midst of an area that has massive gender-based violence.

How do we engage with boys in those schools to make sure that in the future we start to build a safer, better society and that is what the dashboard is all about, and it is part of the Safety Plan. It is how we are rolling it out and we are not the experts on everything, we learn as we go, and we are getting better and better as we go, and as we go we are building a safer and safer province, and hopefully, just as I had the Premier of the Northern Cape's whole Premier's Office down here to visit a month ago, the same Premier has sent his team from Health to come and see what we are doing so that they can also try and learn, because everything we do in this province is about the citizens of this province, but it is also about South Africa.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and thanks for the Premier's passion around the safety dashboard and the information that he gave us. I just want to know, latching this onto the devolution of SAPS, how would the devolution of SAPS work into the province's work and is there a timeline attached already to this devolution of SAPS?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much for that follow-up question and I think that is a perfect question. I mean that is something that we campaigned for.



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You know, a timeline, it can actually happen today. The Minister could devolve that power and management to this province today. Our existing Constitution, Section 99, allows for that mandate to be shifted to Province or even Local Government.

Then Section 206, there is a whole lot of sections in our Constitution that allow policy development and that policy development at a national level could empower policing at a provincial level. So it could happen immediately.

But of course also Minister Bheki Cele has said to me to my face, "Not over my dead body." I am not sure exactly what all he has said to Minister Allen, but I know that there has been a little bit of †kopbotsing [clashing of heads] there, but of course we will push because why? It is in the interest of safety of the citizens of this province. We will do whatever we can.

But I want to say one thing to you for that question, hon member, the timeline could be today, but of course the other timeline is in about just under two years' time. When the ANC loses power in South Africa and it has got to happen between now and then, but at the very latest it has got to happen then after the next election, when the ANC loses power, we will make sure that we change things in this country. Thank you.

*Questions and replies as received from departments*

## **QUESTIONS**

*For written reply*

### *Healthcare facilities: inverters*

**1. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:**

With respect to the Department's project that will supply 25 healthcare facilities with inverters:

- (1) (a)(i) How far along is the project and (ii) by when is it expected to be completed, (b) which healthcare facilities are participating in the project and (c) what is the allocated cost of the project;
- (2) whether there are any further plans to expand this project so that more facilities can receive inverters; if so, what are the relevant details?

**The MINISTER OF HEALTH:**

1. (1) (a) (i) Meetings were held with the Contractor and site visits were conducted. The scope of work was explained in terms of the Departmental Inverter Strategy.  
  
(ii) The project will be completed within five to six months.  
  
(b) The participating health care facilities will soon be finalized, of which clinics in all geographical regions will participate.  
  
(c) The initial cost estimate of the project is R7,2 million.
- (2) Facilities smaller than 200m<sup>2</sup> will be assisted with specifications to purchase inverter trolleys. Approximately 50 facilities will benefit from these interventions. Facilities larger than 200m<sup>2</sup> that do not form part of the initial roll out will be addressed during future roll outs.

### *Hospitalisation of minors*

**2. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:**

In relation to the hospitalisation of minors (ie those younger than 18) as the result of underage drinking:

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The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

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*Hospitalisation of young people***3. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:**

In relation to the hospitalisations of young people (ie those aged between 18 and 35) as the result of alcohol abuse:

- (1) (a) How many hospitalisations have taken place every month in each health district in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020, (iv) 2021 and (v) 2022 to date and (b) what other substance abuses, apart from alcohol, also contribute to the hospitalisation of people in this age group;
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*Red Tape Reduction Unit*

**4. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

With regard to the Red Tape Reduction Unit:

(a) What specifically has this unit done to make it easier to (i) start a business and (ii) expand existing businesses and (b) how much money has been spent on this unit every year since its inception?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

4. (a) Since the Red Tape Reduction Unit (“RTRU” or the “unit”) was formally established in 2012 there has been many learnings of a strategic, operational and organisational nature. The unit primarily focuses on a hybrid approach blending reactive interventions with proactive so as to improve the business environment across the Western Cape.

The unit undertakes this through, (1) eradicating unnecessary red tape and meaningless bureaucracy in government and its agencies, and (2) resolving ad hoc delays and blockages affecting entrepreneurs and or groups of businesses. These activities are primarily performed through, (1) regulatory reform, (2) improving (government) systems and procedures, (3) improving communications with business, and (4) direct interventions through case management.

Since inception the unit has specifically initiated the following as to making it easier to start and/or expand a business:

1. Regulatory Reform

One of the functions of the unit is to provide comments on bills, draft regulations and/or policies. More than 60 commentaries have been submitted on draft legal instruments to either municipalities, provincial and/or national spheres of government. The unit assesses the legal instruments and provides comments based on the burden the instrument may have on businesses.

Some examples of areas for commentary submitted are Liquor, Immigration, Labour as well as instruments geared specifically at businesses such as the Companies Amendment Bill, South African Youth Development Act and the National Integrated Small Enterprises Development Masterplan 2022. In addition to this, the unit also submits proposals for amendments to existing legislation as and where required. Currently, the unit is also drafting 2 draft model by-laws to be adopted by municipalities in order to standardise processes relating to events and film permits.

## 2. Improving government systems

In the last financial year, the unit supported the Western Cape Liquor Authority with digitising its application systems. Liquor license applications and complaint forms are currently hand - delivered or couriered to the Liquor Authority which includes payments. The designed system resolves the former and streamlines client services and access to the relevant information. Additionally, the unit supported various municipalities in further digitisation, this had widespread impact in terms of streamlining processes and systems, sectors benefited here include (but are not limited to) Construction, Property Development, Environmental as well as architects, planners and other practitioners.

## 3. Communications

More than 33 advocacy and communication initiatives have been concluded over the years. In 2014 alone more than 10 608 011 people were reached through mass media and above-the-line communication. In addition to a range of media, the unit also relied on personal engagement and roadshows, both in targeted, high-level meetings and presentations on the one hand and public platforms on the other. More recently (2021), the unit partnered with Enterprise Development Unit (ED) to segment the “access to finance” webinar into smaller chapters. These chapters were then promoted widely with the aim to assist businesses with information relating to accessing finance. Moreover, in the same year, the unit used social media engage businesses on i) key information for each funder and ii) key information on the new E-PS requirements. Lastly, the unit translated its booklet “How to start a business” into a video and this was shared across social media for easy accessibility (video can be found at <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/red-tape-reduction/our-guides-and-resources>).

#### 4) Case management

Since its inception in 2012, the Business Support Helpline has logged more than 11 000 cases as received by businesses. The departmental service was brought in-house in 2016/17, a departure from the previous model where incoming enquiries, complaints and requests for assistance were handled by an external service provider managed by CEI and forwarded to the unit for investigation. As part of the service, the unit developed a Case Management System coupled with a dedicated helpline and email address to receive all requests. Additionally, the system records and monitors the resolution of all cases received and assists with trend analysis of systemic challenges.

Trend analysis reports generated by the system, have also assisted the RTRU to identify and implement interventions that supports the reduction of red tape in the province which allows business to create/sustain revenue and jobs.

The table below is based on the case information collected for the period April 2019 to March 2022 and illustrates the case categorization for each period and the possible impact on business creation and sustainability and expansion. Cases ranging from requests for information on how to access funding and how to start a business, to red tape-related issues e.g., delayed building plan applications, inefficiencies at the Port of Cape Town, access to business infrastructure – land/premises, water and electricity connections etc., were some of the cases that were logged with the unit.

	2019/2020		2020/2021	2021/2022
Total number of businesses assisted with information to aid in business start-up/sustainability/expansion	336		606	234
Total number of businesses assisted with red tape-related issues that may have led to business sustainability/expansion	168		371	199

More specifically, in terms of access to funding and how to start a business the unit has received the following number of cases;

YEAR	TOTAL CASES
2019/2020	142
2020/2021	136
2021/2022	146

The success and impact of ease of doing business interventions can be seen in the attainment of the **R 1 billion cost savings** and **benefits** to the Western Cape economy in the last 5-year reporting period.

Since the inception of the RTR programme the unit has been allocated approximately R 49 million. Meaning that the provided benefits of R1 billion to the economy and business is 20 times more than the amount of money spent by the unit. This excludes any other benefits to the economy as reflected above e.g UIF TERS.

Additionally, in 2011 RTR was a new concept, consequently research had to be commissioned to understand the lay of the land as well as to gauge international best practices as to give credence to the RTR policy direction.

*Detectives: number of*

**5. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With respect to the number of detectives in the Western Cape:

(a) How many were deployed in each police cluster in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23 to date, (b) what were the main reasons for the resignation of detectives since 2018/19 in each police cluster and (c) what programmes, initiatives or campaigns are in place to increase the number of detectives in the Western Cape?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

**5. (1) (a) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)**

<b>Cluster</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2022/06/30</b>
Beaufort West	42	41	41	43	44
Blue Downs	226	236	214	227	228
Cape Town	227	203	184	183	168
Da Gamaskop	90	93	94	96	95
Eden	237	238	233	224	223
Khayelitsha	231	230	217	222	218
Milnerton	144	144	134	146	140
Mitchells Plain	299	287	276	308	293
Nyanga	289	292	295	293	271
Overberg	101	100	101	106	102
Tygerberg	228	219	209	205	196
Vredenburg	72	72	70	63	62
Vredendal	50	54	49	51	55
Winelands	188	191	192	183	170
Worcester	181	170	167	171	169
Wynberg	187	182	179	175	153
	<b>2792</b>	<b>2752</b>	<b>2655</b>	<b>2696</b>	<b>2587</b>



- (b) The main reasons for the resignation of detectives are due to poor health, age, career opportunities with better remuneration, starting their own business, the nature of their work and insufficient opportunities for promotion.
- (c) Detectives are selected at the training colleges through the detective psychometric assessment. The detective environment is also capacitated from the Vispol environment through surveys of interest and the re-enlisting of former detectives.

*Neighbourhood watches*

**6. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With respect to neighbourhood watches (NHWs) in the Western Cape:

(a) (i) What was the total amount of NHWs and (ii) how many people were accredited members of NHWs in (aa) 2018/19, (bb) 2019/20, (cc) 2020/21, (dd) 2021/22 and (ee) 2022/23 to date, (b) what are the criteria for funding, (c) how is funding determined, (d) how much on average does each NHW receive in funding from his Department and (e) what initiatives or programmes does his Department have in place to help establish NHWs?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

- 6. (a) (i) The current total of accredited Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) structures is **490 across the province**. It should be noted that the total number fluctuates on a month-by-month basis as some structures' accreditation expires and new structures are accredited.
- (ii) (aa) 2018/19 – 4093 - total number of NHW members.  
 (bb) 2019/20 – 9859 - total number of NHW members.  
 (cc) 2020/21 – 3602 – total number of NHW members (Covid period)  
 (dd) 2021/22 – 7376 – total number of NHW members.  
 (ee) 2022/23 – to date – 15432 - total number of NHW members.
- (b) In order to qualify for funding, a NHW structure must:
  - be accredited (Accreditation Certificate);
  - provide evidence that they are functional and conform with the Minimum Standards for Accreditation as required in terms of section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act 3 of 2013;
  - have a valid bank account in the name of the NHW structure, confirmed by their bank; and
  - have three (3) signatories as required in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

- (c) The provision of funding is dependent on budget availability.
- (d) An accredited NHW structure can apply for funding of R10 000 per annum towards its operational and administrative costs. Funding for subsequent years is dependent on the departmental budget allocation and a compliant audit.
- (e) It should be noted that accreditation of NHW structures is a voluntary process. Although the Department does not actively establish NHW structures, the Department has a NHW web page where all information is listed, the site also hosts the quarterly NHW Newsletter which allows accredited NHW structures to share best practices and or initiatives implemented by them. Furthermore, the Department has a NHW Facebook account which is used to share important information. We will also facilitate information sessions as and when requested.

NHWs are a critical cog in our efforts to combat crime, as they are the additional ears and eyes. Their intelligence helps to provide information to law enforcement agencies, while their overall visibility, ensures that community members and households feel a lot safer. Minister Reagen Allen, as part of his 100 days in office has also committed to as of the end of September, commence with a process of announcing a monthly crime fighter. There will be a particular focus on NHW and Community Police Forum (CPF) members, but also other recognised safety stakeholders. This individual will receive an award for their significant contribution to creating a safer environment. All the details are being fleshed out and in due course further announcements as to how this process will unfold and what it will entail, will be made.

*Substance abuse: under the age of 18*

**7. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:**

- (a) What is the number of persons under the age of 18 currently being treated for all types of substance abuse in the Western Cape and (b) of these, how many are being treated for alcohol abuse?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

**7. Response from Programme Substance Abuse:**

- (a) The focus is not limited to alcohol specifically but all substances across all ages. The WC DSD funds a range of community-based treatment services to address and manage substance abuse problems at various stages of the addiction process, i.e., early intervention, treatment and aftercare and reintegration. The important factor is to access professional services so that an assessment can be done to link parents and their children with the most appropriate form of services to them.

The Department also funds specialist organizations to implement preventative and early intervention services within schools to increase the awareness of risks involved in substance abuse. Early detection systems for those at risk and immediate referrals to the appropriate services is important. Increasing family involvement in initiatives and programs with children is crucial.

- (b) The Department funds bedspaces for youth ages (13years – 18years) at two inpatient treatment facilities at a cost of R3 464 400. Children are also provided with a substance abuse service within all Child and Youth care facilities in the province. There is a focus is on youth development initiatives, particularly in our rural areas, positive role models, recreational activities, sports, developmental opportunities, and life skills training. Social crime prevention units have substance abuse related diversion programmes that are aimed at addressing the substance abuse of children in the ambit of social crime. DSD's services are aimed at the family as a whole and specific therapeutic support services are offered to parents to assist them as well.

Response from Programme Child and Youth Care Centres:

Lindelani Substance Unit – Admitted 18 Children

- (b) Primary Addiction - Cannabis 17 and 1 Tik  
From the 18 admitted children, 5 are using Alcohol as a secondary substance

*Injuries: breakdown of*

**8. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

With regard to her reply to question 7 of 8 July 2022:

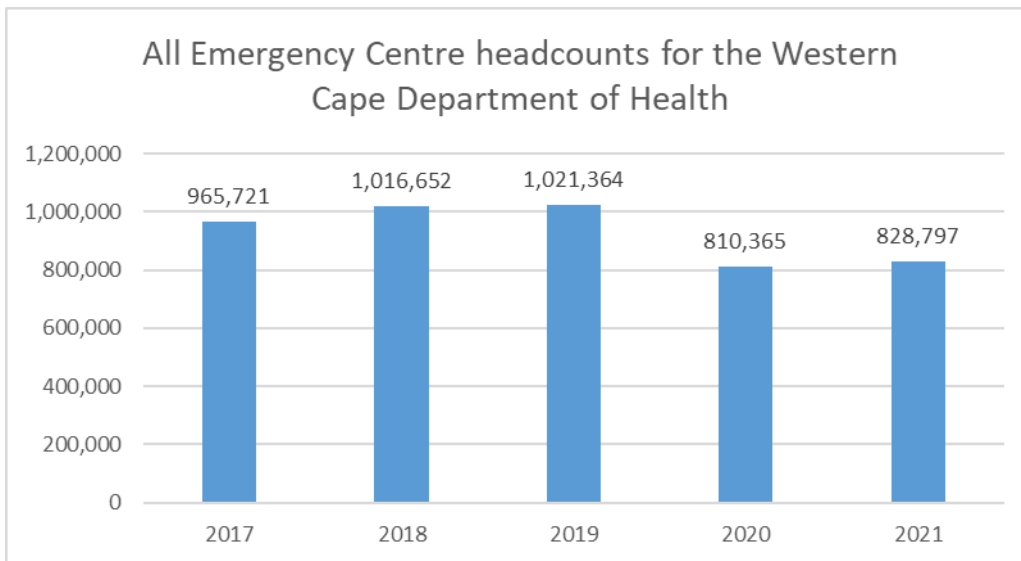
- (1) (a) What is the number of injuries that have been treated in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date, (b) what is the breakdown according to (i) road-traffic injuries and (ii) violence-related injuries and (c) what is the cost breakdown per year associated with the treatment of each of these injuries;
- (2) (a) what is the number of fatalities as a result of injuries that have been recorded in each year, (b) what is the breakdown according to (i) road-traffic injuries and (ii) violence-related injuries, (c) how much has her Department spent each year to date on the treatment of injuries and (d) what is the breakdown according to the different categories mentioned in her reply?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

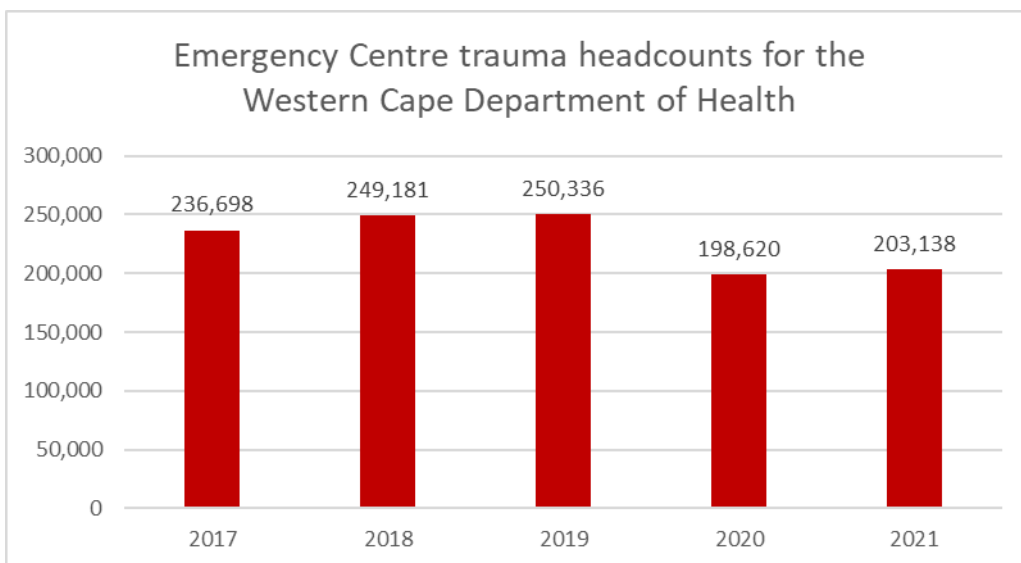
- 8. (1) (a) A review of Emergency Centre headcounts from the HECTIS system from 1 January 2022 to 13 July 2022 showed:

Trauma Category	Proportion
No Trauma	75.49%
Interpersonal Violence	9.39%
Accidental	8.71%
Road Traffic Accidents	2.21%
Self-Harm	0.48%

Approximately 25 % of visits to emergency centres using HECTIS, are due to trauma.

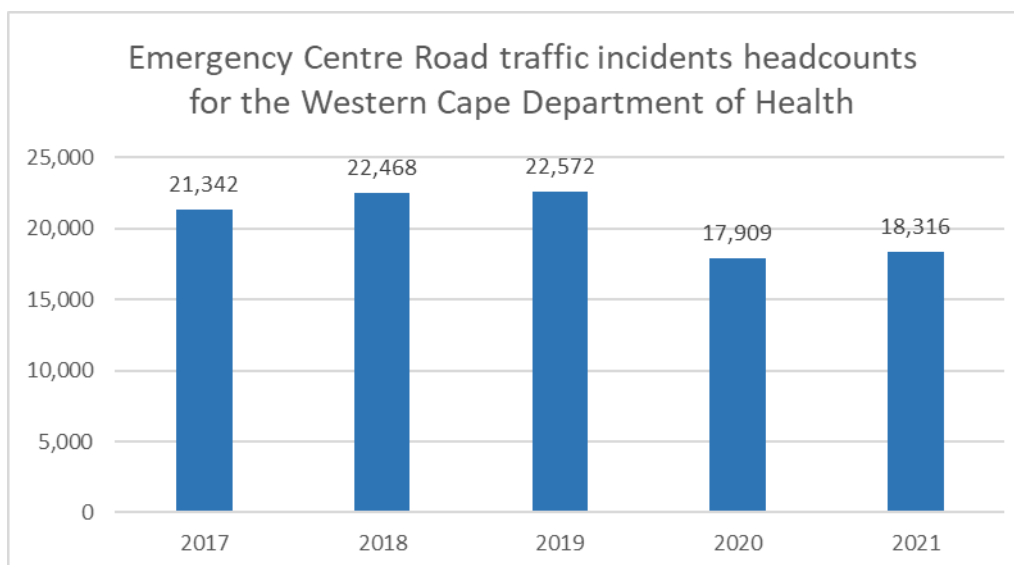
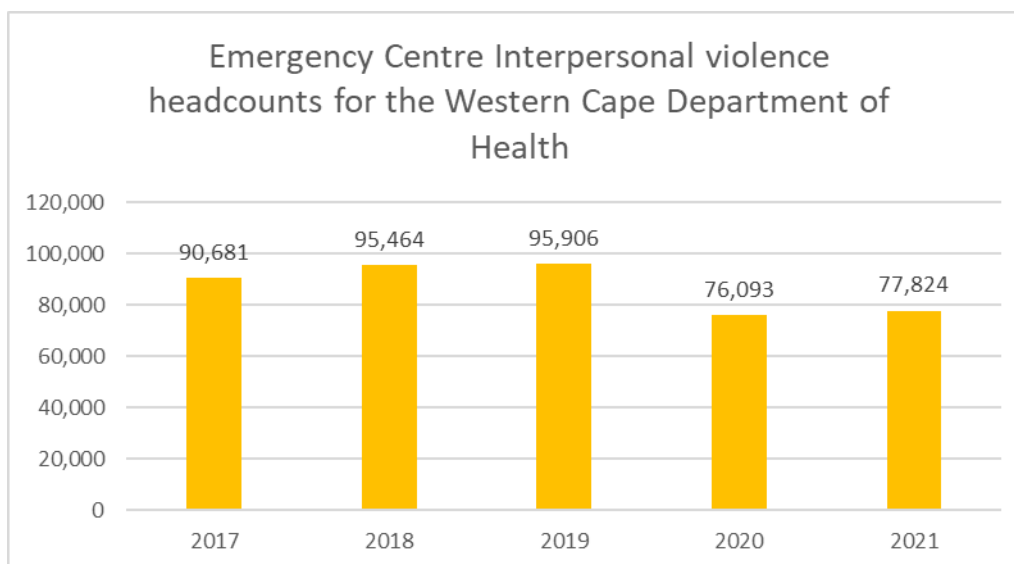


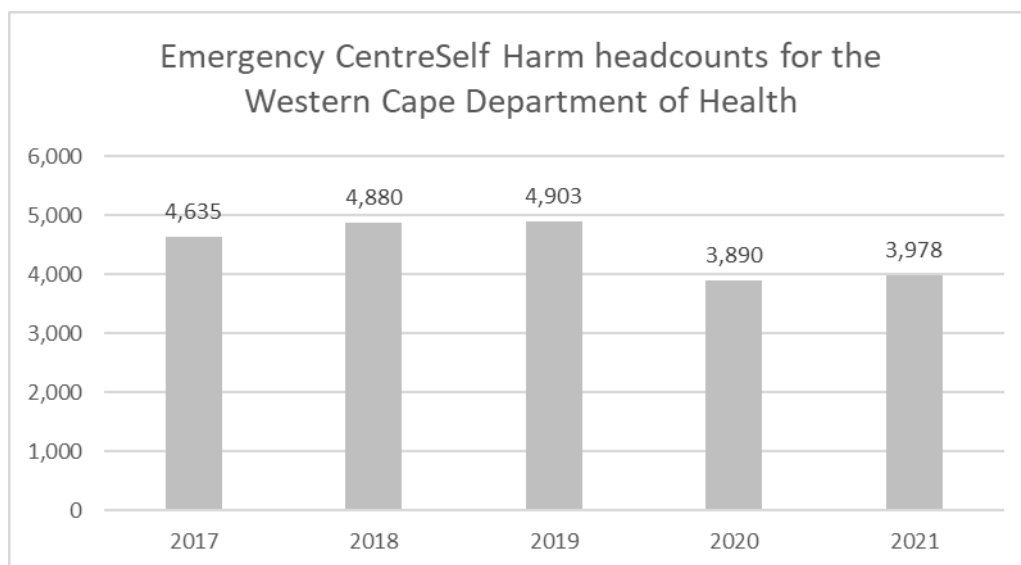
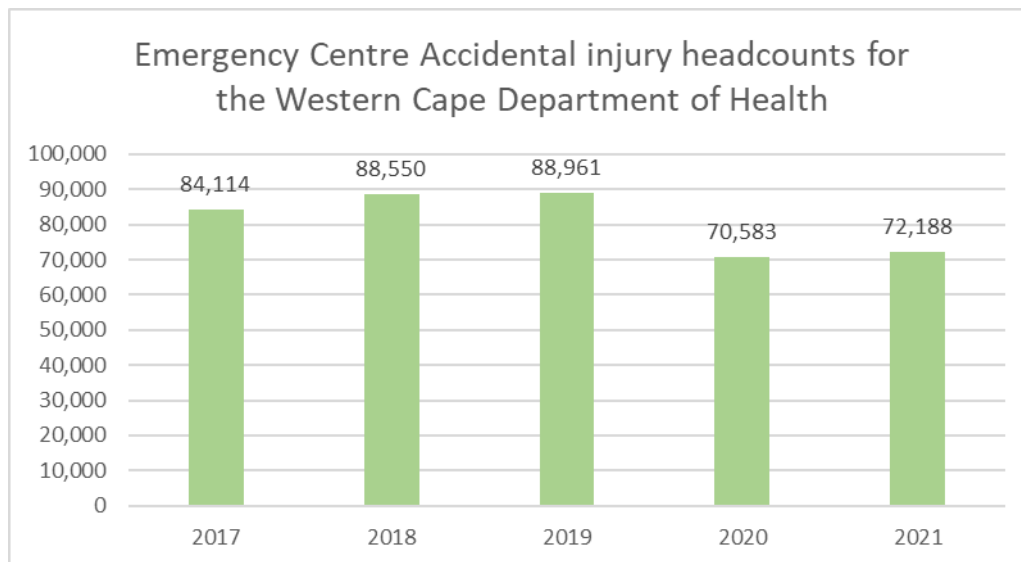
Following on from point above, If we estimate that 24.41 % of these headcounts are due to trauma:



From 2017-2019, we had an average headcount of 245 405. This number dropped significantly in 2020 due to the lockdown, and due to the limitation of alcohol sales during the lockdown. Please note that these data are estimates, and do not include trauma headcounts outside emergency centres and in the private sector.

(b) EC Headcount per injury-type:





- (c) The Department will need to do research into the cost related to treating injuries for each of these years as the information is not readily available. The combined total tangible and intangible costs of alcohol harm to the economy were estimated at 10-12% of the 2009 gross domestic product (GDP). The tangible financial cost of harmful alcohol use alone was estimated at R37.9 billion, or 1.6% of the 2009 GDP. We must remember that these are estimations of the rand value in 2009 and would be significantly higher today (Matzopoulos et al., 2014)

However, Using HECTIS data from 5 Western Cape Hospitals, the Medical Research Council was able to model the cost of trauma to the Western Cape Department of Health in 2020 in 5 hospitals. This costing includes emergency centre visits, admissions to wards and ICU admissions.

<b>Injury</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Blunt force trauma	R 314 354 829,61
Burns	R 119 504 298,39
Stab	R 53 756 374,03
Road Traffic Collisions	R 122 339 500,03
Gunshot	R 167 686 015,01
Poisoning/Self Harm	R 152 816 540,08
Falls	R 381 261 676,33
Gender-based and Sexual Violence	R 22 165 936,93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>R 1 333 885 170,42</b>

The above data is for 5 hospitals.

- (2) (a) (b) Information sourced from Forensic Pathology Services for the period 2019/01/01 – 2022/07/31.

	<b>Fatal Injuries (Includes Homicide, Suicide, Accidental and Road Traffic Injury)</b>	<b>Road Traffic Incident</b>	<b>Homicide</b>	<b>Suicide</b>	<b>Accident</b>	<b>Total Fatalities (All Circumstances)</b>
<b>2019</b>	7333	1431	4183	687	1032	11832
<b>2020</b>	6747	1138	4005	689	915	9963
<b>2021</b>	7537	1362	4237	822	1116	10911
<b>2022</b>	4508	843	2473	513	679	6360

*Cape Town clinic facilities integration into Department of Health*

**9. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

With regard to the integration of City of Cape Town clinic facilities into the Western Cape Government's Department of Health:

(a)(i) What necessitated this integration process and (ii) how long did it take, (b)(i) what are the details of the facilities that have been integrated and (ii) what is the total cost associated with this exercise, (c) of the clinics that have been integrated, (i) what is the population size that each clinic caters for, (ii) what is the waiting period at each clinic, (iii)(aa) what is the number of staff employed at each clinic and (bb) what is the detailed breakdown per occupation and (d)(i) what is the vacancy rate at each of these facilities and (ii) what is the detailed breakdown per occupation;

## The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

9. (a) (i) The nine facilities were jointly managed and to address efficiencies and reduce fragmentation for services it was decided to absorb the City services into the provincial health system. A tenth facility is a new facility which was constructed by CoCT.
- (ii) There was a 3-month preparation period and implemented on 1 July 2022.
- (b) (i) Kasselsvlei Clinic integrated into Bellville South CDC
- Dirkie Uys Clinic into Goodwood CDC  
Parow Clinic into Parow CDC  
Ravensmead Clinic into Ravensmead CDC
- Scottsdene Clinic into Scottsdene CDC  
Durbanville Clinic into Durbanville CDC  
Fisantekraal Clinic into Fisantekraal CDC
- Nyanga Clinic to Nyanga CDC  
Nolungile Clinic into Nolungile CDC  
Heideveld Clinic into Heideveld CDC
- (ii) it is still too early to determine the full impact of the operational cost:

FINANCIAL IMPACT: JOINT HEALTH FACILITIES	
Annual Cost of Additional Posts Approved	53 535 769
Additional Capital Equipment Required	2 000 000
IT Infrastructure	4 000 000
Other Goods and Services	3 000 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62 535 769</b>
FUNDING SOURCES	
Allocation made by Treasury in the Original Budget 2022/23	18 000 000
Transfer Payment (9 month impact) to COCT to be reduced in the Adjustments Estimates	26 000 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44 000 000</b>

- (c) (i) This detail of information is not available – population figures only per sub-district.



Province	Western Cape	Y		
Gender	{All}	-		
Age	{All}	-		
Sum of Population		Year	Y	
District	Subdistrict	2022/23	Grand Total	
Cape Town	Eastern	748,583	748,583	
	Khayelitsha	451,633	451,633	
	Klipfontein	414,686	414,686	
	Mitchells Plain	635,777	635,777	
	Northern	490,797	490,797	
	Southern	612,938	612,938	
	Tygerberg	756,623	756,623	
	Western	665,478	665,478	
Cape Town Total		4,776,515	4,776,515	
Grand Total		4,776,515	4,776,515	

- (ii) There is no general waiting period information and clients are triaged according to the severity of the condition. This is collected via a Patient Satisfactory Survey that takes place once a year.

## (iii) (aa) Staff employed and (bb) Breakdown per occupation

## TOTAL NUMBER OF POSTS PER FACILITY

FACILITY	Filled	FACILITY	Filled
<b>BELLVILLE CDC</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>HEIDELVELD CDC</b>	<b>65</b>
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN	2	A1 SOC AUX WORK GR1	1
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	2	ADM CLERK: INFO MAN	1
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV		ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	3
CLEANER	2	ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	4
HEALTH PROMOTER.	1	ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	CLEANER	8
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3	1	DENTAL ASSISTANT G2	4
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	2	DENTIST GRADE 2	1
PHAR AS POST BAS G2	2	DENTIST GRADE 3	1
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2	1	DIETICIAN G1	1
PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	4	HEALTH PROMOTER.	1
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	2	HOUSEKEEPING SUPERV	1
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2	1	MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1	MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3	1
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC		NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	5
RADIOGRAPHER G1		OCCUP THER G1	1
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		ORAL HYGIENIST G2	1
SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2	1	ORAL HYGIENIST G3	2
<b>FISANTKRAAL CLINIC</b>	<b>4</b>	PHAR AS POST BAS G1	2
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION		PHAR AS POST BAS G2	2
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1		PHAR AS POST BAS G3	1
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		PHARMACIST GRADE 1	1
PHAR AS POST BAS G1		PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2	1
PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	3	PHYSIOTHER G3	1
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	5
PSYCHOLOGIST G1		PN3 PROF NU GR2 GEN	1
<b>GOODWOOD CDC</b>	<b>29</b>	PN5 OP MAN GR1 GEN	1
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN	1	PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	3
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	2	PNB1 PROF NU GR1 SPC	1
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	1	PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2	2
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV		PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1
CLEANER	3	PNB3 OP MAN NUR SPEC	
DENTAL ASSISTANT G2	1	PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	
DENTIST GRADE 3	1	RADIOGRAPHER G1	
DIETICIAN G2	1	SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	4
HEALTH PROMOTER.	1	SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2	1
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	<b>DURBANVILLE CDC</b>	<b>20</b>
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	1	ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	2
NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2	1	ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	1
PHAR AS POST BAS G1	2	ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1
PHARMACIST GRADE 1	1	CLEANER	2
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2	1	DRIVER H DUTY	
PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	4	HEALTH PROMOTER.	1
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	2	MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2	1	NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	2
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1	PHAR AS POST BAS G3	1
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC		PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2	1
RADIOGRAPHER G1	1	PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	5
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	2	PN3 PROF NU GR2 GEN	1
TYPIST		PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	
		PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1
		SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	
		SN3 STAFF NURSE GR 3	1

FACILITY	Filled	FACILITY	Filled
<b>NOLUNGILE CHC</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>PAROW CDC</b>	<b>24</b>
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		ADM CLERK: INFO MAN	1
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	1	ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	1
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	6	ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	3
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	CLEANER	3
CLEANER	6	MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	
HEALTH PROMOTER.	1	MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3	1
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	3	NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	1
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 2	1	PHAR AS POST BAS G2	2
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3	1	PHARMACIST GRADE 3	1
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	2	PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2	1
NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2	2	PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	5
NA3 NURS ASSIST GR 3	3	PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1
ORAL HYGIENIST G2	1	PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1
PHAR AS POST BAS G1	1	SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	1
PHAR AS POST BAS G2	2	PAROW CHC MENTAL HEALTH	1
PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	17	PNB2 PROF NU GR2 SPC	1
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	6	<b>RAVENSMED CDC</b>	<b>25</b>
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2	1	ADM CLERK: INFO MAN	1
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1	ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	1
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	1	ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	3
PORTER	1	ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	
RADIOGRAPHER G1	1	CLEANER	2
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	5	MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	
SN3 STAFF NURSE GR 3	1	MEDICAL OFF GRADE 2	1
TELKOM OPERATOR	1	MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3	1
<b>NYANGA CDC</b>	<b>36</b>	NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	
A1 SOC AUX WORK GR1	1	NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2	1
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN	1	PHAR AS POST BAS G1	1
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	3	PHAR AS POST BAS G3	1
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	PHARMACIST GRADE 1	1
CLEANER	6	PHARMACY SUPERV GR 1	1
DIETICIAN G1	1	PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	5
HEALTH PROMOTER.	1	PN3 PROF NU GR2 GEN	1
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	2
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	3	PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1
NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2	2	SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	2
PHAR AS POST BAS G1	2	SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2	1
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2	1	<b>SCOTTSDENE CDC</b>	<b>17</b>
PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	5	ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	2
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	4	CLEANER	3
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1	HEALTH PROMOTER.	1
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC		MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1		NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	3
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	3	PN2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	2
SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2	1	PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	3
		PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2	1
		PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC	1
		SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	1

## VACANCY RATE

FACILITY	Vacant	Grand Total	%
<b>BELLVILLE CDC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23%</b>
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		2	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	1	3	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	1	
CLEANER	1	3	
HEALTH PROMOTER.		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3		1	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G2		2	
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		4	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	3	
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2		1	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	1	1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1	1	1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	1	1	
SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2		1	
<b>FISANTEKRAAL CLINIC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64%</b>
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	2	2	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	1	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	1	1	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1	1	1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		3	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	2	
PSYCHOLOGIST G1	1	1	
<b>GOODWOOD CDC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22%</b>
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		1	
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT		2	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	1	2	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	1	
CLEANER		3	
DENTAL ASSISTANT G2		1	
DENTIST GRADE 3		1	
DIETICIAN G2		1	
HEALTH PROMOTER.		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	3	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		1	
NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2		1	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1		2	

FACILITY	Vacant	Grand Total	%
<b>HEIDEVELD CDC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>6%</b>
A1 SOC AUX WORK GR1		1	
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		1	
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	1	4	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION		6	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	2	
CLEANER	2	11	
DENTAL ASSISTANT G2		4	
DENTIST GRADE 2		1	
DENTIST GRADE 3		1	
DIETICIAN G1		1	
HEALTH PROMOTER.		2	
HOUSEKEEPING SUPERV		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1		4	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3		1	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		5	
OCCUP THER G1		1	
ORAL HYGIENIST G2		1	
ORAL HYGIENIST G3		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G2		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G3		1	
PHARMACIST GRADE 1		2	
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PHYSIOTHER G3		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		5	
PNA3 PROF NU GR2 GEN		1	
PNA5 OP MAN GR1 GEN		1	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1		3	
PNB1 PROF NU GR1 SPC		1	
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2		2	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR SPEC		1	
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	1	1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1		1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		4	
SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2		1	
<b>DURBANVILLE CDC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17%</b>
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT		2	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION		1	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV		1	

PHARMACIST GRADE 1		1	
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	2	6	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	3	
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2		1	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	1	1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1		1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	1	3	
TYPIST		1	

CLEANER		2	
DRIVER H DUTY	1	1	
HEALTH PROMOTER		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	2	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G3		1	
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		5	
PNA3 PROF NU GR2 GEN		1	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	2	2	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		1	
SN3 STAFF NURSE GR 3		1	

FACILITY	Funded	Grand Total	%	FACILITY	Funded	Grand Total	%
<b>NOLUNGILE CHC</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>PAROW CDC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11%</b>
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN	1	1		ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		1	
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT		2		ADM CLERK: SUPPORT		1	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	5	11		ADM CLERK: ADMISSION		3	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV		1		CLEANER		3	
CLEANER	1	7		MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	1	
HEALTH PROMOTER		1		MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1		5		NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	1	2	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 2		1		PHAR AS POST BAS G2		2	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3		1		PHARMACIST GRADE 3		1	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		3		PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2		2		PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		5	
NA3 NURS ASSIST GR 3		3		PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	2	
ORAL HYGIENIST G2		1		PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1	1	2		SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		1	
PHAR AS POST BAS G2		2		PAROW CHC MENTAL HEALTH		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		17		PNB2 PROF NU GR2 SPC		1	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1		6		<b>RAVENSMEAD CDC</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19%</b>
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2		1		ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		1	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1		ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	1	1	
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC		1		ADM CLERK: ADMISSION		3	
PORTER	1	2		ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1		2		CLEANER	1	3	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		5		MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	1	
SN3 STAFF NURSE GR 3		1		MEDICAL OFF GRADE 2		1	
TELKOM OPERATOR		1		MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3		1	
<b>NYANGA CDC</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>14%</b>	NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	1	1	
A1 SOC AUX WORK GR1		1		NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2		1	
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		1		PHAR AS POST BAS G1		1	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	2	5		PHAR AS POST BAS G3		1	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV		1		PHARMACIST GRADE 1		1	
CLEANER		6		PHARMACY SUPERV GR 1		1	
DIETICIAN G1		1		PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		5	
HEALTH PROMOTER		1		PNA3 PROF NU GR2 GEN		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1		1		PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	3	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		3		PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2		2		SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1		2		SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2		1	

PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	1	6	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	5	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	1	1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1	1	1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		3	
SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2		1	

SCOTTSDENE CDC	5	22	23%
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	2	4	
CLEANER		3	
HEALTH PROMOTER		3	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	1	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		3	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	1	3	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	4	
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2		1	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		1	



## VACANCY RATE

FACILITY	Vacant	Grand Total	%
<b>BELLEVILLE CDC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23%</b>
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		2	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	1	3	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	1	
CLEANER	1	3	
HEALTH PROMOTER		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3		1	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G2		2	
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		4	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	3	
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2		1	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	1	1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1	1	1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	1	1	
SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2		1	
<b>FISANTERAAI CLINIC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64%</b>
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	2	2	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	1	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1	1	1	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1	1	1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		3	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G2	1	2	
PSYCHOLOGIST G1	1	1	
<b>GOODWOOD CDC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22%</b>
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		1	
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT		2	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION	1	2	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	1	
CLEANER		3	
DENTAL ASSISTANT G2		1	
DENTIST GRADE 3		1	
DIETICIAN G2		1	
HEALTH PROMOTER		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	3	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		1	
NA2 NURS ASSIST GR 2		1	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1		2	
PHARMACIST GRADE 1		1	
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN	2	6	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1	1	3	
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2		1	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	1	1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1		1	

SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1	1	1	
TYPIST		1	

FACILITY	Vacant	Grand Total	%
<b>HEIDEVELD CDC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>6%</b>
A1 SOC AID WORK GR1		1	
ADM CLERK: INFO MAN		1	
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT	1	4	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION		6	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV	1	2	
CLEANER	2	11	
DENTAL ASSISTANT G2		4	
DENTIST GRADE 2		1	
DENTIST GRADE 3		1	
DIETICIAN G1		1	
HEALTH PROMOTER		2	
HOUSEKEEPING SUPERV		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1		4	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 3		1	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		5	
OCCUP THER G1		1	
ORAL HYGIENIST G2		1	
ORAL HYGIENIST G3		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G2		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G3		1	
PHARMACIST GRADE 1		2	
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PHYSOTHER G1		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		5	
PNA3 PROF NU GR2 GEN		1	
PNA5 OP MAN GR1 GEN		1	
PNB1 CLIN NU PRAC G1		3	
PNB3 PROF NU GR1 SPC		1	
PNB2 CLIN NU PRAC G2		2	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR SPEC		1	
PNB4 ASS MAN NUR PHC	1	1	
RADIOGRAPHER G1		1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		4	
SN2 STAFF NURSE GR 2		1	
<b>DURBANVILLE CDC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17%</b>
ADM CLERK: SUPPORT		2	
ADM CLERK: ADMISSION		1	
ADM OFF: SUPP SERV		1	
CLEANER		2	
DRIVER/H DUTY	1	1	
HEALTH PROMOTER		1	
MEDICAL OFF GRADE 1	1	2	
NA1 NURS ASSIST GR 1		2	
PHAR AS POST BAS G1		1	
PHARMACY SUPERV GR 2		1	
PNA2 PROF NU GR1 GEN		5	

PNA3 PROF NU GR2 GEN		1	
PNB3 CLIN NU PRAC G1	2	2	
PNB3 OP MAN NUR PHC		1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 1		1	
SN1 STAFF NURSE GR 2		1	

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*Clinical facilities falling under the City of Cape Town***10. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

Whether there are still clinic facilities that fall under the City of Cape Town; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what are the (i) names and (ii) locations of these facilities and (c) when will they be integrated into the provincial government?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

10. The City of Cape Town is the appropriate level of government to respond to this question.

*Schools: municipal accounts***11. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:**

With regard to schools' municipal accounts between 2019 and 2022 to date:

(a) What is the breakdown of the rates and tariffs charged for schools by municipalities in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date, (b) what is the (i) breakdown per municipality and (ii) comparison of year-to-year changes in the rates and tariffs, (c) what are the details of the (i) schools that have high municipal accounts and (ii) measures that are in place to assist these schools, (d)(i) what are the details of the municipal accounts of all the schools in the province and (ii) what is the detailed cost breakdown per school and (e) what are the details of the schools that have been in arrears in their municipal accounts since 2019?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

11. The information is not readily available, and it will be provided to the member as soon as it has been collated.

*Housing database***12. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

- (1) Whether there is a housing database in the province; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) when last was it updated, (c) where is it accessible, (d) can a copy be made available, (e)(i) what is the number of persons on the housing database and (f) what is the breakdown of these persons per (i) age, (ii) gender and (iii) race;
- (2) (a) what are the details of the housing database per municipality and (b) can a copy be made available of each municipality's housing database;
- (3) whether there are any municipalities that do not have a housing database; if so, what are the relevant details?



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The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

12. (1) (a) Yes, the Western Cape Housing Database (WCHDDB) was introduced in 2012.
- (b) The WCHDDB, used by all non-metro Municipalities, is updated on a daily basis. The City of Cape Town has its own database, but the data thereon is downloaded to the WCHDDB on a monthly basis.
- (c) It is accessible at any municipal office for persons to register or update their information. Communities can also register their need or update their information via the WCG App on a smartphone or the internet.
- According the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) it is not permissible.
- (e) (i) Approximately 586 000.
- (f) (i)(ii) See attached annexures.
- (iii) The information regarding race is not available at this stage.
- (2) (a) See attached annexures.
- (b) According the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) it is not permissible.
- (3) No, all municipalities in the Western Cape utilises the WCHDDB and the City has their own housing database, but it is linked to the WCHDDB.

DATA ANALYSIS FOR JUNE 2022 (BASED ON DATA FOR UP TO 29 JULY 2022)		NO REG DATES		NO ID NUMBERS		NO RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN FIELD 1, 2,4 & 5		INITIALS ONLY AS FIRST NAME		STATUS = NEW	STATUS = WAITING	STATUS = CANCELLED	STATUS = ASSISTED	STATUS = DORMANT	GRAND TOTAL ON HOUSING DEMAND DATABASE
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	TOTAL	PERCENT	TOTAL	PERCENT	TOTAL	PERCENT	TOTAL	PERCENT	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
CAPE WINELANDS	BREEDER VALLEY	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	141	0,7%	1	0,0%	3	19971	5273	2543	6878	34668
CAPE WINELANDS	DRAKENSTEIN	0	0,0%	1	0,0%	1	0,0%	0	0,0%	7	20831	15987	5844	204	42873
CAPE WINELANDS	LANGEBERG	0	0,0%	1	0,0%	4	0,0%	4	0,0%	0	9242	1639	594	1403	12878
CAPE WINELANDS	STELLENBOSCH	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	25	0,1%	0	0,0%	0	18013	10424	957	1430	30824
CAPE WINELANDS	WITZENBERG	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	3	8321	1835	848	0	11007
CENTRAL KAROO	BEAUFORT WEST	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	6660	1905	1199	53	9817
CENTRAL KAROO	LAINGSBERG	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	941	212	169	4	1326
CENTRAL KAROO	PRINCE ALBERT	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	1336	446	558	0	2340
GARDEN ROUTE	BITOU	0	0,0%	1	0,0%	446	5,1%	2	0,0%	2	8811	952	2319	43	12127
GARDEN ROUTE	GEORGE	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	1	18592	7844	1337	0	27774
GARDEN ROUTE	HESSEQUIA	0	0,0%	1	0,0%	91	1,7%	2	0,0%	0	5216	1631	800	776	8423
GARDEN ROUTE	KANNALAND	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	688	20,7%	0	0,0%	0	3317	542	301	20	4180
GARDEN ROUTE	KNYSNA	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	202	2,3%	119	1,4%	0	8789	3967	497	867	14120
GARDEN ROUTE	MOSSEL BAY	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	1	0,0%	5	11224	2945	841	54	15069
GARDEN ROUTE	OUDETSHOORN	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	6	0,1%	177	1,6%	3	11037	6942	696	1249	19927
OVERBERG	CAPE AGULHAS	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	58	1,6%	0	0,0%	0	3582	859	943	62	5446
OVERBERG	OVERSTRAND	1	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	1	0,0%	2	15961	5260	1117	10	22350
OVERBERG	SWELLENDAM	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	1	3693	968	583	152	5397
OVERBERG	THEEWATERSKLOOF	0	0,0%	1	0,0%	552	4,3%	8	0,1%	2	12953	4164	1230	29	18378
WEST COAST	BERGRIVIER	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	5320	901	1108	17	7346
WEST COAST	CEDERBERG	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	0	5872	2465	763	25	9125
WEST COAST	MATZIKAMPA	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	43	0,4%	6	0,1%	0	9585	2159	584	522	12850
WEST COAST	SALDANHA BAY	0	0,0%	1	0,0%	259	2,1%	26	0,2%	0	12451	1403	429	187	14470
WEST COAST	SWARTLAND	0	0,0%	0	0,0%	8	0,1%	8	0,1%	0	15652	2315	1002	389	19358
	GRAND TOTAL	1	0,0%	6	0,0%	2524	1,1%	355	0,1%	29	237370	83038	27262	14374	362073

AGE BREAKDOWN PER DISTRICT AND MUNICIPALITY										
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	< 30	30 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 AND ABOVE	UNKNOWN AGE	GRAND TOTAL
CAPE WINELANDS	BREEDE VALLEY	1711	5863	2957	2756	2336	1761	2587	0	19971
CAPE WINELANDS	DRAKENSTEIN	940	4404	3359	3517	3218	2401	2991	1	20831
CAPE WINELANDS	LANGEBERG	729	2394	1645	1398	1110	746	1219	1	9242
CAPE WINELANDS	STELLENBOSCH	847	3796	2752	2805	2727	1972	3114	0	18013
CAPE WINELANDS	WITZENBERG	313	2286	1547	1438	1043	675	1019	0	8321
CENTRAL KAROO	BEAUFORT WEST	905	2617	994	715	487	364	578	0	6660
CENTRAL KAROO	LAINGSBERG	135	277	162	131	91	60	85	0	941
CENTRAL KAROO	PRINCE ALBERT	229	585	159	104	96	67	96	0	1336
GARDEN ROUTE	BITOU	912	3353	1779	1168	661	373	564	1	8811
GARDEN ROUTE	GEORGE	1130	6041	3949	2790	1868	1221	1593	0	18592
GARDEN ROUTE	HESSEQUA	543	1671	793	597	547	385	679	1	5216
GARDEN ROUTE	KANNALAND	231	1173	506	364	354	259	430	0	3317
GARDEN ROUTE	KNYSNA	770	2455	1524	1245	1007	728	1060	0	8789
GARDEN ROUTE	MOSSSEL BAY	617	3921	2382	1574	1026	735	969	0	11224
GARDEN ROUTE	ODUTSHOORN	1107	3326	1504	1387	1309	968	1436	0	11037
OVERBERG	CAPE AGULHAS	290	1326	552	366	351	278	419	0	3582
OVERBERG	OVERSTRAND	3252	6338	2794	1684	849	439	605	0	15961
OVERBERG	SWELLENDAM	325	1460	538	470	315	244	341	0	3693
OVERBERG	THEEWATERSKLOOF	940	4185	2043	1649	1385	1012	1737	2	12953
WEST COAST	BERGRIVIER	313	1753	877	747	563	439	628	0	5320
WEST COAST	CEDERBERG	596	1788	945	804	645	452	642	0	5872
WEST COAST	MATZIKAMA	1030	3483	1372	1076	868	654	1102	0	9585
WEST COAST	SALDANHA BAY	1344	4996	2418	1391	864	542	895	1	12451
WEST COAST	SWARTLAND	1520	5658	2612	1938	1417	1001	1506	0	15652
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>20729</b>	<b>75149</b>	<b>40163</b>	<b>32114</b>	<b>25137</b>	<b>17776</b>	<b>26295</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>237370</b>

INCOME BREAKDOWN PER DISTRICT AND MUNICIPALITY								
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	R0 - R3500	R3501 - R7000	R7001 - R15000	R15001 - R22000	R22001 AND ABOVE	UNKNOWN	GRAND TOTAL
CAPE WINELANDS	BREEDE VALLEY	17039	1675	998	175	84	0	19971
CAPE *WINELANDS	DRAKENSTEIN	18872	1283	501	68	107	0	20831
CAPE WINELANDS	LANGEBERG	8245	687	277	27	6	0	9242
CAPE WINELANDS	STELLENBOSCH	15637	1554	672	106	44	0	18013
CAPE WINELANDS	WITZENBERG	7692	441	146	30	12	0	8321
CENTRAL KAROO	BEAUFORT WEST	6249	258	138	9	6	0	6660
CENTRAL KAROO	LAINGSBERG	834	89	17	1	0	0	941
CENTRAL KAROO	PRINCE ALBERT	1147	116	45	21	7	0	1336
GARDEN ROUTE	BITOU	8712	69	20	4	6	0	8811
GARDEN ROUTE	GEORGE	16700	1269	527	68	28	0	18592
GARDEN ROUTE	HESSEQUA	4704	392	89	27	4	0	5216
GARDEN ROUTE	KANNALAND	3262	36	17	2	0	0	3317
GARDEN ROUTE	KNYSNA	8609	108	48	17	7	0	8789
GARDEN ROUTE	MOSSSEL BAY	10332	481	274	74	63	0	11224
GARDEN ROUTE	OUDTSHOORN	10767	237	26	5	2	0	11037
OVERBERG	CAPE AGULHAS	3498	72	9	1	2	0	3582
OVERBERG	OVERSTRAND	11557	3065	1120	168	51	0	15961
OVERBERG	SWELLENDAM	3533	126	30	2	2	0	3693
OVERBERG	THEEWATERSKLOOF	11099	1379	408	46	21	0	12953
WEST COAST	BERGRIVIER	4568	482	208	41	21	0	5320
WEST COAST	CEDERBERG	4342	856	505	100	69	0	5872
WEST COAST	MATZIKAMA	8345	819	347	49	25	0	9585
WEST COAST	SALDANHA BAY	11053	813	442	83	60	0	12451
WEST COAST	SWARTLAND	14746	559	272	52	23	0	15652
	GRAND TOTAL	211542	16866	7136	1176	650	0	237370

GENDER BREAKDOWN PER DISTRICT AND MUNICIPALITY					
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	MALE	FEMALE	UNKNOWN	GRAND TOTAL
CAPE WINELANDS	BREEDE VALLEY	9391	10580	0	19971
CAPE WINELANDS	DRAKENSTEIN	9721	11109	1	20831
CAPE WINELANDS	LANGEBERG	4384	4857	1	9242
CAPE WINELANDS	STELLENBOSCH	8248	9765	0	18013
CAPE WINELANDS	WITZENBERG	3990	4331	0	8321
CENTRAL KAROO	BEAUFORT WEST	2681	3979	0	6660
CENTRAL KAROO	LAINGSBERG	362	579	0	941
CENTRAL KAROO	PRINCE ALBERT	438	898	0	1336
GARDEN ROUTE	BITOU	4032	4778	1	8811
GARDEN ROUTE	GEORGE	8066	10526	0	18592
GARDEN ROUTE	HESSEQUA	2098	3117	1	5216
GARDEN ROUTE	KANNALAND	1222	2095	0	3317
GARDEN ROUTE	KNYSNA	3856	4933	0	8789
GARDEN ROUTE	MOSSEL BAY	5560	5664	0	11224
GARDEN ROUTE	OUDTSHOORN	4475	6562	0	11037
OVERBERG	CAPE AGULHAS	1558	2024	0	3582
OVERBERG	OVERSTRAND	8150	7811	0	15961
OVERBERG	SWELLENDAM	1459	2234	0	3693
OVERBERG	THEEWATERSKLOOF	5219	7733	1	12953
WEST COAST	BERGRIVIER	2526	2794	0	5320
WEST COAST	CEDERBERG	2546	3326	0	5872
WEST COAST	MATZIKAMA	4304	5281	0	9585
WEST COAST	SALDANHA BAY	5739	6711	1	12451
WEST COAST	SWARTLAND	7493	8159	0	15652
	CITY OF CAPE TOWN	141528	207086	267	348881
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>249046</b>	<b>336932</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>586251</b>

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*Ministers' vehicles: modifications***13. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Mobility:**

- (1) (a) How many vehicles that have been provided to Ministers have been modified to accommodate sport equipment, such as bicycle racks (but not limited to), from 2015 to date, (b) what has been the nature of these modifications, (c) to whom the vehicle was issued (d) what were the costs of these modifications to the vehicles, (e) which department paid for these modifications and (f) at whose request were these modifications made;
- (2) whether any Minister has refused to return an official vehicle or returned a vehicle later than was required for any reason since 2012; if so, (a) who were they and (b) what was the cost of this, if any;
- (3) (a) under which circumstances are Ministers allowed to hold onto vehicles after their term of office have ended and (b) which regulations allow former Ministers to continue driving their vehicles?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

13. (1) (a) No vehicles supplied to Ministers have been modified to accommodate sport equipment specifically. A vehicle may be fitted with a tow bar at the time of procurement, while still ensuring that the total vehicle price does not exceed the approved threshold as per the Ministerial Handbook.
- (b) Other than tow bars, no known modifications were made to VIP vehicles to accommodate sport equipment or the like specifically.
- (c) The following Ministries have permanently allocated vehicles with towbars:
  - Premier
  - Police Oversight and Community Safety (POCS)
  - Finance and Economic Opportunities
  - Human Settlements
  - Cultural Affairs and Sport
  - Social Development
- (d) The cost of a tow bar is included in the vehicle's purchase price to ensure that the total cost of the vehicle does not exceed the approved threshold as per the Ministerial Handbook.
- (e) See the answer to (c) above and note that GMT replaces the permanently allocated vehicle from its replacement budget.

- (f) GMT receives requests from Departments or may recommend specifications for vehicles to be ordered. A Quote via the RT57 State contract is obtained to ensure that the total vehicle cost does not exceed the approved threshold as per the Handbook.
- (2) I am not aware of any refusal by any Minister to return an official vehicle when asked to do so. I am aware of a case regarding an alleged refusal by a Member of this Provincial Parliament. The instance is the subject of a Conduct Committee Hearing.
- (3) (a) A Minister can hold onto his/her vehicle in terms of the Handbook Chapter 8 paragraph 2.2.1

*“Upon relinquishing office, former Members will be allocated one official vehicle (with SAPS VIP Driver) under the same conditions and provisions as at the time in office, until the end of the month following the month in which they vacate their office (one calendar month). Where exceptional circumstances prevail, i.e., termination as a result of death or ill-health, the period referred to above may, at the discretion of the Provincial Minister of Transport and Public Works, after consultation with the Premier, be extended to a period not exceeding three (3) calendar months.”*

- (b) Ministerial Handbook Chapter 8 paragraph 2.2.1

*School curriculum: addressing of drug and substance abuse*

**14. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos asked the Minister of Education:**

What curriculum is being used in schools to address the scourge of drug and substance abuse in the province?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

14. The Department addresses substance abuse and other related topics, such as teenage pregnancy, alcohol foetal syndrome and gender-based violence, on an on-going basis in our schools.

The following topics are addressed in the Life Skills and Life Orientation curriculum:

**Grade 5:**

Substance abuse:

- Types of drugs used: legal and illegal drugs including tobacco, alcohol and over the counter medication.
- Negative impact of substances on health: effects of drugs on body and mind.

**Grade 6:**

Peer pressure – we associate alcohol use at a young age with peer pressure:

- Examples of peer pressure in different situations: school and community.
- Appropriate responses to peer pressure in different situations.

**Grade 7:**

Substance abuse:

- Types/ forms of substance abuse.
- Symptoms of substance abuse.
- Personal factors that contribute to substance abuse: intrapersonal and interpersonal.
- Protective factors that reduce the likelihood of substance abuse.
- Prevention measures: early detection.
- Causes of diseases: social, economic and environmental factors including use of alcohol and tobacco, poor eating habits and physical inactivity.

**Grade 8:**

Social factors that contribute to substance abuse including community and media:

- Appropriate behaviour to stop and avoid substance abuse: refusal and decision-making skills.
- Long- and short-term consequences of substance abuse: link to crime, violence and educational outcomes.
- Rehabilitation options: where to find help, care and support.

**Grade 9:**

Goal-setting skills: personal lifestyle choices

- Influence of media, environment, friends and peers, family, culture, religion and community on personal lifestyle choices.
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- Appropriate responses to influences on personal lifestyle choices:
- Informed decision-making skills: positive and negative influences.
- Risk factors leading to unhealthy sexual behaviour.
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- Health and safety issues related to violence:
- Common acts of violence at home, school and in the community.
- Reasons that violence occurs in families and communities and among friends and peers.



Challenging situations – depression, grief, loss, trauma and crisis:

- Causes of depression, grief, loss, trauma and crisis.
- Counterproductive coping techniques: using alcohol and drugs.

### **Grade 10**

Strategies to enhance self-awareness, self-esteem and self-development:

- Factors influencing self-awareness and self-esteem including media.
- Skills such as self-awareness, critical thinking, decision-making, problem-solving, assertiveness, negotiations, communication, refusal, goal-setting and information gathering relating to sexuality and lifestyle choices.

### **Grade 11:**

Risky behaviour and situations – personal safety, road use, substance use and abuse, sexual behaviour, risk of pregnancy:

- Teenage suicides, hygiene and dietary behaviour, sexually-transmitted infections (STIs), HIV & AIDS and peer pressure.
- Socio-economic environment: literacy, income, poverty, culture and social environment.

In addition to the curriculum, there are programmes and interventions by our Safe Schools sub-directorate and our Specialised Learner and Educator Support (SLES) teams in the districts to address individual learner needs or group awareness at schools.

These include drug awareness programmes, and role-playing, anti-gangsterism and substance abuse workshops.

The code of conduct of each school should spell out the rules regarding learner behaviour at the school and describe the disciplinary system to be implemented by the school. Schools must highlight, in their school's code of conduct, the *Regulations for Safety Measures at Public Schools* as they relate to the presence of illegal drugs on public school premises or on the person in contravention of these regulations.

The Department also receives support from SAPS and Law Enforcement in terms of search and seizures, and uses various non-governmental organisations, law enforcement and individuals to advocate against substance abuse in various after-school programmes and assemblies.

Learners must understand the consequences to their actions. The Department has a zero-tolerance approach to substance abuse and the dealing of drugs in schools.

*Law Enforcement Advancement Plan: funding***15. Mr M Kama asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

(a) What (i) is the total amount that has been transferred to the City of Cape Town for the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) from the inception of the plan to date, and (ii) oversight mechanisms are in place to hold the City of Cape Town accountable for the transferred funds, (b)(i) what are the details of the contractual obligations that have been entered into between the provincial government and the City of Cape Town with regard to LEAP and (ii) can copies of all documents and/or agreements and/or contractual obligations entered into be made available and (c) what mechanisms are in place in order for his Department and the Standing Committee on Community Safety to hold the City of Cape Town to account for the transferred funds for the LEAP programme?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY TO REPLY:

15. (a) (i) The amount transferred to the City of Cape Town municipality for the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) project is R712 250 000.

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total
R130 000 000	R417 000 000	R165 250 000	<b>R712 250 000</b>

For the 2022/23 financial year the amount for the LEAP is R400 000. The funds to be transferred in August 2022.

- (ii) The Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) and Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) accommodates robust reporting and intergovernmental relations through the LEAP Governance. The TPA recommends quarterly financial reports and implementation progress reports.
- (b) (i) The contractual agreement is related to the LEAP Business Plans and the TPA are finalised annually.
- (ii) See attached Annexure 1.
- (c) The Department of Community Safety (DoCS) legislative framework is derived from the LEAP Gazette that is tabled annually. The Gazette sets out monitoring requirements for the beneficiary institution and has an effective oversight and monitoring requirement for the funding Department (DoCS). The Gazette is supported by the TPA in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

Furthermore, the DoCS initiated a Section 35 IGR Governance & Protocol Agreement to further strengthen the effective financial and resource management and governance of LEAP. The way in which the monitoring and oversight mechanism is implemented is detailed below:

**DRAFT1 (07/06/2022)**  
**TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT**

**2022/2023**

Entered into by and between the

**WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT VIA ITS  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY**

(Herein represented by **Adv Yashina Pillay** in her capacity as  
Head of the Department of Community Safety, duly authorized thereto)

(Hereinafter referred to as "the Department")

and

**CITY OF CAPE TOWN VIA ITS  
SAFETY AND SECURITY DIRECTORATE**

(Herein represented by **Vincent Boffo** in his capacity as  
Acting Executive Director of the Safety and Security Directorate, duly authorized thereto)

(Hereinafter referred to as "the Beneficiary")

(Collectively referred to as "the Parties")

**PREAMBLE**

- A. Whereas** the City of Cape Town established the Law Enforcement Advancement Programme;
- B. AND Whereas** the Department has undertaken to support and contribute to the Law Enforcement Advancement Programme by providing funding as set out in the Business Plan attached hereto as Annexure "A";
- C. AND Whereas** the Parties have reached an agreement in terms of which the Department will allocate to the Beneficiary an amount of **R 400 000 000 (Four Hundred Million Rands)** as a contribution towards the expenses of the Law Enforcement Advancement Programme in the Beneficiary's 2022/23 financial year, for the period **1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**;
- D. AND Whereas** In the case of multi-year funding, funding for subsequent financial years will be subject to the allocations made by the Provincial Executive, departmental budget allocations made by the Provincial Parliament and the departmental performance management processes, together with the conclusion of a further agreement between the Parties in respect of such further funding.

Branch Name : Nedbank South Africa  
 Branch code : 198765  
 Name of Account Holder : City of Cape Town  
 Account Number : 1158 667 035

- 1.3.4. **"Business Days"** means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or statutory public holiday proclaimed as such in the Republic of South Africa;
- 1.3.5. **"Commencement Date"** means 01 July 2022;
- 1.3.6. **"Calendar Days"** means any day of the week and includes weekends and statutory public holidays proclaimed as such in the Republic of South Africa; and
- 1.3.7. **"Calendar Month"** means the period of time that begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> [first] Calendar Day of any given month and shall consist of the number of Calendar Days in such month, ending on the last Calendar Day of the same month;
- 1.3.8. **"Funds"** means R 400 000 000 (Four Hundred Million Rands);
- 1.3.9. **"LEAP"** means the Law Enforcement Advancement Programme;
- 1.3.10. **"Project"** shall mean the appointment, training, equipping, and operationalization of Law Enforcement Officers by the Beneficiary, in order to implement the Law Enforcement Advancement Programme (LEAP), in terms of and in compliance with Government Notice 1114 of 19 October 2018: Declaration of Peace Officers in terms of section 334 of the Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977: Law enforcement officers appointed by a municipality issued in *Government Gazette* No 41982, subject to further amendment.

- 1.4. Words and expressions defined in any clause shall, for the purpose of that clause, bear the meaning of such words and expressions in that clause.

**2. DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall commence, notwithstanding the signature date hereof, on the Commencement Date and shall, unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, terminate once all the agreed-upon deliverables and reporting obligations have been met by the Beneficiary.

**3. APPROVED BUDGET AND PAYMENT OF THE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT**

- 3.1 The Department shall pay an amount of **R 400 000 000 (Four Hundred Million Rand)** (the "Funds"), subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

- 3.2 The Funds will be deposited into the Beneficiary's Primary Bank Account, opened in accordance with section 8 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), and suitably ring-fenced until the Funds can be utilised for purposes of the Project.

- 3.3 The Department shall pay the Beneficiary the Funds as set out in clauses 3.3.1- 3.3.3 below, which payments will be subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement:

- 3.3.1 **R 200 000 000 (Two Hundred Million Rand)** within 30 (thirty) Calendar Days from the date of signature of this Agreement;

- 3.3.2 **R100 000 000 (One Hundred Million Rand)** subject to the receipt of the monthly financial report and cumulative progress reports by **10 February 2023** as contemplated in clauses 5.1 and 5.2, which is satisfactory to the Department and has been approved by the Department; and

- 3.3.3 **R100 000 000 (One Hundred Million Rand)** subject to the receipt of the monthly financial report and cumulative progress reports by **10**

**March 2023** as contemplated in clauses 5.1 and 5.2, which is satisfactory to the Department and has been approved by the Department.

- 3.4 The Funds may only be utilised by the Beneficiary for the purposes of the Project as set out in the Business Plan attached hereto as Annexure "A" and the LEAP Monitoring and Assessment Framework Annexure "B".
- 3.5 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a confirmation of the allocation of funding in respect of the Project in subsequent financial years.
- 3.6 In the event that the Beneficiary is unable to utilise the Funds within the Beneficiary's 2022/2023 financial year, the Beneficiary may apply to the Provincial Treasury of the Western Cape Government for approval to utilise the remaining Funds during the Beneficiary's 2022/2023 financial year, subject to such Funds being utilised for their intended purpose, as set out in the Business Plan.

#### **4. OBLIGATIONS OF THE BENEFICIARY**

The Beneficiary shall:

- 4.1 ensure that effective, efficient, and transparent financial management and internal control systems are in place and remain in place for the duration of this Agreement;
- 4.2 ensure that its financial statements in respect of any and each financial year during which this Agreement is or remains in force are prepared in accordance with the requirements contained in the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, and any regulations of that Act, which may be applicable;
- 4.3 furnish the Department with its most recent audited financial statements, as included in its latest annual report;

- 4.4 furnish the Department with a written assurance in terms of section 38 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999) which is to be attached hereto, marked Annexure "C";
- 4.5 Utilize the Funds only for the purpose for which they were approved namely the Project, which is detailed in the Business Plan attached as Annexure "A";
- 4.6 allocate the Funds only in accordance with the Business Plan attached as Annexure "A", which includes a budget, cash flow projections, targets, outputs, time frames, and reporting periods;
- 4.7 create a separate cost centre within its formal accounting system to enable it to accurately account for the Funds transferred in favour of the Project;
- 4.8 refund to the Department all Funds, together with the interest earned thereon, clearly indicating the project reference number, should the Beneficiary fail to commence with the implementation of the Project within 4 (four) Calendar Months after the Funds (or any part thereof) have been paid over to it, within 30 (thirty) Calendar Days from the end of the 4 (four) month period;
- 4.9 pay back any surplus and/or remaining Funds, including available interest thereon, to the Department within 30 (thirty) days after the Beneficiary's 2022/2023 financial year-end, alternatively, where permission has been obtained for the roll-over of the Funds, within 30 (thirty) days after the Beneficiary's 2022/2023 financial year-end, clearly indicating the relevant reference number;
- 4.10 ensure that it maintains complete documentary evidence of all and any payments made from the Funds, including but not limited to expenditure vouchers, indicating the project reference number, which must be retained for audit purposes;
- 4.11 furnish the Department with an income and expenditure statement, prepared by its accountant and certified as correct by a Director, Chief



Executive Officer, or another most senior member of management, which indicates the total allocation and total expenditure in respect of the Project, within two (2) months of completion of the Project;

- 4.12 confirm in writing that the utilisation of the Funds was audited internally or externally;
- 4.13 adhere to the reporting and other requirements as set out in clause 5 below; and
- 4.14 comply with all of its statutory obligations including those reflected in the Firearms Control Act, 2000 and the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 as well as any other related regulations, declarations, or other statutory instruments.

## **5. REPORTING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

- 5.1 The Beneficiary must submit written cumulative progress and quarterly financial reports in accordance with the LEAP Business Plan 2022/23 (Annexure "A") and LEAP budget (Annexure "B") on the dates stipulated in clause 3.3. Each written progress report must confirm:
  - 5.1.1 the achieved targets and outputs are measured against the Beneficiary's Business Plan set out in Annexure "A" and the LEAP budget set out in Annexure "B" together with any supporting documents substantiating the achieved targets and outputs; and
  - 5.1.2 quarterly financial and expenditure reports by the end of each quarter for the duration of this agreement providing a breakdown of all expenditures and the balance of the Funds, relative to the Project Budget as well as confirmation regarding those items listed in the Project Budget that have been procured.
- 5.2 These cumulative progress and quarterly financial reports must be submitted with any supporting documents as outlined below:

- 5.2.1 first and second quarterly consolidated financial reports for the period **01 July 2022 to 31 September 2022 and 01 October to 31 December 2022** with 10 Calendar Days at the end of the period;
- 5.2.2 first cumulative progress report for the period **01 July 2022 to 31 January 2022**, must be submitted to Department by **10 February 2022** and has been approved by the Department;
- 5.2.3 third quarterly consolidated financial reports for the period ending **30 March 2022** within 10 Calendar Days at the end of the quarter; and
- 5.2.4 fourth quarterly consolidated financial reports for the period ending **30 June 2022** within 10 Calendar Days at the end of the quarter.
- 5.3 The Beneficiary must submit a **final project closure report with annual achievements**, to the relevant programme manager of the Department within **20 (Twenty) Business days after 30 June 2023**.
- 5.4 The Department reserves the right to request additional information pertaining to any matters or issues raised in or relevant matters or issues omitted from any report or Progress Report as furnished.
- 5.5 Pursuant to the reporting obligations envisaged in section 38 (i) (j) of the PFMA and as detailed in this Agreement, the Department reserves its rights to suspend or terminate payments to the Beneficiary.
- 5.6 The Management of the Beneficiary shall be obliged to attend meetings to be held at the reasonable instance and request of the Department to discuss progress or any impediments in respect of the fulfillment of the obligations in terms of this Agreement.
- 5.7 The Beneficiary shall make available to the Department all relevant records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to the performance or obligations in terms of the Agreement, as and when requested by the Department, in order that the Department may conduct outcome and

Impact evaluations after reasonable prior written notice has been given to the Beneficiary.

5.8 The Beneficiary must submit a report by its Director, Chief Executive Officer, or another most senior member of management, as the case may be, pertaining to the Project, and which refers to the following:

5.8.1 the extent to which the Beneficiary achieved its objectives for the financial year concerned;

5.8.2 appropriate performance information regarding the economical, effective, and appropriate utilisation of the Funds; and

5.8.3 an indication of the other Funds, if any, received from the State, as well as any undertaking given by the State.

5.9 To ensure that the Funds are utilised correctly, the Beneficiary shall, upon written notice by the Department, grant authorized officials of the Western Cape Government access to the documentation, books, and financial records of the Beneficiary at all reasonable times, and these officials shall be entitled to inspect the Beneficiary's records at the Beneficiary's premises and to make copies of any required documentation.

5.10 The Department reserves the right to request the Beneficiary to have the financial statements, referred to in clause 4.3 above, audited.

## **6. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

6.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of South Africa.

6.2 In the event of any dispute arising from this Agreement, the Parties shall make every effort to settle such dispute amicably.

6.3 If the dispute is not capable of being settled amicably between the Parties, such dispute shall be elevated to the Senior Management/Executive or their

duly designated representatives for mediation purposes, within 7 (seven) Business Days of the dispute has arisen.

- 6.4 Should the dispute, despite such referral to the Senior Management or Executive as contemplated in clause 7.3 remain unresolved for a period of 30 (thirty) Calendar Days after being so referred, either Party may declare such dispute a formal intergovernmental dispute by notifying the other Party of such declaration in writing, in which event the Parties will follow the procedure as outlined in the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, 2005 (Act 13 of 2005).
- 6.5 Should the dispute still remain unresolved the dispute will be adjudicated by a competent court of law with jurisdiction to hear the matter.

## **7. NOTICE AND DOMICILIUM**

- 7.1 The Parties choose as their respective *domicilium citandi et executandi* for the purposes of legal proceedings and for the purpose of giving or sending any notice provided for or necessary in terms of this Agreement the following addresses:

### **THE DEPARTMENT**

The Head of Department:

Department of Community Safety

35 Wale Street, 4th Floor

Cape Town

8001

### **THE BENEFICIARY**

The Executive Director: Safety & Security

City of Cape Town

5th Floor, Podium, Civic Centre, Hertzog Boulevard

Cape Town

8001

- 7.2 All notices to be given in terms of the Agreement shall be given in writing and be delivered or sent by prepaid registered post to the Party's chosen *domicilium citandi et executandi*.
- 7.3 If delivered by hand, a notice shall be presumed to have been received on the date of delivery, or, if sent by prepaid registered post, be presumed to have been received 7 (seven) Business Days after the date of posting.
- 7.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Agreement, a written notice or communication actually received by one of the Parties from the other Party shall be adequate written notice of communications to such Party.

## **8. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

- 8.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and no amendment, alteration, addition or variation of any right, term or condition of this Agreement will be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by the Parties to this Agreement.
- 8.2 The Parties agree that there are no conditions, variations or representations, whether oral or written and whether expressed or implied or otherwise, other than those contained in the Agreement.
- 8.3 This Agreement replaces any other previous verbal or written agreements entered into between the Parties.

SIGNED AT

ON THIS

DAY OF

2022

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**THE DEPARTMENT**

(Signed by **Adv Yashina Pillay**, on behalf of the Department, in her capacity as **Head of Department**, duly authorized thereto)

AS WITNESSES:

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Signature

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Name in capital letters

SIGNED AT

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**THE BENEFICIARY**

(Signed by **Vincent Botto**, on behalf of the Beneficiary, in his capacity as **Acting Executive Director: Safety & Security**, duly authorized thereto)

AS WITNESSES:

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Signature

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Name in capital letters

ANNEXURE: LEAP 2022/2023 BUSINESS PLAN & TPA BUDGET							
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Item	Budget Item	Line Item Description as per Business Plan	TOTAL BUDGET (R'000 000)	BUDGET WCG ALLOCATION (TPA 2023)	BUDGET PER BUSINESS PLAN - COCT allocation	SOCS TOTAL BUDGET FY 2023	CITY TOTAL BUDGET FY 2023
1	Operational LEO & Area Based Staff	Open Salaries LEOs	322,466,896.00	322,466,896.00	R0.00	322,466,896.00	0.00
		Overtime LEOs				0.00	0.00
		Ops Support Operations				0.00	0.00
2	Control and Control & Corporate HR	Salaries: Command & Control	156,007,744.00	30,525,091.00	R125,482,653.00	0.00	117,149,794.42
		Overtime: Permanent Staff				30,525,091.00	0.00
		Salaries: COCT				0.00	0.00
		Salaries: CTSWP				0.00	8,332,858.58
		Salaries: HR temp - Clerks				0.00	0.00
		Salaries: HR temp - Admin (S&T)				0.00	0.00
3	Training Department	Salaries: Training College	12,756,780.10	12,756,780.10	R0.00	0.00	0.00
		Open Training LEOs & Refresher				12,274,867.00	0.00
		Open Training Refresher units				481,913.10	0.00
4	Uniforms & Equipment Cost	Open Uniforms & Clothing	12,339,960.90	12,339,960.90	R0.00	10,093,947.30	0.00
		Open Firearms				0.00	0.00
		Open Stationery & Printing				1,124,463.90	0.00



		Open Bilateral & Consumer Dee				1,121,549.70	0.00
5	Vehicle a & Transport Costs	Open Vehicle Purchases	15,811,252.00	15,811,252.00	R0.00	0.00	0.00
		Open Vehicle (Fuel & Insurance)				15,811,252.00	0.00
6	NST Facilities & Furniture	Open/Zero Mile	6,100,020.00	6,100,020.00	R0.00	6,100,020.00	0.00
		Open Replacement of Facilities				0.00	0.00
		Open Repairs & Maintenance				0.00	0.00
		Open Furniture				0.00	0.00
7	IT, Data Storage & Mobile	Open IT	0.00	0.00	R0.00	0.00	0.00
		Open Devices				0.00	0.00
		Open Ratios				0.00	0.00
TOTAL			525,482,653.00	400,000,000.00	125,482,653.00	400,000,000.00	125,482,653.00
			525,482,653.00	400,000,000.00	125,482,653.00		
			Approved BP & TPA Budget	WCG Allocation 22/23	CoCT Allocation 22/23		
			0.00				

## CCT contribution to LEAP

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	TOTAL
Total LEAP cost	109 799 902	557 726 256	496 279 975	525 482 653	1 749 286 786
WCG funding commitment	130 000 000	417 000 000	350 000 000	400 000 000	1 297 000 000
CCT contribution	39 799 902	140 726 256	146 279 975	125 482 653	452 286 786



*Wesfleur Hospital: state of healthcare***16. Mr S August asked the Minister of Health:**

With reference to the state of healthcare at the Wesfleur Hospital:

- (1) How many patients receive medical treatment (a) daily, (b) weekly and (c) monthly at the hospital;
- (2) whether the hospital is meeting its intended service delivery targets; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the hospital's doctor-to-patient ratio;
- (4) whether the hospital is equipped to handle the number of patients it assesses daily; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) (a) how many doctors and/or specialists are permanently operational in the Paediatric Centre and (b) how many patients are assessed in the Paediatric Centre (i) daily, (ii) weekly and (iii) monthly;
- (6) what is the current ambulance allocation from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the Wesfleur Hospital,
- (7) whether the EMS has a plan to allocate more ambulances to the Wesfleur Hospital; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the current budget allocation for purchasing new ambulances and servicing older vehicles?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

16. (1) Based on the monthly headcount, Wesfleur Hospital (WFH) sees on average:
  - (a) On average 7-day week: 125 patients per day at the EC and 357 daily at the OPD
  - (b) On average weekly: 875 patients at the EC and 2 500 patients at the OPD
  - (c) On average monthly: 3500 patients at the EC and 10 000 patients at the OPD

In addition, the Obstetrics and Gynaecology theatre performs approximately 35 to 40 caesarean sections per month and attends to on average of 60 new sexual assault cases per month at its Thuthuzela Centre.

- (2) While the hospital is expected to deliver a District Hospital package of care, a large proportion of clients still access this facility for primary healthcare services. This leads to overcrowding and long waiting times. As at end of June, the hospital had a monthly bed utilisation rate of 72%.

	<b>Apr-22</b>	<b>May-22</b>	<b>Jun-22</b>	<b>YTD 22/23</b>
Inpatient Days	834	997	1058	<b>2 889</b>
Day Patients	61	69	49	<b>179</b>
OPD	9407	10205	9539	<b>29 151</b>
Emergency	3155	3522	3437	<b>10 114</b>
Inpatient Discharge	226	308	262	<b>796</b>
Transfer Out	59	57	46	<b>162</b>

**There are several reasons for this pressure and addressing it effectively will take a combined effort from a number of role players.** Services at these surrounding PHC facilities are limited to non-emergency services, such as child immunisation and TB treatment. The Hospital also provides care to high number victims of gender-based violence and sexual assaults in the area and its surrounds. Thus, the same EC staff provide specialized examinations at the Thuthuzela centre on an on-call basis which further delays the care for non-urgent or green-triaged patients waiting in the Emergency Centre.

- (3) Wesfleur Hospital is a Level 1 District Hospital and does not have different departments and is staffed with two Specialist Family Physicians, 9 Permanent Medical Officers and 3 Community Service Doctors, who are responsible for all the clinical duties in Wesfleur Hospital.
- (4) While the hospital is expected to deliver a District Hospital package of care, a large proportion of clients still access this facility for primary healthcare services. This leads to overcrowding and long waiting times. 50% of the patients presenting to the Emergency Department are non-emergency patients. This is a direct result of no other comprehensive healthcare facility in Atlantis. The Hospital also provides care to high number victims of gender-based violence and sexual assaults in the area and its surrounds. Thus, the same EC staff provide specialized examinations at the Thuthuzela centre on an on-call basis which further delays the care for non-urgent or green-triaged patients waiting in the Emergency Centre. We have identified several areas of improvement over the short/medium to longer terms to improve clients' experience and access to health care. These proposals will be discussed through engagement with the local community structures, including the Hospital Board and local ward councilor. The plans do not only focus on changes at the hospital, but also include plans to ensure that patients are efficiently serviced at other service points to ease the WFH burden.

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- (5) Wesfleur Hospital is a Level 1 District Hospital and does not have different departments and is staffed with two Specialist Family Physicians, 10 Permanent Medical Officers and 3 Community Service Doctors, who are responsible for all the clinical duties in Wesfleur Hospital. On average 1 235 Paediatric patients present to the hospital monthly and receive care which range from admission to referral to other specialised hospitals.
  - (6) There are no ambulances specifically allocated to any facility, including Wesfleur Hospital. EMS does however have a station located on the premises of the hospital. Two ambulances service the community of Atlantis and its surrounds during the day shift – one ambulance attends to primary calls and the other performs interfacility transfers to New Somerset or Groote Schuur Hospital. One ambulance is on duty during the night.
  - (7) Owing to the current financial constraints facing the whole department, there are no immediate plans to increase the resources to the Atlantis and surrounds. This is however not restricted to the Atlantis station alone and is a challenge we face across the city. The issue is not related to the number of ambulances, but instead is a staffing challenge as it takes nine staff to provide one ambulance 24/7/365. Thus, increasing the number of resources (ambulances) to an area requires an increase in staff. In the interim, EMS is exploring alternative models of service delivery to see if we can increase the services/coverage to an area without an increase in resources. This will require creativity and collaboration with the communities and our health stakeholders, and we remain committed to this goal.

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**INTERPELLATIONS***Illegal firearms: destruction of***1. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With respect to the destruction of illegal firearms being centralised in Pretoria:

- (1) (a) What is the Department's position on the centralised policy and (b) would it not be best for such a competency to be devolved to provinces;
- (2) whether the province is in a position to take on this responsibility if the mandate is devolved to the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Deputy Speaker.

It will be remiss of me to not highlight within this House that a *Daily Maverick* exposé highlighted the crimes of Colonel Prinsloo and within Mark Shaw's book it was stated that that particular crime of selling firearms to criminals here in the Western Cape was potentially the single deadliest crime in post-apartheid time.

So we have seen, hon Deputy Speaker, via parliamentary replies that illegal firearms that are confiscated here in the Western Cape or then bi-annually transported all the way to Pretoria, where it is then destroyed. That is a major risk. We have highlighted that risk continuously within this House and we will continue to do so.

In terms of this particular interpellation I wanted to thank hon member Bosman for raising it because it speaks to the previous topic as well, because we would ideally want to see the Western Cape have its own destruction site for illegal firearms so that we can do it on a more regular basis, but also ensure that guns never land up back in Hanover Park or in Mitchells Plain and kill many of our people. The deadliest single crime since post-apartheid era when an officer stole guns and sold it to criminals here in the Western Cape. It was also estimated that around 9 000 guns were stolen and sold to criminals and I cannot overestimate that particular impact.

So, hon Deputy Speaker, in terms of Section 149 of the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000, it imposes a compulsory obligation on the State to destroy firearms and ammunition which are forfeited to the State. The obligation to destroy weapons and firearms should clearly be a State function. The regulations of the Act require that no firearm may be destroyed without prior written approval of the Registrar and this function currently rest with the South African Police Service.

Hon Deputy Speaker, some of the greatest risk in the management of confiscated or stockpiled firearms and ammunition lies in the time between confiscation and destruction and the transportation and movement of firearms from one place to another. We have often heard in this House, in the media, that corruption is not only outside in national departments, it is even within our police service.

So the risk of transporting firearms and ammunition to Pretoria 1 500 kilometres away from where we are, from other provinces, obviously creates those risks. The Department is of the view that where possible the State must destroy confiscated firearms and ammunition within this particular province so that we cannot only oversee that, but also ensure that it does not land in Mitchells Plain, in Khayelitsha and in other areas.

So thank you, hon member Bosman, for raising this particular matter. The Province also in terms of its capacity to take on this particular responsibility, in terms of Article 9 of the Amendment of the SADC Protocol, it states that:

“State parties shall consider the safest and most economic option for the disposal of confiscated firearms, including burning them publicly or recycling them into non-hostile commercial or peaceful uses.”

It makes financial sense, hon Deputy Speaker. It also makes moral sense that it should be confiscated here. Furthermore, the Firearms Control Act regulations determine that:

“Firearms must only be destroyed under the regulation by melting, pressing or in another manner determined by the Registrar so that the original intent, design and purpose of the firearm or any part thereof is permanently and irrevocably destroyed.”

As a province we are obviously still investigating facilities ...[Interjection.] are available and engaging the South African Police Service and this function is currently with the South African Police Service. [Time expired.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Through you, as hon member Mr Sayed would prefer us to do it, I thank the hon Minister for his response on this critical issue.

More than four months after raising this issue and requesting that the matter of a dedicated firearm site for the Western Cape be escalated to the National Department of Police, SAPS has now confirmed in a communique to this Parliament that the transportation of illegal firearms to Pretoria for destruction is not only costly, but it is also done at a high risk.

They further admitted that a decentralised process would be less risky and more cost effective to do. They have outlined that there are not any risk-free sites in the Western Cape with the melting facilities where these firearms can be destroyed, but in the past we have had two facilities. The ArcelorMittal facility in Saldana, currently that is no longer functional due to liquidity issues, and the Cape Town Iron and Steel Works in Kuils River which is still operational, but it is not recommended owing to safety reasons.

Yet despite being aware of these risks, the National Government through the National Police Commissioner, has shown no initiative to establish a decentralised destruction site in the Western Cape.

This, hon Deputy Speaker, is a slap in the face to the countless families who have lost lives and loved ones through guns provided by SAPS through Colonel Prinsloo.

When people get shot in this province, the National talking hat in the form of Minister Cele comes here and has an imbizo. Instead of having imbizos the Minister can put a dedicated destruction site in the Western Cape to ensure that hon member Bans' daughter is safe for her future. [Interjections.]

So through you, hon Deputy Speaker, can the Minister ...[Interjection.] elaborate more on the investigations that are being done to establish a dedicated site in the Western Cape? [Time expired.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the Minister for the answer. The question I have is as follows: there is a big risk by transporting the weapons twice a year up to Pretoria. I am thinking about innovation, hon Minister. When we looked at the court failing us, the Department came with the Court Watching Briefs to look at to up the conviction rate.

As your Department can you do something to make sure that those guns do not come back to the Hanover Parks, the Mitchells Plains? Because I think that is the biggest killer. [Interjections.] That it lands up in the wrong hands.

So I am looking at that, because I know what hon member Gillion is saying, but that it seems to me it is going to take forever. Do you have a plan to monitor to make sure, I do not know how, but some innovation to see that those guns do not end up in the streets, but get to Pretoria to be destroyed? Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Earlier today COSATU had to take away a mic from the MEC as he tried to misrepresent this Government as that which will work with COSATU, because they have sent many letters to the Premier and he had never responded.

Hon Deputy Speaker, as we mark the MEC's 100 days in office, we must quickly point out that violent crimes and mass murders are increasing, kidnapping and extortion syndicates are getting out of hand. The CPFs continue to be undermined and underfunded and our communities do not feel safe. So there is nothing to celebrate in his 100 days.

This Provincial Government is failing on its own Safety Plan. It is failing to address causative factors of crime. It is driving young people to the life of drugs and gangs through the colour conscious poverty, unemployment and inequality, and yet it wants policing powers to be devolved to the Province. What are you doing to address the causative factors of crime and what are you doing to detect and remove illegal firearms from circulation?

We have a serious challenge of circulation of illegal firearms and ammunition in society and the Safety Plan has no strategy to address this. The DA clearly has a casual relation with gangs and therefore cannot be trusted with such an important competency.

The murder rate in the province, and Cape Town in particular, increased significantly because of decommissioned firearms that Christiaan Prinsloo and his cronies sold to gang bosses. It was an apartheid strategy to dump guns in the Cape Flats so that black and coloured people kill each other. Prinsloo is clearly an apartheid apologist and a possible supporter of the DA. Around 2015 a Belhar DA white councillor submitted a letter in court appealing for a lighter sentence for a convicted 28 Gang member. The Western Cape, as one of the leading provinces with murder rate as a result of gang wars, should preoccupy itself with more strategies to remove these illegal firearms than point-playing ...[Interjection.] politics and wanting some things that they will never get. Thank you very much.

Ms S N AUGUST: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Crime in South Africa is completely out of control. Daily we hear of the mass murders, mass shootings, robberies and all sorts of criminal conduct. The number of illegal firearms on the streets is worrisome. More so on the streets of the Western Cape where the province has seen over 400 shootings between June 2019 and December 2021.

If one should tie all this up with the investigative capabilities of the South African Police Service, the situation turns into a dire reality. SAPS has no control over the illegal firearms on our streets and how this further fuels criminal activities. I call on SAPS to consider the possibility of a Western Cape-based firearm destruction site as this would greatly influence the cost of transporting firearms to Pretoria and lower the risk of safety and security associated with these weapons.

As stated last week, SAPS is severely under-resourced and this is failure for our daily battle against crime. Instead we should consider ways that can assist National Government to expeditiously remove illegal firearms from our streets and if establishing a Western Cape firearms destruction site proves as one of the solutions, it should be considered.

All spheres of government should work together to combat crime and make South Africa a safer country. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you hon, Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, we all agree that violence is abhorrent and we all agree that gun violence is especially abhorrent, especially when it is State sponsored, when it is sponsored by the National Minister of Police in this country where guns aimed for destruction is actually sold by SAPS members to gangsters.

So I fail to understand how the shadow MEC for police oversight in this province can stand up and totally disregard the effects of gun violence in this province at the expense of protecting our national talking hat. I do not understand why hon member Kama can stand here and say that it is a Western Cape problem when it is national [Interjections.] guns transported by National Police ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr G BOSMAN: ... by the National Minister. I really need to understand [Interjections.] how this is possible that someone who is so ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Bosman? If you can just take your seat there is a point of order [Interjections.]. Hon member Nkondlo, can you give your ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Hon Chair, can the hon member Bosman, the Chairperson of Community Safety, tell us what is a national gun perhaps [Interjections.]? It is interesting, I have never heard of a national gun.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, hon members, that is not a point of order. Please continue, hon member Bosman. [Interjections.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I should have said “national looter”. I think they only know what national looters are, but we do know ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr G BOSMAN: ... that these guns are sponsored by Mr Bheki Cele, the national talking head.

So when it comes to communities and holds imbizos and waste taxpayers' money, he is coming here to insult communities instead of providing concrete solutions.

So through you, hon Deputy Speaker, can I please ask our very capable Minister of Police Oversight to educate our hon MEC, our shadow MEC for Police Oversight on the process of disposing guns? Can you please, hon Minister, through the Deputy Speaker provide a detailed lecture to hon member Kama on what ...[Interjection.] the actual issue is that we are debating? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you so much, hon Deputy Speaker, and once again I am baffled because hon member Kama would either agree that the Western Cape Government should have a dedicated destruction site for firearms, or he will be fine and happy with it being transported all the way to Pretoria. That is plain for everyone to see and it is plain for the communities to see and I would not want to be accused of misrepresenting anyone again.

So hon member Kama either agrees or he is fine and happy with the transportation, which happens bi-annually and I appreciate hon member Christians' input.

We are a government of innovation [Interjections.]. We are a government that is forward thinking under the leadership of Premier Alan Winde, so we will definitely consider.



I was even already in my head thinking how are we going to drive behind that particular van and we are going to track it, but will I have the privilege just that once we leave the Western Cape what happens then?

So I am already thinking I would have to track it and maybe take hon member Kama with me so that he can get a first-hand experience in that regard.

So thank you for the innovative approach. We will definitely consider how we are able to do it because there is also interprovincial transport that will then have to be taken into account.

In terms of CPFs. In the first 100 days I would not want anyone to celebrate with me because we still know we have a long way to go. We still know that our work is continuing. So when we say that our goal is to have a dedicated destruction site here in the Western Cape, it is one leg also in order to see that the murder rate is reduced. We have an ideal goal that we say the murder rate must be reduced by 50%, but we know one murder is one murder too many. There are different legs and the Western Cape Safety Plan speaks directly to those socio-economic circumstances. In front of me is Minister Sharna Fernandez ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... who has a Social Development component in the Safety Plan. In front of me is Minister David Maynier and there is an Education component [Interjections.] in the Safety Plan ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... we have other provincial Ministers that also have a component in the Safety Plan because it is that whole of government approach and, hon Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] earlier on it was mentioned that no gang member will be afraid of me. I also would not want any gang member to be afraid of me, but what I do know ...[Interjections.] is that gangsters and criminals will be afraid of this Western Cape Government ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... that is standing together and that is doing everything, everything in our power, even going beyond our scope and our mandate in order to ensure that our residents are safer.

So they should not be afraid of me, but they should be afraid of this Government. We are standing with the residents. We are fighting for SAPS to strengthen the hand of SAPS and having a dedicated destruction site here in the Western Cape is another leg component and it is plain to see it makes sense, it makes financial sense. It also ... it makes sense. [Interjections.] Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Debate concluded.]

*Mental health challenges at schools***2. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:**

- (a) What is the prevalence of mental health challenges at schools and (b) what are the detailed programmes in place to address such challenges?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you and thank you to the hon member for putting up this very important interpellation on the whole question of mental health challenges.

Hon Deputy Speaker, psychosocial support and wellness of course have been identified as a priority area for the Western Cape Education Department. The prevalence of mental health challenges is difficult to quantify, but in terms of the support required from our psychosocial support services in districts, the prevalent issues for learners include bereavement counselling, physical or sexual abuse or neglect, or mood disorders, or behavioural issues, witnesses to traumatic incidents, inappropriate sexual behaviour, substance abuse and teenage pregnancies.

The most prevalent issues which employees are accessing through the employee health and wellness programme are for trauma issues, personal relationships, work-related relationships and conflict, mental health issues such as depressive and anxiety disorders, and of course family matters.

The Department has a three-tiered approach to dealing with psychosocial or mental health challenges among learners. First high level support is provided by psychologists or social workers in circuits and districts, and this may include individual or group counselling or referrals to other Government departments, and of course moderate level support is provided at a school level in the form of case discussions with school-based support teams, or with individual teachers and through referral to community services, and then of course lower level or early intervention and prevention and proactive support are provided in the classroom, school or community level and includes workshops, training and online psychosocial support.

In cases where learners are manifesting symptoms of depression and may even be at risk of possible suicide attempt, or just need to talk to someone regarding their mental health, schools should contact the psychologist or social worker allocated to the school by the district support team, but in the case of more urgent needs, schools, parents and our learners may call the toll-free Safe Schools Call Centre on 0800 454 647 for assistance in locating immediate support.

The Department of course liaises with Safe Schools to supplement the services from the Department employed psychologists and social workers by working with the Department of Health and of course the Department of Social Development and many NGOs. Thousands of learners and teachers are reached through our well-being promotion interventions and one-on-one sessions dealing with anxiety, with bereavement, with depression, with abuse and of course trauma.

Of course for teachers requiring support the Department has an employee health and wellness programme in place for all its employees. The service provides professional support for various issues, including family challenges, financial advice, relationships, medical advice and of course work-related challenges. Employees can contact the Employee Health and Wellness toll free number on 0800 111 011 to have a confidential conversation with one of their counsellors who will provide counselling support.

The Department also has a dedicated website for information for all employees about the programme and of course the services it offers. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Let me also thank the hon Minister for his response, quite forthright and a very, very useful response.

We enter these discussions not to score cheap political points, because it's a very, very sensitive matter affecting many learners in our community.

We also note on, I do not know if it is on a lighter note, but that there is talk that the hon Minister may also soon be sitting in the Premier's seat at some point and we do look forward to seeing the dynamics around that, but, hon Chair, I want to commence also by quoting the professor at the Wits University, Linda Richter, who said, and I open quote:

"The consequences of mental ill-health, even in the short-term, are deeply injurious to the individual child and adolescent, their families and their society. Learning may stop and sometimes even regress interrupting their cognitive, emotional and social functioning."

This is from her foreword to the South African Child Gauge 2021- 2022, which stated that children are vulnerable to a range of mental disorders. These include anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, learning disorders, aggression, substance abuse, psychotic disorders, autism spectrum disorders and conduct, and attention deficit disorders.

The child gauge confirms that there are reasons to be concerned about mental health and well-being of our youth, especially school going youth. Now the effects of gang violence, bullying incidents, poverty that have taken place in our communities and the COVID-19 pandemic, have taken a heavy toll on the emotional well-being of learners, teachers and parents. Together with organisations such as Equal Education, we as the ANC in this House have been making emphatic calls to the Education Department to strengthen its psychosocial support structures, including ensuring that there is a social worker in every school and a psychologist in every circuit, not one in every district, but in every circuit.

Today we want to ask the hon Minister, what has his Department done to respond to these specific calls? And what is his Department's plan to strengthen psychosocial support structures, including the deployment of social workers and psychologists to schools?

The services listed in the Department's website in July 2020, including the employee health and wellness services provided by the Metro Health ...[Interjection.] and by the toll free number and the psychosocial support for learners to be provided by school social workers, psychologists, counsellors and social auxiliary workers were all ineffective. Can we please get a response from the MEC? Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, firstly I would like to thank the hon Minister for the particular response.

Mental health challenges affect everyone, no matter where you work, how old or young you may be, and we have seen in COVID that this has been aggravated. Children during COVID could not see or play with their friends and it is crucial that we ensure that there are sufficient mechanisms in the education system so that every child is supported and in particular those also with special needs students.

We know that the Western Cape always seeks to find ways of doing so despite the constraints that we find ourselves in and based on this I would like to inquire from the Minister whether he is able to provide us with the number of psychologists and social workers that have been employed in our districts within the schools in the Western Cape. I thank you.

Mr M XEGO: Thanks, hon Deputy Speaker. The prevalence of mental health challenges in schools is a serious concern both for learners and educators. Bullying in schools amongst learners is one of the triggers contributing to mental health challenges and in the recent past we even witnessed some learners committing suicide as a result.

This issue is concerning because of often at times it is very difficult to identify learners or educators battling with mental issues until it is too late. In the recent past we had some educators asking for our assistance against the Education Department for failure to conduct a conducive working environment that is safe.

We would like to concentrate on bullying and harassment for so far that they relate or would lead to mental health challenges. We have learners who bully both learners and as well as educators with the backing of an outside criminal gang at times. In our situation a learner even went to an extent to vandalising the female teacher's car. The teacher lodged a complaint with both the principal and Education Department and received no assistance whatsoever. That teacher also went as far as trying to complain with the South African Police Service and also did not receive any kind of assistance as the learner was referred to as being very young.

Now what I want to understand is that in situations where mental health challenges are caused to learners as a result of harassment by teachers or by both learners, what is the Department doing in such a situation? And also in a situation where educators are facing serious and enduring serious harassment from learners, what is the Department doing to save educators from such kind of circumstances that lead to mental and health challenges? Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr S N AUGUST: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Schools are proving to be and become important centres for mental health interventions. Drug-related problems, gangsterism, violence, poverty and anxiety are common factors of mental health challenges as pointed out by studies and by the MEC.

What we should be aware of is the intervention programmes and theory and as it presented by the MEC do not always filter down to those most in need of mental health services, counselling and support. South African communities are stricken with social challenges and these conditions often make it difficult for children to progress academically in support of working towards tertiary education.

Mental health is a multifaceted and the absence of functional intervention services often diminishes any opportunity children might have to break the cycle of poverty and socio-economic shortcomings. In turn the child submits the monstrous behaviour they grew up in and were subjected to. Measures of intervention should include the appointment of truancy officers, analyse how NGOs identify mental health cases. EPWP workers play a greater role as a schooling support structure. Put systems in place with various community stakeholders and adopt a family approach in dealing with mental health challenges at school.

I would like to ask the MEC how many counsellors are allocated to a school within the schooling district? How often do counsellors return to the learners to follow up counselling sessions and how many counsellors are currently employed by the Western Cape Education Department? Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. We have been saying as the ANC that to address this challenge we need an integrated approach between the Departments of Education, Health and Social Development to strengthen psychosocial support and mental health services in our schools.

We reiterate our calls for the WCED and the Department of Social Development to form a joint initiative to ensure placement of unemployed social work graduates in schools. This can even take the form of the Western Cape's own version of the Presidential Employment Stimulates. The situation at hand, as revealed by the Child Gauge and Equal Education's recent survey, demands of us to ensure that every school has at least one social worker, I repeat.

Given the glaring challenges of psychosocial support and the ineffective intervention measures by the Department – I am not saying that there are no measures taking place, MEC – it is time for a relook of the current measures. Can the MEC at least commit that he will be taking this matter up as one of his Department's priorities going into the new financial year?

With regard to the partnerships held by NGOs for counsellors, social auxiliary workers and social workers to assist schools during the COVID-19 pandemic, can the MEC tell us how many of these are remaining in place and what was the impact of them?

Lastly, hon Deputy Speaker, I want to ask our MEC what his plans are to improve the effectiveness of the Safe Schools Call Centre which he spoke about. This is the call centre that learners call to report incidents of abuse and bullying. It is also used by our educators to report burglaries, vandalism and other related incidents and there have been many reports of a slow turnaround time. Spes Bona High School that we visited with the hon member Baartman and Mackenzie and Philander a few months ago, was broken into the day after we visited. The Safe Schools Call Centre was very slow in its response, but at least due to the intervention of the Committee led by the Chair, we were then able to engage them.

WCED by its own admission said that the Call Centre is mainly used by principals and school staff to report vandalism and burglary, and that reports of abuse and bullying by our learners are too few. Between 2013 and 2015 there were only, hon Deputy Speaker, 12 calls received from learners.

We also need to address the issue of staff composition of that particular Call Centre. It is unacceptable that there are only five trained psychologists serving over 1 500 schools. Can the MEC please tell us what plans are in place to address this particular challenge? I thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The hon member Khalid Sayed must be relying on the State Security Agency for his information because of course it is completely false.

On a more serious note, the hon member Khalid Sayed, the hon member Baartman and the hon member August, I have been very clear that the psychosocial support is an apex priority of our Department and I think that that is evidenced in the resources that are provided.

The Department, as the hon member probably knows, has 64 circuits and in each circuit we have allocated a social worker and a psychologist and have 128 support professionals. We are the only Education Department in the country to have a social worker for every circuit, with some provinces doing referrals through the Department of Social Development instead.

We are also in the process of appointing social auxiliary workers to capacitate the districts and this of course is in the first phase. We have also appointed 160 care and support assistants in our high risk schools. In other words schools with a greater need for psychosocial support.

The CSAs work closely of course with the circuit social workers, and as the hon member notes some schools of course have their own social workers and counsellors appointed by their school governing bodies and of course as I mentioned in my opening remarks, the Department also works very closely with the Department of Social Development, as well as NGOs, to provide psychosocial support in schools across the Western Cape, but I will look into the matter raised by the hon member in relation to the Safe Schools Call Centre, which I will be briefed on in the next two weeks.

The hon member Xego raises a specific case which he is concerned about and I would be grateful if he would furnish me with the details of the specific case to which he referred so that I can look into the whole matter.

In closing, hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to remind members once again that psychosocial support and wellness is a priority of our Department, which is why we have 280 support staff across the province supporting our learners and staff over and above of course those employed directly by our schools.

These, hon Deputy Speaker, are difficult times and learners and teachers are in distress, and so I would like to say if you are in trouble or if you are struggling, please reach out to us. Speak to your teacher or call the Safe School hotline on 0800 454 647 to get the help you need. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Debate concluded.]

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

### *Route B97: update*

#### **1. Mr M Kama asked the Premier:**

In light of the recent Enyobeni tragedy in the Eastern Cape:

- (a) What measures are in place to dissuade young children from alcohol abuse and
- (b) what is his Government's plans to curb alcohol harm in the province?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and also to the hon member Kama, thank you very much for this actually very important question.

1. I must say that we are deeply saddened by the tragedy which occurred. You will all know as members of this House, the Enyobeni tragedy where so many young lives were lost in the Eastern Cape, and as you say it is a tragedy in the Eastern Cape, but does this, or are we reflecting on it, and what does it mean for us, the youth in our province, and how are we dealing with it? And I want to say first of all on behalf of this Province once again our deepest condolences to those families who lost loved ones, and I think we all share in this tragedy together, and when tragedies happen like this we also have to reflect, we have to think are we doing the right thing? And this tragedy really underscores not only underage drinking, but also the way in which, I think, many traders flagrantly disobey their licence conditions, and if any person is witness to this in a Western Cape establishment, they must report it immediately.

I mean this tragedy and this loss of life surely says to those traders, to individuals in this province, if you are aware of this report, because otherwise you will have, if we have the same tragedy, blood of those people on your hands. Do not let it go, thinking that it is not your problem. It is all of our problem.

We have seen this with COVID, that if we all stand together and tackle these issues together that we can actually find and achieve success together.

So I am calling on all liquor outlets to increase their vigilance. I am asking parents, I am asking citizens, please make sure that we do not enable this kind of thing to happen here. If you are the owner or involved in such an establishment, that you do not serve a single drink to anybody who is underage and put measures in place to ensure that this does not happen in our province.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we are determined to address alcohol abuse and have taken a whole of government approach to this. These interventions must be seen as additional to the role of each individual, which is the person who is consuming too much alcohol or consuming alcohol illegally because they are underage, parents and society at large in ending alcohol abuse. It is what we call the whole of society approach.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Department of Community Safety leads the following: first of all the Western Cape Liquor Authority. They conduct in themselves education and awareness activities about the harms associated with alcohol abuse. They work with communities, with broader society. These education and awareness activities include messaging about the negative impact of alcohol abuse and [Inaudible.] on children and young people specifically, and the importance of reducing the availability of or access to such alcohol. The conditions attached to liquor licences provide for proper control at all outlets to ensure that this is in the best interest of the public and the public are always protected.

The Western Cape Liquor Act 4 of 2008 provides or makes provision for the following specific measures to protect children being minors and the contravention and failure to comply with these provisions by licensees is an offence. And there is a huge range of them, as you can see this is a very long answer for this and I will get it to you, but amongst others, it says, no person may sell liquor to a person under the age of 18; no person may give or supply liquor to a person under the age of 18; or allow such person or in his or her care or under his/her supervision to consume liquor; and so it goes on, not allow persons into the venue; make sure you have got adequate signage in place, etc. etc.

That is the Provincial Legislation, there is a whole raft also in addition to that, in the National Liquor Act, Act 59 of 2003, and that has also a whole raft of areas that outline what would be illegal in an outlet or in a licenced outlet. I can also say that during the last year, the 2021/22 financial year, the Liquor Authority follows through with regulatory interventions, with inspections, so we have had 13 425 inspections in the province; 317 integrated operations in collaboration with SAPS law enforcements and other agencies; six licences revoked; 107 suspension of licences; 89 warnings issued and stricter licence conditions imposed; 135 fines to the value of R3,76 million and so you can see that they have got the wherewithal of investigating.



Again I must say we cannot just systematically follow this through, if anybody is aware, we also need to raise these issues with the authorities, so that we effect proper policing. You know illegal outlets are just that, they are illegal and so of course the legislation and the regulations are all about legal outlets, but we also have a huge issue with illegal outlets, and we need to be policing both.

I also want to say that across Government, because it is not only the whole of society, it is also the whole of government, so in each department there are different interventions, for example in the Education Department, and it is really good to see how alcohol and also substance abuse are dealt with across Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 and each of them have sort of progressive programmes so that in Grade 5, you are really dealing with it. But you can see those programmes as it moves on, as our learners are moving from one grade to the next, they actually increase the depth of the discussions; the depth of the interactions around substance abuse; the effect of substance abuse, right down to saying how you can actually get help to deal with this from the WCED hotline, right to as we heard in a previous interpellation, how do we enable it through social workers in our schools, and of course that brings us to the Social Development Department. They too have a whole range of activities that they engage with around substance abuse and also creating that safety net so that we can make sure that when it is picked that we can actually help those young people get back on track. Right through to the Agricultural Department and looking specifically around the role that they play around alcohol. I think they are very involved in the foetal alcohol syndrome programmes. If we think about Transport and Public Works and their Safely Home programmes and even focusing right down to their TikTok and YouTube type programmes, focusing on youth and here they are focusing on youth that are 18 and are actually consuming alcohol, but also making sure that they get home safely, that they are not on our roads, etc. etc. and there is a whole range of interventions from radio spots to social media activities.

And then in (b) of the question, the Western Cape Government adopted an Alcohol Harms Reduction White Paper in 2017 which outlines the multi-pronged approach to prioritise the reduction of alcohol related harms. The implementation strategy for the White Paper has been developed and a transversal Alcohol Harms Reduction Task Team was then set up. This team then comes forward with policy approaches; it looks at legislative changes; looks at issues, for example like pricing and the economy; unlicensed liquor outlets and the illicit liquor trade; enforcement; alcohol and road environment; health and social services; community based actions; education and awareness; information data collection; monitoring and evaluation; and institutional arrangements and then from there, what happens is we move into policy proposals and as we have right now, legislation that is actually being amended.

Of course, this again, is how we test to see if legislation actually helps us make a difference and this all comes from policy, because here this is where the Standing Committee and this Parliament can play a very, very strong role in effecting policy in bringing change to policy and then of course, the legislation as well.

Then, perhaps lastly, a huge opportunity which our team has been working on, and in actual fact I only got it through yesterday on the Alcohol Harms Team, we have attracted a global conference, it is a global policy conference on alcohol harms next year in October, so that again will be a platform, not only for us, but globally where policy makers come together across the world on Alcohol Harms and perhaps that is also an opportunity not only for us to show what we have done thus far, but also for us to learn, and for us to find ways to perhaps learn from others who have already put interventions in place to make a difference so that we do not have such tragedies as we have experienced in our neighbouring province. Thank you.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and let me sincerely welcome that lengthy response. I think this is what happens when you focus on what you need to do [Inaudible.] national. But I think, Deputy Speaker, as the Premier has said, that there was in 2017 this White Paper which was published on Alcohol Harms Reduction, and we believe it was a step in the right direction. And what we want to check now is how much Government spending has been set aside annually to fund these programmes which are related to alcohol harms reduction, than them being just a set of programmes in this particular Department, but a more focused programme in terms of addressing the alcohol harms. Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. I do not have the exact number here on budget spent so we would have to put that into a different question. But as I said, the White Paper set out a comprehensive set of interventions which I have mentioned; I went through them from pricing to unlicensed liquor outlets, etc. Those have already gone through the first draft, that draft has gone out to consultation, and it has come back again, we have already dealt with it a second time at a Cabinet level, made our suggested changes that has gone again to that multi-party committee that is dealing with it. So it's the White Paper that gives the sort of frame-work to kickstart it and of course we will get the number, as the hon member asks, for the budget amount.

But in actual fact that is not the real area where we should be looking at spend. We should be looking at spend on how much is being spent in this environment on both sides of the equation. One is the regulatory environment, the policing, what has been put in place, but of course there is the other side of the equation which is not in the budget, it is the consequence and the measurement thereof and now that, I think is where we are starting to see some real traction coming out of our violence prevention tracking system through the Department of Health, so now we can start to ask questions on gender-based violence or alcohol abuse or drug abuse etc. because we are picking it up now in the measurement data. So I think that will be a really good conversation with the Standing Committee to say, are we asking the right questions, let us have a look at what we are measuring and then perhaps there is maybe a shortfall in saying, are we measuring the number of young people entering into the health system because of alcohol abuse and narrowing it right down to even alcohol abuse. Of course, we do know that our HECTIS system - and we really utilised this tremendously during the pandemic and national government utilised the data a lot during the pandemic because it is the only province that does measure alcohol abuse in our health system.

If I think back to the presentation that was made on Wednesday at the Management Committee, you heard Dr Moodley now saying that that HECTIS system we really are looking to roll out at every single health institution that we have across the province, so that we are not only measuring in the five which have moved to the 27 but we are measuring them across the province because then we can also identify substance abuse, to gun shots, to knife wounds, to alcohol and we can even get a sub-set of alcohol in youth.

And I also think that coming out of that tragedy in the Eastern Cape, there is another area that we need to focus on. It is something that I know, I have kind had different portfolios in this Government over time, and I remember when I was the Agricultural Minister, I used to call the ale that is manufactured in this province liquid tik, because you do not know what is put inside that stuff and I mean we still do not. It has been quite long we have been trying to find out exactly what happened and what was the forensics on the detail of what happened to those young people that passed on. What was the cause, and I am distressed that we still do not have an answer on that. I mean we have got global best practice when it comes to detecting viruses and all sorts of things, we need to find out what it is. I have only got a gut feeling from what I have heard, what I have read that this was a concoction of various ethanols and things and that has gone wrong. If that is true, I mean that is murder, that is unacceptable, but we have also got businesses that do this. They find loopholes and they manufacture the stuff and people are addicted to it. So whether it is an alcohol or a drug it is the same thing, you get addicted to it, and we need to say then well what other regulations do we need to put in place?

The consequence or the reason why we have liquid tik in our market is because we thought we would write a good piece of legislation and we banned the *papsak*. We have said that the *papsak* was causing the problem. Well, the problem was we should have banned the liquid in the *papsak* and not the *papsak* because that is the container. Because now the container is that five litre plastic bottle with the same liquid in, and that is the problem. It is the product itself and how do we manage that through legislation and those are the kind of things that really do worry me, and have we got the right mechanisms in place to deal with this stuff when it ends up in the marketplace and we see the consequences thereof.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and my thanks to the Premier for a well-rounded response and I think it does take us somewhere indeed. In light of the Premier's positive response, could the Premier possibly tell us, with the benefit of hindsight, and given the tragedy that we are all reflecting on, would the Premier agree that it was perhaps wrong for the former MEC of Education and her Department to put forward legislation that now allows for the sale of alcohol at our schools albeit after school hours and during functions and will his Government reconsider, engage with the new MEC and see how we can reconsider that particular legislation? Thank you.

The PREMIER: [Audio connection lost] ... but I am not going to do that because I think the hon Sayed really does not understand the power of schools themselves, government bodies and that piece of legislation. I only give him one example, one example.

In my hometown we have a festival every year and this Oyster Festival creates thousands of jobs, and this festival happens to have a great component of it on a school sports field and that festival cannot continue if you could not allow ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members.

The PREMIER: ... if you could not allow the school to make the property available as part of their fundraising. Or perhaps it is for a wedding and that school hall is used for a wedding and they use the money for education purposes. And I would like to see, I would like the evidence, ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members.

The PREMIER: ... because of course, we change legislation based on evidence and based on impact of what that legislation brought in place.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Nkondlo, I cannot hear.

The PREMIER: I wish the hon Sayed to bring me the case of where alcohol is sold on school premises and is licenced in the way that he is saying. I would love to see that evidence and if he brings me that evidence then I would contemplate saying, let us talk about a change.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. Premier, through you Deputy Speaker, so that member Sayed does not call a point of order – one of the arguments that is made in terms of why young people are encouraged to use or engage with alcohol is the issue of accessibility. You know everywhere they go – I think the Premier made a point here one time about broken homes in these previously disadvantaged areas and the mere fact that as they open their eyes, they see alcohol in their environment.

Now it is the schools. Now, shockingly, it is even at fuel stations. You know Pick n Pay sells alcohol at the fuel station, so I think the question is, does the Premier not think Government, through legislation, has a role to play to ensure that we protect other spaces from being used whether it is for fundraising – I get that – but that they are associated with the drinking of alcohol. Because a young person passing that particular school in the evening and people are drinking, does not know about an issue of [inaudible] drinking but knows the school as a place where you can also consume alcohol. So I think the question is does the Premier not think that there are spaces we need to protect so that as they grow up, they know these places to be places of this and not that which is causing much harm in our communities?

The PREMIER: I think the right question would be ask how many licences have been issued to an application via a governing body at a school, because remember it is not the school, it is the event, the wedding that then says well we would like to serve a glass of champagne at this wedding and we are now hiring the school hall and the governing body says sure but you must make application, you must make an application for that licence. So it would be really a good idea because I mean of course ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members.

The PREMIER: ... if a school field was a shebeen on a Friday night, every Friday night, it would be exactly as the hon Kama is saying, young people would be going, hang on a second what is going on at my school? But it would be interesting to see if a single one has ever been issued in that eco-system and environment. And of course, I think the hon member must also understand that in our society there is another way of dealing with it and that is saying well let us just ban it 100 per cent. But I think if the hon member reads history or understands that when it has been tried in the past, the whole prohibition and what happens around illegal manufacture and illicit markets and exactly what we saw happening when during the lock-down in the pandemic when it was absolutely banned, the illegal activity was unbelievable.

So you have to try and find a way to find a happy medium and that of course is what regulation is about, that is what policy is about and of course I would welcome the ANCs input at this big international policy conference that is coming, they are more than welcome to put input there, ask questions and find out what happens in other parts of the world where it comes to liquor regulation and specifically liquor regulation around minors where it is illegal, absolutely illegal to sell alcohol to minors.

*Incentives to attract educators*

**2. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Education:**

- (1) Whether his Department has plans to increase educator totals in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his Department offers incentives to attract would-be educators to the profession; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member for the question which traverses the whole question of educator totals in our province.

2. Last month, hon member, I met with stakeholders as part of the Annual Consultation Process according to the Provisions of the Employment of Educators Act and announced that the basket of affordable posts for teachers will be increased by a massive 1,143 posts for 2023. This will allow for the appointment of up to 1,143 additional teachers to the current staff of the Education Department in the Western Cape. The details of the distribution of these posts are of course still to be finalised, as part of the stakeholder consultation process which will take place over the next couple of days. Of course, incentives for teaching are regarded as part of the conditions of service of teachers and the offering of any incentive is a competency afforded to the National Minister of Education as per the Employment of Educators Act. But of course, hon member, we do engage with universities in the Western Cape as to what areas of specialisation we require for teachers because around 600 Funza Lushaka bursary holders graduate and seek employment in our province each year and so we want to assure that we have a solid supply of teachers.

In addition, the hon member is probably aware we have a pool of educator assistants who have been making a huge difference in our schools over the past two years and I am pleased to report that in a survey that we did many of our assistants expressed their desire to join the teaching profession. These are the kinds of comments which were made by some of our educator assistants:

“It inspired me to study teaching, it is motivating for me and gives me hope and I am hoping that I will get a post when I graduate.”

Another educator assistant said:

“It has inspired me to follow my teaching dream because I love working with our kids.”

The Department also of course receives – and I am not sure if the hon member is aware of this – an allocation of 66 Funza Lushaka bursaries which are termed community or district based bursaries, for which we can nominate candidates without having them go through the national process and we are advocating these posts to our assistants to give them the opportunity to join the teaching profession and we are currently verifying with our assistants whether they meet the criteria for the bursary and we will nominate them if they do.

Of course, the hon member should also not forget that attracting candidates to the profession is not where the work ends. I recently visited the Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute where the training programmes include courses for novice teachers entering the system. It is important for us to support teachers right from the start so that we can develop and retain their skills in the system because, and I am sure the hon member will agree, our teachers, our principals and our staff are our greatest asset here in the Western Cape. Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Minister for that comprehensive answer. Of course, I think you also know that we are still worried about the educator/learner ratios. That is our biggest concern and I think the concern is the influx of learners that we get each and every year. So it is a good thing. If we have the same learner ratios that we have this year, but we get about approximately 20,000 learners from outside of the province, so will these 1,143 educators reduce the ratios in our classrooms? Just off, doing site visits in Mitchells Plain not so long ago you maybe have a capacity of 1,200 for the school but the capacity has now increased to 1,800 and there are no additional teachers to that. So I am just looking at that because year in and year out we sit with the problem of an influx of learners, and you think you have enough educators and then you do not and then we are still sitting with the teacher ratio difficulty. So, Minister, did you take that into consideration, learners coming in, and will that reduce the ratios? Thank you very much.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon member. Yes of course, the educator/learner ratio is of concern especially since we do have an average of 18,000 additional learners every year.

But I am confident that the increase or the addition of 1,143 teachers next year, which is the biggest increase in many, many years, will go a long way to supporting us to manage teacher/learner ratios and of course improve the delivery of quality education in the Western Cape.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker and my thanks to member Christians for the question and to the Minister for the response. The Minister mentioned now and he reiterated the figure, the 1,143 teachers and I think this must be welcomed and we will most certainly monitor the level of deployment and we will monitor the manner in which this actually impacts on learning and teaching, but I just wanted to get a sense from the Minister, does the Minister feel that this is enough but more importantly at which particular circuits and districts will these be deployed to? Can the Minister maybe give us an idea as to the ratios per circuit and district because we know that there are certain districts where it is much needed, like Metro East for example? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The increase of 1,143 posts, hon member, is the biggest increase in many, many, many years in our province. But of course, if more resources were available especially more resources from National Government, I would have liked to be able to announce that we would have been able to employ even more teachers in our province. As to the distribution of those posts, per district or per circuit, as I said in my opening remarks, the distribution of these posts is of course still subject to a process which is determined in terms of the annual consultation process, which is determined in terms of the Employment of Educators Act and that process is still underway and will take place over the next couple of days in the Western Cape. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker and my thanks to the Minister for that response. In the past there has been certain concerns raised, Deputy Speaker, that the additional teaching posts – and I think when we often fight for more teaching posts – those who are naysayers do raise this concern that the teaching posts are used to entice schools in poor and working class communities to take up more learners and that these often arrive late, these posts arrive late, so they get enticed to say look if you are going to have more learners, you are going to get more posts, then the learners come and the posts come late. Can the MEC assure the House that these teachers will not be used to create more overcrowded classrooms and will instead alleviate the problems? What measures do we have in place? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Obviously, the situation which the hon member describes is something that our Department is eager to avoid and certainly we will not use these posts to, in his own words, “entice schools to become overcrowded.” In fact, our objective is exactly the opposite. We want to create additional posts and utilise those posts to manage teacher/learner ratios and to reduce overcrowding in schools in the Western Cape. Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Minister, we always have a problem of late placements, and it makes it very difficult to allocate teachers to schools because of a late placement. What assurance do we have that those who apply timeously will be placed? Now people have three choices and usually they do not get their first or second choice of preference, they usually get the third one. I have been to a couple of parents that get the number 3's and not the number 1's because they want to have a better education for their children, so just the assurance that people that apply timeously will be placed. Secondly that pupils that want to go to other areas – is there a possibility with the placing of the teachers that they will not just be: 'I am from Manenberg so I must apply to the three closest schools to me, but I want my child to go the Claremont or to another area.' Is there that possibility? Thank you, Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. In our province parents of learners are entitled to apply to any school of their choice and I would encourage them to do so. Thank you.

*#BackOnTrack recovery plan*

**3. Ms D M Baartman asked the Minister of Education:**

In relation to the Department's #BackOnTrack recovery plan:

- (1) Whether he expected the additional learning allocations to extend past the current academic year; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what are the other recovery plans already being implemented and  
(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member for the question which deals with interventions in the foundation phase.

3. As members are aware and as I may have mentioned in my speech a little bit earlier, last month we announced that our learners in the Foundation Phase will be spending an extra two hours on reading and an extra hour on mathematics each week to reverse the very severe learning losses caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

This of course will amount to an increase of at least 60 hours per student in these subjects over the remainder of the year and we hope it will go a long way to reverse severe learning losses in the Western Cape.

And again, we are pleased that all parties in this House gave support last week to this intervention to get our learners back on track in these crucial subjects. The intervention of course will be monitored over the remaining weeks of the school year and a review report will be produced to inform the next steps that we will take in 2023.

But, of course, we are building on previous interventions.



The following interventions have already been implemented and are in the process of either being implemented or procured to improve mathematics and reading. A synthetic phonics programme was rolled out to all English home-language schools to improve reading in the province.

An Afrikaans and Xhosa home language programme was piloted in 2021 and 2022 and will be fully rolled out in 2023 to all schools. An Afrikaans e-learning, e-classroom, was developed to support teachers in teaching reading through a synthetic phonics approach. Quarterly, virtual libraries have been provided to support reading at home and a procurement process is under way to provide a decodable graded reader to all schools for Grade 1 to 3 classrooms.

Maths curriculum online is currently being rolled out to about 500 schools in the province. A mental starters Maths programme is piloted in selected schools with the intention to roll out to all Grade 3 classes in 2023 and a procurement process is under way to provide Mathematics kits to selected schools in our province. And we hope that these interventions together with our important intervention to allocate additional time to Maths and Reading will go a long way to reversing severe learning losses in the Western Cape. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you so much, Deputy Speaker and thanks to the Minister for the answer. Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape is the only province with these systemic tests, and they are based on these international benchmarks so I am really excited that our children will have that extra two hours of Reading and an extra hour of Mathematics. It does not matter in which form that Mathematics comes, it is so important for children to be able to count and for children to have that mathematical background in any industry that they end up in in the future. And I want to find out, Deputy Speaker, from the Minister, why the Department began with the Foundation Phase first in this particular programme and whether there will be a similar strategy for some of the older learners in other phases? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member. As I mentioned earlier, our province is the only province to administer systemic tests and of course what we have found in these systemic tests was that the greatest learning losses were in the Foundation Phase, which of course, should not come as a surprise to hon members because that loss of contact, that loss of teaching time affects our youngest learners most because of course they tend not to have the maturity or the structure or indeed the self-discipline to cope with rotating time-tables and of course learning at home.

And of course, when we compared the 2019 systemic results with the 2021 systemic results, if you just take one data point which would be Grade 3, we see that there was a 13,8% drop in Maths and an 8% drop in languages and it is precisely for that reason that we thought that we should begin with the Foundation Phase.

As I have mentioned, we will of course be reviewing this programme and we will certainly be considering additional interventions for other grades in the 2023 academic year, here in the Western Cape.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much to the Minister and my thanks to the Chairperson of our Standing Committee for the useful question. Deputy Speaker, through you, given the intervention which we welcome on Mathematics, does the Minister not think that it would be also helpful to make use of some of the existing Maths and language tutors to support struggling schools? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I made the point earlier that we need to do everything we can to support learners in the Foundation Phase and I announced a number of measures that have been implemented and of course our new intervention, allocating more time to Maths and Reading. The intervention proposed by the member, yes, it sounds like a sensible proposal, and it is certainly something that I will discuss with my Department in the coming weeks as we consider further interventions here in the Western Cape.

†'n AGB LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

#### *Vehicle licensing centres*

#### **4. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Mobility:**

With regard to vehicle licensing centres:

- (1) On which dates is it expected that larger vehicle registration centres, such as the (a) City of Cape Town, (b) Paarl and (c) George, will reach the maximum number of vehicles using the current numbering system of vehicle licence plates;
- (2) whether there are any other vehicle licensing centres that are also approaching a due date in the foreseeable future when the available numbers will run out; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is his Department's plans to resolve this potential issue?

THE MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. Firstly, thank you to hon Mackenzie for the question.

4. The first part of the question: it is difficult to determine an exact date on which a specific licence number range will run out because licence numbers are circulated on a daily basis by being issued to vehicles that are being licenced in the City of Cape Town and returning to the system for reissue for motor vehicles that are being licenced in other registered authorities. Notwithstanding this challenge, Deputy Speaker, the National Traffic Information System has built-in mechanisms to monitor availability levels.

In 2019, the City of Cape Town issued licence number CA999999 and subsequently the CAA licence mark was promulgated for use in the City of Cape Town. On 30 June, 2022 the City of Cape Town had over 1,3 million licenced motor vehicles and although many of those vehicles still have CA licence number plates allocated to them, there are thus more than sufficient number plates or numbers available for the foreseeable future.

On 30 June, 2022 Deputy Speaker, Paarl had over 85,000 licenced motor vehicles and there are thus more than sufficient numbers available for the foreseeable future.

On 30 June, 2022 Deputy Speaker, George had 78,000 licenced motor vehicles and there are thus more than sufficient numbers available for the foreseeable future.

The second part of the question, Deputy Speaker: no, there are no other registering authorities that will run out of licence numbers in the near future and the three previously mentioned registering authorities are the biggest in the Western Cape.

The third part of the question, it is not applicable, Deputy Speaker and the Department of Transport and Public Works has indicated that sufficient numbers are available for the foreseeable future. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Minister. Hon Mackenzie are you taking a follow-up?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you Minister. No follow-up from my side, Deputy Speaker. Thank you for the comprehensive response.

#### *Child-headed households*

#### **5. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) How many child-headed households are there in the province and (b) what interventions has her Department implemented to assist them with whatever needs they have?

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The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you to the hon Makamba-Botya for the question.

5. It is a two-part question, question (a) a child-headed household is defined as household in which all members are younger than 18 years. At present there are currently 28 known child-headed households in the Western Cape. In terms of question (b), the Department supports child-headed households by providing funding to specialised NGOs that offer psychosocial support to the children when required, food parcels; the provision of school clothing; support for school fee exemption and oversight of school attendance.

The children are also supported by community-based child and youth care workers or a designated family member or community member. Where needed the children are linked with drop-in centres where they can receive daily food and assistance with schoolwork and any other daily needs. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you to the Minister. Mine is just to check with the Minister in terms of, if any child is in that situation, how do they access such support from Social Development? She has made mention of the fact that they are utilising certain NGOs to cover that, so I want to know a child who is in that space, how do they get in touch, in terms of getting answers to that support? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you to the hon member. There are various referral pathways. The one is directly through the Department of Social Development, at anyone of our 46 offices or any child protection agency like ACVV, Badisa or Child Welfare. Similarly, it could also be registered at police stations because SAPS also have a referral pathway as well as in Education where teachers would identify that the child is in a child-headed household and the Department of Education would refer that directly through to DSD. Thank you.

Ms L BOTHA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I would just like to ask the Minister, are there any child-headed households in the West Coast and how many are there if there are any?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, to the hon Botha. I do not have that stats available, however, I will ensure that the number of child-headed households be provided and I will pick up on the second component in Hansard as I also have an outstanding response regarding 31 children from last week's sitting. Thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you. Minister. Child-headed households are a big problem with absentee fathers most of the time and these children are standing on the streets, and they are begging and that is definitely something that should be addressed. A child is not supposed to work in the first place below the age of 16, but they stand on corners begging for money. That can be construed as a type of job. What do you intend doing about it? Can you and the City come to an agreement on how to tackle this problem of child beggars at robots and street corners?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you to the hon Marais. It is a new question but I will answer it. Many of the children who beg on street pavements are actually not in child-headed households. They have parents, they come...I can give you examples of which children might come from Atlantis and beg at Table View robots and they will choose streets across the city, the Metro.

These children, sometimes beg because they are hungry, but often we find that these are children that are being used criminally and they are in conflict with the law.

So, what I have discovered is that the minute I see a child begging, I would necessarily phone and say, 'can you please check on this?' The children, unfortunately, are streetwise. The minute they see a GG, they would relocate from that particular corner to another street corner for three or four days. So, we do have a plan and/or the social workers are there in the regions and there are children that are known to us.

Unfortunately, we cannot just take them off the streets because there is a process and if they are not children with behavioural problems or addiction or they are criminally charged, we cannot just place them in a Child and Youth Care Centre, and this is the crux of the matter. Children run away from home because home is an abusive space.

Over the weekend, I spoke to a young boy, and I asked him, '*nou, hoekom gaan jy nie huis toe nie?*' 'Now, why do you not go home?' *Hy sê, 'want my ma en pa is dronk, mevrou, en as ek by die huis kom gaan hulle vir my slaan.'* He said, 'because my mom and dad are drunk, ma'am, and when I go home, they are going to hit me.' I asked the young boy why he does not go to school, and he said to me his mother is too drunk to prepare his lunch and to assist him with clean school clothes. And out of shame and guilt, he has decided not to go back to school.

So, that is not a child-headed household. We then attach a social worker to that family, and we look at strengthening the family unit in trying to understand what is happening. In most cases, either the mother or the father is experiencing substance use disorder and that requires an intervention. And then, we need to look at the entire home situation and see whether the children need to be placed in foster care if they are neglected, and if they are not neglected, we need to provide that family with the necessary psychosocial support to help them get through that.

It is unfortunate that post COVID-19 we are seeing more children out of school because the rotation, the Monday/Wednesday/Friday rotations throw them out, but we are certainly working very closely with Education, especially around children who are not in school who should be in school. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much to the hon Minister and just following on from the hon former Premier's question. I want to thank the hon Minister, I think, for the collaboration with the Department of Education. It is a long time coming, but can we just get a sense as to what type of work is the hon Minister's Department doing to investigate exactly the number of child-headed households which were created by COVID-19 in particular? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you to the hon Sayed. That is a difficult question because we would only know once a matter is reported. So, we rely on community activists, we rely on members of Parliament, we rely on various agencies to alert us. But normally, you would pick it up if you saw a child begging.

You might, you are quite likely to find that that child has taken to the streets because of poverty at home or the fact that his or her parent may have relocated. And you see this especially in rural areas where the children live in one town and the parents might work in the Metro, and they are not comfortable with the guardian or the family member they are assigned to.

So, I cannot say definitively that we are actually looking for child-headed households. It is reported through the various referral pathways and that is how we would be able to assist, but as I said, when it is known to us. I am certain there are more that are not known to us, and I would rely on every hon member in this august House to alert us as soon as possible, if they become aware of any such situation. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. That brings us to the end of this question as well as to the end of Questions as our time is up. Outstanding replies will be printed in Hansard.

*[Question time expired.]*

*[Questions 6 to 8- to be printed in Hansard]*

*Questions and replies as received from departments*

## **ORAL QUESTIONS**

*For written reply:*

*Municipalities: administrative issues – powers to address*

### **6. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

What other powers, besides his oversight role, can his Department invoke to deal with administrative issues in municipalities that those municipalities themselves fail to deal with or address?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

6. The Western Cape Government has a constitutional obligation to (i) monitor and support municipalities in the Western Cape; (ii) respect the autonomy of these municipalities to manage their own affairs; and (iii) work cooperatively with municipalities.

It is in this context that my powers, and the powers of my Department, must be understood. At the outset, I must note that the local sphere of government is a constitutionally independent and, as such, the provincial government's powers to deal with issues at local level are carefully prescribed by a legal framework. This legal framework empowers me and my Department to monitor and provide support to all municipalities within the Western Cape Province using a range of mechanisms.

Some of these mechanisms are exercised on a routine basis and form part of a regular monitoring duties. For example, my Department monitors municipalities' MPACs on a quarterly basis. These committees serve as the oversight mechanism for municipalities in respect of fruitless, wasteful, irregular and unauthorized expenditure. They are, amongst others responsible for municipalities' Annual Reports, and consider matters raised by the Auditor General.

Other monitoring and support mechanisms are *ad hoc* but, nevertheless, are exercised on a proactive basis by me and my Department in order to give effect to the provincial government's constitutional obligation to support and strengthen the capacity of municipalities to manage their own affairs, to exercise their powers and to perform their functions.

In this regard, I highlight that my Department is statutorily authorised to, upon request by a Municipal Council, assist (as far as is reasonably possible) a Municipality in performing its functions generally or to deal with a specific matter.

I may also highlight that my Department proactively conducts diagnostic assessments, in collaboration with all Sector Departments within the provincial government, to determine the current status of the Municipality and to develop Section 154 Support Packages. These packages are designed to address specific challenges that a municipality may face and solicit support from external partners in ensuring that sustainable solutions are introduced and institutionalised.

The purpose of a diagnostic assessment is to:

- To obtain a better understanding of the functioning of the Municipality.
- To determine what is working well and which functional areas can be improved on.
- To gain a comprehensive understanding of the systemic challenges the Municipality is facing – not just the symptoms.
- To assist the Municipality in establishing a baseline of its prevailing challenges, opportunities, and areas that require support.

It would be at odds with the provincial government's constitutional obligation to advance cooperative governance if my Department merely diagnosed a financial, governance, or service delivery problem in a Municipality and then left it to the embattled municipality to devise a solution on its own. For this reason, I ensure that my Department provides "hands-on" support following a diagnostic assessment. In many cases this includes funding support of specific projects that fall inside pre-determined criteria or, my Department is tasked with designating departmental officials to work in municipalities for a short period of time. This strategy not only improves governance and service delivery, but also assists to ensure Municipalities build capacity to better serve their communities over the short and medium terms.

While these are just three examples of the type of legislative powers my Department and I possess to assist Municipalities, I may also draw your attention to a number of further powers assigned to me in my capacity as the Provincial Minister responsible for Local Government, and the Provincial Executive generally. These powers include:

- S139 of Constitution – provincial intervention powers granted to the Provincial Executive.
- S106 of Systems Act powers to appoint investigators to investigate the inability to or failure to fulfil a statutory obligation binding on a municipality or maladministration, fraud, corruption or any other serious malpractice in a municipality.
- S4 of Western Cape Monitoring and Support of Municipalities Act power of MEC to issue practice notes to any category or type of municipality as a mechanism to develop capacity in, and provide support to, municipalities.
- S3 of Western Cape Act powers of MEC to, upon request by a Municipal Council, assist (as far as is reasonably possible) a Municipality in performing its functions generally or to deal with a specific matter.
- S2 of Western Cape Act powers of MEC to:
  - a) create opportunities for direct contact between municipalities and officials of the Department; and
  - b) at regular intervals convene meetings, workshops and information sessions where information, knowledge and views relating to the exercise of municipal powers and the performance of municipal functions can be shared, in order to order to strengthen the capacity and improve the performance of municipalities.
- MEC's powers under the Code of Conduct for Councillors (Schedule 7 of Structures Act)
- MEC's powers to assess appointments of senior managers.

It is clear from the above that all of these constitutional and legislative measures work together to provide a legal framework that assists municipalities to deal with governance, service delivery, and financial matters. They are carefully prescribed, have different legal and factual triggers, and require me, my Department, and the provincial government generally to exercise due diligence in giving effect to our constitutional responsibilities.

The legal framework is, however, not without challenges. In this regard I note that many of the legal requirements and processes that must be followed are inefficient and, in certain circumstances, they do not allow provincial government to be nimble or responsive enough to the unique and fast-evolving challenges that local governments in the Province face.



In this regard, my Department and I are being proactive and making steady strides to address the challenges in the legal frameworks within which we are empowered to act.

- 1) Firstly, I note that my Department has made extensive inputs in the reviews of both the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, and the Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998.
- 2) Secondly, I also note that my Department is in the process of reviewing the provinces own legislation - the Western Cape Monitoring and Support of Municipalities Act, 4 of 2014.

Both of these review processes have sought to, among others, been aimed at enhancing provincial government's ability to support municipalities and more efficiently and effectively intervene when there are crises.

In the interim, me and my Department remain committed to using every constitutional and legislative mechanism available to deal with governance, service delivery, and financial challenges that Municipalities may face. In this regard, I will continue to ensure that we use section 154 of the Constitution to its fullest extent to ensure that we improve the lives of citizens in the Western Cape.

*Whistle-blowers on corruption at schools: protection of*

**7. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:**

What measures are in place to protect whistle-blowers who report allegations of maladministration and corruption at schools?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

7. The Western Cape Government Whistleblowing Policy, updated and approved by Cabinet in December 2021, contains the requirements a whistle-blower must adhere to in order to ensure that their disclosure is protected in terms of both the policy and the Protected Disclosures Act of 2000.

Further to this, whistle-blowers are protected by having the option to report anonymously either to the National Anti-Corruption Hotline, or directly to Provincial Forensic Services (PFS).

Any whistle-blower reporting a matter to PFS will be afforded the opportunity to do so confidentially and for their identities to be kept confidential by the PFS staff member to whom they are reporting.

The Department and the PFS create awareness of the policy through conducting awareness and training sessions, posting information and links to the policy in their Impact Newsletters, displaying posters at various provincial government buildings and schools, social media platforms, and having the policy available on the government intranet for ease of reference.

All newly elected School Governing Bodies were trained on fraud awareness in 2021, which include processes on how and where to report fraudulent activities.

Training was also conducted with district officials on how to protect whistle-blowers when they report matters anonymously.

*Drug rehabilitation centres*

**8. Ms G N Bakubaku-Vos asked the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether there are enough drug rehabilitation centres in the province; if not, (a) why not and (b) what plans are in place to open and support more facilities; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

8. At present most residential treatment centres funded by DSD have sufficient capacity to accommodate clients seeking assistance (or referred for assistance), although the demand for treatment services (both residential and community-based) has begun to increase following the end of the COVID 19 disaster. There are geographic areas where access to treatment remains a challenge, particularly in the Central Karoo and parts of the Garden Route District (namely Bitou Municipality)

*Questions and replies as received from departments*

## **QUESTIONS**

*For written reply*

*Taxi violence: arrests*

**1. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With reference to the newspaper article published in the *Argus* of 30 July titled "No convictions in 267 taxi-violence cases in WCape":

- (1) Whether any arrests have been made in these cases; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any of the alleged perpetrators are out on bail; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any of these cases are going to trial; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

1. (1) Yes  
58 arrests have been made.
- (2) The suspects on 12 of the cases are out on bail.
- (3) Yes  
39 cases have court dates for trial and plea in Regional Courts and High Court.

*Law Enforcement Advancement Plan: budgetary requirements*

**2. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

Whether the National Treasury contributed to the budgetary requirements of the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY:

2. The Department receives funding via the Provincial Treasury as part of the equitable share allocation. The National Treasury in return provide funding to the province as part of its equitable share allocation.

Funding for the LEAP project was prioritised by the Western Cape Government as part of its Safety Plan, hence the province reprioritised funds from its equitable share for this purpose. National Treasury does not provide funding for this project as a conditional grant.

*Firearms: confiscated, lost and stolen*

**3. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

How many firearms have been (a) confiscated by the SAPS, (b) lost and (c) stolen from SAPS storage facilities in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23 to date?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

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|----|-----|-------|-------|
| 3. | (a) | (i)   | 3 292 |
|    |     | (ii)  | 3 042 |
|    |     | (iii) | 2 678 |
|    |     | (iv)  | 2 608 |
|    |     | (v)   | 661   |
|    | (b) | (i)   | 0     |
|    |     | (ii)  | 0     |
|    |     | (iii) | 0     |
|    |     | (iv)  | 0     |
|    |     | (v)   | 0     |
|    | (c) | (i)   | 0     |
|    |     | (ii)  | 0     |
|    |     | (iii) | 0     |
|    |     | (iv)  | 0     |
|    |     | (v)   | 1     |

*Gangs operating in the Western Cape*

**4. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

- (1) Whether the SAPS keeps a classification or database of gangs operating in the Western Cape; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) how many known gangs were operating in the province in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23 to date and (b) in which areas do they operate?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

4. (1) Yes.

Crime Intelligence has a database of all gangs operating in the Western Cape.

(2) Crime Intelligence is the custodian of this information and therefore this question has to be directed at Head Office.

This question was directed to the National Commissioner SAPS via the office of the Provincial Commissioner for a response and the reply will be submitted to parliament as soon as DoCS receives the reply.

*Central Karoo District; eradication of the bucket toilet system*

**5. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

Whether his Department has given any grants that were intended to be used for the eradication of the bucket toilet system in the Central Karoo District; if so, (a) when and (b) how much was handed to the municipality?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

5. (a)(b) My Department has not given grants toward the eradication of bucket system in the Central Karoo District.

Although Nelspoort in Beaufort West does use the bucket system, the Municipality has not applied for the funding for the latter. There are about 25 households using the bucket system, but the land belongs to Transnet. There was an application in the past for installation of services and the construction of top structures. However, it was declined as the land was still under the ownership of Transnet and there was no indication of a land availability Agreement signed by the parties.

*High School: Woodlands, Mitchells Plain*

**6. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Education:**

With regard to the building of a high school in Woodlands, Mitchells Plain:

(1) What is the status of the intended Washington Drive High School of Colorado High School in Tracy Avenue, Colorado (Weltevreden Valley), Mitchells Plain;

(2) whether there was a public participation process on building a high school in Woodlands, Mitchells Plain; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) how many (a) learners and (b) teachers will be at the intended high school;
- (4) whether all the (a) teachers and (b) principals have been appointed; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

6. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) Due to high demand for places in the area, the Western Cape Education Department issued an instruction to the Department of Transport and Public Works to construct a temporary school in Weltevrede, Mitchells Plain.

The school will initially consist of 10 mobile classrooms and other auxiliary facilities. The first learners are scheduled to be enrolled for the 2023 academic year. Planning for the permanent high school will commence in the 2023/24 financial year.

- (2) The land is already zoned for education, and although a stakeholder consultation is not required, one was held on 11 August 2022.
- (3) (a) 400 learners: 200 Grade 8s and 200 Grade 9s  
(b) 10 teachers and a principal
- (4) No, the school has not been officially registered as the school has not yet been built.

*High School: Woodlands, Mitchells Plain*

**7. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Education:**

With regard to the building of a high school in Woodlands, Mitchells Plain:

- (1) (a) Where will the (i) water and (ii) electricity come from for this school, (b) who will be responsible for these payments and (c) where will the entrance to this school be located;
- (2) whether the community has been consulted on the entrance and exit locations of this school; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the building plans have been submitted to the City of Cape Town; if so, what is the status of the plans;
- (4) whether the building plans were published in the local community media for input; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

7. My department has informed me of the following:

(1) (a)(i) and (ii) and (b)

The school will be serviced via the Municipality.

The school will receive Norms and Standards funding as it will be declared a public ordinary school. They will be responsible for the payment of municipal services, as is every other school. A percentage of the Norms and Standards allocation is to be used to pay for Municipal services.

(c) The entrance for the mobile school will be on Washington Drive. The details regarding the brick and mortar school will be finalised during the planning phase.

(2) The entrance/exit for the mobile school was discussed at the stakeholder consultation held on 11 August 2022. The Department has liaised with the City of Cape Town to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations.

(3) Although submission is not required by legislation or policy, the Building Plans will be submitted to the Local Authority as a courtesy submission.

(4) Although a stakeholder consultation is not required by legislation or policy, one was held on 11 August 2022.

*Regional hospitals: social determinants*

**8. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What social determinants are considered before designating a hospital as a regional hospital;
- (2) whether provision has been made for district hospitals to apply for the status of regional hospital; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what considerations are taken into account when approving or rejecting such applications;
- (3) what is the budget allocation for a (a) district hospital and (b) regional hospital?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

8. (1) There are various factors that were considered in the planning and forecasting of hospital beds which are described in the Healthcare 2030: Acute hospital bed plan which still remains the guideline for our hospital planning going forward. The provincial acute hospital bed plan is a projection of hospital beds required over the next two decades based on the principles and strategic direction of Healthcare 2030.

Forecasting hospital bed needs requires taking into account a range of factors, including amongst others, burden of disease and the health needs of the population, local specifics of the geographic area, broader organisational arrangements of the health service, global and local utilisation trends, advances in technology, changes in the national and provincial policy context, affordability and the availability of skilled human resources. This planning exercise has therefore coupled hard systems modelling with judgement based on the experience within the province, lessons learnt from previous planning exercises and feasibility. The policy directives that guided the metro hospital planning included easy and equitable access to district hospitals as first line hospital care; district and regional hospitals should provide a comprehensive package of care; functional arrangements will be created to coordinate regional hospitals and district health services ; large district hospitals will render a varying degree of specialist services ; regional hospitals are referral hospitals to be located on major transport routes and the central hospitals will also provide general specialist services to the population in their immediate vicinity.

In order to differentiate between degrees of deprivation an equity measure was developed based on household income bands published in census 2011. The measure is applied at ward level and persons likely to use public health services are referred to as dependent persons. The equity measure ensures that poor settlements will receive proportionately more resources to address their relatively higher burden of disease. The admissions per 1000 population and the ALOS for district and regional hospitals are differentiated according to household income to favour the poorest households.

- (2) As stated above, Healthcare 2030: Acute hospital bed plan considered various factors in deciding the way forward in determining the number of district beds and regional hospital beds. This bedplan has been approved by Cabinet and forms the basis of future roll out of Hospitals. We are constantly reviewing the service pressures and refining the health platform response. This is also part of the service re-design process that is unfolding in the department. The recognition of Helderberg Regional Hospital, Klipfontein Regional Hospital and TBH regional hospitals are proposed mega projects in the coming years speaks to the growing health burden and need for more specialist services in these drainage areas.
- (3) The budget allocation in terms of operational cost will first and foremost depend on the size of the hospital and then on the package of care, level of services and the appropriate staffing and support services required.



*Kidnapping and extortion cases***9. Mr M Kama asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

- (1) What is the number of (a) kidnapping and (b) extortion cases that have been reported in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date;
- (2) what are the provincial government's plans and programmes to address this challenge;
- (3) whether transnational organised crime has been identified as a challenge in the province; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are his Department's plans to tackle this matter?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

9. (1) (a) (i) 736  
(ii) 828  
(iii) 892  
(iv) 193 (January to March 2022)
- (b) (i) 162  
(ii) 196  
(iii) 264  
(iv) 68 (January to March 2022)

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY:

- (2) Extortion remains the mandate of the South African Police Service (SAPS). The department does however partner with SAPS by serving on its monthly Provincial Joint Operations Committee for Extortion and Kidnapping. Complaints received via the department are shared with SAPS. The department promotes the new extortion tollfree number.

In addition to this the Western Cape Government (WCG) remains committed to fighting all forms of crime. We encourage all Safety stakeholders, particularly Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), Community Police Forums (CPFs) etc. to assist and support SAPS, as the lead agency, to combat this and all other crime. The NHWs and CPFs are a critical log in addressing this matter.

- (3) (a) The department attends monthly Provincial Joint Operations Committee meetings where extortion and kidnapping forms part of the meeting.

The new extortion tollfree number (0800 31 44 44) is linked with SAPS.

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

- (3) (b) Transnational organised crime has not been identified as a challenge in the province.

*Drug houses*

**10. Mr M Kama asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With regard to his utterances during an interpellation on 28 July 2022 that there are 1 557 known drug houses in the province and that LEAP officers are doing a sterling job to confiscate guns from gangs:

(a) (i) How many of the stated known drug houses are in Council-owned houses and (ii) what are the details of each and (b) what is the number of firearms that have been confiscated by LEAP officers in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021 and (iii) 2022 to date?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY:

10. (a) (i) – (ii) This question should be posed by the member to the City of Cape Town (CoCT) as operations does not form part of the mandate of DoCS.

Number of firearms recovered since inception and as of 30 June 2022.

- (b) (i) 22  
(ii) 114  
(iii) 83

*Long-distance bus drivers: attacks on*

**11. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Mobility:**

(a) What is the number of long-distance bus drivers who have been attacked in the Western Cape in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date, (b) what are the motives identified for these attacks, (c) what are the interventions that his Department is putting in place to address these attacks and (d)(i) what necessitated the meeting with the CEO of Intercape bus company, (ii) what was discussed and (iii) what commitments were made at the meeting?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

11. (a) This question relates to crime statistics and should be directed to the SAPS.

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- (b) This question relates to criminal investigations and should be directed to the SAPS.
- (c) While these attacks on long distance buses are criminal acts that must be managed and investigated by the SAPS, the Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) plays a coordinating and supporting role as follows:
- Provincial Traffic monitors provincial and national routes to enforce compliance with operating licences by public transport operators including long distance buses and taxis and jointly plans integrated operations and roadblocks with the SAPS.
  - SAPS Flying Squad and Provincial Traffic continue to monitor all national routes to provide rapid response in the event of attacks on buses
  - DTPW and SAPS co-chair the SAPS' Transport Priority Committee to coordinate intergovernmental transport planning, regulation and enforcement initiatives
  - I facilitated a meeting with Intercape Bus Service, the Premier and the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety (POCS) to hear first-hand accounts of the alleged criminal extortion that long distance bus companies have been subjected to. Thereafter, the Premier wrote to President Ramaphosa to request coordinated intervention to combat extortion and racketeering at national level.
  - The DTPW, together with the SAPS and the City of Cape Town is conducting a comprehensive review of technology, including CCTV, and LPR cameras to aid in monitoring and combating crimes such as attacks on scheduled public transport buses in identified hotspots.
- (d) (i) the meeting was called to discuss the nature and extent of attacks on all long-distance buses and the alleged criminal extortion and price fixing, by people purporting to be representatives of the minibus taxi industry, that impact negatively on the citizens of the Western Cape and of other provinces who rely on these services.
- (ii) See above.
- (iii) In addition to continuing with interventions described in (c) above, the Western Cape Government committed to escalating the concerns of Intercape and other long distance bus companies to the President to request nationally coordinated interventions to combat extortion and racketeering in the public transport sector.

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*Meetings attended by former Minister of Economic Opportunities***12. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

With reference to her reply to question 19 of 8 July 2022:

(a) What are the full details, including the (i) names, (ii) gender, (iii) race and (iv) positions, of all the persons who formed part of delegations to meetings attended by former Minister of Economic Opportunities, Alan Winde, (b) what is the total cost breakdown for each of the meetings attended and (c) what was the cost to the Department per meeting?

**The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:**

12. As the Provincial Minister responsible for Economic Opportunities, Alan Winde played a leading role in promoting tourism, trade and investment to the Western Cape as part of his focus on facilitating economic growth and job creation. This remains our top priority today.

This promotion was done in terms of the shared Constitutional competency that provinces have in this regard, so that economic growth could be facilitated to the benefit of the Western Cape and South Africa.

This Economic Diplomacy for the province was also important to promote the Western Cape as a business-friendly destination given the national context of declining business confidence.

In terms of the honourable member's follow-up question, I am advised of the details included in the updated table below. Unless otherwise indicated, no costs were identified for the hosting/attendance of meetings. These costs would normally be for the account of the hosting party.

I am further advised that the responses are based on available financial documents obtained from relevant departments, bearing in mind the prescripts governing document disposal and that the question relates to a period covering nearly a decade.

VISIT TO PARIS AND BOURGOGNE-FRANCE-COMTE, 29 June until 08 July 2018	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of the Premier (Bourgogne-France-Comte leg) and Wesgro (Paris leg)
Delegation	Ms V Njalo, Head of Ministry: Economic Opportunities Ms I Adams, Assistant Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier Ms T Xaba, Chief Director: Farmer Support Development, Department of Agriculture
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as a Trade, Tourism and Investment Destination in France</li> <li>Strengthen the bilateral relations with Bourgogne-France-Comte (B-F-C)</li> </ul>
Destination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paris, 30 June until 03 July 2018 &amp; 07 July 2018 (02 working days)</li> <li>Dijon, 03 until 06 July 2018 (4 working days)</li> </ol>
MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South African Ambassador to France</li> <li>MEDEF</li> <li>Fives Group (organised by the South African Embassy in Paris)</li> <li>La French Tech</li> <li>Ministry for Agriculture</li> <li>Le Groupe Bel</li> <li>Joan Airlines</li> <li>Regional Council of B-F-C</li> <li>Beaune CFFPA</li> <li>Climats of Burgundy</li> <li>ENIL BESANCON-MAMIROLLE</li> <li>Vice-president of Regional Council of B-F-C in charge of Agriculture</li> <li>Chévrierie des Hautes Côtes (Family wine and goat cheese farm)</li> <li>Domaine Dubois</li> <li>"Les Climats en fête" event</li> <li>"ferme Fruirouge" (Red berries producing and processing farm)</li> </ol>

Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>The primary aim of the visit was to promote the Western Cape as preferred Trade, Tourism and Investment destination in France through meeting with several entities such as Business France, MEDEF, BPI France. One of the key outcomes was a stronger working relationship with La French Tech, which launched a successful incubator in Cape Town.</p> <p>The visit also resulted in the signing of a new twinning arrangement with Bourgogne-Franche-Comte (B-F-C). The cooperation with B-F-C is one of the province's long standing twinning arrangements. Key successes under the twinning arrangement is the training provided to farm and cellar workers (viticulture training) and workers in the cheese industry.</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

ATTENDANCE OF 9 <sup>th</sup> REGIONAL LEADERS' SUMMIT, 16 until 18 May 2018	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of the Premier
Delegation	<p>Ms H Zille, former Premier</p> <p>Mr N Lala, Chief Director: International and Strategic Programmes, Department of the Premier</p> <p>Mr B Aletdien, Deputy Director: Protocol, Department of the Premier; and</p> <p>Mr R Thyssen, Deputy Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier.</p>
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance at the 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Leaders' Summit</li> </ul>
Destination	Quebec City, Canada, 16 until 18 May 2018 (3 working days)
MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governor of Quebec</li> <li>São Paulo State Secretary for the Environment</li> <li>Georgia Commissioner for Economic Development</li> <li>Bavaria Minister for the Digital Agenda, Media and Europe</li> </ol>

MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WTM dinner</li> <li>2. Nelson Mandela Foundation and Thebe Group Tourism breakfast</li> <li>3. UK Dept of International Trade (DIT)<sup>2</sup></li> <li>4. UK Halal Food Authority<sup>3</sup></li> <li>5. Pacific Asia Travel Association dinner (PATA)</li> <li>6. PATA engagement</li> <li>7. Radio Festival<sup>4</sup></li> <li>8. World Travel Tourism Council (WTTC) dinner</li> <li>9. Pinewood Film Studios visit</li> <li>10. Attendance of various presentations / sessions at the WTM</li> <li>11. Activation of Old vines project</li> <li>12. Panelist: Responsible Tourism panel</li> <li>13. UK water specialists meeting (Government, academia, and research institutes)</li> <li>14. Courtesy call Lord St John</li> <li>15. Mascara desalination pilot facility</li> <li>16. Masdar City Special Economic Zone</li> <li>17. Site visits to Masdar City <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sea water recycling for usage in fish farming supply</li> <li>b. Krypto labs (integrated densification – live, work, play model)</li> <li>c. Masdar – Business development agency (Halal exports to UAE)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>The delegation attended the WTM, on the invitation of the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Thebe group. Meetings were attended and participated (Minister Winde was a panelist during a session on Responsible Tourism) in to promote the Western Cape as a premier tourism destination. A 9-bedroom boutique hotel (Mandela Presidential centre) was also launched during the event. In addition, various engagement took place on the margin of the WTM with global stakeholders regarding the promotion of the WC as a global Halal source market, including for Asia and the UK. Discussions were also entered into regarding the formalisation of a trade agreement between the DIT UK and the Western Cape, bearing in mind the strategic importance of the UK as a market for the province. Furthermore, lessons learned were also shared and implemented as far as the UK's handling of past droughts were</p>

<sup>2</sup> Minister Winde didn't attend the meeting as it clashed with the NMF and Thebe Group breakfast.

<sup>3</sup> Minister Winde didn't attend the meeting as it clashed with the NMF and Thebe Group breakfast.

<sup>4</sup> Radio Conference that can reach 100 million listeners from 10 countries.

	<p>concerned, particularly the usage of technology therein. Lastly, discussions were entered into with Pinewood Film studios regarding the reignition of the Themba Sibeko project with the Cape Point Film Studio.</p> <p>In the UAE, the delegation experienced first-hand the possibilities offered by desalination plants and the usage of solar energy therein. Discussions were also entered into with the Masdar City Special Economic Zone regarding its offering and its marketing strategy. Lastly discussions were entered into with relevant experts regarding potential linkages for Halaal exports into the UAE.</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

	<b>VISIT TO: UNITED KINGDOM, 20 until 26 May 2017</b>
	<b>TRIP DETAILS</b>
Organiser (Department)	Wesgro
Delegation	Ms V Njola, Head of Ministry: Economic Opportunities
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and investment destination (in light of Brexit)</li> </ul>
Destination	1. London, 21 until 25 May 2017 (5 working days) <sup>1</sup> 2. Edinburgh, 25 until 26 May 2017 (1 working day)
	<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>
Organisation & official met	1. South African High Commission 2. Business Tourism, Trade and Investment Seminar 3. Minister for Africa 4. Wine & Spirit Trade Association

<sup>1</sup> Sunday, 21 May 2022 was utilised as a working day.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC)</li> <li>6. Department for International Trade (DIT) Ministerial Strategy Directorate</li> <li>7. Brexit Policy Unit, DIT</li> <li>8. Address of Chatham house (Upskilling of Small Businesses in Africa)</li> <li>9. Fintech Circle</li> <li>10. London Wine Fair</li> <li>11. Evening cocktail / dinner with investors</li> <li>12. Virgin Airlines</li> <li>13. Agfimony LIVE Conference</li> <li>14. Africa All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)</li> <li>15. Transport for London</li> <li>16. Digital nomad event</li> <li>17. UK Minister of State for Trade and Investment</li> <li>18. Meeting with renewable energy and green economy stakeholders and investors in London</li> <li>19. Site visit at EON Reality Centre Manchester</li> <li>20. Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>21. Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe</li> <li>22. Scottish Enterprise</li> </ul>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>Due to Brexit, the aim of the visit was to maintain the province's market share in the UK from a Trade, Tourism and Investment perspective, and look for growth opportunities in high growth sectors. The UK has traditionally been an important market for the province and the intention was to speak to key political interlocutors wielding influence in the UK government as far as UK-SA investment opportunities are concerned. In addition, discussions were also entered into with potential investors in the Renewable Energy and Oil and gas sectors (promoting the offering of the Saldanha Bay IDZ) as well as key players in the tourism industry. Discussions were also entered into with Virgin Airlines regarding a direct flight into Cape Town. Similar discussions also took place with key interlocutors in Scotland, including with the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce.</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, 10 until 20 October 2016	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Wesgro
Delegation	Ms T Evans, Special Advisor, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination, including Film</li> <li>Attendance of IMEX America</li> </ul>
Destination	1. Los Angeles, 11 until 12 October 2016 (2 working days) 2. San Francisco, 13 until 15 October 2016 (3 working days) 3. Las Vegas, 16 until 18 October 2016 (2 working days)
MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	1. NBC Universal Cable Entertainment / Comcast 2. Warner Brothers Pictures / Studios 3. Walt Disney Studios 4. LA Film Industry networking event 5. IDEO.org 6. Sequoia Capital 7. Facebook 8. Airbnb 9. Black Chamber of Silicon Valley <sup>6</sup> 10. Stanford University 11. Regen Villages 12. The SABLE Accelerator 13. Networking event hosted by M L Seelf 14. Manzana Products Co. 15. Attendance of IMEX America (various sessions and various stakeholders engaged with)

<sup>6</sup> Minister Winde had a parallel meeting with Stanford university and didn't attend the meeting.

Outcomes pursued & benefits	Even though the main purpose of the visit was to attend the IMEX America, a global exhibition for the MICE industry (incentive travel, meetings and events), the visit also presented opportunities to promote the Western Cape as preferred Trade, Tourism and Investment destination. In particular, the visit promoted the Western Cape as a preferred film destination by engaging with stakeholders regarding the offering of the province and obtain an understanding of the impediments / challenges experienced by the industry preventing them from utilising the province as a destination. Discussions were also entered into and valuable insights gained with stakeholders regarding positioning the Western Cape as a Technology and Innovation Hub for Africa. These insights influenced the strategic thinking of the province in positioning the province as a technology and innovation hub. Stakeholders were also engaged regarding design initiatives.
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

VISIT TO THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 07 until 15 November 2015	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of the Premier and Wesgro
Delegation:	<p>Ms H Zille, Former Premier</p> <p>Dr I Meyer, Minister of Finance (and responsible for International Relations)</p> <p>Dr L Platzky, Deputy Director General: Strategic Programmes, Department of the Premier</p> <p>Ms D Strydom, Private Secretary, Office of the Premier</p> <p>Ms B Matoti, Director: Agricultural Economic Services, Department of Agriculture</p> <p>Ms P Mabuda, Deputy Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier</p> <p>Ms B Jooste, Media Liaison Officer, Ministry of Economic Opportunities</p> <p>Mr H Blake, Deputy Director: Protocol, Department of the Premier</p>
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination</li> </ul>

Destination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hong Kong, 08 until 10 November 2015 (2 working days)</li> <li>2. Shanghai, 11 until 12 November 2015 (2 working days)</li> <li>3. Beijing, 13 until 15 November 2015 (2 working days)<sup>7</sup></li> </ol>
<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SA businesses in Hong Kong</li> <li>2. Consul Political of the South African Consulate-General in Hong Kong</li> <li>3. Chinese General Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>4. Shanghai Xendai Property Group</li> <li>5. CGN MeiYa Power Co.</li> <li>6. Hong Kong Trade Development Council</li> <li>7. South African Consul-General in Shanghai and WOSA</li> <li>8. Attendance: Food and Hotel China</li> <li>9. Acebright</li> <li>10. SA-China Business networking session</li> <li>11. BRICS Bank</li> <li>12. Jinka Solar<sup>8</sup></li> <li>13. Shanghai Free Trade Zone</li> <li>14. Perfect China</li> <li>15. JM Ocean Avenue</li> <li>16. South African Embassy in Beijing</li> <li>17. China Air</li> <li>18. Longyuan Power Group</li> <li>19. HISENSE</li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>The primary aim of the visit was to promote the Western Cape as preferred Trade, Tourism and Investment destination in China by meeting with industry bodies and companies in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing, which was covered extensively by media in China. The delegation participated in the Food and Hotel China and PROWINE China, the premium show for the hospitality industry in China and which was frequented by several wineries from the province. A meeting also took place with Perfect China, the biggest importer of wine into China from the Western Cape to obtain a sense of what could be done to increase exports into China. The visit</p>

<sup>7</sup> Sunday, 15 November 2015 was also utilised for a meeting with Hisense, who's based in Atlanta.

<sup>8</sup> Meeting attended by Minister Meyer only as it clashed with meeting with Shanghai Free Trade Zone

	<p>presented an opportunity to hear first-hand challenges experienced by four operators, companies and industry bodies wanting to invest in South Africa and vice versa, in sectors such as Tourism, Agriculture, Film sector, Construction and Manufacturing to mention but a few. The visit also presented opportunities to promote the offering of the SBIDZ as well as the ASEZ, as far as Oil and Gas and Renewable Energy were concerned, including Longyuan Power Group and Jinka Solar which are currently based in Cape Town.</p> <p>Lastly discussions were entered into with Air China regarding increased air access into the province.</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	R 423.72 <sup>9</sup>
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

VISIT TO ANGOLA, 26 until 28 April 2015	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of the Premier
Delegation	<p>Ms H Zille, Former Premier</p> <p>Dr L Platzky, Deputy Director General: Strategic Programmes, Department of the Premier</p> <p>Ms D Strydom, Private Secretary, Office of the Premier</p> <p>Ms S Diner, Assistant Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier</p>
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and investment destination</li> <li>Explore closer cooperation with Province of Luanda</li> </ul>
Destination	Luanda, 26 until 28 September 2011 (3 working days) <sup>10</sup>
MEETING DETAILS	

<sup>9</sup> Meeting with Mr D Huang.

<sup>10</sup> Sunday, 26 April 2015 was utilised as a working day.

Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South African Embassy</li> <li>2. Governor of Luanda (including government officials and businesses)</li> <li>3. Ministry of Agriculture</li> <li>4. Networking event</li> <li>5. Ministry of Hotels and Tourism</li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	The visit presented an opportunity to engage with the stakeholders in Angola to explore closer cooperation with the Western Cape. The visit was a result of an invitation received from the governor of Luanda following previous visits by Wesgro, the Western Cape Government, DFI, Trade and Investment KwaZulu-Natal to Angola. The objective of the visit was to explore closer ties between the Western Cape and the Luanda Province, Angola. The visit also allowed the WCG to engage with strategic counterparts and created a platform for businesses to advance their interests in the Angolan market. A clear sense was also obtained of the opportunities in the Angolan market as well as possible impediments to increased business relations including in the Tourism and Hospitality, Agriculture, Energy and Construction sectors. A follow-up visit by the Minister of Tourism was subsequently facilitated by the Western Cape.
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	R 72 619.38 <sup>11</sup>
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

VISIT TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) AND MALAYSIA, 27 March until 03 April 2015	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Wesgro
Delegation	Ms T Evans, Head of Ministry: Economic Development and Tourism
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend the Annual Investment Meeting Congress (AIM)</li> <li>• Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination, including the Halal industry</li> </ul>

<sup>11</sup> Networking event held in conjunction with the South African Embassy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange of best practices regarding trading in horses</li> </ul>
Destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UAE, 27 March until 01 April 2015 (5 working days)<sup>12</sup></li> <li>• Malaysia, 02 April until 03 April 2015 (1 working day)</li> </ul>
<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cape Thoroughbred Sales</li> <li>2. International Thoroughbred Solutions</li> <li>3. eDiamond Dynamic eMarket Negotiations</li> <li>4. Avontuur</li> <li>5. Serento Stud</li> <li>6. Kerzner International</li> <li>7. Meydan City Corporation</li> <li>8. Ministry of the Economy</li> <li>9. DMCC Free Centre (Agri-processing Hub)</li> <li>10. Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing</li> <li>11. Ruler of Dubai / UAE Vice President</li> <li>12. Monjasa Holdings</li> <li>13. DDG of DTI</li> <li>14. Secretary General of International Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>15. Tamich Tours</li> <li>16. Consulate-General of South Africa in Dubai</li> <li>17. South African High Commission of SA in Malaysia</li> <li>18. MIGHT Technology Nurturing</li> <li>19. Halaal Industrial Development Cooperation (HDC)</li> <li>20. Denel Soc Ltd</li> <li>21. Western Cape Fine Foods Initiative</li> <li>22. Malaysian Ministry of International Trade and Industry</li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	The primary purpose of the visit was to attend the AIM congress, the premier investment conference in the UAE. In addition, the delegation explored closer collaboration regarding the export of horses into the UAE, including identifying blockages and ways of circumventing it. Similar discussions also took place regarding the direct exportation of diamonds from the Western Cape (currently

<sup>12</sup> Saturday, 28 March 2015 was utilised as a working day.

	<p>done via Gauteng]. A clearer sense was also obtained regarding opportunities (Agricultural products) and hinderances to closer trade relations, including existing visa regime, etc. This also applied to tourism opportunities, including the development of joint marketing strategies and programmes with relevant stakeholders, learn best practices from Dubai regarding their tourism promotion strategy, etc.</p> <p>In addition, Minister Winde witnesses the signing of a Declaration of Intent between the Western Cape Fine Foods Initiative (WCFFI) and the Halal Industrial Development Cooperation (HDC) regarding investment in an Halal Industrial Park in Cape Town. Discussions were also entered into with the Malaysia Industry-Government Group for High-Technology regarding the establishment of a Halal Industrial Hub in the Western Cape.</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

	<b>VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS, 03 until 08 June 2013</b>
	<b>TRIP DETAILS</b>
Organiser (Department)	Department of Economic Development and Tourism
Delegation	<p>Ms V Njalo, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism</p> <p>Mr A Hardien, Provincial Accountant General, Provincial Treasury</p>
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination, including cycle-tourism</li> <li>Exchange of best practices with the Innovation and Technology sector in the Netherlands</li> <li>Explore opportunities regarding agri-business</li> </ul>
Destination	Netherlands, 04 until 08 June 2013 (4 working days)
	<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>



Organisation & official met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23. South African Embassy</li> <li>24. Glen Blue International BV</li> <li>25. Medical Knowledge Institute</li> <li>26. Dutch Cycling Embassy</li> <li>27. Commission for Foreign Investments</li> <li>28. Maandblad Zuid-Afrika</li> <li>29. Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Conference</li> <li>30. Brainport Eindhoven</li> <li>31. Omroep Brabant</li> <li>32. Eindhoven Design Academy</li> <li>33. Dutch Importers of South African Wine</li> <li>34. Newly appointed Consul-General of Netherlands in Cape Town</li> <li>35. SANEC Members (Business cocktail)</li> <li>36. Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>37. Netherlands Agro Food &amp; Technology Centre (NAFTC) and companies</li> <li>38. South African Tourism Netherlands Country Manager</li> </ul>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>The visit provided the WCG with a better understanding of the business-to-business relations between the Netherlands and South Africa and how the Western Cape can strategically position itself to benefit optimally from this relationship from a Trade, Tourism and Investment promotion perspective. Significant media coverage was also enjoyed during the visit, assisting in the promotion of the province. The meetings also enable the Western Cape to identify blockages preventing closer business relations and undertake efforts to eliminate those, bearing in mind the strategic importance of the Netherlands for the WC as a market.</p> <p>Exchange of best practice and know-how took place with the Dutch Cycling Embassy (Cycling and Cycling tourism), Brainport Eindhoven (Innovation and technology, in particular how the Western Cape could position itself as an Innovation and Tech hub on the African continent), Eindhoven Design Academy (Creative industries).</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND GERMANY, 30 September until 06 October 2012	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of the Premier
Delegation	<p>Ms H Zille, Former Premier</p> <p>Ms T Evans, Head of Ministry, Ministry of Economic Opportunities</p> <p>Ms J Cargill, Special Advisor to Premier Zille</p> <p>Ms D Strydom, Private Secretary, Office of the Premier</p> <p>Mr R Thyssen, Deputy Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier</p> <p>Mr H Blake, Deputy Director: Protocol, Department of the Premier</p>
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination</li> <li>Deliver address at G3 Good Governance Group</li> </ul>
Destination	<p>1. London, 01 until 04 October 2012 (4 working days)</p> <p>2. Munich, 04 until 06 October 2012 (2 working days)<sup>15</sup></p>
MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	<p>1. Old Mutual PLC</p> <p>2. SA Chambers of Commerce in UK</p> <p>3. International Synergies Ltd.</p> <p>4. South African High Commission in London</p> <p>5. Former Lord Mayor of London</p> <p>6. G3 Good Governance Group</p> <p>7. South African High Commissioner in London</p> <p>8. Capita PLC</p> <p>9. Chatham house, various (Address delivered)</p> <p>10. Morgan Stanley, various (Investment breakfast)</p> <p>11. British Foreign and Commonwealth office (Africa)</p> <p>12. Under Secretary of State of Business, Innovation and Skills</p>

<sup>15</sup> Saturday, 06 October 2012 was also utilised for work-related purposes.

	13. VisitBritain 14. CityUK 15. Lord Mayor of the City of London 16. Interviews (CNN Global Exchange, SABC, Economist Africa, Financial Times) 17. Bavarian State Minister for European Affairs 18. Bavarian State Minister for Economic Affairs, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology 19. Lufthansa airlines 20. Tour operators in Bavaria 21. Organisers of the Oktoberfest
Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>The aim of the visit was to promote the Western Cape as a preferred Trade, Tourism and Investment destination, bearing in mind the events that unfolded at Marikana and the potential impact it could have on the image of South Africa as a destination. As such, the visit presented an opportunity to allay the fears of investors regarding the attractiveness of the province as a destination through meetings with investors (in various guises and forms) as well as interviews conducted. The visit also presented an opportunity to exchange best practices with entities such as International Synergies Ltd, e.g. the lessons learned regarding the industrial symbiosis process implemented by International Synergies informed the functions of the delivery unit implemented in the office of the Premier. Exchange of best practice was also entered into with VisitBritain regarding campaigns they ran to optimise the attractiveness of the country as a destination follow the Olympics.</p> <p>The visit to Bavaria presented an opportunity to further strengthen the bilateral relations with the Free State of Bavaria, a partner region of the province, particularly from an economic development perspective. Discussions were entered into with tour operators in Bavaria regarding their offering to tourists in the Western Cape and impediments to increasing the tourism numbers from Germany. Lastly, discussions were entered into with Lufthansa regarding direct flights between Munich and Cape Town, following the announcement of the cancellation of these flights by SAA. Lufthansa initiated direct flights from October 2012 and a better understanding of their business case was obtained.</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, 15 until 19 April 2012	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of Economic Development and Tourism
Delegation	Mr S Fourie, Head of Department: Economic Development and Tourism, and Mr A Phillips, Chief Director: Provincial Treasury.
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination</li> <li>Explore alternatives to Free Trade Zones</li> <li>Explore opportunities regarding Renewable Energy Innovation</li> <li>Explore closer collaboration with the State of Florida</li> </ul>
Destination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida, 14 until 17 April 2012</li> <li>Washington, 18 until 19 April 2012.</li> </ol>
MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enterprise Florida (Africa Trade programme) and South African Associate of Business Communities (SAABC)</li> <li>Miami Dade County business representatives (roundtable)</li> <li>International Economic Forum of the Americas (luncheon conference)</li> <li>Government of Florida</li> <li>Enterprise Florida</li> <li>Government of Florida</li> <li>Visit Florida and Workforce Florida</li> <li>University of Florida (Proton Therapy Institute)</li> <li>South African Embassy in Washington</li> <li>US Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>Corporate Council on Africa</li> <li>Office of the US Trade Representative for Africa</li> <li>US Department of Energy (Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy programme)</li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	The main purpose of the visit was to promote trade and investment between the US and the province (including with Florida), investigate alternatives for Free Trade Zones and explore opportunities for Renewable Energy innovation. Discussions were entered with several industry bodies including the US Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise Florida, etc. as well as with senior officials within the

	US Government, e.g. with the Department of Energy regarding opportunities re renewable energy, etc. The potential for investment in the Business Process Outsourcing in the Western Cape were highlighted as an opportunity. Direct air access was highlighted as an inhibitor for increase business linkages with the province.
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

ATTENDANCE OF 6 <sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL LEADERS' SUMMIT (BRAZIL), 10 until 14 April 2012	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of the Premier
Delegation	<p>Ms H Zille, former Premier</p> <p>Mr S Fourie, Head of Department: Economic Development and Tourism</p> <p>Dr L Platzky, Deputy Director General: Strategic Programmes, Department of the Premier</p> <p>Ms J Cargill, Special Advisor to Premier Zille</p> <p>Mr A Phillips, Chief Director: Provincial Treasury</p> <p>Dr F Abrahams, Deputy Director: Green Economy, Department of Economic Development and Tourism</p> <p>Mr P Hardcastle, Director: Planning and Policy Coordination, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</p> <p>Ms D Strydom, Private Secretary, Office of the Premier</p> <p>Mr B Arieftien, Deputy Director: Protocol, Department of the Premier</p> <p>Mr R Thyssen, Deputy Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier, and</p> <p>Ms N Aikeldien, Assistant Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier.</p>
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Leaders' Summit</li> </ul>
Destination	<p>1. Sao Paulo, 10 until 12 April 2012 (3 working days)</p> <p>2. Rio de Janeiro, 12 until 13 April 2012 (1 working day)</p>
MEETING DETAILS	

Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Naspers (lunch), various</li> <li>2. Governor of Quebec</li> <li>3. Governor of Sao Paulo</li> <li>4. Georgia Lieutenant Governor</li> <li>5. Governor of Bavaria</li> <li>6. Vice Governor of Shandong</li> <li>7. Governor of Upper Austria</li> <li>8. State Secretary for Tourism</li> <li>9. Donna Maria UPP (Site visit)<sup>14</sup></li> <li>10. Rio Yacht club, Commodore of Rio Yacht club</li> <li>11. Governor of the State of Rio de Janeiro<sup>15</sup></li> <li>12. Attendance of Rio Boat Show</li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>The purpose of the visit was to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Leaders' Summit. The bulk of the Western Cape's international engagements take place within the ambit of the Regional Leaders' Forum. The 9<sup>th</sup> forum took place under the theme "Energy transition: Towards a Low-carbon Economy".</p> <p>In addition, exchanges took place with the Government in Rio de Janeiro regarding their pacification programme (safety and security initiative in the favelas) as well as opportunities for closer collaboration as far as tourism are concerned. Discussions were also entered into with the organisers of the Rio Boat Show, bearing in mind that the boat building sector was growing in the province. Lastly discussions were entered into with the Royal Yacht club in Rio de Janeiro, one of the co-organisers of the Cape to Rio yacht race.</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	R 759,50 <sup>16</sup>
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

<sup>14</sup> Minister Winde didn't attend the meeting as he had a parallel programme in Rio, including meetings with State Secretary for Tourism, Rio Yacht club, Rio Boat Show, etc.

<sup>15</sup> See foot note 13 above.

<sup>16</sup> Attendance of Rio boat show

	<b>VISIT TO NAMIBIA, 24 and 25 January 2012</b>
<b>TRIP DETAILS</b>	
Organiser (Department)	Department of the Premier
Delegation	Ms H Zile, former Premier Ms L Schuurman, Chief Director: Tourism, Arts and Entertainment, Department of Economic Development and Tourism Ms P Mabuda, Deputy Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exchange of best practices from the Khomas region regarding economic zone where liquor beverages are sold (high street model) and enforcement of non-compliance of outlets</li> </ul>
Destination	1. Namibia, 24 and 25 January 2012 (1 working day)
<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Khomas regional government</li> <li>2. Self-Regulating Alcohol Industry Forum (SAIF)</li> <li>3. Field trips (Single quarters, Eveline Street and Bonn Street)</li> <li>4. Roundtable with media</li> <li>5. Cocktail reception hosted by South African High Commission</li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	The WCG was exploring the possibility of implementing a "high street model", which limits the selling of liquor to specific areas. The visit to Namibia enabled the WCG to see the system implemented in an area similar to what would be experienced in areas in the Western Cape (urban area). The Western Cape benefitted from engaging with various stakeholders involved in the implementation of liquor legislation in Namibia, and the lessons learned influenced the Western Cape in its approach as far as the high street model was concerned.
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above
	<b>VISIT TO SINGAPORE, 16 until 21 October 2011</b>

TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of Economic Development and Tourism
Delegation	Ms L Schuurman, Chief Director: Tourism, Arts and Entertainment, Department of Economic Development and Tourism Ms R Meyer, Deputy Director: Tourism Planning, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and Mr H Jonker, Deputy Director: Cape Catalyst, Department of Economic Development and Tourism.
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore best practice in terms of an Economic Development Agency</li> <li>• Economic Development and Investment opportunities</li> <li>• Planning and Infrastructure development as a driver of Economic Development</li> <li>• Oil and Gas opportunities</li> <li>• Tourism, Commercial Arts and Entertainment</li> <li>• Air Access</li> <li>• Attendance of ITB Asia</li> </ul>
Destination	1. Singapore, 16 until 21 October 2011 (4 working days)
MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South African High Commission</li> <li>2. Singapore Airlines</li> <li>3. Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry</li> <li>4. Pricewaterhouse Coopers</li> <li>5. Jurong Consultants</li> <li>6. International Enterprise</li> <li>7. Toff Offshore Petroleum Services</li> <li>8. Hyflux</li> <li>9. Keppel F&amp;E Offshore and Marine</li> <li>10. Sembcorp Industries, Messrs. D Goh</li> <li>11. Spotlight Singapore</li> <li>12. ITB Asia Breakfast</li> <li>13. IDA International</li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	The visit assisted with promotion of the Western Cape as a preferred tourist destination through exhibiting at the ITB Asia, engaging with top Asian tour operators and other global players as well as attending a Spotlight Singapore high-level networking function. As



	a result of the Spotlight Singapore event, DEDAT's Cape Catalyst unit liaised with Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) and a 2-day workshop were held in the Western Cape during December 2012. The WCG further engaged with key stakeholders in the Singaporean Oil and Gas sector (one of the leaders globally) and the lessons learned were implemented in the Western Cape's approach in promoting the sector in the province. Lastly the visit also resulted in the WC (DEDAT and Wesgro) participating in the Africa Singapore Business Forum that took place in August 2012, including the hosting of a Cape fair with the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) and the South African High Commission in Singapore.
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

VISIT TO ANGOLA, 25 until 28 September 2011	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Wesgro, in collaboration with Trade and Investment KwaZulu/Natal (TIKZN) and DTI
Delegation	Ms T Evans, Media Union, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism Ms S Vermeulen, Assistant Director: International Relations, Department of the Premier
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination</li> <li>Participate in the South Africa-Angola Business forum</li> </ul>
Destination	1. Angola, 25 until 28 September 2011 (4 working days) <sup>17</sup>
MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal Counsel Firm (LCF)</li> <li>South African Embassy</li> <li>Vice Governor of Economic Development of Luanda</li> <li>Angolan Import companies (Intramuros and Casafornia)</li> </ol>

<sup>17</sup> Sunday, 25 September 2011 was utilised as a working day.

	5. South Africa-Angola Business Forum 6. Deputy Minister of Trade 7. Angola National Agency for Private Investment (ANIP) 8. Omnia
Outcomes pursued & benefits	The WCG obtained a clearer understanding of business opportunities in Angola, including blockages that prevented stronger trade and investment relations. Opportunities for closer collaboration were also explored as far as the SBDZ was concerned regarding the servicing of oil rigs. Construction, Agri-processing, tourism and education. Discussions were also entered into regarding ANIP and Wesgro forging a closer working relationship to promote business-to-business linkages.
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	R 4 319,40 <sup>48</sup>
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, 09 until 15 December 2010	
TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Wesgro, in collaboration with Trade and Investment KwaZulu/Natal (TIKZN) and DTI
Delegation	Mr H Zille, former Premier Speaker of Provincial Parliament, Mr S Eiso Mr G van Rensburg, Minister for Agriculture Mr S Fourie, Head of Department, Economic Development and Tourism Mr D Adolph, Chief Director, Farmer Support and Development Services, Department of Agriculture Mr M Canham, Director, International Relations, Department of the Premier Ms P Mabuda, Deputy Director, International Relations, Department of the Premier Ms D Strydom, Private Secretary, Office of the Premier Mr W Kriel, Media Liaison Officer, Ministry of Agriculture

<sup>48</sup> Translator costs during the visit.

	Mr A Patience, International Relations Practitioner, Western Cape Provincial Parliament.
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination</li> </ul>
Destination	1. Riyadh, 10 December 2010 (1 working day) 2. Jeddah, 11 December 2010 (1 working day) 3. Abu Dhabi, 12 until 14 December 2010 (3 working days)
<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>	
Organisation & official met	1. Saudi Arabia Chamber of Commerce 2. Shoura Council 3. Governor of Riyadh 4. Deputy Minister of Finance 5. Minister of Commerce and Industry 6. Secretary General of the Supreme Commission for Tourism and Antiquities 7. National Engineering Services and Marketing Group (NESMA) 8. Jeddah Chamber of Commerce 9. Saudi Bin Laden Group 10. Alpha Tours 11. Emirates Advanced Investments 12. Landmark group <sup>19</sup> 13. Abu Dhabi Dept. of Economic Development (ADDED) 14. International Petroleum Investment Corporation 15. Reem Investment <sup>20</sup> 16. Business seminar with Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCI) and ADDED 17. AD Food Control Authority <sup>21</sup> 18. Masdar Institute of Science and Technology 19. Minister of Foreign Trade 20. Dubai Chamber of Commerce

<sup>19</sup> The meeting was only for the representative of Truworths and not the official delegation.

<sup>20</sup> The meeting happened concurrently with the meeting with the International Petroleum Investment Corporation and as such Minister Winde was not in attendance.

<sup>21</sup> The meeting was managed by Minister van Rensburg as the main topic of discussion was food security and the banning of SA red meat into market.

	<p>21. Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA)<sup>22</sup></p> <p>22. Etihad Airlines</p> <p>23. Dubai World Centre<sup>23</sup></p> <p>24. Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority (ADTA)</p> <p>25. Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p> <p>26. Abu Dhabi Education Council</p>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>The visit explored closer business linkages with Saudi Arabia (and regional trade and investment promotion agencies in Saudi) in the Construction, Renewable Energy, Agriculture, Oil and Gas, IT, Health care and Infrastructure, and back-office support. The WCG obtained a clearer understanding of business opportunities in Saudi Arabia as well as areas of interest. Saudi companies were interested in investing in, e.g., an invitation was extended to Saudi companies to attend the Tourism Indaba, the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce expressed a desire to bring a delegation of leading captains of industry to South Africa and the province, etc. In addition, collaboration between the Shaura Council and the WCOP was encouraged as far as legislative processes were concerned.</p> <p>Similarly, a clearer overview was obtained of Abu Dhabi 2030 Vision and the opportunities for and synergies with the WC. An invitation was extended to ADDED to visit the WC to explore opportunities for closer business linkages. Furthermore, the Western Cape delegation was granted access to the database of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce for potential matchmaking. Similarly, discussions were entered into regarding the export of Agricultural products, Halal certification and Renewable Energy with the Minister of Foreign Trade. Discussions were also entered into with Masdar City regarding the possibility for the implementation of technology in energy saving. Lastly, discussions were entered into with Etihad airlines regarding cargo load from Cape Town.</p>
Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for the meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

	VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, 09 until 12 November 2009
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<sup>22</sup> Included only the business delegation

<sup>23</sup> Business delegation only.

TRIP DETAILS	
Organiser (Department)	Department of Economic Development and Tourism
Delegation	Ms T Evans, Media Liaison, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend the World Travel Market (WTM)</li> <li>Promote the Western Cape as Trade, Tourism and Investment destination</li> <li>Engage with representatives from the Heritage steam train industry</li> </ul>
Destination	1. United Kingdom, 09 until 12 November 2009 (4 working days)
MEETING DETAILS	
Organisation & official met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. World Travel Market (various sessions)</li> <li>2. Heritage Steam UK</li> <li>3. Ffestiniog Railway</li> <li>4. MCSI Museum</li> <li>5. Tallman group</li> <li>6. Higher Education Web publishing</li> <li>7. TT International Funds PLC</li> </ol>
Outcomes pursued & benefits	<p>The delegation attended the WTM, the premier gathering of tourism operators. The event served as a platform to market and promote the offering of the province to a global audience and engage with stakeholders relevant to the sector e.g. airlines, tourism agencies, etc. Engagements were also set up with stakeholders in the tourism, hospitality and financial services sectors to explore opportunities for the Western Cape.</p> <p>Practical advice and suggestions were received regarding the way forward for heritage rail in the Western Cape and the country, including but not limited to the structures, budgets, maintenance and restoration of the locomotives, economic impact of the railways on the local economy, marketing strategies, funding models, insight into the establishment and management of heritage railway museums, community involvement, etc. A strong focus was placed on the Outeniqua Choo Tjoe and possible collaboration in this regard.</p>

Total costs breakdown for each meeting attended	No costs for meetings identified
Total costs breakdown for the Department per meeting	See response above

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**INTERPELLATIONS**

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*Western Cape health institutions: porters***1. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Whether it has been brought to her attention that porters are financially exploited by agencies contracted to Western Cape health institutions;
- (2) whether her Department has plans to insource these workers permanently?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, Speaker. Thank you to member Xego for the question. Speaker, before I respond to the question I just want to acknowledge the young people accompanied by some adults coming all the way from Beaufort West. Beaufort West! [Interjections.]

Also, Speaker, because I think it is the first time that I am coming to the House since the pandemic, we are where I am comfortable to advise that we do not need these now anymore. The scientists have proven that it is in the air, so we do not need these, all of these. Thank you, Speaker.

Now the question that you have brought to my attention is about the porters. The Department was only made aware of such isolated allegations during the last protest by the porters contracted by an outsourced service provider at the Groote Schuur Hospital and service providers appointed through open competitive bidding processes to provide porter services. These services are managed in terms of the relevant contracts and service level agreements. The Department, however, is not involved in labour disputes between contracted suppliers and their staff.

Background to the issue, which led to the protests at the GSH, it was related to the transfer of staff from the previous service provider to the one that was awarded the new contract. In the previous contracts the personnel were simply transferred from the old service provider to the new service provider, hence a number of porters have actually been working at that hospital even for more than 20 years, irrespective of the change of contractor.

Unfortunately, for this particular one, the contractor did not use those ones that were coming from the previous one; instead they brought in about 100 new porters to fulfil their contractual obligations with the hospital. Thank you.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, Speaker and thank you to the Minister for the response. Indeed, we did bring this thing on 9 February 2022 to the attention of the Department, Minister, and we have made correspondence to your office regarding that situation and this is after we were approached by these porters and we were looking for a serious amicable solution in that regard. But we were not able to get any satisfactory response either from the Provincial Executive Officer that was the Chief Executive Officer that was referred to or the CEO of the Groote Schuur Hospital in trying to bridge that gap that was there, but what

we have noted also, Minister, is that through the outsourcing the contractual agreements that are there between the Department and the service provider, the report that we have received, the contractual agreement has been agreed upon. They are not actually getting in terms of salary what they have agreed, what has been agreed upon between the Department and the service provider, which leaves them with a slave wage in their hands. So now what we want to hear from your side as a Department is that what are the means that you are trying to do away with the outsourcing of basic services that are on a daily basis needed at the hospital level, where our people find themselves easily being exploited by what we call the private companies that the Department is always utilising, such as security guards, the cleaners, and as well as the porters. The other issue that we have noted is that these people have been there for close to 20 years, without permanent employment, and they are referred to as just “contractual workers”, or is the Department satisfied with such kind of situation of people being exploited in that particular fashion? Thanks very much, †Somlomo [Speaker.].

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, Speaker. Thank you for the response, Minister. Through you, Speaker, Minister, on an already pressurised system, the decision to outsource can have the advantages of leveraging resources and can allow the Department to capitalise on the expertise needed for a particular service. At the end of the day, this can be perceived as a business decision that allows a hospital to fulfil its mandate.

In terms of the overall staff budget for porters, are more jobs being created through outsourcing than permanently employing porters in relation to the cost to company in terms of training and benefits, and also through you, Speaker, if the Minister can perhaps just provide some insight into the acquiring of these services, and is it so that the facility ultimately then becomes the client after the completion of the process, and hence one cannot think that the facility should then be able to intervene in matters relating to staff as that compromises labour practice. If the Minister can perhaps just respond and provide some insight? Thank you, Speaker.

Mr S N AUGUST: Thank you, Speaker. Unemployment is rife in the country and in the Western Cape. Workers being exploited by agencies contracted by the Provincial Government and more specifically by the Department of Health are opportunistic and seeking maximum benefit as the now desperation for jobs is alarmingly high, and the economy is not favourable to anyone who is unemployed.

Not only is this completely wrong, but it goes against the labour practices, laws and regulations in place to protect workers from such harmful behaviour. Exploitation happens when workers are ill-informed about labour practices and that the basic conditions of employment set out in legislation to create a conducive working environment for both employer and employee. Speaker, I am calling on the Department of Health to intervene and educate and train workers to know their rights in the workplace and how they can best protect themselves legally against employers seeking to exploit, abuse and intimidate staff members.



Times are hard for everyone but these conditions should not be used by companies as an opportunity to misuse personnel, knowing that desperation of unemployment will silence workers.

MEC Mbombo should have considered the proposal of insourcing workers permanently as they often serve as a measure of protecting the employee against retrenchment, provide job security and allow workers to grow in their place of employment. Thank you, Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, let me also acknowledge the health activists from Ceres in the House. I thank the hon member for bringing this important matter before the House. I want to propose to the Standing Committee Chair, member Philander, that an urgent Committee meeting be convened to discuss the exploitation of workers employed by these agencies and the Department's over-reliance on agency personnel and more specifically the contracts for porters in our hospitals. Failure to do so will confirm the Chair's resolve to caution the MEC and her Department from accountability.

Speaker, during our oversight visit to Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain District Hospitals the challenges of the Department's over-reliance on agency personnel were laid bare. Not only are these agency personnel's expenses expensive as they cost almost double the cost of employing a permanent staff member, but they also present serious challenges for management as they are accountable to their agency and not to the hospital, even though hospital management no longer want these agency personnel. We reiterate our call for the Department to employ permanent staff and end its over-reliance on agency personnel.

What are the reasons for this over-reliance? Is the Department captured by this agency or is someone getting kickbacks from the agency? We condemn in the strongest possible terms the exploitation of health workers in our hospitals and demand an urgent intervention by the Department and MEC. We reiterate our call for the Department to stop its over-reliance on agency personnel. This is akin to the Department's support for labour brokers. It must be abolished, as it seems that this Department has been captured by these agencies. I thank you, Speaker.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you †Somlomo. [Speaker.] The Department cannot claim that it is not aware of this modern day slavery called "labour brokering and outsourcing of services". As much as we appreciate the fact that there would be creation of jobs and outsourcing of critical services, that the Department cannot be able to provide and then outsource to private companies that must assist the Department in order to function, but it should not be utilised as a gap that will open the doors of exploitation of our people by labour brokers. They know very well that if they pay a certain hourly rate as a Department to a worker, then an agency will take a certain commission that results in those workers not having anything at all on their table at the end of the day, and another reason that the Department is doing all this is to avoid paying workers their benefits. Our people do not have any access to provident funds, they do not have any access to medical aid or any other thing, so this is a shortcut that the Department would come back and respond to and say that no, it has no responsibility in intervening on issues that affect workers.

Then what we have noted also, Minister, is that the current company that has been outsourced now did not take those workers and hundreds of those people left without any job in hand, and then ultimately thousands of their family members were affected by this. So in terms of your own conscience, because we understand you are the only Department that normally responds to community issues, especially after you have failed in the issue of “24-hour / seven” services to clinics. So we understand that the Department of Health is always there to listen. We have noted this exploitation that is happening of our people of services that are being outsourced. Is there any consideration from the Department to be able to bring adequate services to our people by employing permanent employees as far as those that have been outsourced all this time are concerned? Thank you very much, †Somlomo. [Speaker.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, Speaker. The question here is about a service provider that underwent a process of bidding through the tender and as according to the PPPFA (Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act), which is the procurement aspect of the Provincial Procurement Aspect Framework that was given a tender. It is not an agency that we are talking about. He is talking about our Groote Schuur. It is not agency work. It is a company that underwent bidding when the tender was advertised, and it is not the first time, specifically this one that we have a new service provider for porters at Groote Schuur Hospital. In the past, for the other companies, it will be where they will absorb the same or part of the staff. That is why we find that some of them will have been there for 10 or 15 years and so forth but it is different companies. [Interjection.]

Now this one that now is based on this tendering that has been received, they said they are not going to take all of them, they want almost half, which is about hundred of those, so they themselves said they are appointing those. Now the issue was about what was going to happen to the others and unfortunately, the tender system is part of the National Programme and for us as the Government, which happens everywhere, it is up to that company with regard to which people they can employ. [Interjections.]

We did advise; we did on behalf of the workers also assist how they can be able to do similar to what the other company had done before.

Now going forwards in terms of the outsourcing, as I again indicated that across all governments, not only in the Province, not only in the Local Government, but anywhere you might have some hybrid system, where you have insource, where you have outsource. In Health specifically, we do have – remember it is not only the porters, the security, the cleaning, the gardening, the cooking, community health workers, the NPOs, the NGOs are part of this so you cannot only look at one aspect.

Making an example of the security, you get other places like at maternity or at psychiatry where you find that those ones would have been employed directly, not necessarily to be outsourced because of the issue of the vulnerability of that space. Whilst in the others you have to follow the system of whether it is three years and so forth, and then lastly, going forward, if it so happened that now NHI comes into effect, which is currently even now the whole National

Department of Health and the provinces through National, they are looking at procurement units in regard to the packages of care that are needed. It will mean if you follow the model of their NHI, it talks about whether Auntie Sarah could be able to provide service A instead of now that Khayelitsha person to be providing that service, where Oompie can provide service B, so the issue about we will be able as a Government to insource everyone, my argument is about the National Policy Framework in regard to this aspect, as have been provided within the NHI. It does not even allow that aspect of it. It will need to have these units that will need to be contracted to render certain services. Thank you. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister and of course that now concludes the debate on the interpellation and the interpellation itself. Thank you, hon members, who participated in the interpellation.

*[Debate concluded.]*

### **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**

*Question standing over from Thursday, 28 July 2022, as agreed to by the House:*

#### *COVID-19: lessons learnt*

#### **9. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:**

Following the end of all COVID-19 regulations and the experiences of the pandemic, (a) what lessons has the Department learnt and (b) what would it do differently going forward?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Speaker, thank you, member Kaizer-Philander for the question.

9. It is quite a thick question that is two-sided but I want to make it smaller so that we could have also other additions to the question, the “lessons learnt around the COVID.” It has actually driven us apart, but also brought us together. For the first time where you have volunteers, community-based organisations that come together to support people, both emotionally and also materially, playing a vital role in helping people to recover and learn about the COVID, because it was not about Health being a monopoly. There have been many role-players, CEEMA (Central & Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa), also from the other sectors throughout, and this has built a sense of connectedness, collaboration and collective resilience in these hugely challenging times.

The other part in terms of the lesson learned is that the pandemic has provoked innovative responses, which could ultimately help to resolve pre-existing programs in our Health system. For example, the Dashboard, we would never have thought we would have a dashboard, which we started as part of the COVID problem, but we are using it for TB, for the violence, and also for all other aspects, and also the things like Vaxi Taxi, no-one will have thought that the EMS could be actually rendering integrated services outside the health system.

They created a platform of having hospitals without walls. Working the private sector, we have, inasmuch as that we have been working along with the private sector, but not up to the level where we say you have got more critical beds than the public, therefore, we are open. Please open up, so that we can be able to send patients there and also *vice versa*, where they are saying that we are full, critical care beds are full. Any other patients now must come to the public side. It has never been part of that. The pandemic has had major socio-economic consequences impacting on the social determinants of health.

Which are those? The hunger, there are people who are going back to bed hungry as a result of COVID; the unemployment that we have seen there and then as the pandemic started, the issue of social distancing, when actually we were reminded that there are places like in Khayelitsha informal settlements and other places where you cannot be able to have social distancing. So it created that lesson even for the other sector, like for example housing and so forth, to be able to do something beyond not only the numbers in the list, within Government, we even have dignity and well-being that are chaired by Social Development and then co-chaired by Agriculture and all of those, where we look at some of these issues that will have actually been triggered through COVID.

Staff wellbeing, occupational health services, we used to take things for granted just because we are Health, if you are working at a clinic, you have a headache you can just take a Panado, but that has taught us, no, we need more counselling beyond actually for one being physically ill, because the staff have lost some of their colleagues within the health sector where you will find that they have been wounded.

What are we doing differently, because I do not want to list everything for the lessons? The mental health service, where now we are working together with social care networks to address the broader aspect of the social ills. Also the reintroduction of the integrated comprehensive services, instead of working in silos, HIV AIDS, family planning, but you can put all of those next to the taxi rank, all services under one roof. The redesign of intermediate care, which actually is the result of, for example, Brackengate, which is about 330-something beds, which was meant for COVID, it is still open but for the intermediate care, which are those patients who are well enough to be discharged but not well enough to go home, as part of now recognising intermediate care. The community behavioural change that has been built through COVID, like I was making an example of these things that need to be removed, it has actually changed us to be able to use it for the lifestyle choices for better health outcomes, so the same preaching that we have been doing, we do use it for the other aspects of changing behaviour.

The design of infection prevention control, when we say that it will never be the same, we still will never be able to bring 1000 people waiting in the waiting room inside, congested, because not only is it about COVID, but there might be others. But how do we ensure the flow in terms of the inpatient control, who might go now to some of the new facilities.

For those who have got infectious diseases, they have some separate entrances like when you are bringing or coming for your tea before sputum, and so forth.

The ICT innovations, strategic purchasing, which has taught us because during COVID you did not have to wait for two months for the supply chain to happen. Things might need to be happening now. That has also taught us, many of those and then, lastly, about the telephone follow-ups, people do not have to come to the services. You can make a call: "How are you doing, Auntie Sarah?" And also the delivery of the chronic medications is part of what we are doing differently. Thank you, member.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, Speaker. Thank you very much, Minister, for your response and, Minister, it is definitely an undeniable fact that the Western Cape Government and the Department itself have made some great strides during this pandemic and responding to this pandemic.

Minister, we also had the opportunity last week in the Standing Committee to be briefed by D. Moodley and I think all members can attest to the extensive brief that we received and especially as you have mentioned, the groundbreaking work, but also on the way forward in terms of innovation, communication, and that interdepartmental collaboration as well, so thank you so much for that.

Minister, since we find ourselves in Women's Month, and we have seen that the pandemic worsened cases of GBV, what interventions has the Department initiated thus far, following the pandemic? Thank you very much, Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you for the question, member Kaizer-Philander. You may recall actually, since now you have mentioned Dr Moodley in regard to the Violence Prevention Unit, what we planned, which was the commitment that was made by the Premier during the SOPA and also then Provincial Treasury which added us at least about R10 million as a seed money for that; it will be a unit not only, although it will be based in Health, because we do have access to collect the data and also the evidence can be used for all other sectors, to come up with interventions. So for the Violence Prevention Unit it will also tap into that space for GBV because we could be able to develop policy and work with the relevant stakeholders according to the geographical area, which is the Department of the Police Oversight already working with the SAPS. They know the area base. They have got also area-based teams and they could be able to see how they can be able to respond to the data that we are providing them. This is in addition to the information that we collect or we have already collected as part of HECTIS (Hospital Emergency Centre Triage and Information System). It is the Hospital Emergency Centres Trauma Information System, HECTIS.

Already we know, for example, in some areas where we have seen high numbers of violence among pregnant people, already it does not need a neurosurgeon in order to be able to understand that this is GBV, especially it happens in the second trimester, meaning that you have to assault a pregnant woman who is already showing, is pregnant.

That is a whole lot now affecting even two people, the child and the mother, so we are already collecting that data.

The Thuthuzela Centres, thanks to the NPA and also in collaboration with the DSD, there is one now that is going to open the end of this month in the Victoria Hospital, so we are working across collecting the data but also responding to managing and treating whatever that comes to our fore, when it comes to GBV, and violence.

I do not even want to go into disturbing the space in terms of the information we provide to the young girls, to the young women as part of the many programs that are funded by the USID, by all others and also from National, the Dreams She Conquered and everything in terms of the empowerment of women and girls, and also their meals. Thank you, Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, one of the lessons learnt from COVID-19 which has been implemented at KDH (Khayelitsha District Hospital), for instance, is that of the oversight ward next to the emergency care, spaces are often kept for more than six hours to allow for them to be admitted in beds for overnight while they await bed availability.

I just want to check with the Minister, given that such lessons often lead to expenditure on funded mandates resulting in irregular or over-expenditure; what are the Department's plans to allocate more funding for such initiatives as they help improve service delivery? Thank you, Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, member. I am not sure exactly which ward, what type you are talking about, but I will respond generally, because what is supposed to happen, for emergency, there will be people who are coming for emergency and then for those who are waiting for observation, they are not as ready yet to go to the ward. There are still some even for some of the tests that they have to undergo, so they will be on their overnight observation. I am talking about the general patients before they go to the ward. There are also some patients presenting with mental health which is in terms of the law, they need to be observed for 72 hours. They cannot go to the mental ward or go to the specialised mental hospital, because they are not as yet diagnosed, so they need that 72 hours where some of them will be mixing with other patients in the EC, because you cannot stigmatise them.

In most of the hospitals, this was even in Helderberg, there will always be an Observation Ward. In Beaufort West, when I was there, actually part of the new infrastructure is to make use of the wards that they were using for COVID, somewhere there by the EC towards the end of the corner to add more of the observation wards, because as I am saying that, when you refer patients to the ward, it is either if the ward is full or it is part of the observation. Now part of the lessons learnt is about having one, as most importantly the psychiatry unit that is a part of observation, as part of the EC. When you have been to Khayelitsha you would realise that we did that in 2018 where they are going upstairs for those ones who would have been assessed here, because previously they used to be wandering with all others in the EMC, so they are part of that, we are now busy with the psychiatry unit for that.

Similarly with all other district hospitals, because you cannot take them to Lentegeur, to Mitchells Plain, so they are supposed to be part of that.

Now it gives us lessons learnt, it gives us that opportunity that, especially if there is a pandemic, you do not end up saying to people “stay home”, when they need to just because of COVID. So you will have an entrance for those ones who demonstrate being infectious, and the EC, you have those ones coming through the ambulances, blood and all of that, and then we have psychiatry, who are presenting with psychiatry, there still needs to be observation so that is why the EC will always be busy throughout.

In some other hospitals where it still has to happen, I think member Dugmore mentioned about Ceres, which is we are converting the CDC there to be part of the observation ward because everything, everything you will find that is in the small EC and it is †deurmekaar [mixed up]. We have got patients coming through with car accident emergencies, we have got patients with psychiatric problems, or another person with a stroke emergency stroke and all of those. So those are the lessons that we have learnt. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, order. We are still busy with Questions. Order, hon members! There are no further hands and therefore I do not see hands, I see... [Interjections.]

Order, order, hon members! All I can hear... [Interjections.] Order! Order, hon members! You may proceed the way you like, hon members. I am enjoying it. [Interjections.] When I say proceed you are not proceeding.

Hon members, hon members, there is one Presiding Officer for the session. [Interjections.] So please, please, I implore you to respect the Rules of the House. Are there any further hands on the question?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon, the Leader of the Opposition? [Interjections.] Order, hon members!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Ja, thank you, Speaker. I must admit, Speaker, it was quite difficult, because it appears that there are others on the other side of the House who clearly want to either take over the position of the Speaker, or do something to, so I just – thank you. That is why I was battling to actually understand because there appears to be three different Speakers.

The SPEAKER: What is your question?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: This caucus is divided, as they are sitting here... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: What is your question?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But my point is, my point and my question, my follow-up question, Speaker, is that in this House today, †in die Huis vandag is die gemeenskap van Ceres en die gemeenskap van Witzenberg [in the House today are the community of Ceres and the community of Witzenberg.]

They are the people that are experiencing the conditions in the hospital and we are informed that this MEC, hon Speaker, made promises to the community and that those promises have not been delivered in regard to the visit that the MEC took there in regard to extra accommodation.

The SPEAKER: What is the question?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: So my question is, can the Minister tell us that after her meeting with the community, she knows when, she knows exactly when, if she can say that, why has she not responded to the promises? Why has she not implemented the promises that she made, because this is also about the way our community lives and experiences the health system? Why – my question is, why have you not implemented the promises you made to the community of Ceres and Witzenberg? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, Speaker. Inasmuch as that the question is not related to the main question, because it was about the lessons learnt, but I have encouraged the member to ask the question instead of just... [Interjections.] I was going to say “making a noise”, but I think as I indicated earlier, Speaker, that there are many lessons learnt where you will find that some of the interventions are immediate, others are medium, others are long term.

About the improvement plan, you need to understand that inasmuch as that some of these things would have been done, but we have had COVID. We have to keep on adjusting. I was making an example for Ceres where you find that the main thing there is about patients are coming from far so you need a whole aspect of the intermediate care that needs to happen. Auntie Sarah is too far to go back to Op-die-Berg, but, at the same time, if she was in the Metro she would have been discharged, hence the conversion. It means that the beds that were used to be utilised to add, were added more for COVID, now have to be converted. I think four psychiatry beds, if I am correct, that need to [Inaudible.]. Remember, in terms of the package, in terms of the package, the District Hospital, the deadline, the members... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Please proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The members have visited Witzenberg and also we have made the submissions and as I indicated that that was 1 February when we have made the commitment. Already other aspects of the improvement plan have been there because the main issues were also about the staffing. But the main thing is about the beds, and each and every bed carries that, it is psychiatry, it is an intermediate and also how to ensure that those patients who will be referred, noting Speaker, that in Witzenberg there is only one 24-hour ward which is at Ceres, and if you are coming all the way from



Grootrivier, I cannot remember those places where I have been to, Ceder, Manna, all of those areas, not only that the road is not conducive, but when you have gone to Ceres after hours, it means that you will end up having to sleep there; not necessarily that you are a patient, but because of the issues of the distance. And then lastly, it is also the route because I remember now there was an accident, where it made more than 17 people – who were affected by the accident – to wait to be assessed. The international norm is a triage, the green, the red, the yellow, the orange and all of those. When you are triaged as a green patient, the minimum wait generally, whether you are in a hospital in Gauteng, a hospital in Limpopo or a hospital in the Western Cape, a green patient minimum is six to eight hours at a hospital where there is a high level of red patients, the priority ones, so we need also to understand that.

So lastly, the question you were asking, when we are doing that, I have already done it. The thing that needs to be done now is to ensure that all those beds are there because the monies have been committed and everything has been there, so what needs to happen is that those beds now need to be there, but it is not about there is a u-turn around that. Thank you, Chair.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon, the Leader of the Opposition?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, I am not sure if I have got ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Will you please take your seat, hon Leader of the Opposition. Who is talking about members like ... Who is saying that? People in the gallery? No, no, no, we do not do that here. I am glad they walked out themselves because that was going to be a gift for them. You come here, you give us that, we give it back. You do not do that and we have said it. I mean I was clear when I started off, that you do not participate. No matter how aggrieved or excited you get, to be calm. I think hon members here will speak for their constituencies.

May I then request that you proceed, hon the Leader of the Opposition? That is the last question.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the reason I have to stand up again and ask the question again is because, with due respect, the hon MEC, in my view, did not respond to the question. She referred to the questions of what needs to be done about the beds.

I would like to repeat my question. In regard to the creation of facilities at the hospital, which will allow for sleepovers, etcetera, in different categories, my question simply to the MEC is when will this be done? Our communities are sick and tired of hearing about processes, of hearing about this and I think what is happening here, hon Speaker, is that the MEC is misleading this House. If she does not know the answer then she can say she will come back to us.

So my question, which I have to repeat, is when will the promised renovations and installations of those beds be completed for use by the community? That is my question.

The SPEAKER: Alright ...[Interjections]

An HON MEMBER: Hon Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: ... thank you, hon the Leader of the Opposition. I just want to say this for the attention of all the members. I had allowed you to finish your question, but I need to state this. The Rules are clear when it comes to Questions. An oral question must have been submitted to the Minister in that specific order where you want to receive the answer. When you then get a response to the original question, if there is a follow-up it must be based on the original question or be based on what the Minister has mentioned in her response or his response.

Now in this case that is a new question. Now if the Minister wishes to respond to the specifics on the new question, as much as it is a health question in its sense by nature, it will be up to the Minister. Otherwise a new question will have to be submitted to the Minister on the specifics.

So I would like to check with the hon Minister. Before that I see the hand of hon member Philander. Hon member Kaizer-Philander?

Ms W F KAZIER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, you have covered me in terms of relevance pertaining to the initial question. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Alright. [Interjections.] Thank you, thank you. So it is clear that was a point of order. Now there is another point of order this side.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: The point of order, hon Speaker, is if you look at the question it is very clear that there is a reference to "rural regions". So the question is completely relevant. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I have made my ruling. The question is:

"Following the end of all COVID-19 regulations and the experiences of the pandemic, (a) what lessons has the Department learnt?"

That is one.

"(b) What would it do differently going forward?"

So that second part of the question is more generic.

"What will they do differently going forward?"

But what I am saying is, without being prescriptive to the hon members, if there is a specific response that is needed on a specific matter, the specifics will have to be put together to the Minister because remember we need the hon Ministers, as the Executive, to give us specifics as the Legislature, but if then the question is generic then you must know that there might be a generic response from the member of the Executive, as that is what I would like to say to the hon the Leader of the Opposition to your question. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is true, hon Speaker, because if I am going to be asked like, just making an example, the Equality Improvement Plan that we committed to in Ceres, which I presented then, in terms of the infrastructure it is a psychiatry unit intermediate care facility, it is an outpatient department. This is infrastructure.

The question will be when will this infrastructure be finished, because we have to convert some of the infrastructure, existing buildings are there in order to accommodate, as I indicated earlier, hon Speaker, that when we talk about a psychiatric bed it is not the same as a general hospital bed.

So the question, when are you going to be able to finish this? I would not know because it is done by the – I am talking infrastructure. That is done by – because we are the client, which is someone or the contractor will be the ones, I cannot be able to know when will this infrastructure to be completed. [Interjections.]

Secondly, the other part of this is about you strengthening mental health, which is in terms of the referral to the Worcester Hospital, as I indicated earlier, for the patients who have been diagnosed that they do not need to be staying there, they must go to the Worcester Hospital. That part of it is already happening and then the issue of the human resources and also the issue of the [Inaudible.] leadership is related to the floor management, staff attitude, improved patient experience, training needs, complaint system and all of those. Parts of these are already happening.

So you cannot have it because it is work in progress. So you cannot say, “When will you improve the staff attitude?”, because it is already happening.

But the point that I was trying to highlight is that I will not be able to know when will they have a contractor to be able to finish A, B, C. So that is what we are saying, that I was there in February 2022. So that is how things stand. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. The question he was referring to is not this question, but I have just picked up which one it is, and it is now the next question where there is a rural context and all of that.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I will [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: And ... oh, and I want to thank the Table staff, because, hon members, order. I want to thank the Table staff because they brought this to my attention.

I dealt with one question and that is one question at a time, and then the next question now begins.

Thank you, hon Minister, on the first question and the hon member Kaizer-Philander and the hon members who participated.

Now we have spent 27 minutes on Question 1, one question. So you must ask yourself is that the kind of oversight you want to do? Because there are many questions that we must deal with.

I now take to the new question which is by hon member Windvogel to the hon Minister of Health.

*New questions:*

*Hospitals: shortages of beds*

**1. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

(a) What are the shortages of beds and staff in our hospitals in (i) the City of Cape Town and (ii) rural regions and (b) what measures are in place to address this challenge?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon member Windvogel. The question is about the shortage of beds and stuff in the City and also in the rural region, and also what measures are in place. The reply is as follows:

1. One, starting with the staff vacancy rate. The province has a vacancy rate of 4,92% for doctors – inasmuch as that the member, hon Speaker, did not ask specifically for which category, I thought because it is related to the beds let me just also focus on the majority of the healthcare workers this regard.

In Metro, the vacancy rate is about 4.7. In the rural area it is about 5,6. That is for the doctors and then for the nurses generally the vacancy rate is about 6,51%. Now when you granulate according to the Metro and the rural, in Metro it is about 6,9, in the rural it is 5,53.

I do not want to go specifically to the figures, but roughly when you look at the figures for the doctors, when you break down, with a total 3 249, these are the field posts out of the 3 417, so it means that you only have about 168 in terms of the [Inaudible.] for the doctors and then for the nurses it is far less. So that is generally in terms of the staff.

When you look in terms of a bed utilisation it becomes tricky for specialised hospitals, but if I use major hospitals, in the Metro roughly in terms of the field beds, out of 5 000 beds almost all our beds are always filled. 85% actually all are full.

Similarly in George. Out of the operational beds there are 900, almost 632, that was on 25 July when they were looking in terms of Question 1, when it was posed, but all of these beds, Worcester and Paarl, it all excludes the [Inaudible.] maternity because it is a specialised hospital only for pregnant women.

People come in and go, and similarly with the Western Cape Rehabilitation Centre, because people come in and go, and also for the psychiatry hospital, where the data can keep on changing.

And then lastly I did mention that Brackengate, which was a field hospital, it has 338 beds. Now we are opening, well, it is open now for the intermediate care, meaning that those patients from the Metro who are not ready to go to the hospital, I mean to go home, they have to be discharged from the hospital, they could be accommodated there. So it becomes a step-up or step-down facilities.

In regard to how do we make sure that we fill up all these, we do the adverts and all of the blog adverts and recruitment throughout the year, and then lastly the question about the critical shortage of skills. The Western Cape is lucky in regard to the critical care shortage, specifically for medical personnel because we train registrars. In other provinces they do, those who have got central hospitals, but we have a sufficient rate through having many of these medical specialists still remaining in the Western Cape.

I got reminded of the National Minister of Home Affairs, where he added 41 in the list of the critical shortage skills for health personnel and all of those for the Western Cape for those doctors, almost all of them are filled, for example with the anaesthetist, with a cardiologist, with the obstetrician and gynaecologist, they are all filled. Similarly with the nursing specialist field.

So generally for the specialists we are all filled. For those areas where we still have got shortage of staff, we still continue in terms of the advertisement. Thank you very much.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you, hon Minister, for that explanation. I just want to say, hon Speaker, hon member Dugmore was very proactive, he tried to combine the two questions. [Interjections.] So we are always proactive. [Laughs.] But nevertheless. Hon Speaker, [Interjections.] yesterday ...

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. You may proceed, hon member Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, yesterday the *Cape Argus* carried a story with the headlines:

“Psychiatric hospitals face severe shortage of beds.”

What is the contribution of bed shortages to the ongoing challenges at psychiatric hospitals and what is your Department, MEC, doing to address the increased service pressures? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you for the question. Specifically for mental health services and the beds, the whole country has got a shortage of the mental health beds, specifically now that we have had COVID, and having said

that, the Western Cape actually, when it comes to mental health beds, has got more beds than in any province. I am just asking [Interjections.] I will give you the details. [Interjections.]. I will give you the details now.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I will you give you the details of the province. I will give you the details.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please take your seat. Hon Minister ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You asked the question.

The SPEAKER: Will you please take your seat, hon Minister? Will you please take your seat?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I will give you, I will table it, I will give you ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I ... hon members, it is our own responsibility to ensure that our House remains orderly. So I would like to request that we cooperate with the Presiding Officer, otherwise you [Inaudible.] into chaos, you do not want that. May I request the hon Minister to proceed, please? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So as I indicated – sorry, hon Speaker – that when it comes to the mental health beds in proportion to the population, the Western Cape does have more mental health beds as compared to any in the other provinces.

However, it is crucial you do not need institutionalisation of most of the mental health conditions that the country and the province are facing. Hence we talk about the mental well-being without necessarily, what do call it, pathologising it. You do not need to go to a psychiatrist and say you have got schizophrenia. There are people who have got depression, like we have seen high levels of depression and anxiety even among the older persons. So you cannot take that 70- or 80-year old and then you put the 80-year old in the institution, and similarly with the adolescent that we have seen and the youth, of which most of it is substance abuse, alcohol and drugs are contributing. They do not need to be institutionalised because you stigmatise them and it becomes difficult.

What you need more of for the youth; rehab, you must go mostly for rehab, the Youth Cafes are part of that. So that is why at the beginning of the year, hon Speaker, I made a commitment of R30 million extra for mental health because indeed with COVID it has actually created a lot of the mental problems. That is why in the Western Cape Government, through the Premier, we have even the mental well-being where all departments are participating, which is co-chaired by the HODs at their level. HOD for the DCAS, Health and others, and then we have got our Steercom Committee for the political heads where we tackle these issues.

So what I want to say, hon Speaker, is we should not be focusing on institutionalising people because it is not a solution. It should be when I feel like today, I feel like I want to commit suicide, or today I feel like I do not want to get up, I do not want to see anyone, I feel like I am in a hole, I must be able to go to a clinic and there must be a mental health nurse, which is in the case of primary healthcare, where in community mental health services we have got a advanced mental nurse who could be able to tackle this instead of going there in the queues. We should be able to go to a psychologist, one of those shortages, clinical psychologist, so that sometimes you do not even know what it is all about.

So whilst the beds are crucial, lastly, hon Speaker, you just need to understand how these beds are distributed; for example, Valkenberg Hospital, it is more specialising on forensic psychiatry, who involve those people who have been to court and they need assessment whether they are okay to be able to present themselves in court, and then you look, for example, at Lentegeur which also has a wing for the adolescents. Look at Stikland which focuses on substance abuse. We have got the Detox Centre there and then – and all others. So it is crucial to look at that.

With Nelspoort, as you know according to the history of Nelspoort, it is where people used to be institutionalised permanently. We have got people there who have probably started to be admitted there even before some of us were born, as early as 1652 and then they are still part of that.

So that is why mental health should form part of general health and also it must be tackled from the community-based mental health services [Interjections.] without pathologizing it. Thank you.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, we must be very careful when we grandstand because it will come back to haunt us and sadly so, hon Speaker, corruption does exist in such a critical service and when you rent a crowd, you must also inform and be upfront as to why these pressures exist.

Hon Speaker, my follow-up question to the Minister and the Minister might not have the exact figure at this stage, but what resources, what funding would be required from the National Government in order to alleviate these shortages that exist? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon member, for the question. I think again I want to reiterate, hon Speaker, what I indicated, that having acute beds will not be a solution to address mental health. Because, one, it is actually scary when you will be told that you go and be admitted at the psychiatry.

Even some of the youngsters, where probably during that space of time they will have overdosed or they have been picking, and they are not necessarily mentally ill, it scares them when they become sober and they are at the EC, or even in the psychiatry for evaluation and then they find themselves with all other people who look like they are not well because still there is this stigmatisation.

The only time that people could be sent for the acute beds of mental health is when the whole team decides so, luckily when it comes to mental health it is unlike with physical health where one doctor can diagnose you that you have got this thing and then prescribe and then go home, or put you in hospital.

Mental health needs the whole team, from Social Work, from Psychology, it is input from everyone, whatever number of people before they could be able to institutionalise you because your right to be able to do most of the things will be taken away, because with a mental user, which is a diagnosed patient, many people, including us, have to do things on their behalf.

So that is why it becomes quite very late that you could be able to put people there. So that is why the law came up with a 72-hour assessment, that these people need to be assessed in that 72-hour setting as part of the general treatment, looking at their condition and if they are well then they can go back.

What we have done as part of the [Inaudible.] at the emergency system where you could be able to see in trauma how many of the people come in with a mental problem and also among those whether they have been diagnosed before or if it is about their presenting, actually it is something that is acute. We should have seen it, especially with the young people, that so-and-so might have been drunk probably so much [Inaudible.] the whole weekend, up to presenting with a psychotic kind of behaviour and then goes to the hospital and then get there for 72 hours, only to find that no, it was all alcohol that was in his – I am saying “his” because most of them are males.

So that is why I do not want us to focus too much on the beds when people have to be institutionalised. Ideally people must be managed at the community level, and anyone else should be able to go look for help for anxiety, for depression, for not feeling well, because like even here, we are sitting here, you might feel like it was too much. I need just to talk to someone, but not necessarily a shrink, but just someone who could be able to assist you during that phase, because you do not want to stigmatise mental health. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, my question is going to be very practical to the MEC. Last week we did an oversight in Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha. I am shocked to learn that actually it is just 72-hours psychiatric patients have to be at the hospital. What we found was there were 19 females in a psychiatric – it is not even a ward. It is smaller than this room, 19 females, they have been there for months. The psychiatric beds upstairs were full. How does one justify that? What plan, what alternative is there for those patients?

Second to that, we also understood that some part of Lentegour has been closed so that is why those patients are there. I am going to specifically speak only of the females because it is Females' Month. My second one attached to that it is on the rural side.

Once upon a time I have asked a question in the House about the patients that are sleeping in Beaufort West, especially on a Sunday on the beds there and the Minister responded that I am speaking of the Eastern Cape.



I was speaking of Beaufort West that day. Sundays it is packed, it is full every day of the week, but you find that this Department is building EMS buildings in Murraysburg that are not needed, there is an EMS. They are not addressing the real need. What plans are in place for these issues? I thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Speaker, what I said, for Level 1 hospitals – there are Level 1, Level 2, level 3 and there are specialised hospitals for psychiatry. For the Level 1 hospitals, district hospitals, that is where the 72 hours is applied, and then when the person is diagnosed that now you are a mental health user, that person has to go to the specialised hospital.

Initially the district hospitals were not meant for that, they should be accommodating. You ask a question, hon member, you ask a question. [Interjections.] The district hospitals were meant for a 72-hour period and then once you are diagnosed you must go to Lentegour, you must go to Stikland, you must go to whatever. [Interjections.] But with mental conditions, actually the ones that were in Mitchells Plain there are a few, go to Khayelitsha upstairs [Interjections.] in the main wards – go to Khayelitsha, [Interjections.] I am making an example.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I am making an example. [Interjections.] The ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Hon Minister ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The issue ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: ... will you please take your seat. Thank you. Hon members, you have rightfully asked the questions. Now you must appreciate the questions, whether you like the responses, whether you like the response or you do not. Because when you ask the question, you ask your question, nobody says ask it this way. Now when there is a response, you do not then prescribe to the Minister to say answer it this way.

So let us hear what the Minister is going to say. Our responsibility is oversight and holding the Executive to account. Let the Minister account and she is responding in that spirit. Can I ask the hon members to conduct themselves consistent with the decorum of the House, please. Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon Speaker. What I am saying is about the package of the district hospital, it is ideally not necessary to be able to be also part of accommodating the – not the licence, the certified mental health users. It is for 72 hours you are being assessed and then you find that if you are diagnosed, that you are mentally ill or further you must go to the specialised mental health hospital, but with a prevalence of mental health, which is quite more now during COVID, it made us make a decision to have psychiatry units within the district hospital.

Yes, indeed, like, for example, Mitchells Plain, when it was built there was an additional psychiatry unit in Mitchells Plain. Khayelitsha did not have it.

So that is why as part of 2018 in terms of the commitments we have got that ward upstairs. Therefore now we need to have a psychiatry unit, which is what we are saying about Ceres. That we need a psychiatry unit there for few beds; Beaufort West, if you go to the inside, the EC, then you go straight there towards the end of that ward that used to be a COVID ward, it is what they now want to convert as part of the psychiatry unit, which is the new package.

Why? Because these specialised hospitals they are not only about food, but it is because most of the patients you cannot even discharge them because they will still be going to come back. I made an example of Valkenberg. There are more people who commit crime that need to be evaluated, so that it can be seen whether they are stable, or they could be able to stand in court, it means there are more and it takes quite longer for those patients to be there.

I made an example with the young people where the abuse of alcohol and drugs has been demonstrated, which we have seen, like for example in Stikland with a detox for those who are using heroin and all of those, it means that we are unable to accommodate as many.

Now the solution – NB, NB, hon Speaker. If I will just again do the NB. The solution is not only about mopping the floor, building more beds, creating more beds. The majority actually of the people they are here, there are many of the people who are being affected by mental health. Inasmuch as that they might not go to a hospital, these are the people that need to be taken care of so that it does not go up to the level where you end up landing in hospital, when you will have seen the psychiatry at this level, which is as part of the commitment now it is a framework. It is about at least we have a visiting senior psychiatrist as well in the primary health care facilities. In addition that in even primary care we have got an advanced psychiatry nurse who not only sees the patients who have been discharged, who are coming for the check-up, but also for some of these walking-ins where they feel like they are not in a good space, so to ensure that you do not have a whole lot of institutionalisation there at that level.

Noting lastly that in most psychiatry conditions it is something permanent that needs to be managed by the treatment. So if you are diagnosed with schizophrenia you will still remain, but you need to be managed, but it does not mean that you need to be managed at the hospital level. There must be support systems throughout, through primary healthcare level, through community-based mental health services.

So mental health is real. In South Africa it is – not only South Africa, actually there was an article that talks about the world in terms of mental health. So we are sitting as a time bomb whilst we are here. Probably me or you or anyone else might need to see a shrink in regard to that, but we are trying, let us not pathologize it. Let us work in terms of the well-being of the people. Just like when you say I have got a headache, someone says that take a pill. You should be able to say, “I feel like I am in a dark hole.” One must not say that, “Oh, probably you are stressed. Go and see someone,” so that you do not end up having to be competing for a bed, whether in New Somerset, whether you are wherever. That is what I was trying to explain when you spoke. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Speaker. I have listened very attentively to all the questions and I fully sympathise with the Minister. I have held the portfolio of Health twice in my career, and I know this is one of the big problems. The Minister is correct. Mental health needs a whole team. It is not the job of one doctor or one nurse and you cannot cure them by just giving them a bed and a meal, but all I want to ask the Minister, what role do social services play? Are they part of this mental health team you have got? And – because there is a lot of causes, you would agree with me, why people suffer from depression, why they become suicidal, and these are mostly socio-economic issues. When they are at home and you send them home after they have been to the district hospitals, what do you do? Do you leave them to that mother or father or sister at home? Uneducated, poor with no income to see to the needs? Or do you have this professional team that still looks after them even when they are at home? That is all I would like to ask.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon Speaker, that you, hon member Marais. In regard to the social development or social aspects. Actually, the Substance Abuse Act, Social Development is the custodian of the Substance Abuse Act, and there, in terms of the Western Cape, you would have seen that there are rehab centres that they have established through the partnership with the NPOs and also they do have their own inasmuch as that they, temporarily there was Denovo that was closed as part of the detox, but having said that, hon Speaker, rehab is the one that is crucial, but at the same time, as hon member Marais has indicated that it should not be, it is a psychosocial intervention with a medical assistance when ...[Interjections.]

So when, specifically around the substance abuse, when the substance abuse becomes a disorder ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Minister, please proceed.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So I was saying that ... [Interjections.] I am just making an example of substance abuse because it is a majority that contributes to the young people in regard to mental health disorders, but we are not saying when you are using or abusing drugs and alcohol you end up having a mental condition, but when you do it repeatedly and then you become an addict and then you end up having a disorder which now becomes a mental illness.

So that is why I was saying that we have to work with the other sectors, Social Development, in terms of those rehabs that they are assisting with and also with the NPOs and NGOs.

Now the other part, the adolescent. We have seen also in the spike, the suicide among the adolescents, and in our dashboard we even tabulated according to area by area, not only in the Metro but across, and we work with the Department of Education and also Social Development. Education even has got a school social work programme, which is when I was in the GRD, they showcase how they go and also engage even with the parents, not only with the learner, also with the parents in the family space in regard to know your child and all of those because the prevention is crucial.

And then from us have we even resuscitated the adolescent mental health services through our colleagues from the Red Cross and also from the UCT, for example, in addition to the whole programme for the adolescents at Lentegeur and also in Tygerberg.

And then lastly, hon Speaker, for the older persons there has been, specially among the females, an increase in the anxiety and depression of 40-year olds and so forth, currently, not only Western Cape, but throughout. These are the people who might probably have been the ones who have been the caretakers of the people during the time of COVID, and the increase of Alzheimers and dementia among the very old people that we have seen. That is why part of that R30 million is to ensure how we support those NGOs who are taking care, especially the old age homes of those older persons suffering from dementia and all of those. Thank you.

*[Question time expired.]*

*[Questions 2 to 6- to be printed in Hansard]*

*Questions and replies as received from departments*

## **ORAL QUESTIONS**

*For written reply:*

*Schools: whistle-blowers on corruption*

### **2. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:**

Whether there are any whistle-blowers who have reported allegations of maladministration and corruption at schools who continue to be targeted unfairly by school governing bodies and other members of senior management teams at Western Cape schools; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what measures are in place to protect them?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

2. As the member will be aware, the Western Cape Government Whistleblowing Policy, updated and approved by Cabinet in December 2021, contains the requirements a whistle-blower must adhere to in order to ensure that their disclosure is protected in terms of both the policy and the Protected Disclosures Act of 2000.

Further to this, whistle-blowers are protected by having the option to report anonymously either to the National Anti-Corruption Hotline, or directly to Provincial Forensic Services (PFS).

To the best of our knowledge, there are currently no cases where whistle-blowers are being targeted. However, if the member is aware of such a case, I ask that he please provide us with the details, confidentially of course so as to protect the employee, so that we may investigate further and take any necessary action.

In general, the Department and the Provincial Forensic Services (PFS) create awareness of the Whistleblowing Policy through conducting awareness and training sessions, posting information and links to the policy in their Impact Newsletters, displaying posters at various provincial government buildings and schools and using social media platforms, and having the policy available on the government intranet for ease of reference.

All newly elected School Governing Bodies were trained on fraud awareness in 2021, which include processes on how and where to report fraudulent activities. Training was also conducted with district officials on how to protect whistle-blowers when they report matters anonymously.

In addition, the following upcoming courses are currently on offer for WCED employees:

- Encouraging a culture of whistleblowing – 6 September 2022
- – 13 September 2022

*Kidnapping cases in the province*

**3. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

- (1) Whether the SAPS in the province is capable to deal with kidnapping cases; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the strategies employed by the police have proven to be successful; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

3. (1) Yes.  
SAPS Western Cape has an integrated investigation team dealing with kidnapping cases.
- (2) Yes.  
The strategies in place have resulted in arrests. SAPS Western Cape deals with kidnappings as an organised crime threat.

*Shortages of doctors*

**4. Ms P Z Lekker asked the Minister of Health:**

With regard to the dire shortages of doctors in the public healthcare system, especially in rural communities:

- (1) Whether his government will consider changing its stance on the Nelson Mandela–Fidel Castro Collaboration Programme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether any of the recent graduates from the programme will be allowed to work in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

4. (1) The Department does not/ nor will be participating in sending and sponsoring students to study in Cuba. However, we do take returning graduates from the Nelson Mandela–Fidel Castro Collaboration Programme into our system. Doctors in the Western Cape are trained at the University of Cape Town and University Of Stellenbosch. Groote Schuur Hospital and Tygerberg Hospital provide the training platform for our medical students.
- (2) Graduates from the Nelson Mandela–Fidel Castro Collaboration Programme apply to do their medical Internship via the National Department of Health Internship and Community service Programme (ICSP). They are placed throughout South Africa including the 11 HPCSA accredited learning sites within the Western Cape.

*Homeless people*

**5. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Social Development:**

- (a) What is the total number of homeless people living on the streets that her Department has identified in the province, (b) where are the majority of these homeless people situated and (c) how many shelters are provided by her Department to accommodate homeless people?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

5. (a) Western Cape Department of Social Development (WC DSD) partners with Shelters for Homeless Adults and allocates funds based on the number of bedspaces available to accommodate the homeless. The Western Cape Department of Social Development has developed norms and standards to guide shelters for homeless adults. The WC DSD has allocated R28 988 595.00 for the financial year to homelessness. The Department, City of Cape Town and NPOs estimates there are 14 000 people homeless. However, the outcome is awaited from the Census conducted by StatsSA that will be released in December 2022 and be able to provide more accurate statistics.
- (b) In the CBD and Metro regions of Cape Town.
- (c) The Western Cape of Social Development do not provide shelters but subsidizes a number of 2 308 bed spaces at 37 NPO Homeless Shelters across the Province.

At present, none of the national departments are responsible for tackling homelessness, meaning there is no action plan or budget allocation.

Municipalities including the City of Cape Town, the City of Johannesburg and the City of Tshwane have developed policies to deal with homelessness, but a coordinated framework on dealing with the issue on a national scale does not exist.

However, the National Department of Social Development is in the early stages of developing a framework alongside consultations with the Presidency. The department has started a series of engagements with several provinces and municipalities that already had policies for dealing with homelessness.

Furthermore, the National Department has commissioned a rapid assessment study to collect data on the extent of the national homelessness problem and has assembled a task team with provincial social development departments that will later include other relevant government departments.

*Provincial traffic officers*

**6. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Mobility:**

- (a) Under which circumstances can provincial traffic officers carry out arrests and (b) where do provincial traffic officers operate from or carry out their duties?

**THE MINISTER OF MOBILITY:**

6. (a) In terms of Section 334 (1)(a) of the Criminal Procedure Act (Act No. 51 of 1977), all traffic officers are declared as peace officers. This enables them to execute and effect arrests as per their appointment as traffic officers in terms of section 3A(1)(a) of the National Road Traffic Act, (Act No. 93 of 1996).

Provincial Traffic Officers can at any time, and under numerous circumstances, carry out arrests in respect of any No Admission of Guilt offences linked to their duties and functions as a traffic officer. Their powers are not limited solely to criminal acts encountered while rendering their duties.

- (b) Provincial traffic officers have powers to render traffic law enforcement anywhere in the province. The primary focus remains however on national and major routes within the Western Cape. Local authority traffic officers are limited to their municipal jurisdictions in carrying out their duties.

**QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE**

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the working document of the Western Cape Safety Plan in 2019 says and I quote:

“Increasing safe spaces and natural surveillance through crime prevention-led urban and rural planning, environmental design, management and utilisation led by the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Western Cape Department of Local Government and Western Cape Department of Human Settlement.”

It further goes on to say and I quote again:

“Rolling out a comprehensive rural safety strategy led by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture.”

Hon Speaker, my question is what action has been done to tackle crime in the rural areas by the Community Safety MEC? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much and thank you to the hon member Bans for that question, and of course I think safety is the big issue that we face in South Africa and specifically referring to the Safety Plan. I think that is a perfect question in which to start.

Interesting that the question starts off with the other departments and then asks about the Minister of Community Safety, but maybe I will start with where her quote started and looking at the role that various departments play in safety.

So first of all let us talk about the spaces, and so that refers to, it could refer to the Minister that builds human settlements and you see how the design is now changing and lighting is now changing and even the building of human settlements are built differently. So the Minister builds so that windows face into the centre, children play in the centre, people in the house can actually see, while they are in the house see what is happening to children playing outside. That talks to design.

But even more than that when it comes to design, if we take what we learnt out of the initial partnership with the Germans in the VPUU Project, were close to R3 billion eventually spent in Khayelitsha. If you take those learnings and what we rolled out, and then she spoke about Environmental Affairs, which also links to design and Local Government, and you look at the RCEP program that we rolled out, which is also part of that plan. It goes to municipalities, and we are sitting probably close to now R300 million spent in rural areas, in joining communities, in creating safe spaces and using design and infrastructure to build safety.

So I mean there is a whole range of them. I will talk about probably the one that I was visiting just the other day in Piketberg where you had two divided communities and now suddenly through design and infrastructure investment, lighting and connecting people, a road is built between the two communities, a Neighbourhood Watch facility with visibility over community is enabled with technology so that you can actually monitor connection to Neighbourhood Watches, your law enforcement officers, SAPS, all come together in this control room joining communities.



Now what is happening is that even the private sector is joining on what Government created as the first of the state of safety, and now suddenly I attended the centenary celebration of PPC and their corporate, their investment in social investment, is they have built now a centre for youth, they built a centre for adult education, for disability in the evening, and they built it in that exact same space where we have now constructed the road, the safety with the lighting, joining communities, Neighbourhood Watches and we are going to be building a school in that road, and now suddenly they will also put up a facility for Early Childhood, elderly as I said, etcetera, etcetera.

So now you have even got private sector joining onto that 300, nearly R300 million that we have spent across our rural areas. Then of course what is the Minister - because that is how the question ended up and of course the Minister sits at the centre of the Safety Plan, where in actual fact he has a partner component in violence prevention. But let us talk about the Minister, and then in conjunction with that Minister is the rural plan because the question is about rural, and you would have seen the number of meetings, and in actual fact that Minister and the Minister of Agriculture were in a platform just a week ago where they were engaging with agriculture on the safety issues.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: The point of order is I would just like to ask you to make a ruling, when the Premier is responding to hon member Bans, he often refers to "Minister".

Now, for instance, the example that he referred to there I was confused. Was he meaning Minister Didiza, or was he meaning Minister – I think he is still the Provincial MEC for Agricultural, Meyer.

So I would just, the terminology issue. Our Constitution says "Provincial Minister" and the national talks about [Inaudible.]. So it is just, I am trying to establish his response and to understand in the case that he referred to which was referring to Minister Didiza or Provincial Minister Meyer. It is just a terminology issue.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I noted from the two inputs from the Leader of the Opposition in this sitting of the House. He probably was not connected to the sitting of the House last week and I wanted to refer to the Minister of Education in this Province, David Maynier, who actually said to a questioner that they must do their homework, and I would advise him to do his homework to make sure that he reads the Constitution once again because he seems to be confused. [Interjections.] He seems to be confused.

The Minister, the Minister of Agriculture in this province [Interjections.] and the Minister of Community Safety and Police Oversight in this province, who were involved in rural safety platforms [Interjections.] were again engaging on rural safety, and so there is, and the connectivity and the level in which safety is moving to now in the province does encourage me, despite what is happening in the rest of our country and how the [Interjections.], and how the murder numbers are increasing, 26% increase ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The PREMIER: ... in murders. We look at the GBV results that the Minister of Police in South Africa, Beki Cele, announces, these shocking numbers every time he has to report on crime statistics [Interjections.], but the difficulty he has is when he has to report on murders and where they change and who we are speaking about, are the people of Nyanga who are no longer living in the murder capital of South Africa because of the Safety Plan, the interventions, not because of what the Minister of Police, Beki Cele, does. It is for [Interjections.] what the Minister of Community Safety and Police Oversight and the Safety Plan in this province do. Thank you very much. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order, hon members! There are members who have indicated they want to ask questions and the way we are handling ourselves make it difficult for them to do so because it takes more time to deal with the heckling in the House than to deal with the specific questions, and it actually stifles oversight over the Executive. So I am going to implore the hon members to help the Presiding Officer in this regard.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, 2019 when doing the presentation on policy forums in the province to the Portfolio Committee on Police National Assembly in November, the SAPS indicated that there was a deep link between gangsterism and drugs in our province and how drugs were becoming far more widespread in our rural areas as well. In fact we have been told that nearly half of the known drug dens, 47% in the province, are in the rural areas. Hon Speaker, what I want to know, what has the LEAP officers' role has been within the 47% in the rural areas.

An HON MEMBER: Nothing.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member Bans and she is quoting out of the Safety Plan and if she reads that Safety Plan and then gets to understand where the deployment happens, it happens where the murder hotspots are, and then she will know that as of today, the 1 230 Leap Officers thus far – because we had another 100 Leap Officers passing out in a parade today who are deployed to the murder hotspots because we are not the police in this province. I really do want to have control over the police in this province because then what we do is deploy to those gang hotspots, those drug hotspots across this whole province. That question is the perfect question to ask to Minister Bheki Cele because he could not give you the answer, I promise you. Even if he tried, he could not give you the answer because let us talk about gangs and drugs and the Anti-Gang Unit. There was a lot of fanfare in the launch of the Anti-Gang Unit, vehicles, you name it, it was an election †foefie [gimmick] ... [Interjections.] It was an election foefie in 2019. What difference are they making to those drug houses and those places that the hon member talks about? You know it is quite interesting, Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, order. Hon Premier, you will speak in the House, but I would like to request the hon members to allow the hon Premier to do so.

Hon member Bans, you have exhausted your time, because you can only ask two questions. May I request the hon members to this House do not degenerate into some kind of chaos. It is going to be a problem for all of us, so I am asking the hon Premier to proceed please. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: If the hon member does not like the answer, she must not ask the question. So she talks about the ... [Interjections.] She talks about the drug dens ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Premier, please proceed.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Speaker. She talks about the gangsters and the drug dens, and I have just seen an answer to a question where the Minister Bheki Cele, at a national level, had to talk about how he spends his money. Now we have spent a lot of money on this Anti-Gang Unit to deal with those exact drug dens that the hon member is speaking about. At the same time in 2019 when Anti-Gang Unit was launched with all this fanfare and we want to know what they did; at the same time, have a look at the Minister's expenditure in his office on catering. On catering he spends in an election year R354,000. The rest of the years are 44, 24 and 19. The same things goes for accommodation.

So you see the Minister is doing things about electioneering and not about getting to the causes of crime which the Hon Leader of the Opposition talked about. And that is exactly what we do, that is why this Violence Prevention and the Minister of Health and what she presents on causes, on the causality so we can get ahead of the game when it comes to crime. This is like rocket science for the ANC and for their National Minister. They are not serious about safety of citizens in this country at all. They are only interested in stealing money and spending it at election time and nothing else.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Order, order, hon members. Hon members, order. Hon Nkondlo, I wish to request that you put the question to the Minister in question or to the Premier but when the Premier is responding, if you do not like the question answer?, do not ask the question. Because the reality is that we want to hold them accountable. The Executive must account to the House. Now if you do not want to hold Executive to account, do not ask the questions.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much. Speaker, through you to the Premier. Premier, what is the Western Cape Government doing to further capacitate mental health services at public hospitals? Thank you, Speaker.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member for that question and obviously it follows on much of the answer that was given by the hon Minister of Health in the province. I first want to start off by talking about what we are doing. We obviously have started already with budgeting extra funding, but we have the three focus areas: one being safety, the second being jobs and the third being dignity and well-being. And in the Dignity and Wellbeing MANCO which is where all of the programmes that are governed report back into that Management Committee. Obviously from that process in recovery, we put extra funding into mental wellbeing as the Minister said earlier in question time.

But I want to say that it is a scary problem that we are facing, and it is not – she says what are our plans – I cannot even tell you what I think is the quick fix. It is going to be a long-term issue that we face, and it is connected to mental wellbeing at the one hand, and it is also connected to nutrition and the ability to feed one's family on the other side, so that is exacerbated, I think, by this pandemic.

As Minister Mbombo said it is not only just what we are seeing in mental health as a norm. We have come out of this pandemic, where so many people have lost their ability to look after their families that has put them under pressure. I think the whole anxiety – we are even seeing it in children who have not been at school, not been writing exams and now they are stuck into a system of where they have got to try and get back into those routines.

It has got to be multi-faceted, and as we speak, that report came back two weeks ago to the MANCO and then we do into what we call 'deep dive'. There is what should we be doing differently? It cannot just be putting money into the problem, it has got to be, we have got to come up with new ideas and it is the whole world that is faced with this issue right now.

There are countries across this planet where mental well-being is becoming that massive issue that governments and citizens around this world are facing. Of course, that is where we have to say let us draw on the best practice we can find, let us get the best minds together that we can find and come up with those kinds of solutions. And I want to say that it is interlinked with just the ability to find a job, the ability to feed your family because they are also pushing people over the edge. It is really a massive issue and listening to the Leader of the Opposition who cannot actually ask a question in this stage, but it is exactly the focus: it is safety, it is jobs, and it is wellbeing and dignity. Those three focus areas, they are our focus. They are our focus, and you can see this Government where those focus areas are being worked on, you can see a massive difference in this province compared to where the ANC governs in the other provinces.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, Speaker and Premier. Thank you very much for the response. I actually wanted you to elaborate. Maybe this time around the ANC will actually listen to what he said. Hon Premier, what can the National Government do, both through legislation and through budget to assist and to improve the situation? Thank you, Speaker.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. Well, I suppose the best thing if I could give advice on the National Government on what they should do around enabling us to deal with mental well-being and also food security, probably would be to steal less or stop stealing. That would make a massive difference. R1 trillion back into the system and actually get their policies right so that our economy and jobs – I noticed both the Leader of the Opposition and one of their members talking about jobs and it is critical, everything that we do needs to be getting us out of the highest youth unemployment rate in the world, getting our economy going, getting investors to want to come here. At the moment the investors do not even want to invest because there is no power, money gets stolen, there is no safety.

I mean jeepers; they really need to get their act together before we get legislation. Thank you, Speaker.

Ms A P BANS. Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, in the absence of the Premier not wanting to answer my question, I would then ask if I am correct in saying and would the Premier agree with me when I say that actually this Safety Plan is just for Metro areas and there is nothing for the rural areas. The rural areas are solely looked after by National Government because that is the response we get here. That is all I wanted the Premier to agree on with me today. I thank you, Speaker. [Interjection.].

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Bans, is that the question?

Ms A P BANS: Speaker, I want the Premier to agree with me here. I want to make an agreement. He is not answering my question, he is referring everything to National Government. What I want to hear from him is that he agrees that rural areas are a function of National Government so there is no role from the province ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms A P BANS: ... from the Safety Plan of the Province because my questions are not answered.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. No definitely not, emphatically no, I do not agree with her, and I have already told her about the rural Safety Plan; about how it rolls out; about the RSEP; about the design; about all of the departments that have the various roles according to the Safety Plan, but she asked the question about the LEAP officer deployment. She asked the question about the LEAP officer deployment but let me tell you that in actual fact we are already now putting extra ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order hon members. My apologies, hon Premier. Order hon members. Order, hon members. Let us please conduct ourselves as per the Standing Rules. Hon Premier, are you done?

The PREMIER: Almost done, Mr Speaker. You see the problem with the ANC is that they do not focus on where the problem is. If the ANC car comes along and stops because it has a flat tyre, they do not fix the flat tyre, they make the other three tyres flat, so everyone is equal. [Interjections.] They really look to the bottom of the barrel. That is the problem with the ANC and I can assure you ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Point of order. Hon Premier will you please take your seat.

The PREMIER: ... my answer to her question is [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: [Interjections.] I see the point of order, hon Maseko and then hon Nkondlo and then hon Deputy Chief Whip of the Opposition.

Ms L M MASEKO: Speaker, with all due respect, I did not hear at all what the Premier said just now. If he can repeat so that I can hear exactly what he said.  
The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Order, hon members. Hon Nkondlo.

UNKzs N D NKONDLO: Bendicel i relevance, kaloku Premier. Benithe xa sibuzo imibuzo kuphinda kuphendulwe apha, kufuneka ihambelane nombuzo lo bekuqalwe ngawo, so ndiyafuna ukuqonda xa uPremier ethetha ngemeko yeANC idibana phi na nalambuzo wokuqala ububuziwe. Enkosi.

***[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]***

[Ms N D NKONDLO: Can I have relevance here, Premier. You said, when we ask questions and get answers here, they should be compatible to the first question, so I just want to understand when the Premier speaks about the ANC's situation where does it meet up with the first question asked? Thank you.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Nkondlo. There is another point of order online? Hon Marais?

Mr P J MARAIS: Speaker, I find it most disturbing that although we do not have translation facilities right now – if I am wrong correct me where the translation facilities are? The hon member gets up and speaks in a language ... We already agreed that to make it easy for members to follow the language will be English. I do not know what the member who spoke before me said and if members in this House cannot understand a language and there is no facility for translation, is that ruled to be in order, or should it be scrapped from the Hansard?

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. I am going to respond to hon Marais. Hon Marais, we have four official languages in this province: sign language, isiXhosa; Afrikaans and English. So what we have done right from the onset, I said we will have translation services – which exist. Now it is the ICT that have been consistent in helping us, the unit, the ICT Unit here in Parliament. So if there are some discrepancies with your device and the translation services that will be a unique situation and as a result it would not be fair to either, for whatever reason, prefer one language over the other one because all of them are equal in terms of the South African Constitution.

But what is important is that we should be able to have access to the translation service. So if there are issues the ICT will gladly assist you with that. I remember in the last sitting, there was a similar matter. Members need to have two devices if they wish to have access to translation services. So I have dealt with this matter extensively as per the directives issued by myself on 17 April in 2020 which were clear, and they are written here in the Standing Rules. If there are any issues, the ICT will help you but, in this regard, the question has been raised, it is a point of order.

The point of order for your purpose, hon Marais and other hon members here, was asking for the me to make a determination on the relevance of the response by the Premier pertaining to the question that was asked, so my response to that is very simple, the debate became political, and the Premier responded politically.

Now if the question is on data, on specifics about how many houses you built, how many Ministers you have in your Cabinet, you will answer but that is the risk also of the questions to the Premier without notice. I do not see the potential of these questions not becoming political, so it is difficult for any Presiding Officer. I can ask any of the hon members to come and sit here and make a determination that will satisfy all of us beyond reasonable doubt. So I would of course ask the Premier to try his best, as best as possible, to respond to specifics where the information is available. If not the Premier still has the opportunity to respond to questions asked and that is my ruling.

Hon Maseko, your point of order was that you did not hear. In terms of Rule 40, I wish to request the hon members, as I have been doing throughout, to really help the Presiding Officer and I am going to ask the Whippery, fortunately here in the sitting, the Chief Whip of the Majority Party is here in the sitting, the Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party is here in the sitting, similarly the Chief Whip of the Opposition is here as well as the Deputy Chief Whip of the Opposition. Please help the Presiding Officer to ensure the decorum that we need in the House. So I am going to ask the Premier to conclude.

The PREMIER: Speaker, I think I did conclude but maybe in the interests of those that did not hear, I actually was using an analogy of a car with a flat tyre and saying that the ANC, when they look at it, they see one flat tyre. Instead of fixing the flat tyre on that car, they would rather flatten the other four tyres, so it all looks equal and that is how they approach energy supply in South Africa; that is how they approach safety in South Africa, they really move to the lowest common denominator.

But I want to thank the hon Bans for those questions and I want to say to her that I would really like to hear other examples of safety plans in other provinces that are giving or getting great traction and making the difference because of course we are always willing to learn but as far as I know I do not think any other province has a Safety Plan. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The time is up. Thank you, hon members there is no more time. Hon the Deputy Chief Whip?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, again the Premier veers off but can you also please educate the Premier on the role of the NCOP and that both political parties ... [Interjection.] the ANC and the DA have delegates for the NCOP. He must ask through those delegates, and he must ask ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): When they sit in MINMEC they must raise those questions. [Interjections.].

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Hon members, that is not a point of order. Hon Deputy Chief Whip, you know the Rules, that is not a point of order. Like I said earlier, and I do not want to lecture the hon members, let us please respectfully help the Presiding Officer. We have now reached the end of Questions to the Premier without Notice.

*Questions and replies as received from departments*

## **QUESTIONS**

*For written reply*

*Staff on EPWP contracts: employment of*

### **1. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

- (1) Whether construction companies contracted by the Western Cape Government and/or municipalities on human-settlements development projects are allowed to employ staff on EPWP contracts; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what laws and statutes allow and/or prevent this kind of practice;
- (2) whether there have been any complaints submitted to his Department regarding the practice of contractors working on human-settlements development projects that are employing staff on EPWP contracts; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will investigate reports that companies working on human-settlements development projects employ staff on EPWP contracts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

1. (1) Yes.
  - (a) Construction companies contracted by the Western Cape Government and /or municipalities are allowed to employ staff on EPWP contracts based on the degree of labour intensity of the projects. All Public Infrastructure Delivery projects are implemented in terms of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), a broad government strategy for addressing poverty, unemployment, and inequality.
  - (b) The following empowering provisions apply:
    - Government Gazette, 25 January 2002 issued by the Department of Labour; Basic Conditions of Employment Act, 1997 – Code of Good Practice for employment and conditions of work for Special Public Works Programmes
    - Basic Conditions of Employment Act 1997, Ministerial Determination 4: Expanded Public Works Programme
- (2) No.
- (3) No. Companies working on human settlement development projects are allowed to employ staff on EPWP contracts as provided for by the above empowering provisions.



*Human Settlements Projects: award of***2. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

Concerning his new Department's work, as well as the work of the previous Department of Human Settlements, in the province:

What is the (a) number of human-settlements projects awarded to a particular company, whose name was furnished to his Department for his reply, in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date and (b) monetary value of the projects awarded to the company in question?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

2. While the name of the Ministry has changed from Human Settlements to Infrastructure, the name of the department has remained as Human Settlements and the change is set to come into effect from 1 April 2023 once all the legislative requirements have been complied with.

(a) (i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)(viii)(ix) My Department awarded 5 projects to ASLA during this period.

(b) The total monetary value of the awarded projects is R1,557,329,077.85.

	BID REFERENCE	PRICE
	EXT/EXP HSC 18/2020/2021	R7 601 238,67
	HSC 07/2017/2018	R762 987 074,67
	LTD HSC 23/2019/2020	R18 388 350,57
	HSC 01/2016/2017	R5 365 339,27
	HSC 07/2018/2019	R762 987 074,67
<b>PROJECTS AWARDED TO ASLA FROM 2014-2022</b>	ACCUMALATIVE	R1 557 329 077,85

*District hospitals: budget allocation***3. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

(a) What was the budget allocation to each of the district hospitals in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022, (b) what was the staff complement of each of the district hospitals during the same period in (a) above and (c) what is the detailed breakdown of the (i) different occupations per hospital, (ii) number of those employed permanently and (iii) number of those recruited from agencies and (iv) cost thereof for the same period in (a) above?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

(a)

**WCGH: Total Budget****'R000**

RespDesc	ADJBUD1819	ADJBUD1920	ADJBUD2021	ADJBUD2122	BUD2223
BEAUFORT WEST HOSPITAL	72 809	92 189	95 709	96 539	103 861
CALEDON HOSPITAL	63 215	68 193	72 837	76 676	90 880
CERES HOSPITAL	71 511	79 084	83 203	88 632	96 622
CITRUSDAL HOSPITAL	31 990	34 555	33 280	29 677	36 647
CLANWILLIAM HOSPITAL	29 628	31 624	33 761	33 955	35 325
EERSTE RIVER HOSPITAL	170 741	184 841	186 814	192 052	209 238
FALSE BAY HOSPITAL	111 436	124 287	134 749	133 547	138 839
HELDERBERG HOSPITAL	226 070	242 818	245 923	251 724	266 081
HERMANUS HOSPITAL	76 458	86 198	94 718	94 952	98 446
KARL BREMER HOSPITAL	401 498	436 989	461 641	474 920	505 541
KHAYELITSHA HOSPITAL	380 359	425 032	464 435	465 941	478 144
KNYSNA HOSPITAL	101 119	104 802	106 498	113 056	117 232
LADISMITH HOSPITAL	27 121	29 429	29 012	32 374	35 088
LAINSBURG HOSPITAL	14 123	16 057	16 209	16 303	18 411
LAPA MUNNIK HOSPITAL	15 943	16 575	15 039	15 503	14 093

MITCHELLS PLAIN DISTRICT					
HOSP	478 393	523 670	560 679	577 775	618 691
MONTAGU HOSPITAL	32 063	36 271	31 629	34 466	36 536
MOSSEL BAY HOSPITAL	89 553	96 334	95 267	101 771	107 546
MURRAYSBURG HOSPITAL	10 435	12 363	13 047	14 175	14 313
OTTO DU PLESSIS HOSPITAL	28 784	29 106	32 666	31 986	34 213
OUDTSHOORN HOSPITAL	113 837	120 256	121 395	125 545	132 659
PRINCE ALBERT HOSPITAL	16 077	17 347	16 881	17 461	18 932
RADIE KOTZE HOSPITAL	17 062	19 867	24 633	25 051	26 013
RIVERSDALE HOSPITAL	50 578	55 383	54 587	57 235	61 793
ROBERTSON HOSPITAL	56 707	68 170	69 107	69 740	75 239
STELLENBOSCH HOSPITAL	83 583	91 554	92 805	98 034	118 876
SWARTLAND HOSPITAL	81 314	89 341	96 610	94 705	105 768
SWELLENDAM HOSPITAL	41 059	47 470	51 778	50 528	53 256
UNIONDALE DISTRICT					
HOSPITAL	13 527	14 342	13 841	13 988	15 069
VICTORIA DISTRICT					
HOSPITAL	281 930	308 038	317 993	322 962	344 491

VREDENBURG HOSPITAL	109 238	119 550	118 978	127 489	134 588
VREDENDAL HOSPITAL	61 542	65 393	69 042	72 910	75 749
WESFLEUR HOSPITAL	111 854	118 944	123 701	132 164	140 995
Grand Total	3 471 557	3 806 072	3 978 467	4 083 836	4 359 175

(b)

<b>WCGHW: Total Number of Staff (contract &amp; permanent, excluding agency)</b>													
<b>as at April annually</b>													
The posts on PERSAL could not be split between permanent and contract. The data therefore provided is permanent & contract posts vs agency posts													
<b>BASRespDescr</b>	<b>201804</b>	<b>201904</b>	<b>202004</b>	<b>202104</b>	<b>202204</b>								
BEAUFORT WEST HOSPITAL	126	166	168	173	176								
CALEDON HOSPITAL	111	114	122	122	126								
CERES HOSPITAL	123	122	132	136	132								
CITRUSDAL					57								

HOSPITAL	55	56	58	60															
CLANWILLIAM HOSPITAL	67	68	72	71	71														
EERSTE RIVER HOSPITAL	246	272	278	294	269														
FALSE BAY HOSPITAL	189	183	197	194	192														
HELDERBERG HOSPITAL	327	342	352	354	354														
HERMANUS HOSPITAL	150	149	154	156	163														
KARL BREMER HOSPITAL	740	785	786	785	784														
KHAYELITSHA HOSPITAL	569	597	638	642	638														
KNYSNA HOSPITAL	186	182	188	188	195														
LADISMITH HOSPITAL					59														

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HOSPITAL	37	36	39	37															
RADIE KOTZE HOSPITAL	44	42	48	57	50														
RIVERSDALE HOSPITAL	106	106	115	114	112														
ROBERTSON HOSPITAL	106	108	111	109	111														
STELLENBOSCH HOSPITAL	149	151	163	159	161														
SWARTLAND HOSPITAL	177	179	183	192	185														
SWELLENDAM HOSPITAL	79	80	87	84	87														
UNIONDALE DISTRICT HOSPITAL	27	26	26	24	22														
VICTORIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL	445	466	500	510	485														
VREDENBURG					194														

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(c) (i) and (ii)

**WCGH: Total Number of Staff (contract & permanent, excluding agency), per occupational group**

The posts on PERSAL could not be split between permanent and contract. The data therefore provided is permanent& contract posts vs agency posts

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	02-Medical	5	10	12	12	13													
	03-Nursing	50	61	62	60	61													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	6	14	14	14	15													
	06-Admin	29	39	38	45	46													
	07-Maintenance	1	3	2	3	2													
	08-Ancillary	33	37	38	37	37													
<b>BEAUFORT WEST HOSPITAL</b>																			
<b>Total</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>176</b>													
<b>CALEDON HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	2	2	2	2	2													
	02-Medical					10													

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	04-Allied Health Sciences	4	4	4	4	5													
	06-Admin	24	24	28	29	25													
	07-Maintenance	1	1	1	1	1													
	08-Ancillary	16	16	16	17	16													
<b>CERES HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>123</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>132</b>													
<b>CITRUSDAL HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	1	1	1	-	1													
	03-Nursing	22	22	24	24	21													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	3	3	2	1	1													
	06-Admin					15													

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<b>CLANWILLIAM HOSPITAL</b>																			
<b>Total</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>													
<b>EERSTE RIVER HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	2	2	2	2	2													
	02-Medical	21	24	25	26	25													
	03-Nursing	124	135	135	131	129													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	9	17	17	18	17													
	06-Admin	37	40	45	65	49													
	07-Maintenance	2	2	3	3	3													
	08-Ancillary	51	52	51	49	44													
<b>EERSTE RIVER HOSPITAL</b>						<b>269</b>													

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<b>HELDERBERG HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	6	5	6	6	6													
	02-Medical	36	42	44	47	50													
	03-Nursing	155	168	167	169	166													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	19	20	23	22	24													
	06-Admin	52	51	54	52	52													
	07-Maintenance	2	3	4	4	4													
	08-Ancillary	57	53	54	54	52													
<b>HELDERBERG HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>327</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>354</b>													
<b>HERMANUS HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management					2													

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	02-Medical	69	83	98	94	99													
	03-Nursing	384	399	390	383	382													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	33	37	38	38	38													
	06-Admin	91	97	94	109	104													
	08-Ancillary	158	164	161	155	155													
<b>KARL BREMER HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>740</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>784</b>													
<b>KHAYELITSHA HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	10	7	8	8	9													
	02-Medical	65	81	97	101	104													
	03-Nursing					265													

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	Sciences	6	5	5	6														
	06-Admin	33	33	37	39	40													
	07-Maintenance	3	2	3	3	3													
	08-Ancillary	46	47	47	46	47													
<b>KNYSNA HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>186</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>195</b>													
<b>LADISMITH HOSPITAL</b>	02-Medical	1	1	1	1	2													
	03-Nursing	21	22	20	20	22													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	2	2	2	2	2													
	06-Admin	14	14	16	14	16													
	07-Maintenance					1													

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	03-Nursing	15	14	14	12	15													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	2	1	-	-	-													
	06-Admin	3	3	4	5	4													
	08-Ancillary	8	7	9	8	9													
<b>LAPA MUNNIK HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>													
<b>MITCHELLS PLAIN DISTRICT HOSP</b>	01-Management	8	8	8	9	9													
	02-Medical	116	122	137	138	142													
	03-Nursing	437	437	446	465	453													
	04-Allied Health					44													

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	08-Ancillary	16	14	16	16	15													
<b>MONTAGU HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>62</b>													
<b>MOSSEL BAY HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	1	1	1	1	1													
	02-Medical	8	9	9	9	10													
	03-Nursing	83	82	84	84	82													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	7	7	8	8	8													
	06-Admin	35	34	37	38	37													
	07-Maintenance	3	3	3	3	3													
	08-Ancillary					41													

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		28	28	27	28														
	04-Allied Health Sciences	2	2	2	2	2													
	06-Admin	9	9	14	13	13													
	07-Maintenance	1	1	1	1	1													
	08-Ancillary	15	16	17	17	16													
<b>OTTO DU PLESSIS HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>													
<b>OUDTSHOORN HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	2	2	1	1	1													
	02-Medical	11	11	10	11	11													
	03-Nursing	99	98	100	100	96													
	04-Allied Health					9													

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		14	14	15	12														
<b>PRINCE ALBERT HOSPITAL</b>																			
<b>Total</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>													
<b>RADIE KOTZE HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	1	1	-	1	1													
	02-Medical	2	2	3	3	3													
	03-Nursing	21	18	21	22	19													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	-	1	1	1	1													
	06-Admin	5	5	7	14	10													
	07-Maintenance	1	1	1	1	1													
	08-Ancillary	14	14	15	15	15													
<b>RADIE KOTZE HOSPITAL</b>						<b>50</b>													

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		2	2	1	2														
	02-Medical	9	9	9	9	9													
	03-Nursing	48	49	47	48	48													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	5	5	5	5	5													
	06-Admin	23	24	29	26	26													
	07-Maintenance	2	2	2	2	2													
	08-Ancillary	17	17	18	17	19													
<b>ROBERTSON HOSPITAL</b>																			
<b>Total</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>111</b>													
<b>STELLENBOSCH HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	2	2	2	2	2													
	02-Medical					8													

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		80	79	83	83														
	04-Allied Health Sciences	7	7	7	7	7													
	06-Admin	31	34	33	43	33													
	07-Maintenance	2	3	4	4	4													
	08-Ancillary	48	48	49	47	50													
<b>SWARTLAND HOSPITAL</b>																			
<b>Total</b>		<b>177</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>185</b>													
<b>SWELLENDAM HOSPITAL</b>																			
	01-Management	2	1	2	1	1													
	02-Medical	6	7	7	7	7													
	03-Nursing	37	37	37	38	36													
	04-Allied Health					5													

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<b>HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>														
<b>VICTORIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL</b>																			
	01-Management	6	5	6	5	5													
	02-Medical	64	77	84	85	87													
	03-Nursing	202	205	213	219	211													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	28	28	30	31	31													
	06-Admin	57	64	78	85	73													
	07-Maintenance	4	4	4	3	3													
	08-Ancillary	84	83	85	82	76													
<b>VICTORIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>445</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>485</b>													
<b>VREDENBURG HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management					1													

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		3	3	4	4														
	03-Nursing	52	49	54	54	52													
	04-Allied Health Sciences	4	4	4	5	5													
	06-Admin	21	25	27	32	30													
	07-Maintenance	2	3	3	3	3													
	08-Ancillary	36	37	37	35	35													
<b>VREDENDAL HOSPITAL Total</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>131</b>													
<b>WESFLEUR HOSPITAL</b>	01-Management	2	2	2	2	2													
	02-Medical	15	13	16	16	15													
	03-Nursing					83													

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<b>WCGH: Agency Nursing staff - Full Time Equivalent Person Days per Annum</b>				
NB: This data is only available for nurses, only for Facilities using the NIMMS system. The data is therefore understated				
<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
CALEDON HOSPITAL		-		
CERES HOSPITAL		-	-	-
EERSTE RIVER HOSPITAL	332	314	535	304
FALSE BAY HOSPITAL	365	634	431	630
HELDERBERG HOSPITAL	359	353	269	280
KARL BREMER HOSPITAL	245	374	340	399
KHAYELITSHA HOSPITAL	964	1 106	1 174	795
KNYSNA HOSPITAL	3	-	5	
LADISMITH HOSPITAL			-	
LAPA MUNNIK HOSPITAL		-		
MITCHELLS PLAIN DISTRICT HOSP	173	297	455	123
MONTAGU HOSPITAL	-	-	-	-

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MOSSEL BAY HOSPITAL	32	39	10	26
OTTO DU PLESSIS HOSPITAL	-		-	
OUDTSHOORN HOSPITAL	-			
RADIE KOTZE HOSPITAL	-			
ROBERTSON HOSPITAL	-	-	-	-
STELLENBOSCH HOSPITAL	135	153	106	167
SWARTLAND HOSPITAL	22	9		
SWELLENDAM HOSPITAL				
UNIONDALE DISTRICT HOSPITAL	-	1		
VICTORIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL	232	231	212	287
VREDENBURG HOSPITAL	29	7	4	-
WESFLEUR HOSPITAL	186	184	152	237
<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>	3 077	3 702	3 693	3 248

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WCGH:	Personnel Costs			'R000	Staff Agency costs			'R000
RespDesc	YTD1819	YTD1920	YTD2021	YTD2122	YTD1819	YTD1920	YTD2021	YTD2122
BEAUFORT WEST HOSPITAL	57 649	72 565	72 243	76 406	618	193	306	460
CALEDON HOSPITAL	44 014	49 048	49 134	54 304	938	1 091	352	1 587
CERES HOSPITAL	47 697	53 124	55 708	59 713	900	1 060	1 550	1 976
CITRUSDAL HOSPITAL	18 768	19 188	18 543	18 921	70	59	59	63
CLANWILLIAM HOSPITAL	22 890	24 339	24 818	26 358	420	103	115	145
EERSTE RIVER HOSPITAL	103 513	118 077	122 302	128 437	18 315	17 698	24 263	21 137
FALSE BAY HOSPITAL	68 916	78 091	82 384	77 551	15 326	19 903	21 852	22 539
HELDERBERG HOSPITAL	145 305	160 418	165 821	168 949	8 213	9 009	7 891	10 844
HERMANUS HOSPITAL	62 627	67 794	67 442	70 642	1 310	1 527	1 546	1 372
KARL BREMER HOSPITAL	286 086	321 787	332 930	345 967	15 543	16 884	24 379	19 144
KHAYELITSHA HOSPITAL	241 696	278 145	313 658	296 492	59 195	62 355	73 990	68 255
KNYSNA HOSPITAL	69 056	73 960	72 251	76 989	275	430	197	285
LADISMITH HOSPITAL	16 406	17 860	18 322	19 697	858	1 347	597	1 152
LAINSBURG HOSPITAL	10 968	12 588	12 672	13 043	651	55	177	383

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LAPA MUNNIK HOSPITAL	9 914	9 508	8 083	8 865	417	485	545	1 328
MITCHELLS PLAIN DISTRICT HOSP	334 531	368 340	396 294	409 808	27 566	27 845	40 501	37 293
MONTAGU HOSPITAL	19 578	21 959	22 377	23 034	725	842	640	1 431
MOSSEL BAY HOSPITAL	64 112	69 527	70 363	74 116	660	769	409	771
MURRAYSBURG HOSPITAL	8 093	8 731	8 794	9 190	204	137	18	699
OTTO DU PLESSIS HOSPITAL	22 700	24 266	25 107	26 378	38	6	266	442
OUDTSHOORN HOSPITAL	83 137	88 771	90 348	95 495	1 428	1 340	668	1 113
PRINCE ALBERT HOSPITAL	13 220	13 485	13 734	13 493	92	102		
RADIE KOTZE HOSPITAL	15 186	16 243	18 331	20 296	355	980	960	1 201
RIVERSDALE HOSPITAL	39 416	43 460	43 914	46 990	137	210	128	162
ROBERTSON HOSPITAL	42 195	46 134	46 784	48 411	404	229	298	445
STELLENBOSCH HOSPITAL	58 370	63 219	64 137	66 709	2 997	2 590	2 867	2 722
SWARTLAND HOSPITAL	64 028	68 225	70 362	76 641	2 137	2 512	191	3 881
SWELLENDAM HOSPITAL	34 337	38 184	38 561	39 046	92	215	69	30
UNIONDALE DISTRICT HOSPITAL	9 504	9 718	9 543	9 504	383	1 681	770	456
VICTORIA DISTRICT	195 477	224 263	236 033	241 197	8 930	7 407	8 176	10 421



HOSPITAL								
VREDENBURG HOSPITAL	65 154	75 318	78 667	83 590	2 263	2 535	122	3 153
VREDENDAL HOSPITAL	45 813	48 303	50 784	53 608	655	522	405	741
WESFLEUR HOSPITAL	64 378	68 211	72 032	76 824	6 460	10 576	9 541	11 777
Grand Total	2 384 736	2 652 848	2 772 475	2 856 665	178 575	192 696	223 847	227 407

*Agency personnel: expenditure***4. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

- (1) (a) What is her Department's expenditure on agency personnel in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date, (b) what is the cost breakdown per (i) occupation and (ii) agency from which staff are recruited and (c) what informs her Department's over-reliance on agency personnel;
- (2) whether any concerns have been raised with her Department regarding the use of agency personnel; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

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1. (a)

Financial Year	Rm
2013/14	300,5
2014/15	309,8
2015/16	303,7
2016/17	305,5
2017/18	334,7
2018/19	350,6
2019/20	393,7
2020/21	439,5
2021/22	529,9
2022/23 (3 months)	135,1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3 403,1</b>

(b)

Financial Year	Occupation					Grand Total
	Nursing Staff	Medical Staff	Pharmacy Staff	Allied Health Staff	Admin Staff	
	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
2013/14	146,4	154,1	-	-	-	300,5
2014/15	144,2	165,6	-	-	-	309,8
2015/16	138,7	165,0	-	-	-	303,7
2016/17	144,5	161,0	-	-	-	305,5
2017/18	153,4	141,0	17,9	22,4	-	334,7
2018/19	172,2	135,9	17,3	25,3	-	350,6
2019/20	195,1	140,4	18,3	28,6	11,3	393,7
2020/21	199,3	178,4	18,8	27,5	15,6	439,5
2021/22	263,9	198,8	19,3	33,6	14,3	529,9
2022/23 (3 months)	72,6	45,8	4,8	8,6	3,3	135,1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1 630,3</b>	<b>1 485,8</b>	<b>96,4</b>	<b>146,0</b>	<b>44,5</b>	<b>3 403,1</b>

- (c) The Department uses on average the equivalent of 3% of its Compensation of Employees budget to supplement its workforce capacity. The key drivers behind this need are:
- Natural attrition of staff resulting in vacancies that cannot always be filled quickly
  - Capacity shortfall due to staff leave (Annual, Sick, maternity etc.)
  - Workload spikes (e.g., flu season etc)
- (d) The department will always have a need for agency personnel to supplement its capacity due the reasons highlighted above. However, the department does monitor the usage of this resource to ensure it is utilisation is not excessive.

*Klipfontein Regional Hospital: budget allocation*

**5. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

Of the budget allocated for the current financial year for the building of the Klipfontein Regional Hospital to replace the GF Jooste Hospital, (a) how much has been spent to date, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of expenditure and (c)(i) how much has not been spent to date and (ii) what is it earmarked for?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

5. The Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) is the implementing agent on this project for the Western Cape Department of Health. The project is in Concept Stage (stage 2) and the evaluation of the Professional Service Provider (PSP) tender is currently being undertaken. It is anticipated that the PSP team will be appointed by September. This year, the main activity will be the preparation of a concept design.
- (a) No expenditure has been incurred to date.
- (b) No expenditure has been incurred to date.
- (c) (i)(ii) No expenditure has been incurred to date.

*Municipality: findings of material irregularities*

**6. Mr P Marran asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

- (a) What are the details of the findings of material irregularities that have been made by the Auditor-General per municipality in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 and (b) what are the costs associated with these findings?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

6. (a) (i) No instances of material irregularities have been reported by the AGSA for municipalities in the Western Cape for the period ending 30 June 2019 (Since April 2019, when the Public Audit Act was amended, the AGSA has performed selective audits of municipalities and municipal entities for material irregularities).
- (ii) No instances of material irregularities have been reported by the AGSA for municipalities in the Western Cape for the period ending 30 June 2020.
- (iii) The City of Cape Town received two material irregularity findings for the period ending 30 June 2021.
- Details are available in the Auditor general's "Material Irregularity" publication dated 15 April 2022.
- (iv) The audit for the 2022 financial year will only start 1 September 2022.
- (b) The costs for the material irregularities have not been disclosed.

*Western Cape Government: findings of material irregularities*

**7. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

- (a) What are the details of the findings of material irregularities that have been made by the Auditor-General against the Western Cape Government's departments and entities in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 and (b) what are the costs associated with these findings?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

7. (1) (a) No instances of material irregularities have been reported by the AGSA for departments and entities in the Western Cape for the period ending 31 March 2019.
- (i) No instances of material irregularities have been reported by the AGSA for departments and entities in the Western Cape for the period ending 31 March 2020.
- (ii) For the 2021 financial year, ending 31 March 2021, the Department of Human Settlements was alleged of one instance of material irregularity.
- Details are available in the Auditor general's "Material Irregularity" publication dated 15 April 2022.
- (iii) The AGSA has not confirmed any irregularities for any WCG departments and entities.
- (b) The costs for the material irregularities have not been disclosed.

*Taxi-related violence cases***8. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

How many taxi-related violence cases were reported in the (a) 2014/15, (b) 2015/16, (c) 2016/17, (d) 2017/18, (e) 2018/19 and (f) 2019/20 financial years?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

**8. The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):**

- (a) 23
- (b) 17
- (c) 10
- (d) 52
- (e) 123
- (f) 80

*Taxi-related violent crime cases***9. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

What are the conviction rates for taxi-related violent crime cases in the (a) 2014/15, (b) 2015/16, (c) 2016/17, (d) 2017/18, (e) 2018/19 and (f) 2019/20 financial years?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

**9. The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):**

- (a) No cases finalised.
- (b) 100%
- (c) No cases finalised.
- (d) No cases finalised.
- (e) 100%
- (f) No cases finalised.

The note: Conviction rate is determined as follows:

Guilty/Guilty + Not Guilty

This is the same formula that is used by the National Prosecuting Authority.

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*Bird Island Nature Reserve in Lambert's Bay***10. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

(a) What are the reasons for the closure of the Bird Island Nature Reserve in Lambert's Bay, (b)(i) since when has access been closed and (ii) when will the reserve be reopened, (c) what influenced the timing of the closure, (d) is this the best period of the year to close the reserve to tourists and (e) how did the closure affect the remuneration of temporary staff allocated to the reserve?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

10. (a) Bird Island Nature Reserve in Lambert's Bay is closed to undertake major repairs and maintenance required to three key buildings on the Island. Some of the repairs and maintenance relate to health and safety compliance to ensure visitor and staff safety. In addition, there are key improvements which will enhance the visitor experience, contribute to better value for the visitor and an increase in visitor traffic to this key attraction in Lamberts Bay,
- (b) (i) and (ii) Bird Island Nature Reserve has been closed since 3 May 2022 is envisaged to reopen on 1 December 2022.
- (c) The following factors were considered when closure was contemplated:
- Current status of the buildings and the severity of the work to be completed
  - Health and safety factors of the current buildings
  - The number of contractors and length of work on site per contractor.
  - Improved and enhanced visitor experience
  - Period of year – low VS high seasonal period in relation to past performance (pre-Covid)
  - Environmental factors including the breeding season for gannets
  - Budget period for the expense and the delay in advertising as result of the High Court Ruling against National Treasury preventing from procuring goods and services earlier than planned.
- (d) There are critical maintenance matters that needed urgent attention. Failure to address it timeously could result in serious injury or loss of life. In this instance, the entity will be held liable, and it would have major negative impacts from a reputational management perspective for both the entity and the town of Lambert's Bay.

- (e) The maintenance of the infrastructure on the Island does not impact on the employment of the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) employees (temporary staff). The EPWP staff are still fulfilling their functions and are still being paid as per their employment contracts.

Activities currently carried out by the EPWP team, on a daily basis, are as follow:

- Access control
- Cleaning of the washup zone around the island;
- Bird and seal counts for record and scientific purposes
- Recording of dead birds and seals and determining cause of death
- Since the last year there have been several outbreaks of Avian Influenza (AI) along the coast. This also impacted bird species at Bird Island and daily observation and patrols for any dead or alive seabirds with symptoms of AI for reporting to the relevant task team are still applicable.
- Removal of debris (e.g. kelp, rocks and shells) that washes up into the gannet colony during big swell events.
- Path maintenance.
- Ad hoc beach patrols for any washed-up specimens of interest.

*Rural housing projects: farm workers and/or farm dwellers*

**11. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:**

Taking into account that many farm workers and farm dwellers were in a disadvantaged position in the past to apply for housing:

Whether he will be engaging with the Minister responsible for human settlements to increase the quota for beneficiaries in rural housing projects from the current 5% guideline for farm workers and/or farm dwellers in the beneficiary selection process; if so, (a) how and (b) based on what information should such a percentage be determined?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

11. An engagement with the provincial Minister responsible for Human Settlements will be arranged by my office, in terms of the matter relating to accessing relevant housing programmes by farm workers, - dwellers and – residents.
- (a) As indicated, the Western Cape Government adopted a guideline whereby it recommended that 5% of opportunities in a housing project can be allocated to farm residents aged 55 years and older, for implementation by local municipalities in their beneficiary selection processes for housing projects.

Municipalities, as part of their planning processes, ensure adherence to afore-mentioned; and if required, could through due municipal approval processes make a decision to increase the percentage allocation in housing projects.

(b) In terms of the increase in percentage allocation, possible factors to be considered are:

- Local available data on the number of qualifying farm workers, - dwellers and residents, for example the most recent national Census statistics or local specific data drawn from the Housing Demand Database or local socio-economic data reflecting on farm workers, - dwellers and residents, which could provide for a more exact estimation for a possible increase in allocations per locality.
- Not to make the age a requirement as most residents on farms are of the working age (below 55 years), but rather to utilise the already defined applicable, qualifying criteria for housing subsidy programmes.

Of utmost importance would be the roll-out of a communication campaign to create awareness and provision of information to farm workers, especially those that resides on farms. It would be recommended that this campaign should include the provision of assistance for registration on the applicable databases by responsible officials. This could also assist with a more accurate determination of the housing need for local farm workers, - dwellers and residents as well as assist in motivating a possible increase of the percentage allocation.

*Title Deeds: Western Cape beneficiaries*

**12. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

- (1) How many title deeds have been distributed to Western Cape beneficiaries of (a) free housing units and (b) social housing units between January 2021 and July 2022;
- (2) whether his Department has encountered a title deed backlog during the last five years; if so, (a) what are the (i) challenges and (ii) details with regard to the status of such backlogs and (b) what actions have been taken by his Department to work with the Deeds Office to address the backlog issues?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

12. (1) (a) 8 700 transfers were accomplished by Municipalities and the Department.
- (b) Social Housing units are rental units and are not for ownership.



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(2) There is no new Title Deeds backlog:

- The Title Restoration Project which focusses on alleviating the backlog in outstanding transfers in older subsidized Projects Pre-2015, started with a basic fixed established backlog from Financial Years 2015/2016.
  - Since 1 April 2017 a total of 39 500 units have been transferred and, as at July 2022, it leaves an outstanding figure of 54 000 on the Housing Subsidy System (HSS). However, a large portion of HSS data still needs to be updated and this could potentially reduce the outstanding figure to 31 000.
- (a) (i) The challenges and mitigating actions are incorporated in the Title Deed Action Plan (Annexure A)
- (ii) The Department is still in the process of unpacking the details of the backlog and will compile a status update by 31 March 2023.
- (b) The Department, through the State Attorney's Office, has a good relationship with the Cape Town Deeds Office and we are happy with the functioning of the Cape Town Deeds Office. They have processes in place for outstanding transfers in old developments to be eligible to get fast-track handling.



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## DIRECTORATE LAND AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

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**TO :** Minister T Simmers

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**SUBJECT:** Title Deed Action Plan

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Title Deed Restoration Project (TRP) was introduced in 2015 by the National Department of Human Settlements and to date the annual performance has gradually decreased resulting in no significant improvement in the eradication of the backlog. This could be ascribed to numerous factors, with the main challenge facing the Directorate being the lack of capacity to effectively manage the eradication of the backlog. At the start of the project, the TRP unit was headed by a Deputy Director, who was supported by 3 Assistant Directors and 2 Administration Officers. Another Deputy Director was appointed to deal with the contested title deeds. All contract posts were abolished with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving only an Assistant Director and an Administration Officer.

In addition to the capacity issue, the institutionalisation of the TRP straddled across three Chief Directorates making the co-ordination of activities that would lead to the eradication of the backlog, very cumbersome. This fragmented approach resulted in annual performance targets not being met.

The volume and complexity of the work associated with the eradication of the Title Deed Backlog, which currently stands at approximately 63 000 outstanding title deeds, is beyond the capacity available in the Directorate Land and Asset

Management. It is therefore necessary that additional resources be acquired to close the chapter on these long outstanding matters.

The principles of this Title Deeds Operation Plan are:

- ❑ Data Cleansing and Data Gathering;
- ❑ Human Resource Capacity;
- ❑ Technical and Professional Capacity;
- ❑ Establishment of Systems and Procedures; and,
- ❑ Hands-on Municipal Support,

## **2. PROPOSED ACTIONS**

The following proposed actions are put forward as a solution to expedite the eradication of title deed backlog.

### **2.1 Institutionalization**

A resolution was taken 08 December 2021 that the title deed function should be placed in a single, central unit. It was agreed that this would be within the Directorate Land and Asset Management (LAM). It is acknowledged that the Title Deed function cuts across all Directorates, but will be co-ordinated by LAM. To strengthen the roles and responsibilities, it is important that the Performance Agreements of each internal stakeholder be updated to reflect the accountability. The component is headed by a Deputy Director post and it is anticipated that this position will be filled by 30 June 2022.

### **2.2 Capacity**

The ability to effectively deal with the eradication of the title deed backlog rests primarily on having the appropriate human and technical resources to co-ordinate the different actions and roles players involved in the titling process. The Land and Asset Management team presently involved in the TRP is insufficient to address the enormous backlog and a decision was taken at the Title Deed Roundtable held on 08

December 2021 to buy in the requisite skills and competencies to radically address the backlog.

Unfortunately there is a restriction on appointing additional staff and the most suitable alternative available to the Department to address the capacity issue is to approach the Housing Development Agency (HDA), a National Department of Human Settlements entity, to provide capacity both in the form of a human resource and technical perspective. The benefit of this route is the ease of recruitment, appointment of consultants, as well in-house expertise that is already within the HDA.

#### **2.2.1 Programme Manager and support staff**

It is envisaged that a Programme Manager be appointed. This is an appropriate level as it would be expected of the incumbent to engage at a senior executive level. To support the Programme Manager, it is proposed that provision be made for 2 administrative officials that have advanced excel/database skills to crunch the data, in order to ensure accurate and reliable information is always available.

**Timeline: 31 May 2022**

#### **2.2.2 Professional Resource Teams**

The current model of the TRP contemplates the appointment of consultants at Municipal level. Many Municipalities battle with their own Supply Chain regime and this places a strain on the TRP to effectively eradicate the backlog. The HDA is a National entity that can shorten the appointment of consultants. Conveyancers and Town Planners that are so crucial to the titling process could be better managed at a central point and seconded to Municipalities as and when they require the technical expertise.

**Timeline: 31 July 2022**

This appointment will enable that resources are assigned to Municipalities as needed, which report to the PRT. Support is intended to focus around:

- Land Vesting;
- Land Acquisition;
- Rates Clearance;
- General Plan;
- Township Establishment;
- Township Register;
- Beneficiary Verification;
- Beneficiary Challenges; and,
- Title Deed Finalization.

### 2.3 Data Management

It is important for the title deed process that correct information be timeously available. The National Housing Subsidy System (HSS) is the source from which the backlog is extracted. According to the HSS, the current total backlog for the Western Cape is at 63 000. However, a quick and dirty assessment reveals that this backlog is exaggerated due to the incompleteness of the HSS. One of the first tasks is to crunch the data from the HSS and where the HSS comes short, the required evidence be documented and submitted to the National Department of Human Settlements to update the HSS. If this process is completed, then the HSS would reflect accurate information and thus reflect improved reliability and integrity. To verify the accuracy of data, it is necessary that a Deeds download be done at least every quarter. The current contract with LexisNexis expires on 31 March 2022 and a download will be requested towards the end of March 2022. The HDA confirmed that they have an existing contract with LexisNexis and this will be expanded to include the TRP information. Both sources of data, LexisNexis data dump and HSS dump, will require in-depth data analysis to construct a reliable database. The database will facilitate the completion of annual business plans for submission and approval to the National Department of Human Settlements. Below is a schematic outlay of how this will be achieved:

Actions	Rationale	Timeframe
2.3.1 Housing Subsidy System (HSS) Reconciliation with Business Plan	To determine the population of backlog cases as per HSS.	30 June 2022
2.3.2 LexisNexis	To determine the number of transfers effected in the Deeds Office to verify Municipal reporting.	Quarterly
2.3.3 Database	Create a database to capture Business Plan targets	30 June 2022
2.3.4 Data Analysis	Analyse HSS population per project and per unit of title deed. This exercise should give a clearer indication of the true backlog.	30 September 2022

**Timeline: 30 September 2022**

## 2.4 Title Deed Vault Stock Take

The database record of the Title Deed Vault in the Department reflects an outstanding balance of 5 210 title deeds. It is highly unlikely that the title deeds of transferred properties will still be in the vault, however it is necessary that a stocktake be done to verify the database.

**Timeline: 31 July 2022**

## 2.5 Title Deed Handover Protocol

A standard operating procedure must be developed to guide the ceremonial process of handing over title deeds to beneficiaries. The Title Deed Co-ordinating Unit will also develop an annual plan for title deed handovers.

**Timeline: 30 September 2022**

## 2.6 Monitoring and Evaluation

The Programme Manager shall submit monthly reports on the work as contemplated within this action plan.

**Timeline: Monthly reporting**

## 2.7 Financial Implications

The title deed budget for the financial year 2022/ 2023 is R20m. The Appointment of a Programme Manager and 2 Administrative Officials are estimated at R2m per annum for the next four years.

## 2.8 Policy Framework

It is envisaged that the Programme Manager must review the current policy framework to ensure that actions are executed within policy and legislative frameworks. This is dealt with under contested title deeds.

## 2.9 Contested Title Deeds

The Programme Manager shall within the first year of appointment finalise a SOP with supporting policy that facilitates a resolution to disputed title deed cases. The current Regularisation policy must be reviewed to make it much easier for occupants to the title deed for the property they are occupying. It is counter-productive to have a stringent policy in place yet there is a strong desire to pass transfer to the current occupants.

**Short-term timeline: 31 March 2023:** Development of SOP

**Medium-term timeline: 30 September 2023:** Development of Policy

**Long-term timeline: 31 March 2024:** Implementation of contested title deed framework at Municipalities.

### 3. Proposed Title Deed Business Plan over the next four (4) years

With the effective implementation of the above-mentioned action plans, the table below gives an indication on the projected eradication of the backlog over the next 3 financial years. It should be noted that these figures will be adjusted as the data analysis roots out the discrepancies and reveals more reliable data.

Financial Year	Category	Pre-1994	1994 - 2014	Post 2014	Totals
	Projected backlog <sup>1</sup>	8 000	38 000	17 000 <sup>2</sup>	63 000
2022/2023		500 <sup>3</sup>	6 000	7 500	8 000
2023/2024		1 500	8 000	2 500	13 000
2024/2025		3 000	12 000	3 500	20 000
2025/2026		3 000	12 000	3 500	22 000

1) Backlog subject to audit 2) the backlog for Post 2014 excludes current projects as per HSDG business plan.

3) the low projected figures for pre-1994 is because the information precedes the HSS and is very difficult to track.

### 4. RECOMMENDATION: That-

The proposed actions as outlined in paragraph 2 be approved to enable the eradication of the title deed backlog in the Western Cape:

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**DIRECTOR: LAND AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

**Date: 13 March 2022**

Recommendation supported/ not supported/ supported as amended

**K AUGUST**

**CHIEF DIRECTOR: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PLANNING**

**Date: 13 March 2022**



**RECOMMENDATION: That-**

The proposed actions as outlined in paragraph 2 be approved to enable the eradication of the title deed backlog in the Western Cape.

Recommendation supported/ not supported/ supported as amended

**F DE WET**

**CHIEF DIRECTOR: MANAGEMENT SUPPORT AND CFO**

**Date:**

Recommendation approved/ not approved/ approved as amended

**P MAYISELA**

**ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

**Date:**

Approved action plan noted/ noted with comments

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**MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

**Date:**

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*COVID-19 vaccination programme***13. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:**

With respect to the Department's COVID-19 vaccination programme at schools:

- (1) Which schools currently have vaccination facilities on their premises and (b) what challenges has her Department experienced in this regard;
- (2) whether there are any communication campaigns being implemented to encourage vaccinations at schools?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

13. (1) All districts and sub-districts work closely with their counterparts in Education and with the school principals to offer a vaccination service at schools. The school-based service is available to the learners, educators, staff members, parents and members of the public.

It is the responsibility of the school to distribute the consent form and the COVID-19 vaccination information leaflets are distributed to parents and caregivers together with the consent form. In most instances, the schools provide a venue on the premises on the day of vaccination.

Where space or staffing is a challenge, learners are transported to clinics to receive their vaccinations there. A couple of the rural teams also make use of Mobiles to deliver the service to smaller schools.

Vaccination schedules are prepared in conjunction with the schools. Demand creation activities take place, and vaccine related information is shared with the learners and staff members before the time. Despite the reported low uptake of vaccinations at schools, learners are continuously encouraged to consider the alternative of visiting a vaccine site or a clinic where the service has been integrated into routine care.

- (2) Challenges:

- A small number of principals/ staff members have not bought into this programme and as a result will not distribute the consent forms or support the efforts of the local health teams.
- All the districts are experiencing issues around the consent forms; incorrectly completed, not signed, few forms are returned, or it takes a long time for signed forms to be returned to school resulting in delays in vaccination.

- There is a lot of vaccine hesitancy in the communities despite continued efforts to promote and create awareness around vaccinations.
- The antivaccination movement is active in communities and directing their messaging at parents and caregivers of school going children.

The Department plans to overcome these challenges by raising renewed awareness in the communities regarding vaccinations from age 12 years through its soon-to-be-launched revamped awareness campaign via local newspapers, radio stations, community activations, social media, local JOCs, and social mobilisation of faith-based organisation, civil society, etc.

*EMS Vehicles*

**14. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:**

With respect to her Department's EMS vehicles in the province:

(a) How many vehicles have been in her Department's fleet in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23, (b) what type of vehicles does her Department have at its disposal and (c) on average, how long did it take for ambulances operating in red zones to receive armed escorts in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23 to date?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

14. (a) and (b)

The fleet size is a poor indicator of resource availability since it must be considered in conjunction with the available staff numbers. Furthermore, the great distances that each ambulance travels necessitates frequent servicing (planned) and maintenance/repairs (unplanned) and thus the vehicle spends much of its life traveling in-between workshops.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WESTERN CAPE VEHICLE ASSET**  
**REGISTER APRIL 2017 - AUGUST 2023**

<b>APRIL 2017 - MARCH 2018</b>			
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Written Off</b>	<b>Total Vehicles</b>
Ambulance	250	-14	264
Response	26	-6	32
Rescue	44	0	44
Service	101	-4	105
Tango	53	-3	56
HT Tango	33	-5	38
Comms Mobile Trailer	3	0	3
Suzuki V Strom M Bikes	5	0	5
Boats	4	0	4
Yamaha Trailer	2	0	2
Yamaha Rhino	2	0	2
Trailers	24	0	24
	<b>547</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>579</b>

<b>APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019</b>			
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Written Off</b>	<b>Total Vehicles</b>
Ambulance	254	-10	264
Response	24	-8	32
Rescue	43	-1	44
Service	105	-7	112
Tango	44	-6	50
HT Tango	32	-6	38
Comms Mobile Trailer	3	0	3
Suzuki V Strom M Bikes	5	0	5
Boats	4	0	4
Yamaha Trailer	2	0	2
Yamaha Rhino	2	0	2
Trailers	24	0	24
	<b>542</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>580</b>

<b>APRIL 2019 - MARCH 2020</b>			
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Written Off</b>	<b>Total Vehicles</b>
Ambulance	252	-12	264
Tango (14 & 23 seat)	48	-3	51
Hotel Tango	24	-4	28
Wheel Chair Tango	10	0	10
Rescue	43	-1	44
Service	87	-6	93
Response	47	-7	54
Suzuki V Strom Motorcycle	5	0	5
Yamaha Rhino	2	0	2
Rubber Duck Boat	4	0	4
Rhino Trailer	2	0	2
Boat Trailer	4	0	4
Mobile Repeater Trailer	3	0	3
WSAR Trailer	11	0	11
Incident Trailer	9	0	9
	<b>551</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>584</b>

<b>APRIL 2020 - MARCH 2021</b>			
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Written Off</b>	<b>Total Vehicles</b>
Ambulance	251	-14	265
Tango (14 & 23 seat)	46	-6	52
Hotel Tango	22	-5	27
Wheel Chair Tango	11	0	11
Rescue	43	-1	44
Service	82	-3	85
Response	55	-9	64
Suzuki V Strom Motorcycle	5	0	5
Yamaha Rhino	2	0	2
Rubber Duck Boat	4	0	4
Rhino Trailer	2	0	2
Boat Trailer	4	0	4
Mobile Repeater Trailer	3	0	3
WSAR Trailer	11	0	11
Incident Trailer	9	0	9
	<b>550</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>588</b>

<b>APRIL 2021 - MARCH 2022</b>			
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Written Off</b>	<b>Total Vehicles</b>
Ambulance	251	-16	267
Tango (14 & 23 seat)	46	-6	52
Hotel Tango	21	-6	27
Wheel Chair Tango	10	-1	11
Rescue	42	-2	44
Service	82	-5	87
Response	54	-8	62
Suzuki V Strom Motorcycle	5	0	5
Yamaha Rhino	2	0	2
Rubber Duck Boat	4	0	4
Rhino Trailer	2	0	2
Boat Trailer	4	0	4
Mobile Repeater Trailer	3	0	3
WSAR Trailer	11	0	11
Incident Trailer	9	0	9
	<b>546</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>590</b>
<b>APRIL 2022 - AUGUST 2022</b>			
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Written Off</b>	<b>Total Vehicles</b>
Ambulance	249	-18	267
Tango (14 & 23 seat)	50	-3	53
Hotel Tango	21	-7	28
Wheel Chair Tango	9	-1	10
Rescue	41	-3	44
Service	88	-6	94
Response	55	-7	62
Suzuki V Strom Motorcycle	5	0	5
Yamaha Rhino	2	0	2
Rubber Duck Boat	4	0	4
Rhino Trailer	2	0	2
Boat Trailer	4	0	4
Mobile Repeater Trailer	3	0	3
WSAR Trailer	11	0	11
Incident Trailer	9	0	9
	<b>553</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>598</b>

- (c) The issue of Red zones in the city is complex as it relates to the tight coupling of our operations to that of the SAPS.. While we may be able to show a difference in response times, it must be noted that these are a common pool resource – thus a delay in one part of the system (red zones) causes a delay in another (non-red zone).

Obviously, this is impacted on by workload and so the busiest areas are the most affected by this relationship. Thus, red zones are more vulnerable to such delays than are other areas. The issue

Below is the difference in response times between red vs non-red zones in minutes

	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2022/2023
<b>Red-Zone</b>	95	134	121	104
<b>Non-red zone</b>	28	46	57	55

*Empowering of women and youth: Department's contractor's framework*

**15. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

- (1) What is the update on his Department's contractor's framework aimed at empowering women and the youth;
- (2) whether his Department's anticipated targets in relation to the framework have been reached; if not, what are the challenges standing in the way of reaching its targets;
- (3) (a) how many women-owned businesses have benefited from the framework since January 2022, and (b) what are the details of the (i) contracts and (ii) tenders that those businesses received?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

15. (1) My Department concluded the Contractors framework in August 2022. From the 606 bids received, 181 Women construction owned companies and 48 Youth construction owned companies may benefit from future construction related projects.
- (2) Although the Contractors Framework was concluded in August 2022, it still needs to be implemented and is largely dependent on financial feasibility and the most viable procurement sourcing strategies (i.e. work packaging and individual subsidy appointments).
- (3) (a)(b) None to date. The framework was finalised in August 2022 and will be the start of new procurement processes that will benefit the successful contractors.

*Municipalities: money owed to Eskom***16. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

- (1) (a) Which municipalities in the Western Cape currently owe money to Eskom and (b) how much does each municipality currently owe;
- (2) Whether there are any payment plans in place for these municipalities; if so;
- (3) Whether these payment plans are being adhered to; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

16. (1) (a)-(b) Eskom reported the following amounts owing as at 11 August 2022:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Overdue Debt</b>
Matzikama	R 97,019,771.04
Beaufort West	R78,468,653.26
Cederberg	R47,811,007.53
Kannaland	R 32,407,515.23
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>R255,706,947.06</b>

- (2) Yes, payment plans have been developed and the terms agreed to with the Cederberg and Kannaland municipalities. According to Eskom, there are currently no payment arrangements in place with Matzikama and Beaufort West municipalities.
- (3) Whether these payment plans are being adhered to; if so, what are the relevant details

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Payment Plan</b>	<b>Details</b>
Matzikama	No payment arrangement currently in place	N/A
Beaufort West	No payment arrangement currently in place	N/A
Cederberg	Payment arrangement in place and being adhered to.	The Municipality's current bills to be settled monthly. Debt and interest to be paid in monthly installments.
Kannaland	Payment arrangement in place and being adhered to	The Municipality's current bills to be settled monthly. Debt and interest to be paid in monthly installments.



*GBV shelters: occupancy rate***17. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:**

What is the current occupancy rate of the Western Cape's six GBV shelters?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

17. Below is the number of verified victims that accessed shelter services for Quarter 1 April – June 2022

Shelter	Bed capacity	Number of victims who accessed shelter services
Swartland	8 beds	13
Bergriver 1 &2	16 beds	18
Hessequa 1&2	16 beds	19
Central Karoo	6 beds	20

*MyCiTi and Go George***18. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Mobility:**

With regard to the operations of MyCiTi and Go George from 2014 to 2022 to date:

(a) What is the amount that has been spent in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of funding received from the (i) national government, (ii) provincial government and (iii) respective municipalities where the buses operate?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

18. With regard to the operations of MyCiTi and Go George from 2014 to 2022 to date, I am informed that the details are as follows:

**MyCiTi:**

<u>Allocations and Expenditure for MyCiTi and Dial a Ride Operations</u>							
MyCiTi Operating				Dial-a-Ride Bus Serv			
Financial Year	Total Allocation from National (PTNG - Capital and Operating)	PTNG Operational Expenditure	City of Capetown Expenditure (Direct and Indirect)	Financial Year	Total Allocation from PAWC	Expenditure from Provincial allocations on DAR *	City of Capetown Expenditure on DAR
2014	1 298 762 000.00	217 101 286.57	527 567 837.21	2014	10 000 000.00	11 896 192.02	7 787 133.50
2015	1 378 688 000.00	378 202 298.25	671 585 524.17	2015	10 000 000.00	10 075 299.27	8 446 079.09
2016	1 093 501 000.00	360 833 000.00	658 928 193.98	2016	10 000 000.00	10 111 724.08	12 528 928.34
2017	950 063 000.00	292 949 404.64	594 242 547.06	2017	10 000 000.00	10 088 870.64	10 356 562.26
2018	999 524 000.00	448 248 704.08	644 128 511.76	2018	10 000 000.00	10 312 255.51	13 173 405.48
2019	1 078 522 000.00	492 199 217.27	639 064 741.17	2019	10 000 000.00	8 911 874.34	7 311 827.94
2020	1 311 645 000.00	530 009 146.78	665 418 675.66	2020	10 000 000.00	11 150 326.37	12 347 263.58
2021	750 771 001.00	498 247 412.16	765 108 620.48	2021	10 000 000.00	10 101 941.56	10 135 653.37
2022	948 640 000.00	528 062 572.87	917 796 420.99	2022	10 000 000.00	10 019 353.30	18 468 452.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 808 116 001.00</b>	<b>3 745 853 042.62</b>	<b>6 083 840 872.48</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>90 000 000.00</b>	<b>92 667 837.09</b>	<b>100 555 305.63</b>

## **GO GEORGE**

The George Integrated Public Transport Network (GO GEORGE) is a unique partnership between the Western Cape Government and the Municipality of George, with grant funding received from National Treasury and the Department of Transport through the Public Transport Network Grant (PTNG). In addition to the grants received a contribution is received from the Municipality.

The table below provides a summary of the expenditure incurred per funding source on the GO GEORGE project:

Period	2013/2014 (R'000)	2014/2015 (R'000)	2015/2016 (R'000)	2016/2017 (R'000)	2017/2018 (R'000)	2018/2019 (R'000)	2019/2020 (R'000)	2020/2021 (R'000)	2021/2022 (R'000)	Total (R'000)
PTNG	307 452	121 019	116 325	109 180	223 906	178 500	224 959	239 321	226 223	1 746 885
DTPW	2 708	40 285	133 295	140 152	98 544	101 237	168 902	191 164	199 084	1 075 372
Revenue	-	7 829	32 533	37 302	39 419	44 197	41 133	39 535	50 630	292 598
MoG Contribution	-	-	-	-	972	11 767	161	-	17 697	30 597
<b>Total expenditure per funding source</b>	<b>310 161</b>	<b>169 133</b>	<b>282 152</b>	<b>286 634</b>	<b>362 841</b>	<b>335 702</b>	<b>435 155</b>	<b>470 020</b>	<b>493 655</b>	<b>3 145 452</b>

The total expenditure incurred to date has been just above R3.1 billion. The Municipal Council recently committed to contributing at least 2% of its annual rates income to the GIPTN operating budget and to contribute a proportional amount to municipal road rehabilitation costs. This commitment is reflected in the 2022/23 MTEF.

### *MyCiTi and Go George*

#### **19. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Mobility:**

With regard to the operations of MyCiTi and Go George from 2014 to 2022 to date:

(a) What is the number of (i) buses in the fleet that each company owns and (ii) routes per municipality that were opened for the operation of MyCiTi and Go George and (b) what is the detailed cost breakdown per year related to the (i) procurement of the fleet and (ii) opening of routes per municipality?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

19. With regard to the operations of MyCiTi and Go George from 2014 to 2022 to date, I am informed that the details are as follows:

#### **MyCiTi:**

- (a) (i) The CCT owns all the buses (349 in total)
- (ii) MyCiTi operates 46 routes
- (b) (i) The expenditure for fleet procurement is indicated in the table below. The actual expenditure per year is indicated in the columns highlighted in green 'Actual Exp'.  
The total expenditure for the fleet between 2014 to current is R796 888 644.86. Note that all fleet are procured with maintenance plans, and thus the expenditure reported includes maintenance contracts for the fleet.

(ii) The table below shows the City-funded direct operating cost per year for the MyCiTi and Dial-a-Ride (DaR) services. These are termed VOC (Vehicle Operator Contract) costs and they represent the costs paid to the operators to operate the services on the route. They therefore do not include other indirect operating costs of the services, such as the fare system or operation of stations.

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The operator contract makes provision for the initial fleet to be procured by the Municipality and that any replacement fleet is procured by the Vehicle Operating Company (VOC). The Municipality procured 104 vehicles as part of the initial fleet. The initial fleet was procured in 2013/14 with full delivery by 2015/16 at a cost of R235.3 million.

The VOC has procured 18 replacement vehicles to date. The annual costs for the initial 18 vehicles is R12.4m for a period of 7 years.

The VOC is in the process of procuring an additional 11 vehicles which will bring their total fleet to 29 vehicles by the end of September 2022. The annual costs for the additional 11 vehicles will be approximately R9.5m per annum for a period of 7 years.

The table below provides a summary of the actual per financial period:

Period	2013/2014 (R'000)	2014/2015 (R'000)	2015/2016 (R'000)	2016/2017 (R'000)	2017/2018 (R'000)	2018/2019 (R'000)	2019/2020 (R'000)	2020/2021 (R'000)	2021/2022 (R'000)	Total (R'000)
Initial fleet	140 420	42 155	52 719							
Replacement Fleet						1 139	11 392	12 304	12 418	20 542
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>140 420</b>	<b>42 155</b>	<b>52 719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1 139</b>	<b>11 392</b>	<b>12 304</b>	<b>12 418</b>	<b>20 542</b>

The tables below reflect the phases and associated route information (rolled-out and planned) on GIPTN.

### Summary Table of Phases / Routes

Phase	No of Routes	Route No's	Length (km)	Phase / Routes Opening (Launched)
1	7	7, 7-53, 24, 24-53B, 53, 53B, 56	101.77	08-Dec-14
2	6	2F, 2R, 13, 58, 3, 3A	57.22	28-Feb-15
3	12	1A, 1B, 1C, 1E, 9, 12, 14, 60, 60A, 61A, 61, 61B	91.57	02-May-15
4B	6	15, 16, 18, 51A, 51B, 51C	62.86	22-Mar-20
4A	14	4A, 4B, 18A, 18B, 11, 10, 57A, 57B, 57C, 57D, 57E, 62A, 62B, 62C	180.39	Planned for Oct / Nov 2022
5	3	7, 23, 24	53.50	Planned 2023/24
6	3	5, 8, 59	81.30	Planned 2023/24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>628.61</b>	

### Information per Phase

Phase 1			
Route No.	Route name	Route type	Route length
7	Garden Route Mail Only	Mainline	11.64
7-53	Mail (via Rosemoor)	Mainline	16.21
24	Loerie Park	Community	16.38
24-53B	Mail (via Loerie park and Rosemoor)	Mainline	16.02
53	Rosemoor	Mainline	19.01
53B	Rosemoor Exp	Mainline	13.84
56	Denneoord	Community	8.77
<b>Total</b>			<b>101.77</b>

Phase 2			
Route No.	Route name	Route type	Route length
2F	Blanco	Mainline	7.02
2R	Blanco	Mainline	5.61
13	City Loop	Community	8.5
58	Heather Park - Heatherlands	Community	9.84
3	Blanco	Community	11.81
3A	Blanco	Community	14.44
<b>Total</b>			<b>57.22</b>

Phase 3			
Route No.	Route name	Route type	Route length
1A	New Dawn Park	Mainline	23.11
1B	Harmony Park	Mainline	23.62
1C	Pacaltsdorp	Mainline	18.4
1E	Pacaltsdorp	Mainline	26.44
9	Industrial Loop	Community	14.25
12	Garden Route Mall	Mainline	25.46
14	Industrial area	Mainline	22.46
60	Rosedale	Mainline	16.67
60A	Syferfontein (Via Rosedale)	Mainline	21.66
61A	Syferfontein	Community	8.085
61	Pacaltsdorp	Community	11.82
61B	Edem Park Community	Community	3.675
<b>Total</b>			<b>91.57</b>

Phase 4B			
Route No.	Route name	Route type	Route length
15	CBD	Mainline	11.46
16	Garden Route Mall	Mainline	16.67
18	Blanco	Mainline	22.63
51A	Borchards Community	Community	4.70
51B	Conville Community	Community	3.61
51C	Parkdene Community	Community	3.80
<b>Total</b>			<b>62.86</b>

Phase 4A			
Route No.	Route name	Route type	Route length
4A	CBD	Mainline	18.54
4B	CBD	Mainline	11.95
18A	Blanco	Mainline	27.35
18B	Blanco	Mainline	23.13
11	Garden Route Mall	Mainline	15.78
10	Industrial area	Community	18.53
57A	Jonga Community	Community	5.48
57B	Ramaphosa Community	Community	5.16
57C	Tabata Community	Community	4.36
57D	Fourways Community	Community	6.91
57E	Ngcakani Community	Community	6
62A	Hospital	Mainline	12.1
62B	Hospital	Mainline	12.7
62C	Hospital	Mainline	12.4
<b>Total</b>			<b>180.39</b>

Phase 5		
Route No.	Route name	Route length
7	CBD-Mail-Wilderness	11.60
23	Wilderness-Kleinfontein	18.00
54	Wilderness-Hoekwil	23.90
<b>Total</b>		<b>53.50</b>

Phase 6		
Route No.	Route name	Route length
5	NMMU - CBD	19.90
8	Herolds Bay - CBD	39.40
59	Victoria Bay - CBD	22.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>81.30</b>

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**INTERPELLATIONS UNDER NAME OF MEMBER  
(as put to relevant Minister)**

**Bakubaku-Vos, N G –**

Social Development..... 727, 2345

**Baartman, D M –**

Finance and Economic Opportunities ..... 4759

**Bosman, G –**

Police Oversight and Community Safety ..... 7402

Social Development..... 4182

**Christians, F C –**

Agriculture ..... 446

Community Safety ..... 2340

Education..... 971

Transport and Public Works ..... 688, 761, 4186

**Dugmore, C M –**

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ..... 4898

Premier ..... 630, 1777

**Herron, B D –**

Community Safety ..... 1699, 4764

Human Settlements ..... 3817, 3930

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ..... 3990

Premier ..... 2601, 3823

**Kaiser-Philander, W F –**

Health ..... 263, 1840, 3829, 6913

**Kama, M –**

Community Safety ..... 443, 625

Police Oversight and Community Safety ..... 7329

**Lili, A –**

Human Settlements ..... 4875

Health ..... 137

**Makamba-Botya, N –**

Cultural Affairs and Sport..... 1837

Education..... 771, 985, 1719

Finance and Economic Opportunities ..... 4045

Human Settlements ..... 2335

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ..... 2426

**Marais, P J –**

Community Safety ..... 451

**Marran, P –**

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ..... 6927

**Maseko, L M –**

Human Settlements..... 538, 2534

**Mvimbi, L L –**

Finance and Economic Opportunities ..... 978, 4039

Mobility ..... 6761

**Nkondlo, N D –**

Finance and Economic Opportunities ..... 542, 1782, 3995

**Sayed, M K –**

Education ..... 821, 2421, 2831, 3937, 4245, 7408

**Smith, D –**

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ..... 828, 2066

..... 2538

**Van der Westhuizen, A P –**

Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ..... 638

Transport and Public Works ..... 688, 689

**Windvogel, R –**

Health..... 4755

**Xego, M –**

Community Safety ..... 732, 765, 2271, 6467

Education ..... 1834

Finance and Economic Opportunities ..... 1724, 1787, 6921

Health..... 6757, 7469

Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ..... 2109

**QUESTIONS****(Oral and Written: as put to relevant Minister under name of Member)****Allen, R I –**

Acting Minister of Community Safety ..... 5647, 5713, 5955, 6071, 6163

..... 276, 584, 585, 645, 709, 744, 746, 925, 961, 964, 1063

...1064, 1120, 1182, 1772, 1828, 1985, 2006, 2151, 2566, 2600, 2634, 2660, 2710

...2663, 2664, 2858, 2860, 3000, 3157, 3159, 3160, 3252, 3384, 3396, 3454, 3456

...3457, 3517, 3518, 3659, 3660, 3789, 3851, 3889, 3890, 3891, 3973, 3974, 3975

...4029, 4030, 4031, 4072, 4073, 4074, 4131, 4132, 4269, 4274, 4616, 4617, 4618

.....4660, 4685, 4686, 4793, 4795, 4937, 5288, 5316, 5319, 5576, 5589, 5590

..... 6078, 6163, 6168, 6528

Community Safety ..... 6539

Cultural Affairs and Sport ..... 118, 650, 3235, 3518, 3800, 3801, 3813, 4014

..... 4278, 5455, 5458, 5576, 5648, 5716, 6476

Social Development ..... 709

**America, D –**

Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	1697
Human Settlements .....	686, 687, 739
Infrastructure .....	7031
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	789, 1467
..... 2084, 2086, 2443, 2531, 2563, 2565, 2628, 2643, 2806, 2870, 2872, 3001	
..... 3672, 3814, 3851, 3888, 3969, 4010, 4133, 4275, 4276, 4553, 4625, 4680	
..... 4935, 5326, 5495, 5641, 5642, 5849	
Mobility .....	6811, 6897
Transport and Public Works .....	6525

**August, S N –**

Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	6993
Education.....	5938, 5940, 6490, 6957
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	6265
Health .....	7399
Human Settlements .....	5936
Infrastructure .....	6958
Mobility .....	6829
Premier .....	6263, 6538, 6825, 6960, 7107, 7108
Social Development.....	6068, 6830

**Baartman, D M –**

Agriculture .....	2306, 6813
Community Safety .....	512, 536, 595, 700, 2197, 2308
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	595, 853, 1185, 2307, 2384, 2516, 2573
..... 6585	
Education.....	6145, 6146
..... 2629, 2867, 3236, 3271, 3272, 3275, 3379, 3381, 3815, 3816, 4776, 4797	
..... 5568, 5569, 5572, 6443, 6586, 6588, 6740, 6783, 6888, 7294, 7296, 7306	
..... 7422	
Health .....	2201, 2570
Infrastructure .....	6742, 6744, 6789
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	319, 323
..... 514, 696, 697, 1183, 1184, 3264, 3265, 3266	
Premier .....	2196

**Bakubaku-Vos, N G –**

Acting Minister of Community Safety .....	6465
Community Safety .....	3578, 3731, 4089, 4156
Education.....	3579, 7381
Health .....	5261, 6259
Human Settlements .....	3705, 3986, 4653
Police Oversight and Community Safety .....	7041
Premier .....	1129, 3402, 5468
Social Development.....	236, 237, 293, 294, 496, 723, 742, 1135, 1136, 1291
..... 1408, 1463, 1470, 1473, 1474, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2303, 2862, 2866, 3019	
..... 3214, 3304, 4091, 4155, 4258, 5290, 5726, 5727, 5728, 5777, 5790, 5792	
..... 5935, 6056, 6109, 6131, 6464, 6504, 6753, 6788, 7045, 7177, 7178, 7339	
..... 7432	

**Bans, A P –**

Cultural Affairs and Sport .....	484, 489, 495, 1086, 1420, 1564, 1566, 1569, 2367
.....	3580, 4082, 4175, 4180, 4337, 4811, 4818, 4951, 5211, 5212, 5290, 5588
.....	6130
Health.....	1422, 1755
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	319, 323
.....	2300, 3064
Premier .....	5882
Transport and Public Works .....	3700

**Bosman, G –**

Acting Minister of Community Safety .....	5648, 5651
Community Safety .....	2596, 2844, 4032, 4658, 4797, 5284, 5287, 5312, 5313
.....	5577, 5578, 5579, 5619, 5633, 5634, 7130
Cultural Affairs and Sport .....	3804, 7026, 7300
Education .....	2718, 3948, 6071
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	6074, 6137, 6142, 6437, 6548, 6582
.....	6818, 6901, 6947, 6949, 7025, 7141, 7246, 7315, 7355
Health.....	2386, 5851
Human Settlements.....	742, 812
Infrastructure .....	6734
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	693, 810
.....	812, 2015
Mobility .....	6734
Police Oversight and Community Safety .....	7130, 7150, 7249, 7267, 7298
.....	7299, 7312, 7320, 7358, 7359, 7434
Premier .....	3385, 5500
Social Development .....	259, 262, 284, 857, 858, 1327, 1328, 1465, 1717, 1718
.....	1742, 1790, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2008, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2448, 2705
.....	2707, 2708, 2717, 2931, 2932, 2970, 2971, 3062, 3144, 3533, 3802, 4067
.....	4078, 4079, 4080, 4133, 4199, 4279, 5502, 5509, 5510, 5511, 5714, 5852
Transport and Public Works .....	856, 2849

**Botha, L J –**

Community Safety .....	5631, 5632, 6482
Cultural Affairs and Sport .....	781
Education .....	466, 711, 713, 758, 963, 964, 1051, 1057, 1427, 1428, 1459
.....	1853, 2132, 2450, 2514, 2515, 2560, 2594, 2595, 2633, 2907, 2908, 2934
.....	3044, 3045, 3117, 3120, 3121, 3155, 3387, 3400, 3459, 3673, 3806, 4034
.....	4068, 4070, 4602, 4604, 4605, 4789, 4792, 5593, 5594, 5846
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	6735, 6737
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ....	1707, 1881
.....	3815, 5954, 6455, 6547, 6548
Police Oversight and Community Safety .....	6810
Premier .....	6076, 6581, 6810, 7028, 7291
Social Development .....	1859, 5609, 7341
Transport and Public Works .....	693



**Brinkhuis, G –**

Community Safety .....	1742, 2654, 4683
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	781, 2529, 3161
Education.....	1124, 1126, 1127, 1903, 2468, 2501, 3162, 3972, 7169
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	1743, 2195, 3416
Health .....	2587
Human Settlements .....	3710
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	2003
Police Oversight and Community Safety .....	7170
Premier .....	6026
Social Development.....	2002, 2446, 2530
Transport and Public Works .....	2632

**Christians, F C –**

Community Safety .....	804, 2070, 2449, 2853, 4190
Education.....	473, 514, 587, 675, 676, 783, 790, 804, 861, 1011, 2124, 2449
.....	2578, 2856, 3929, 3976, 4060, 4203, 4954, 6537, 6733, 6777, 6785, 6831
.....	6939, 6954, 6955, 6966, 7282, 7305, 7344, 7419
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	861, 2287, 2292
Health .....	500, 579, 820, 860, 2105, 6537, 6882
Human Settlements .....	4066, 4266, 5584
Infrastructure .....	7304
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	2577
.....	6697
Mobility .....	6733, 7345
Police Oversight and Community Safety .....	6705, 6832, 6903, 6993, 7282
.....	7433, 7491
Premier .....	7285
Social Development.....	2638, 3976, 4263
Transport and Public Works .....	482, 819, 1982, 4195, 4897

**De Jager, I –**

Education.....	788
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**Dugmore, C M –**

Agriculture .....	2192
Education.....	473, 3399
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	7215, 7442
Human Settlements .....	2297
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	3415
.....	3666, 3721, 3729
Police Oversight and Community Safety .....	7215
Premier .....	458, 463, 517, 928, 1128, 1331, 1333, 1450, 1695, 1696, 1745
.....	2168, 2277, 2350, 2354, 2431, 2527, 2690, 2722, 2843, 2941, 3014, 3032
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.....	4881, 4945, 5204, 5207, 5720, 5721, 5722, 5796, 5798, 6027, 6133, 6422
.....	6424, 6501, 6535, 6566, 6580, 6720, 6770, 6833, 6840, 7049, 7055, 7056
.....	7116, 7117, 7243
Social Development.....	3500
Transport and Public Works .....	1, 3017, 3398, 5270, 5442, 5445

**Herron, B N –**

Acting Minister of Community Safety .....	5640, 5659
Agriculture .....	515
Community Safety .....	513, 2102, 2194, 2635, 3028, 3058, 3450, 3712
.....	3870, 4543
Cultural Affairs and Sport .....	2640, 3461
Education .....	1039, 1041, 1095, 2389, 3025, 3267, 3280, 3447, 3499, 3708
.....	3752, 3860, 3892, 4148, 4150, 4810, 5289, 5429
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	1027, 1323, 1424, 2202, 2857, 3054
.....	3166, 3250, 3284, 3524, 4076, 4544, 4557, 4558, 4559, 4837
Health.....	1072, 1469, 1866, 1867, 1868, 2013, 2387, 3365, 3896, 4219, 4656
Human Settlements.....	466, 1046, 2490, 2658, 2823, 2909, 3050, 3069, 3127
.....	3255, 4037, 4626, 4627, 4633, 4805
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	269, 586, 817
.....	928, 1029, 1329, 1713, 2099, 2101, 2146, 2195, 2218, 2469, 2485, 2589
.....	2641, 2708, 2710, 2716, 2827, 2992, 2998, 2999, 3025, 3051, 3071, 3123
.....	3154, 3239, 3242, 3362, 3418, 3662, 3895, 3978, 3983, 4075, 4548, 4630
.....	4677, 4806, 4838, 5490
Premier .....	113, 1773, 2812, 3150, 3525, 3563, 3662, 3793, 3796, 3842, 4218
.....	5635, 5638, 5540, 5655
Social Development .....	115, 1066, 2144, 2412, 3285, 3500, 3529, 4149, 4216
.....	5497
Transport and Public Works.....	392, 726, 839, 922, 1065, 1296, 2144, 2517, 2912
.....	3053, 3211, 3256, 3366, 3799, 3864, 4629, 5327, 5328, 5658

**Kaizer-Philander, W F –**

Community Safety.....	590, 1460, 3899, 3900
Education .....	966, 1070, 1988, 2097, 2933
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	1461, 1832, 4137
Health.....	247, 257, 258, 279, 591, 673, 710, 738, 813, 926, 1010, 1058, 1063
.....	1429, 1768, 1832, 1864, 1865, 1979, 1995, 1997, 2129, 2131, 2385
.....	2508, 2514, 2593, 2606, 2612, 2632, 2907, 3046, 3121, 3389, 3391
.....	3392, 3789, 3804, 4035, 4614, 4615, 4624, 4792, 4936, 4937, 4955
.....	4956, 5323, 5591, 5592, 5614, 5616, 5715, 5955, 6444, 6446, 6455
.....	6456, 6709, 6807, 6825, 7032, 7125, 7152, 7274, 7276, 7284, 7320
.....	7352, 7354, 7473, 7560, 7561
Human Settlements.....	674, 741, 814, 967, 1074, 2654
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	1986
Premier .....	1998, 2962
Social Development .....	1072
Transport and Public Works.....	966, 1070, 5644, 5645

**Kama, M –**

Acting Minister of Community Safety .....	5730, 5877, 6269, 6414, 6419
Community Safety.....	13, 129, 291, 292, 440, 516, 663, 1007, 1084, 1089, 1354
.....	1463, 1464, 1477, 1480, 2185, 2294, 2373, 2438, 2672, 2721, 2729, 2780
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.....	3849, 3922, 3965, 3983, 4055, 4087, 4238, 4686, 4688, 4863, 4992, 5202
.....	5274, 6090, 6111, 6494, 6495, 6521, 6551, 6565
Cultural Affairs and Sport .....	4532, 5585, 5622, 6556, 7199, 7206
Education .....	2091, 4671, 4943, 5837

Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	2372, 2674
Human Settlements .....	2996
Infrastructure .....	6804
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	4088
.....	4089, 5279
Police Oversight and Community Safety .....	6748, 6751, 6787, 6854, 7056
.....	7082, 7136, 7308, 7311, 7336, 7384, 7439, 7440
Premier .....	2836, 5276, 5452, 6066, 7034, 7136, 7413
Transport and Public Works .....	2302

### **Lekker, P Z –**

Community Safety .....	5, 1118, 1421, 2887, 3985, 4268
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	6519
Education.....	246, 1093, 6132
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	246, 1074, 1744, 2187, 2215, 2674
.....	4725, 6905
Health .....	298, 718, 1421, 4549, 7491
Human Settlements .....	245, 1092, 2215, 2299, 3729, 3730, 3812
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	2214
.....	6101
Premier .....	645, 1119, 1292, 1744, 3350, 3813, 3886, 4646, 5448, 5723, 5724
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Social Development.....	1844
Transport and Public Works .....	3555, 4564, 5505

### **Lili, A –**

Health .....	137
Human Settlements .....	16, 140, 491, 492, 498, 660, 805, 1081, 1090, 1179, 1289
.....	1290, 1419, 1753, 2167, 2304, 2973, 2977, 2981, 3081, 3585, 3695, 3743
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.....	5452, 5493, 5506, 5869, 5874, 6136, 6493, 6563
Infrastructure .....	6721, 6725, 6728, 6789, 6793, 6794, 7374, 7502, 7503
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	4865

### **Mackenzie, R D –**

Acting Minister of Community Safety .....	6458, 6551
Agriculture .....	2550
Community Safety .	592, 714, 715, 757, 1831, 2216, 2217, 2491, 2627, 2665, 3658
.....	3139, 3383, 3397, 3451, 3453, 3516, 3707, 4716
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	3510, 3513, 3537, 3655, 7326, 7327
Education.....	717, 1464, 3535, 3657, 3968, 6457, 7435, 7436
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	1855, 3269, 3271, 3279, 3535
Health .....	4063
Human Settlements .....	1862, 2625
Mobility .....	7135, 7279, 7281, 7424
Police Oversight and Community Safety .....	6692, 6740, 6808, 6809, 6900, 6956
.....	7284, 7547
Premier .....	524, 548, 757, 775, 917, 1453, 2496, 2548, 3048, 3128, 3131, 3132
.....	3138
Social Development.....	793, 843, 844, 2104, 3305, 3306, 3307, 3382, 3708
.....	3967, 6524

Transport and Public Works.....	1883, 2616, 4619, 4623, 4657, 4771, 4773
.....	4886, 4957, 5441, 5454, 5572, 5574, 5595, 5596, 5607, 5620

### **Makamba-Botya, N –**

Agriculture.....	1026
Community Safety.....	748, 1877
Education.....	1895, 2579, 4953, 6951
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	2636, 3971, 4016
Health.....	748, 1810, 2294, 2374, 4127, 4784, 6471
Human Settlements.....	2094, 2117, 3853, 3970
Infrastructure.....	6702, 6780, 6968
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	4890
Police Oversight and Community Safety.....	7342
Premier .....	3005
Social Development .....	1425, 1730, 2466, 4207, 7425, 7492
Transport and Public Works.....	2913

### **Marais, P J –**

Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	845
Education .....	2972
Health.....	580
Human Settlements.....	1862
Premier .....	837
Transport and Public Works.....	4147

### **Marran, P –**

Agriculture.....	735, 956, 1218, 1417, 1419, 1754, 1808, 3218, 3883, 4944, 5728
.....	6134, 6745, 7180, 7196, 7197
Community Safety.....	656, 3299
Health.....	3293
Human Settlements.....	2921, 2975, 2979, 2980, 3885, 4644
Infrastructure .....	6723, 6724, 6794, 6795
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	1287
.....	1288, 2909, 4050, 4338, 4565, 4652, 6134, 6500, 6682, 6847, 7103, 7122
.....	7123, 7545
Premier- .....	991
Transport and Public Works.....	3301, 4577, 4645

### **Maseko, L M –**

Health.....	1294
Human Settlements.....	409, 411, 412, 500, 588, 1044, 1432, 1435, 1456, 2060,
.....	2087, 2097, 2135, 2136, 2138, 2141, 2292, 2466, 2576, 2645, 2876, 2916,
.....	2917, 3066, 3067, 3116, 3140, 3142, 3143, 3152, 3369, 3370, 4713, 4714
.....	5566, 5567, 5792, 5793, 5959, 5960, 6075, 6450, 6451, 6452, 6549, 6550
Infrastructure.....	6785, 6805, 6806, 6823, 6890, 6895, 7027, 7126, 7294, 7327
.....	7435, 7550, 7565
Social Development .....	1886
Transport and Public Works.....	5565

### **Mitchell, D G –**

Community Safety.....	3, 117, 118, 968, 2140
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Human Settlements .....	3
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .....	20, 919
.....	920, 2646, 2714
Transport and Public Works .....	299, 689, 808, 968, 1437, 1457, 1458, 2153, 2711
.....	2713, 2915, 2925, 2929, 3124, 3238, 3239, 3560, 3562, 3670, 3671

### **Mvimbi, L L –**

Education.....	1134, 1935, 6554, 6555, 6852
Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	1571, 3880, 7546
Mobility .....	6729, 6904, 6906, 6907, 6953, 7380, 7440, 7567, 7568
Premier .....	3016
Transport and Public Works .....	734, 814, 1012, 1085, 1148, 1293, 1409, 1749
.....	1750, 1803, 2695, 2789, 2804, 2865, 2919, 3349, 3880, 4153, 4253, 4562
.....	5449, 5862, 6056, 6110, 6135, 6680

### **Nkondlo, N D –**

Finance and Economic Opportunities .....	616, 617, 619, 865, 867, 1076, 1137,
.....	1208, 1300, 1309, 1314, 1355, 1357, 1358, 1480, 1746, 1869, 1870, 1889,
.....	1892, 1893, 1950, 1953, 1980, 2159, 2165, 2375, 2703, 2863, 2905, 3007
.....	3011, 3216, 3243, 3246, 3249, 3302, 3317, 3412, 3508, 3520, 3652, 3744
.....	3872, 3879, 3910, 4093, 4539, 4581, 4691, 4694, 4697, 4911, 4964, 4989
.....	5263, 5841, 5853, 6067, 6091, 6132, 6180, 6189, 6459, 6461, 6462, 6490
.....	6496, 6907, 6909, 6912, 6963
Health .....	1869, 3966, 6669
Human Settlements .....	3900, 3901, 6661
Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ...	2157, 2882
Premier .....	555, 1139, 1313, 1939, 2362, 2881, 3501, 3698, 5867, 6674, 7124
Transport and Public Works .....	868, 1217, 2296, 2435, 3508, 3964, 5876
.....	6505, 6517, 6566

### **Plato, D –**

Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	7274
Social Development.....	6072, 6073, 6163, 6480, 6583, 6584, 7024, 7135, 7301
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