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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.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Good afternoon, hon members and our Premier, leaders of political parties, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. Just for process and, of course, to understand that we have the hon members who are in the virtual platform and, of course, we have the hon members here in the House, I must first say thanks that the hon members are now slowly coming into the House, in the Chamber. It is so nice. It is so comforting that we are taking the opportunity and the advantage of doing so.

The hon members who are in the virtual platform, please, in terms of the Standing Rules in a hybrid session, the only opportunity that you have to speak is once you have been acknowledged by the Presiding Officer through having activated your hand, not your microphone, and, of course, any other stakeholder, do not activate your camera or your microphone.

The hon members, you know we have been having the virtual meetings and hybrid sessions for the longest time. I will not go further but to indicate to all of you that the Standing Rules are fully in force and in terms of the Powers, Privileges and Immunities Act, and therefore I implore the hon members to cooperate in terms of Standing Rule 40 that we treat this as our House and so that it is orderly and within the decorum of Parliament.

Hon members, there is a special business that I need to deal with before we proceed with the Order of the Day, and I wish to request the hon August to rise.

**FINDING ON CODE OF CONDUCT
HON MEMBER S N AUGUST**

Hon August, thank you! Pursuant to the adoption by the House of the Report of the Conduct Committee on your failure to submit your member's disclosure forms timeously, I hereby reprimand you for breaching paragraph 11.2 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. The hon members have to abide by the Principles, Rules and Obligations set out in the Code of Conduct, and your failure, sir, to do so is a serious transgression. I trust that as the member of this House you will learn from this experience and you will not be found wanting in this regard in future, and that you accept this reprimand by the Speaker and this House.

Mr S N AUGUST: Thank you, Speaker. I accept the reprimand and will ensure that I do not submit late again.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon August. You may now take your seat.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much. 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; and then in regard to the interpellation in the name of the member Xego, that interpellation is withdrawn, Speaker; and that Questions 2, 5 and 8 stand over to the next Sitting. Thank you, Speaker.

Agreed to.

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair]

THE STATUS OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE WESTERN CAPE

(Subject for discussion)

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you, Speaker, and good afternoon, hon Speaker. Speaker, as I rise today to introduce this debate, I do so in the knowledge that the issue before the House is one of extreme importance. It is my hope that this debate will see this House focus its discussion on concrete measures to improve the lives of our people because the truth is that our people are suffering. For many, life is harder than it has ever been in living memory, and as elected representatives we are responsible for helping them.

Madam Speaker, Deputy Speaker, our people will not be helped by high minded political theory and ideology or another raft of empty promises. They will be held by solid, accountable, clean government. They will be held by services which are delivered efficiently and quickly and they will be held by a Government which strives at all costs to put citizens at the forefront of every decision it makes and every policy it pursues.

Deputy Speaker, time and time again the Western Cape Government has demonstrated not only its ability, but its unflinching will to fall into the former category. Across the length and breadth of our province, this Government is doing more than any other. In all but a few cases, our municipalities are leading the way in clean governance, in service delivery, they are pushing hard to help the Western Cape's people to stand on their own feet and giving them the tools to create the lives they deserve.

The results of this uncompromising desire to innovate and improve speak for themselves – clean audits, well maintained infrastructure, towns and cities that claim the highest life expectancy and the lowest unemployment levels in the country, but behind all of this is a Provincial Government which works to ensure service is delivered at a consistently high standard to all the people in the province. But, in all that, but the handful of cases, the sad reality is that the Western Cape municipalities stand as an exception to the rule when compared to the rest of the country.

Deputy Speaker, when I look at how some parts of South Africa are run, I am shocked and I am saddened. I was not surprised when news broke that some polls are predicting that the ANC's voter share has fallen drastically, even to as low as 40%.

This is what has happened to a once glorious great party, which has consistently placed its own interests above those of its constituencies for 30 years.

An HON MEMBER: Relevance!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D AMERICA: Deputy Speaker, there was once a time in the ANC fought against injustice in this country.

Today they continue to fight equally as hard, but they now work to enrich themselves and to steal from the public. To my colleagues across the aisle I would offer the following piece of advice. Listen closely to what is said during this debate, and begin to govern as effectively as this Province does. If they do not, hon Deputy Speaker, there will come a long overdue day of reckoning. This day of reckoning for the ANC will be in 2024. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr D AMERICA: Up until now the electorate has largely accepted the ANC's liberation myth at face value... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr D AMERICA: They now want political parties that do things and get things done ... [Interjection.] not liberation movements that dream about doing things. It is my hope that some of the initiatives highlighted during this debate will inspire and shed light on the way forward... [Interjection.] at a time in which the country is desperately in need of ethical and competent leadership. I thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and good afternoon to you, to the Premier, to members of the Cabinet and other hon members. The ANC welcomes this debate in the House today, but we hope that it would not be used as a point-scoring exercise. The people of the province which rejected outright DA governance in at least half of the municipalities of the Western Cape last year want us to take the question of service delivery seriously and give an honest assessment of the status of our municipality.

Sadly, we know the drill already. Just like last year, the hon America, the DA stood up in the House to give sterling reports to DA-run municipalities and condemn coalition-run ones. Opening the Executive Summary of its 2020 Report into Combating Corruption in Local Government in the Western Cape, the Dullah Omar Institute at UWC says and I quote:

“The Western Cape outperforms other provinces in terms of its municipalities, maintaining a relatively good record of financial management and good governance practice, so we give credit where credit is due. Despite this track record, corruption is a concern and affects many municipalities to varying degrees.”

In Supply Chain Management the report indicated that corruption is not visible in the award or the price of the goods or services, but it manifests later in payment for work or goods that were not delivered. In fact, the City of Cape Town had the case such as this and the Auditor-General found it as a material irregularity. Other areas where corruption may manifest in our municipalities in the province, according to the Dullah Omar Institute includes... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr L L MVIMBI: ...where corruption is also rife, it is rife in Human Resource Management, Human Settlements... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr L L MVIMBI: ...Land Use and Building Control and job opportunities such as EPWP. That is the area where mostly the DA performs corruption. It will be foolhardy for the ANC not to recognise that our municipalities and municipal system in the Western Cape are financially sound, but we have always insisted that being financially sound does not equal good governance. Unqualified Auditor-General reports and clean audits may well mean clean governance, but not good governance. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr L L MVIMBI: We have seen public participation processes being used as a tick-box exercise by many municipalities. Too often we have seen development projects trumping environmental concern. Too often we have seen poor areas being neglected in waste removal, maintaining of infrastructure and proper sewerage systems. If anything, the Western Cape and our municipalities continue to reinforce apartheid spatial planning and development. Here in the Western Cape, you can see which areas are receiving the best municipal services and who lives in these areas. Here in the Western Cape there is a stark difference between the town and the so-called township.

Here in the Western Cape, especially in our rural towns, we can see who lives where by merely looking at the infrastructure and waste removal. The town is spic and span. The townships have heaps and heaps of garbage dumped, while the potholes are a lived reality. We do not need to go to an ANC province only to see potholes. We just have to go to the poor communities of the Western Cape to see them. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr L L MVIMBI: We must stop playing the blame ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member, hon Mvimbi ... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: You just have to go to the poor communities of the Western Cape to see ... [Interjection.] You must stop this blame game... [Interjection.] ...and find an easy way out of that throwing mud... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please put his microphone off. Hon Mvimbi, can you take your seat please. Hello! Hon Mvimbi, I have said six times, can you take your seat please. Okay, I know you are focused. Premier, what is your point of order?

The PREMIER: Deputy Speaker, I am sorry, I mean even the hon member said there is too much noise. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no-no-no, one minute. We have to give anybody who stands up the right of a point of order. [Interjections.]

Hon Nkondlo, you are not the Chair, I am sitting here. Please keep quiet. [Interjections.]

Hon Premier, what is your point of order?

The PREMIER: I agree with the hon member, there is too much noise in the House, Deputy Speaker, and I mean I could not hear what he was saying about the potholes in the other provinces. [Interjections.] Can he repeat it please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, I do not know if that is a point of order, but hon Mvimbi, hon Mvimbi, your own party is making a huge amount of noise that even I cannot hear you. [Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: A point of order, a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Nkondlo, can you stand up please. Hon Nkondlo, hon members, can you just give yourselves, your colleague the right to listen to me. Hon Nkondlo, firstly, pointing fingers at me about “you, you, you”, there needs to be some level of respect. I am presiding in a debate. When I ask when you stand up, your party has to keep quiet. Similarly, if anybody stands up on the side, this side has to keep quiet. It is a matter of due respect in a debate. So all I am asking is that when the Premier or any other Minister or any other member stands up, you allow them the right to speak, because that is their right according to the Rules. That is all I am asking, so please do not get angry at me because I am enforcing the Rules. So I sit as the Chair and all I am asking is that when I ask you to raise everybody will keep quiet. You can then speak.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker, can you please do the same to your own party?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Because they have been making noise and you keep quiet when they make the noise. So apply the Rules in accordance... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No-no, I have been putting the order to both sides.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ...and until you have a barometer or a test of anger, do not make assumptions that I am angry. I am not.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, sit down please, and do not interrupt when we have somebody rousing up out of their seat. What is your point of order, hon Dugmore?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, my point of order is that this House, the members of the ANC... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order on the debate?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...is that we have long called, we have asked you and the Speaker do not chair these meetings.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, sit down, hon member.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: We want the Chairperson, a mutual ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sit down, hon member! Hon member!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: You are facing charges which have been going on for six months and we do not even know the outcome, and you are chairing here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you have just challenged the seat of the Speaker. [speaking simultaneously 00:22:10]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: We want a neutral Chair. We want a neutral Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So I would like to ask what is your point of order. Sit down please, and let us continue the debate. Hon Mvimbi, would you like to continue? [Interjections.] You may proceed. You can then, you may proceed, whether we hear you or not.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Can I?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: How much time do I have left, Deputy Speaker?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): My hand is up, Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have three minutes, 31 seconds. [Interjection.] I am watching the... [Inaudible.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: You just have to go to the poor communities.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Mvimbi, just sit down, your own party has got a point of order. Hon Lekker, what is your point of order?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I may not recall whether you have made a ruling on the order that was put forward by the Premier of the Province.

I did not catch that one properly, but two, hon Deputy Speaker, is that I would humbly request that you apply a principle of *mutatis mutandis*, which means when one side does something, it must be treated equally to the other... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, what is your point of order?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): My point of order is consistency with regards to your ruling, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lili, I am not talking to you. I am talking to hon Lekker online. Please do not shout at me otherwise you will have to leave the House.

Hon Lekker, hon Lili, do you want me to answer your colleague or do you not and want me to focus on you and ignore your colleague? So let us just obey the Rules here.

Hon Lekker, I did, and either you can check with Hansard, I said to the Premier that was not a point of order, for the record, and I repeat that.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lili, if you have a point of order, stand up, but you are wasting your own colleague's time.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No-no-no, he cannot waste...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No-no-no, you cannot talk to me when you are sitting down. Right, you may stand up. Yes.

Mr A LILI: Must I step aside?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order, hon Lili, look at me!

Mr A LILI: No you are saying I must not sit down when I am addressing you. I am saying your colleagues, I mean the DA colleagues over there, they were the ones who were making the noise, hence we are saying you are biased in a way.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No.

Mr A LILI: Please be impartial and please do not be what you call, do not do what you are doing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr A LILI: You must treat all of us equally as the Speaker of the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, hon Lili, I have not seen you, hon Lili, I have not seen you for a long a long time, but if you recall in the last ten minutes I must have been calling order continuously to both sides of the House.

Mr A LILI: But they continue to make noise in your presence.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, correct, and both sides, so hon Lili, your own party cannot finish their speech, he is now down in time and you went overseas with the Speaker. Over to you, hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. If you want to see potholes in the province, we just have to go to the poor community of the Western Cape, you will see the potholes. We must stop this blame game and find an easy way out of just throwing mud at the National Government. While the cutting of services to indigent households happened in a number of municipalities, the latest is the City of Cape Town who plans to restrict water of 40 000 indigent households. Poor people in our province complain about the municipality first deducting their tariff before they get their units of electricity.

Now the City of Cape Town targets poor households for water restriction. Do these households have swimming pools? No! Do these households have large gardens? No! Do these households have three to four cars to wash? No! Do these households play golf? No!

Yet, these are the households which are targeted by the DA-led City of Cape Town. For their part in studying the resilience of our municipalities after the impact of COVID-19, the School of Public Leadership of the University of Stellenbosch indicated in December last year and I quote:

“Larger municipalities with more buoyant and diversified rate services use a charge basis far better than their smaller counterparts. The composition of the local economy also played a major role. Those dependent on agriculture where the drought had broken, fared better than those reliant on tourism and the hospitality sector.”

Deputy Speaker, our municipalities in the Western Cape can do better. We must acknowledge that it is often the smaller municipalities which have a smaller rates and service charge base who have gone in the direction of a hung council which have led to coalition. The ANC must be emphatic that while it respects the right of voters to vote for a party of their choice, and while we hear loud and clear the voice of the voters saying we as political parties must work together. Coalitions do bring about instability. Indeed, when a Council is hung the voters are forcing political parties to work together and while it is threatening our democracy, unfortunately it is a case of smaller parties often getting to where the municipalities and service delivery suffer in this instance. We have seen this in a number of instances in our province and I can easily point out two examples, especially where I come from in the Bitou Municipalities as well as Kannaland.

There should be no doubt that Kannaland found itself in the situation where it did, because there was no outright majority for a particular party.

Putting aside the political and unjust interference of the Provincial Department of Local Government, who often take sides for party political reasons and covers up, our people must realise that a vote for a smaller party brings instability to service delivery.

Yes, it may strengthen our democracy. Yes, it may be that people choose the party of their choice and the party who stand up for them but we have seen all too often these one-man parties in Council causing unnecessary delays in decisions and services. Let us elevate this debate today to ensure that we have better service delivery for the poorest of the poor. Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Mvimbi. Before I call on hon Cayla Murray, I would just like to remind the House that we have a tradition in the House, this is hon Murray's maiden speech. Let us give her time to be able to complete her speech. Thank you, and I now call on the hon Murray.

Ms C A T MURRAY: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, hon Leader of the Opposition, hon members, and most importantly to all the women who call the Western Cape home. Today's debate on the state of municipalities is a critical one, and as we observe Women's Month, it is essential that we also reflect on how a well run Government and particularly our province's municipalities can empower women. Deputy Speaker, I have seen firsthand how where we govern, this results in the empowerment of women.

Veronica is here today – Veronica – and she has told me about how she was able to attend Council meetings in rural Swartland and how that also helped to empower her. By being able to attend these meetings, she was able to voice her opinions and be heard by an elderly Council. This empowered her to represent herself and to have a say on issues particularly affecting young people. She was also able to give her input on where and how the municipal budget was spent, and what programs were necessary to address youth unemployment, a critical issue in our country and our municipalities.

The DA-led Swartland Municipality empowered Veronica by giving her a seat at the table, incorporating her feedback and including her in their programmes. This enabled her to learn how to engage with key stakeholders, create petitions, interrogate policy and help keep those living on farms and in rural towns informed. [Interjection.]

My maiden speech – thank you!

Not only did this encourage her to join the DA, but it also empowered her to realise her full potential as she later completed her digital marketing qualification, in addition to her Journalism degree at Edinburgh. Her personal agency and drive have of course enabled her to achieve a great deal, but living in an area served by a well run DA-led Government further enabled her to get to where she is and it will help her to get to where she is going.

Deputy Speaker, the right to equality is enshrined in our Constitution. Yet, many women in our country are still fighting for equal opportunities.

This is in terms of pay. This is in terms of employment. This is in terms of land ownership, and much more, and it is compounded by crisis level GBV and femicide rates which show that a lot more still needs to be done to ensure that women can truly enjoy their rights.

Having said that, the DA-led Government in this Province, should I say, are working tirelessly to achieve equality for all. This is done by ensuring competent and transparent governance and contrary to what the Opposition might believe we do this through clean audits, and not just clean audits. The DA-led Provincial Government further ensures that this province is able to have well run governments by working hand in glove with our municipalities. We do this and we support them through institutions such as the establishment of the forensic investigation teams that we have, our monitoring dashboards and authentic efforts to deepen relationships with municipalities. We do this with each municipality in the province, whether it is a DA-led municipality, whether it is a coalition-led municipality or Opposition controlled.

In fact, the latest Auditor-General report revealed that our province had more than half of all the clean municipal audits received in the entire country. Deputy Speaker, I want to repeat that: our province had more than half of all the clean audits in the entire country.

Now what this translates into – my maiden speech – thank you. What this translates into is street lights that make women feel safe to walk in the evening. It translates into road works that assure mothers that their children can get to school and back safely. It creates housing that our grandmothers and our aunties can live out their lives with dignity. It translates into social programmes.

It translates into social programmes that allow women to leave partners who are abusing them. To sort of pause on that, that is massive. [Interjections.] An example – this is my maiden speech – thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members! Order, members!

Ms C A T MURRAY: An example of how well run DA-led governments empower woman is Chrysalis Academy. Chrysalis helps disadvantaged youth which include woman, which include women to enhance their skills, receive psychosocial support, develop critical people skills, and learn about concepts. Please listen – learn about psychotic masculinity. [Audio distorted.] They learn about gender equality. This is a truly life-changing programme.

Hon Mvimbi, maybe you would like to visit, through you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members! Members, let us give her the space please, she still has enough time to speak. It is her time. It is her time. Can we respect her time? She is well within her time to finish her speech. Just – please, members. We have done this for everybody. If we can just give her the space. Thank you. You may proceed.

Ms C A T MURRAY: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, while this is the DA's approach to ensuring that municipalities are well run, the ANC in this province has become so preoccupied with trying to grow their meagre foothold in our municipalities. The hon Leader of the Opposition himself has blatantly been using his standing in the municipality... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, can you just – hon Murray, can you just sit down. Hon Dugmore, what is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, a point of order. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, one minute. I have someone that has a point of order.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, a point of order. You yourself appealed to us to respect the fact that hon Murray was doing her maiden speech, but we all know there is a clear convention that in a maiden speech you do not attack other political parties. So in that regard, you will not then have an objection if we interject in her speech.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, it is not true, I do not monitor the content of the speech. We just by the very respect allow everyone in their first speech. Hon Murray, you may proceed. I do not believe that is a point of order, and hon Murray, you have a little bit of time left. You may proceed.

Ms C A T MURRAY: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The hon Leader of the Opposition himself has blatantly been using his standing in the municipality and media statements to try and keep an incompetent acting municipal manager in his post in Kannaland, all the while putting effective service delivery at jeopardy.

Through you, Speaker, the hon Leader of the Opposition is trying to keep a grip on power and this is quite literally at the expense of women's empowerment. [Interjections.] So as we approach the 2024 elections... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Murray, take your seat, please. Hon Mvimbi, do you have a point of order?

Mr L L MVIMBI: I just want to find out. Can the hon Murray take a question? Is she willing to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Murray, would you like to take a question? No, she said. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Murray.

Ms C A T MURRAY: Thank you. As we approach the 2024 elections, I sincerely ask the women of this province, do you want to be governed by a party, the ANC, that actively sabotages your empowerment, or will you vote for a party, the DA, that goes out of its way to enable you to achieve your full potential? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C A T MURRAY: I know, Deputy Speaker, I know that the strong women and the strong men ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C A T MURRAY: ...sitting in the seats of the gallery above, as well as the benches next to me, will vote to empower their fellow sisters. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Murray. I now recognise hon Makamba-Botya.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. If there is something we recall or learn from the ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Makamba-Botya, just take your seat please. There is a point of order hon Dugmore. Hon Dugmore, what is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, the point of order is about that we are very happy that members of the gallery are here to listen to hon Murray's speech, but you yourself, Deputy Speaker, you know very well that people are not supposed to clap. Now the bias we are talking about is it is a DA member, and if it was an ANC member and the ANC member supporters clapped then you would have ruled them out of order, but yet, you are blind, you are biased, so you just do not see that. You actually do not see it... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I actually did not see it.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...because of your bias.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, Order, members. Order, members! Can I ask that the gallery refrain from participating in the debate. Thank you very much. I understand that that is your first visit. Hon Makamba-Botya, you may proceed.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Deputy Speaker, if there is something we can all learn from the 2020/2021 Western Cape Municipality Audit Outcomes, is that form is celebrated over substance, especially in municipalities led by the Democratic Alliance. The problem with the DA is that they run clean municipalities on paper but on the ground there is no service delivery. The only good thing that the Auditor-General of South Africa found in some of the Western Cape municipalities was the quality of the performance reports on paper and nothing else, and that is so because 25 municipalities spent a total of R32 million on consultants, money that should have been spent on service delivery in order to cook their financial statements for purposes of reporting.

Another reason, Deputy Speaker, why millions of rands are spent on consultants is because of nepotism, where the friends and family members of those in power who occupy power positions despite lacking relevant skills.

In the City of Cape Town common indicators and targets exist only on paper but due to lack of systems and processes they are never achieved.

You have a situation where the municipality pays for goods and services but they never receive or pay a contractor and then there is no work done. Take for an example the situation in Nyanga in the Mau–Mau settlement, where the City was busy constructing houses and midway the whole project stops because the paid contractor has run out of funds. The results, Deputy Speaker, were that the residents now had to pay money from their own pockets to finish the projects, and then move in, only for the City of Cape Town to come running later, armed with eviction notices.

Similarly, the audit found that most municipalities reported on service but not on their quality. On paper they write that they installed taps but do not report on whether those taps are working, only to find out the communities do not even have access to water. If there is something that the DA-led municipalities do so well, is to benefit their friends through contracts that are unnecessary at the expense of service delivery. External contractors are being paid for excessive standby hours for doing absolutely nothing because there is a lack of needs analysis by the municipalities.

It is no surprise that irregular expenditure across 27 municipalities in the province sits at R1,23 billion. The Provincial Minister of Local Government is being used as a machinery to punish hung municipalities through the power of purse, in which the DA has no control.

Deputy Speaker, the aim is to make those municipalities ungovernable, as is currently the case now; and they fail. Then this is done in order to indirectly punish residents so that next time they are forced to vote for the DA. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Mr S N AUGUST: Hon Deputy Speaker, corruption and wasteful expenditure are extensive in Western Cape municipalities at present. The Hawks are investigating a dodgy land sale in Swartland Municipality, where both the Speaker and the MEC Anton Bredell failed to investigate after good counsel Jeremy Papier handed them evidence of questionable financial transgressions related to the sale.

In George it was found that a DA councillor Mr Stag Cronjé was implicated in an irregular investment of R350 million into Old Mutual after GOOD Leader Patricia de Lille laid a formal complaint at the Public Protector. In Plettenberg Bay the Bitou Municipality contracted three containers to store emergency housing material. Upon investigation, these units were found empty, resulting in wasteful expenditure.

In 2020, the City of Cape Town spent R43 million irregularly in response to provide emergency housing for homeless people at the start of lockdown. The SIU investigation comes after a complaint laid by Secretary-General Brett Herron.

The Auditor-General in his recent audit report states that municipalities in the Western Cape are showing continuing service delivery challenges, as they do not have adequate systems and processes in place to measure the number of informal households within its boundaries.

Another finding is that municipalities do not report on the quality of service they deliver. Irregular expenditure amounts to R1,23 billion incurred at 27 municipalities in this province so there we are to debate the DA-sponsored topic so that they can solve, congratulate and inflate their toxic political ego. The DA's tactic of celebrating clean audits for political mileage is like praising a fish for swimming.

For the rest of this session, let us not compare this province to ANC-led provinces as people are suffering here as much as everywhere else in the country. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, the reality of South Africa and its challenges are playing out in the dusty streets of our small rural towns and in the overcrowded townships in our metros. Deputy Speaker, Local Government is where the people experience the Government of South Africa and the current experience is a very bad one. People in South Africa have come to realise that raw sewage in the streets, leaking pipes, potholes and crumbling infrastructure are the standards decided on by the ANC. Deputy Speaker, even the Auditor-General is frustrated. Only 16% out of the 257 municipalities in South Africa can manage their own finances. That is 42 out of 257 municipalities.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it means that 216 municipalities in South Africa are spending money it does not have, or are not spending money it has; not paying for services such as water or electricity, not providing service provided or for not paying service providers; not doing infrastructure maintenance or constructing new infrastructure such as roads, managing corrupt tenders or simply Deputy Speaker, stealing, stealing the money.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we know that many of the 216 malfunctioning municipalities are doing all the above and has been doing so since the ANC started to govern the democratic South Africa.

Hon Deputy Speaker, and now for the well known but still very interesting set of facts: there are 30 municipalities in the Western Cape; 22 unqualified audits with no findings, five unqualified audits with findings. That means that 27 out of our 30 municipalities in this province, all the money is accounted for. The findings are relating to the processes and procedures that could be improved on according to the Auditor-General.

Hon Deputy Speaker, three municipalities of the 30 fall in the category of the 216 municipalities I have described just now, who cannot account to the taxpayers money it was entrusted with: Laingsburg, Kannaland and Beaufort West and there is a common thread – all being governed ANC.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we have been through this so many times, but it still boggles my mind that the ANC, the hon Dugmore's ANC cannot see the problems it is facing. Hon Deputy Speaker, it simply cannot work with money in an honest manner. Maybe member Dugmore can help us understand how did the proud ANC lose its track so badly?

Deputy Speaker, the ANC likes to preach about democracy and freedom, but all you see where they govern is the neglect, poverty, unemployment, crumbling infrastructure, potholes and sewerage running down the streets. Why do I repeat sewerage, hon Deputy Speaker? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, everybody order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, they can make a noise, hon Deputy Speaker, it does not bother me.

†Hulle sê in Afrikaans, "leë blikke maak die grootste geraas", hon Deputy Speaker, so laat hulle maar raas. [They say in Afrikaans, "empty vessels make the most noise" hon Deputy Speaker, so let them make a noise.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, because the National Department, the National Department, ANC Department of Water and Sanitation has got a Blue Drop and a Green Drop Report. The Blue Drop Report is about drinking water. The Green Drop Report about waste water and sewerage. Hon Deputy Speaker, these reports confirm – these reports confirm, it is an ANC Government and these reports confirm that the Western Cape is head and shoulders above the rest of the country in both regards.

We provide safe drinking water in people's taps and homes and we work to ensure that wastewater is treated in a safe and dignified manner.

Deputy Speaker, let us talk about Eskom. Who in the Western Cape is not paying? Who are the municipalities that collect money for electricity, but do not pay Eskom? On 11 August, you can look at the stats, Matzikama Municipality, plus minus R97 million behind; Beaufort West Municipality R78 million; Cederberg Municipality, R47 million; Kannaland Municipality, R32 million and all throughout these municipalities is a golden thread – ANC governance. That is the golden thread.

Hon speaker, the hon Dugmore must stop meddling into the administrations of municipalities. They should actually – the ANC should actually, the ANC should actually and he knows it is the truth. He meets with MMs and asks them to take packages to resign. He knows it. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members, order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So, hon Deputy Speaker, the ANC should have actually a step-aside rule for politicians meddling in the infrastructure.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the result of the bad municipal management is that investors go elsewhere. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: That is the bad part. Investors will go elsewhere. Towns and villages lose their energy and attractiveness. Bad municipal managers are stripping people from their basic human rights, such as access to clean water and a safe environment.

Deputy Speaker, why have we ended up with a situation where the ANC can destroy municipalities with seemingly no consequence? I can offer a few suggestions and we have also started some of these or sent some of these suggestions to the President for discussion and some of the solutions you will find in vulnerable municipalities need to be identified much earlier. We need, when they report or when they are reported on by the Auditor-General, it is often too late to turn around or too expensive to turn around. [Interjections.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We need stronger and more focused powers to intervene, interlink with the municipalities.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Deputy Speaker, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We need to be able to attract and to keep senior professionals in municipalities... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, Minister Bredell, if you could just take your seat. Have you got a point of order, over to you, hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: I am rising, hon Deputy Speaker, in terms of Rule 59 of the Rules of Order, where the hon Minister have said that hon Dugmore is interfering in the affairs of the municipality. I think that that is actually reflecting on the integrity. Can you accurately make a ruling? I would like you to make a ruling on that, where they hurt the member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Mvimbi, so if he is casting aspersions, I would have to relook but I mean I do not want to curb free speech for now because there is always both sides that make accusations. However, however, I will come back and relook at Hansard and look exactly what he said and refer back to you. Thank you, hon Mvimbi. Over to you, hon Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, we need to be able to attract and to keep senior professionals in municipalities.

We need to respect the separation between elected politicians and appointed officials. Implementation of the Municipal Systems Amendment Bill will address many of the obstacles standing in the way of the personalisation of our municipalities.

We need to implement the Municipal Structures Amendment Act with specific reference to the code of conduct for councillors. We should commend or we should commit to the skills and qualification requirements for Members of Parliament and councillors.

Deputy Speaker, I can continue for the rest of the day on these many other proposals to improve Local Government. Consequence management is another point, but, Deputy Speaker, the question remains, are those who are at fault willing to learn? Are the ANC willing to learn? Are the ANC willing to learn?

†Agbare Speaker, as ons na die afgelope weke in die koerante kyk sien ons dat die ANC is op 38 na 40%. [Tussenwerpsel.] [Hon Speaker, if we look at the newspapers over the past few weeks we see that the ANC is on 38 to 40%. [Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Hier kom 'n ding, agbare Speaker. Hier kom 'n ding. Agb Speaker, as ons verder lees... [Tussenwerpsel.] [The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Trouble looms ahead, hon Speaker. Trouble looms ahead. Hon Spewaker, when we read further...[Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: As ons verder lees, agb Speaker, is daar 'n skokkende statistiek, want 41% van die publiek sê dat Suid-Afrika is op pad na nêrens, of hulle stem nie saam met die rigting wat ons inslaan nie.

Dan wil ek vir die ANC sê, hier kom 'n ding, agb Speaker. Hier kom 'n ding! Hulle sitplekkies gaan min raak in hierdie Huis. Agb Speaker, Suid-Afrika, om Suid-Afrika te red moet die ANC val, agb Speaker. Agb Speaker, om armoede aan te spreek moet die agbare Dugmore se ANC in hierdie provinsie val, agb Speaker. Om werkloosheid aan te spreek moet die agbare Dugmore se ANC in hierdie provinsie val, agb Speaker.

Agb Speaker, die DA het bewys dat waar ons regeer, regeer ons beter. Waar die DA regeer gebeur dinge. Baie dankie, agb Speaker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: When we read further, hon Speaker, there is shocking statistics, because 41% of the public says that South Africa is on its way to nowhere, or they don't agree with the way we are heading.

Then I want to say to the ANC, trouble looms ahead, hon Speaker. Trouble looms ahead! Their little seats are going to become few in this House. Hon Speaker, South Africa, to save South Africa the ANC has to fall, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, to address poverty the hon Dugmore's ANC has to fall in this province, hon Speaker. To address unemployment the hon Dugmore's ANC in this province must fall, hon Speaker.

Hon Speaker, the DA has proven that where we govern, we govern better. Where the DA governs things happen. Thank you, hon Speaker.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, municipalities should be the mission and vision aligned entities that uphold the values and norms that guide its activities within the communities they serve. Generally speaking, Deputy Speaker, it seeks to improve the quality of lives of all communities and the services it provides. Sadly, today we are still experiencing some communities who suffer the indignity of sewerage in the streets. Why do communities have to contend with the smell of sickness causing conditions? Some communities in the storms we faced over the past few days cannot utilise the streets due to flooding. So as a province and municipalities in the Western Cape we still have a long way to go, but, Deputy Speaker, I want to say the following. We are in trouble in some municipalities because of cadre deployment. The ACDP believes in the best person for the job, we must move away from cadre deployment. If we look at troublesome municipalities and the Minister has said so, Beaufort West, Matzikama, Laingsburg, Cederberg, Kannaland, owing Eskom millions and millions of rands. But we also realise, Deputy Speaker, that in the Western Cape we have some of the best run municipalities in the country. Some of these municipalities in the Western Cape also are troublesome municipalities and it is because the media reports of instability in political and administrative leadership. Politicians are mingling and interfering with the municipal running and they interfere with appointments and those things should not be part of providing the services that we need, because we are interfering with the coalface. We are interfering with the bread-and-butter politics when it comes to service delivery so it is true that where the ANC rules, there is corruption, there is fraud. Where the ANC rules there is mismanagement... [Interjection.] and I want to say that we need and I will agree, Deputy Speaker, that the ANC is going to not have the majority in 2024. Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, it is amazing how the City of Cape Town received accolades for being one of the top cities in the world despite that half of the Metropole had drinking water contaminated with faeces. Also, the majority of the residents living on the Cape Flats and in townships are trapped in environments of gangsterism, drugs, gender-based violence and countless murders.

The Provincial Legislature allows the City of Cape Town to disregard any rules of accountability for the province and residence. Cape Town itself remains the most segregated city, as the urban inequalities continue to impact people's wellbeing. The City of Cape Town under the DA has done flimsy efforts to erase the social and spatial divides. The poor are being further and further removed from the city, reminiscent of the apartheid policies.

Development taking place in the Karoo and Garden Route is benefiting whites only, while black and coloured people continue to live under appalling conditions. Providing decent housing is at a very slow pace. What are these municipalities doing with the budgets allocated to improve the lives of the poor and disadvantaged communities?

The accolades afforded to the DA-run Western Cape Province and the City of Cape Town are not a true reflection of the situation on the ground. Budgets for education are not spent. Lack of schools denying children their constitutional right to education, the number of unplaced learners is increasing. In Paarl under the Drakenstein Municipality the poor are living without electricity as they cannot afford the service charges for re-connections, but this municipality can waste money on court cases to illegally evict farm workers. The DA-run municipalities in the Western Cape and the residents they have... [Interjection.] Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Deputy Speaker, members of the House, first of all let me thank member America for having brought this matter to the attention of the House.

The State of Local Government in the Western Cape is of a very high public importance and it deserves robust but intelligent, solution-driven debating, not grandstanding, not bragging, not accusations – solutions!

Then debates like this may eventually take us off the public's list of an irrelevant talk shop. It might help to gain public and media interest in what goes on between these walls. If you look at how many people listen to our debates that is broadcast, it is a shame, never more than 60 out of a population of 7 million, and we waste our time attacking each other and bragging about nothingness.

I feel that one and a half hour or more should have been allowed for this debate and not a mere one hour. Why the haste? Considering the salaries members in this House earn monthly. I find it strange that only one hour is given to debating the state of 30 municipalities that are in trouble here and I did not hear any solution to fix the problem.

Why the haste? Do members perhaps have other businesses they are busy running to?

Aggravating this is the ridiculous notion that giving two minutes to each minority party, like the Constitution demands, will enable them to adequately and efficiently represent their constituencies. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Marais, your time is up. Thank you very much.

Mr P J MARAIS: Just for the hon Deputy's Speaker information, I did not make a speech, I criticised.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker. earlier this year this House adopted a Local Government Departmental Budget of R309 million.

In the bigger scheme of things this is a drop in the ocean in relation to the total Western Cape Budget. The budget of this Department and every department is directly related to the Provincial Equitable Share Formula as it is simply not enough to erase years of budget cuts and future pressures. Whichever way you look at it, the Western Cape and similarly Gauteng, gets short-changed by National Government. [Interjections.]

The Western Cape Department of Local Government does not, however, wait around [Interjections.] for the National Government to save us. We believe that as residents of the Western Cape we must save ourselves and this is why the Department has allocated more than R20 million over the MTF period to strengthen municipal support interventions in municipalities in line with relevant legislation. [Interjections.]

It allocated additional R15 million over the MTF to provide for capacity building and support to municipalities in execution of their roles and responsibilities during the 2021 post-election transition period and allocated additional R3 million for the 2022/2023, as well as 23/24 financial years to fund dedicated project management support for the successful rollout of the Sustainable Infrastructure Development and Finance Facility Programme.

Further, this Department provides legal support assistance, advice and forensics to municipalities without capacity and while we are seeing great innovation and responsible fiscal management by the Provincial Government, in real terms provincial budgets will not be increasing and every cent will need to be stretched to continue to deliver the best possible services to residents.

Of the whole National Government budget, only 9,1% was allocated to municipalities across South Africa this year in the financial year and in finance terms [Interjections.] many would consider 10% as a significant statistic, and when viewed in this light one must ask oneself whether the ANC considers municipalities as significant drivers within the South African economy.

When we look at conditional grants as an example, in the 2022/23 year the National Government allocated R1,6 million for the Local Government Financial Management Grant to the Prince Albert Municipality. It did not increase, it did not decrease, despite inflation and cost of living increases. So Prince Albert received less in real terms.

Prince Albert further received 2,99% [Interjections.] increase on the Municipal Infrastructure Grant. Hon Deputy Speaker, inflation is currently estimated at 8%.

There are too many examples found in the 2022 Division of Revenue Bill to mention. [Interjections.] The Provincial Equitable Share formula and similarly the local version, does not account sufficiently for population increases or the cumulative cost of living increases.

The reason these arguments fall on deaf ears is because the ANC spends the country's money because they believe it is theirs, but it is not the ANC's money, it is not the President's money, it is not National Treasury's money, it is not even the province's or your local municipalities' money.

It is the people's money and in spending it we need to ensure that we deliver services and clean government at the lowest cost closest to the people, and the DA Government Western Cape will continue to strive to achieve exactly that because the DA gets things done. Hon Deputy Speaker, I thank you.

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Good afternoon, hon Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition.

Hon Deputy Speaker, before I get into my speech, the hon America spoke about poles. Maybe dancing poles. That is the only pole competition that you have won. [Interjections.]

The hon member America also spoke about where the DA governs they govern the best. Gayton Mackenzie and Beaufort West in alliance with the ANC and other parties are saying where they govern they govern the best. The DA is bragging about clean audits, they are delivering clean water. The hon MEC spoke about meddling in the affairs of municipalities. There is only one member in this House of which the Public Protector have ruled against, not once, but twice and we know who that person is, and the Premier fails to act against him, hon member hon Murray. [Interjections.] We have seen that touch. [Interjections.] We have seen their touch and touch, hon member Fry, touch is a move. Some hon members who have served on that side have been removed because of touch. We have seen that touch. [Interjections.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, Drakenstein Municipality, and we have warned the MEC long time ago that you cannot spend money, you are correct, you cannot spend money that you do not have and Drakenstein Municipality takes up a loan and have also engaged in Absa afterwards to pay that loan over a longer period. It seems that they will not be able to pay salaries at the end of this month ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: DA run.

Mr P MARRAN: ... and we warned you, a DA run municipality. [Interjections.] Prince Albert Municipality, and we spoke about infrastructure, MEC. Sewerage is running in the streets in Prince Albert [Interjections.] where the DA is governing.

The ANC I thought that members participating in this debate today, especially members on the Provincial Government ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr P MARRAN: ... benches, will raise a debate, not so? [Interjections.] The same old narcissistic pride saw, "We are the best, the ANC is the worst." [Interjections.] The only thing that the DA is really the best in is at conniving, colluding and covering up.

The DA wants us to believe that they are the party of good and clean governments, yet the reality, not the Premier's reality, the reality of our people and communities we live in are far, far from the Premier's reality.

The reality is there for people in rural areas. The Safety Plan two years later is a complete failure. A Safety Plan meant to ensure better municipal safety and municipal systems to ensure the safety of our communities.

Last week the hon member Bans stood up in this House and asked the head of this Provincial Government on exactly what the MEC for Community Safety is doing in regards to rural safety and to jack up safety systems in our rural municipalities. The Premier could not answer.

The hon member Bans asked him whether he agrees that the Safety Plan excludes the rural areas where 47% of drug dens are in this province. The Premier could not answer.

She deliberately asked him about LEAP because she knew, as the rest of us did, that LEAP is simply pumping more money into expanding the Metro Police that existed long before the Safety Plan or LEAP in the City of Cape Town. [Interjections.]

The Premier stands up in this House and tries to spin when in reality the Safety Plan is a complete failure. [Interjections.] Do not refer us to the 1 000 officers launched and now wearing City of Cape badges like the Metro Police. Where are the 3 000 officers you have promised us, hon Premier? R400 million, over half the budget of the Department of Community Safety and Policing Oversight went to the City of Cape Town. A Premier and his MEC for Safety throw their hands up in the air and say, "We cannot force the City of Cape Town to account on these monies set." [Interjections.] They said so.

Indeed, while the DA attempts to portray its municipalities, assigning stars, it increases rates and tariffs despite the rise in cost of living's crises. The residents of the City of Cape Town are still paying the water tariffs despite Day Zero being cancelled and despite the continuous mismanagement of water by the City. Therefore, we face another water shortage. Talking about clean governance. Well, let us hear what the DA thinks of clean governance. Is it a fact that the Portfolio Council for Finance Services [Inaudible.] on here together with George Municipality's former chief financial officer, Keith Jordaan, used George municipal funds, a whole R350 million to invest with Old Mutual ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr P MARRAN: ... [Inaudible.] son who just so happened to [Interjections.] be an Old Mutual agent. In fact ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister.

Mr P MARRAN: ... it is a fact that Keith Jordaan was dismissed for maladministration from Georgia Municipality for his involvement in the saga.

Let me repeat, Keith Jordaan was dismissed [Interjections.] for maladministration [Interjections.]. This is on Keith Jordaan's record, in fact, that he was dismissed for maladministration. It is now the same Keith Jordaan who the DA, through ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lili.

Mr P MARRAN: ... its provincial leader Simmers, there he sits, insists must become the municipal manager ...[Interjections.]

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

Mr P MARRAN: ... in Kannaland.

The ANC has evidence that MEC Simmers, speaking on behalf of the DA, insisted that he would visit Kannaland [Interjections.] and have a meeting with the DA caucus to ensure that the DA's party process were followed. [Interjections.]

The evidence is clear ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, Minister, order!

Mr P MARRAN: ... that MEC Simmers insisted ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister ...[Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: ... that they would visit Kannaland [Interjections.] .. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister.

Mr P MARRAN: ...with his colleague, MEC Bredell, who will handle the Local Government issues while he will handle the DA issues. [Interjections.]

That case in Kannaland proves things that the ANC has insisted on. One, the DA is not squeaky clean as they would want to profess. Two, MEC Simmers's involvement and his insistence that he is involved as the one representing the party political issues prove that Keith Jordaan's position in the George and Kannaland is a classical case of cadre deployment. [Interjections.] MEC Simmers must be involved in Kannaland because Keith Jordaan is a deployed cadre of the DA, that is a fact.

My problems with the DA municipal managers did not start ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr P MARRAN: ... in Kannaland.

An HON MEMBER: Point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Hon members, both sides of the House are talking to each other. [Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, have you stopped my time? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Both sides of the House, and I have said twice to Minister, and please do not – you are not here to control me, hon member Nkondlo. Please. Your own member can barely hear himself speak. [Interjections.]

So it is both sides of the House [Interjections.] - hon member Marran, you may continue.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, how much time have I left? One and a half minute?

Hon D M BAARTMAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute 15.

Mr P MARRAN: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Hon member, there is a hand up online.

Mr P MARRAN: One minute.

An HON MEMBER: There is a hand up online.

Mr P MARRAN: Thanks, hon Deputy Speaker. How can he forget Hessequa? Where the ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marran ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My apologies.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is a point of order online. Just stop the clock. Hon member Baartman, what is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to know in terms of Rule 59 whether you could look at the Hansard and indicate whether hon member Marran is casting aspersions or reflecting on the integrity or dignity of Minister Simmers, because if a member wishes to bring improper or unethical conduct on the part of another member of this House, they must do so via a substantive motion. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Baartman. I am going to be talking about that at the end of this debate, but, hon member Marran, you may proceed.

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Free speech, as you have said earlier on.

All of this happens while MEC of Local Government throws his hands up in the air and refuses to hold municipalities like the City of Cape Town, Drakenstein, Matzikama and Stellenbosch to account. The DA is a master of cover up, but when the MEC refuses to act, the ANC is here to act.

The City of Cape Town have received notifications of material irregularities. One for payments of goods and services not received, and the other for paying contractors excessive standby hours. The ANC will follow up with the Auditor-General's office to inquire whether the AG is using the necessary legislative instruments to hold the City to account.

This Provincial Government must stop interfering politically in our municipalities and cover up corruption. This hon Premier must stop protecting MEC Bredell and hold him to account for all the Public Protector's [Inaudible.] they found against him. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, let me respond to some of the remarks made by the speakers and I want to thank them for participating in this debate, but there are certain inaccuracies, if I could put it that, or blatant propaganda being perpetrated in their speeches by the hon members.

Let me start with hon member Makamba-Botya. It is well and good to have generalisations and make sort of sweeping statements about non-delivery of services, but nothing concrete was said – one thing I can agree with her is that in certain instances consultants, you know, she mentioned a figure of consultants. Consultants is not necessarily a bad thing. I think in some instances you need to appoint particular technical skills [Interjections.] to deliver a service, particularly in rural municipalities ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D AMERICA: ... where they do not have the competencies, but I want to come to hon member August.

Hon member August, you know that in terms of an old report, that the Public Protector brought out about investment in the George Municipality, there are certain actions that the Public Protector asked the municipality to take. It was done. There was no specific loss to the municipality. So to rehash that particular report now in this debate is a bit rich on your part.

As far as the two or three empty containers at municipal grounds in Bitou Municipality, for which the municipality incurred expenses for over two years; you know I was there with you at the time, but it is even worse than that. That municipality was governed by the ANC and we uncovered also over R10 million that was misappropriated and a forensic report that was investigated was never tabled in Council by the ANC. [Interjections.] So I agree with you.

As far as the City of Cape Town and the R40 million ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D AMERICA: ... that you say that the SIU uncovered with regard to the procurement of emergency shelters during hard lockdown, that is an old sort of accusation that is levelled against the City and I do not even wish to respond to that, but I want to state a grossly inaccurate figure that you mentioned with regard to irregular expenditure in this particular province.

I want to state it on record and it is very clear that of the almost R22 billion of irregular expenditure in this country, only 2% occurred in the Western Cape [Interjections.] and that equates to R457 million, and most of that was incurred by the City of Cape Town, and certainly no loss in terms of the AG's report were sort of experienced by the City of Cape Town.

But let me put it further. In terms of fruitless and wasteful expenditure and not the R1,43 billion rand that you are talking about, hon member August, but let me put it further to you.

In terms of unauthorised expenditure in this country, almost R21 billion was incurred by municipalities in the country, of which the Western Cape incurred 1,2% only, which equates to R244 million, and that is part of – and no financial loss was incurred.

So, to carry on about that. Hon member Christians, I agree with you when you state the whole notion of cadre deployment [Interjections.]. It is hon member Dugmore's ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D AMERICA: ... ANC that ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr D AMERICA: ... implement this destructive policy of cadre deployment that is destroying our municipalities in the Western Cape, and I also agree with the ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr D AMERICA: ... with hon member Christians that hon member Dugmore's ANC is deliberately trying to do destabilise our debate so that he can deflect the misgovernance of the ANC in the Western Cape.

Hon member Marais, I thank you for your input. The only way in which we can provide solutions to this mismanagement in the country, is to vote hon member Dugmore's ANC out of power.

And then lastly, Chair, I would like to come back to hon member Marran. [Interjections.] He praises the Central Karoo District Municipality for its quality of drinking water, clean water. There has always been clean water. [Interjections.] It only became muddy when the ANC took over the municipality. [Interjections.]

So it is rich, but I am not going to waste my time saying too much about hon member Dugmore, hon member Marran, but let me just conclude with the remaining few minutes I have at my disposal. [Interjections.]

So I would like to appeal to everyone who serves in public office, hon Deputy Chairperson, to never stop reaching for ways to do better. [Interjections.] While we have heard many statistics and accusations and official measurements from hon member Baartman of governmental performance during this debate, we should never forget that governments are made up of people and are there to work for people, hon member Dugmore.

We need to inculcate a culture of accountability and ethics amongst councillors and officials, including ourselves as elected officials and as elected representatives. Because we are ultimately accountable to the people who elect us and whom we serve. They are the ones who have entrusted us with that responsibility. We must do the right thing all the time, hon member Dugmore, hon member Lili, and all colleagues present, even if no one is around to observe our conduct.

Furthermore, we must put in place systems that cannot be corrupted and put equally incorruptible people in charge of those systems. It pains me, hon member Marran, when we witness what happens in municipalities such as those in the Central Karoo, where this is not observed. When officials who are ...[Interjection.] meant to act as guardians against corruption are suspended and dismissed without regard to due process ...[Interjection.] and the rule of law. This creates fertile ground for corruption. [Time expired.]

RULINGS

So early hon member Mvimbi raised a point of order on a statement alleged by Minister Bredell pertaining to hon member Dugmore's alleged interference with Local Government personnel and management.

Now a similar audit was also raised by hon member Baartman pertaining to a statement by hon member Marran wherein he was referring to an alleged conduct of the Minister of Local Government.

So, hon members, it is characteristic of political debate to go beyond the facts and I recognise that, and in the interest of upholding free speech and enabling debate, healthy debate in this House, I note that both members may have uttered some elements that could be perceived to fall under Rule 59.2 of the Standing Rules. In the interest of maintaining the decorum of this House I wish to take the opportunity for both members to acknowledge that their statements may be inflammatory and request them to take an opportunity to retract.

Hon member Marran?

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, what have I said?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: The first one.

Mr P MARRAN: What have I said?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: To retract any aspersions cast against the Minister of Local Government ...[Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: Have I ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... and I will ask the Minister of Local Government to retract any aspersions cast against hon member Dugmore. Thank you very much, noted, hon member Marran?

Mr P MARRAN: The same with me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, noted. I so order.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr D PLATO (DA): Hon Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity. As Women's Month continues, we are reminded every day of the many challenges faced by women in the Western Cape and in South Africa. It is simply a tragic fact that to be a woman in this country is to be in constant danger of physical, mental, and emotional abuse at almost any moment. This last Women's Day found many with little to celebrate.

While this is a shocking state of affairs, I find some small comfort in the fact that the Western Cape Department of Social Development is doing everything it can, to lessen the burden. Often, we discuss the initiatives the Department has in place to respond to Gender-Based Violence physically, but often overlook the mechanisms in place to address the mental effects of abuse.

Along with NPO partners, the Department's social workers offer therapeutic support to women across the province and their approach to give the best care to each individual client. We know that the emotional effects of abuse can last long after the physical scars may have faded. This initiative speaks to this fact: over 33,000 women have made use of this facility since 2019, thus proving its value. Too many in our province suffer emotional and physical trauma in silence and it is vital that resources such as these, are made available to them at every available opportunity. I thank you.

Ms A P BANS (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, cultural misogyny, and sexist prejudice is deeply entrenched in the Democratic Alliance. Powerful male figures in the DA are preying on their female counterparts and subordinates. Albert Fritz resigned from his position as party leader and MEC in the Legislature amidst sexual assault allegations. His party, the DA, protected him from further accountability as the hon Premier Winde refused to hand over Williams' report to police for further investigation.

Unathi Lasiti, who has been charged with sexual assault, is enjoying political protection from his party and City Council. He has yet to be suspended. This misogynistic behaviour has found its way into Provincial Government, where powerful figures like Mr Farrel Payne, continue to be in their jobs when the victims are at home.

Besides the culture of misogyny in the DA, another big challenge that we are dealing with is the issue of infidelity and adultery amongst the DA members, which has prevented some experienced, qualifying MPLs from being appointed into the hon Premier's Office, hon Premier Winde. This shows that what DA members do in the dark, but it will find a way of coming to light as it now affects the functions of the Government.

The ANC calls for the immediate suspension of Unathi Lasiti pending finalisation of his matter. The ANC further calls on the hon Premier to hand over Williams' report to SAPS for further investigation, lest Fritz's matter be judged as political assassination. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA (EFF): †Enkosi, Somlomo. [Thank you, Speaker]. The Economic Freedom Fighters is concerned about the tension and violent conduct that erupted this week at the Heathfield High School. The standoff has been forthcoming for some time now since there has been instability at the school following the dismissal of its principal, Mr Wesley Neumann, by the Western Cape Department of Education. The only scene in the eyes of the Department by Mr Neumann was his attempt to try and protect learners and teachers from contracting COVID-19 and possible fatalities, a decision which was supported by the school's governing body, parents, and learners at large. Instead of the Department engaging the relevant stakeholder to try and see how they can reach a common ground during the scourge of the epidemic, the Department took the highway of trying to show Mr Neumann it has muscle, and it can stretch them.

Hon Speaker, the result of all of this is a school that is now in a time with learners refusing to attend classes until their principal is returned. The situation is even out of hand to an extent that outsiders have now infiltrated the school with weapons, drugs, and other sorts of substances. This has prompted police and law enforcement to be called, resulting in learners throwing stones and objects at the police and their vehicles.

Hon Speaker, as I stand before you now, State resources in the form of law enforcement officials are deployed at the school 24/7. All this could have been avoided if we had people in Government who listen and exercise power, coupled with vision, instead of ...[Inaudible.] and dictatorship. Now, law enforcement resources that could have been deployed in townships to fight the scourge of crime are deployed in one school. All this because of poor decision making on the part of the DA-led Government. We hope that going forward, hon Speaker, the Democratic Alliance will listen to people because the people will govern. Thank you.

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, today the House discussed the current status of local governments in the Western Cape. An often-forgotten battle in this discussion, is the prevalence of land invasions and its impact on housing development sites. In communities around the province, housing developments are being put into motion, But in a new and disturbing trend, many of these developments are being delayed by land invaders who occupy designated land forcibly and unlawfully, many of whom are not the intended beneficiaries.

In the City of Cape Town and the province, for example, the Gugulethu Infill Housing Project faced a number of delays as a result of a rapid increase in the number of people occupying the free housing units unlawfully. As a result, many who were supposed to benefit from the Housing Database System, suffered delays and were unable to move into their homes at the appropriate time.

Yet, despite the challenges brought on by the land invasion at the site, the City of Cape Town worked tirelessly in collaboration with the community and other stakeholders, to protect the Project and bring dignity to the affected beneficiaries. It is therefore unfortunately that this situation is further exacerbated by certain political parties, some of which are represented in this House, encouraging this unlawful behaviour.

Hon Speaker, the ongoing illegal occupation of housing projects poses a massive risk not only for the province, but also for the country at large. These occupations not only prolong deadlines and place additional strains on our Government resources, but they prevent beneficiaries from experiencing the dignity of home ownership. I thank you.

Mr S N AUGUST (GOOD): Hon Speaker, the housing backlog in the Western Cape is fast becoming a crisis and this challenge was created by the Democratic Alliance, who for years have been dragging their feet with building decent homes for many residents in this province. The New Woodlands Housing Development is an example of a government who does the bare minimum and because of improper checks and balances, preventable hurdles, all delaying this project.

Hon MEC Simmers made public promises to incoming residents that they will be able to move into Phase 1 at the end of August. Currently, there is a delay with this as water and electricity installations are stalled due to mistakes that were made with the erf numbers. Hon Speaker, these units have been available for occupation two months ago already. On my personal inspection, it was found that the development has been vandalised, broken into, electricity cables got stolen and infrastructure got damaged. Their further inoccupation will result in more damage to property or pave the way for unlawful occupation by desperate home seekers who have been at the mercy of the Government, who has no intention of solving the housing backlog.

This development has been plagued with challenges as protesting workers, court cases, corporate politics and various other factors are throwing the completion of this project off course. One would expect the hon MEC would do his best to stick to the promises and do everything in his power to ensure that the timeous completion is possible, but alas, no. The New Woodlands Development is a ...[Inaudible.] needed project that requires urgent interventions to ensure that these residents can ultimately call a house a home. Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, this morning I received this message from one of the communities out in Retreat. The message was sent to me to say:

"Morning, I hope it is okay to share this with you?"

And this is what our current communities are facing. She said:

"So, I am sitting at the Retreat Day Hospital, but at the MOU. We got here at about 5:30 this morning, not knowing what the procedure was and what we need to do. The only procedure that I can see..."

She says:

"...is that there is no humanity left in our system. So, everyone must sit outside in the cold and wait to be screened."

And now what happened?

"So, while we were sitting, waiting to be helped, a mother with a seven-day old baby is sitting in the cold and I am sure that the elderly will be joining soon. This is really sad and a disgrace. We are not animals. We are humans and do not get me wrong. Animals should be treated decently, but I am taking this video to show you what I am talking about."

Hon Speaker, people are queuing early mornings, 5 o'clock, 4 o'clock in the morning, out in the cold, waiting to be assisted and screened. Surely, we can treat them better? Surely, we can give them some form of shelter that they can be inside and not outside, waiting in the cold and the wet? I thank you.

Mr A LILI (ANC): Thanks, hon Speaker. The ANC notes and welcomes the Department of Home Affairs' efforts to curb unemployment of graduates in the country. The latest statistics indicate that over 20% of graduates are unemployed. We hope that this number will decrease from 1 November this year, when the recruitment of young unemployed graduates by the project on the digitisation of the Department of Home Affairs civic paper records is implemented.

Through this initiative, the Department of Home Affairs is ensuring that its mandate of safekeeping of more than 350 million records for citizens and legal residents, also creates jobs. This project will therefore ensure that the National Population Register, including the management of birth, marriage, death certificates and identity documents will be digitised.

The Department of Home Affairs will therefore, work with the Department of Employment and Labour to enrol young people between the ages of 18 to 35, as well as people with disabilities, for nearly 3,000 opportunities. These range from runners, ...[inaudible], reassemblers, clerks, drivers, indexers, scanners, quality controllers, team leaders, technical support, and managers. As such, the Department of Home Affairs strives to contribute to job creation, goals, and the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative, by acquiring unemployed youth on fixed term contracts to assist with the digitisation of records. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Lili. You see, the difficulty of two minutes is that when you speak. Some of us, you know, I was once beaten at school for speaking too slow. So, I realised that some of us are disadvantaged with that, so sometimes I listen a bit. Hon Marais was asking me this morning how do I get everything I want to say into two minutes? To say the tricky part depends on the Presiding Officer to be able to understand that challenge. But unfortunately, Members' Statements, it is two minutes.

So, I am going to ask the hon members to watch their watches so that you have the Presiding Officer in this regard. The next political party in this turn is the DA and following after that, will be tagbare [hon] Marais.

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, there is little doubt that South Africa is currently having to tend to countless crises at the same time. Over the past decade, our country has seen a profound decrease in general socio-economic conditions on all measurable indicators, which has further exacerbated crime in our communities. Yet, despite this very visible trend, the National Government has continuously under-resourced the South African Police Services and has prevented our men and women in blue from being able to fully carry out their duties. It is clear that SAPS is not the issue, but rather, the people mandated to manage it.

This is why we are making the call once again for the Western Cape Government to be given the mandate for policing, so that residents can truly see crime being defeated in our province. Everyone in this House knows how the Western Cape has gone above and beyond in this regard, whether it be via our Safety Plan, or the multiple dashboards currently being used by the Provincial Government to allow for data driven decision making.

On Tuesday, we were able to see yet another example of this in action with the opening of the Joint Operation Centre in Mossel Bay. After this concept of the facility was originally conceived by five Neighbourhood Watches in the community, it was clear that there was a need for centre location from which a safety partnership with all stakeholders could be conducted. The facility will involve many structures from all spheres and all levels of Government, and it will contribute to our all-of-society approach. This approach involves SAPS, Correctional Services, CPFs Neighbourhood Watches, local government, law enforcement, provincial community safety and provincial traffic.

Hon Speaker, the time for devolution is now and it is time for a capable sub-national Government to take on this responsibility. I thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I rise to put a case or a rediscovery, an application of democratic principles in this House. To give a maximum of two minutes to minority parties, like the ACDP, GOOD, Freedom Front Plus and Al Jama-Ah, is the anthesis of democracy. The equitable allocation of time for debate should weigh far heavier than proportionality in this House.

This formula of proportionality has already been adopted and supported by all parties, including the ANC, in the National Parliament.

The allocation of funds to political parties in the National Parliament is 60% equitable share to each party and only 40% proportionally. That is justice. This is something the DA should learn from the National Parliament. Act 116 of this country's Constitution states in 2(b):

“Participation in the proceedings of the Legislature and its committees of minority parties, must be in a manner consistent with democracy.”

And then, it says:

“Financial and administrative assistance to each party in the Legislature in provinces must be in proportion to its representations to enable the parties to perform their functions effectively.”

Hon Speaker, you will note no mention is made here in the Constitution that speaking times in this House should be proportionate to the number of members here, only the finance that parties get ...[Interjection.] should be equitable and if the DA do not know what democracy is, maybe they must take a feather out of the cap of the National Legislature or ...[Interjection.] they can never be said to be liberal nor democratic. [Time expired.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, if we look at the ongoing gang violence, increasing drug-related activities, murders, rapes, most residents on the Cape Flats and in townships are not enjoying safety and security in this province. Law enforcement officers are not deployed in high-risk areas, such as Manenberg, Delft, Nyanga, Khayelitsha, Hanover Park and the list goes on. The deadly violence on the Cape Flats has made the lives of majority citizens in the province unbearable.

The Province has a constitutional obligation to do oversight on local government and their functions. The DA-run Province is allowing the DA-run City of Cape Town to deploy law enforcement officers in areas where it is not necessary. It has allowed law enforcement officers to violently enter the Heathfield Senior Secondary School to violate learners and allegedly, physically touched female learners.

These officers are used to criminalise learners who have the right to express their views. The deployment of these law enforcement officers is not always justified as in the case of Heathfield Secondary School and at anti-Zionist protest actions. These officers should be seen and be in action on the streets in Delft and in Manenberg, and in Khayelitsha, and in Hanover Park. We see these law enforcement officers strolling in the CBD in Cape Town, but not in the streets on the Cape Flats.

The Al Jama-Ah Party demands that this Western Cape Legislature intervenes in how the City of Cape Town deploys law enforcement and that they should be redeployed on the Cape Flats and in the townships. These are the places where they should be visible and a service to the communities. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms C A T MURRAY: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, Comic Con Africa, the continent's biggest and most-largest pop culture, and gaming festival is coming to Cape Town. This is a massive event that will take place next year at the Cape Town Stadium, with the backing of the City of Cape Town. Events of this nature raise the profile of our province as a must-see tourist destination.

This massive win is bolstered by the province having had a significant recovery in the number of visitors to our province over the last year. In fact, international airport arrivals to our province recovered by 73% in June 2022, compared to pre-pandemic levels. Tourism, and especially international tourism, is an immensely important driver of economic activity in our province. This sector is supported by large scale events, like Comic Con, which attract thousands of people to our province and provide a much-needed boost to our economy. This is because more visitors to our shores translate into more demand for key industries, like events and tourism and hospitality, which further translates into job creation.

Before the pandemic, our province had a vibrant events industry. This is due, in part, to the plethora of outstanding venues and locations we enjoy. The tourism sector was, of course, severely impacted by the National Government's lockdown measures which were at times irrational and were kept in place certainly far longer than necessary. With all lockdown restrictions now lifted, it is paramount that the recovery of the events, tourism, and hospitality sectors be our upmost priority so that we can enable the private sector to claw back much needed jobs.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Murray. Now, may I request to the hon members as we conclude the Members' Statements, that we allow the Executive branch, if there is any Minister who wants to respond to Members' Statements? You have only five minutes to do so. If there is, otherwise, if there is not, then that will save us five minutes. Alright. I do not see any indication. That then concludes Members' Statements. Thank you, hon members.

Now, we move to Notices of Motion. In terms of the new Rule 151, as you all know, hon members, all the motions by hon members must be delivered to the Secretary so that they may be placed in the Order Paper. These motions have been duly submitted and, of course, published in the Order Paper, as you may see.

RAMPANT CRIME IN THE WESTERN CAPE

(Notice of Motion)

Mr P J MARAIS: I give notice that I shall move:

That serious actions be taken to stop rampant crime in the Western Cape and that the Constitutional Court be approached forcing the Minister of Police to delegate or devolve certain powers to the Provincial Minister of Community Safety with immediate effect.

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

PIE ACT AMENDMENT

(Notice of Motion)

Mr P J MARAIS: I give notice that I shall move:

That this House calls on the National Government to reconsider and amend the section in the PIE ACT which application impedes local and provincial governments, from adopting policies that would ensure orderly urbanisation and provide adequate housing for the high influx of people to the Western Cape.

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

SAFETY PLAN

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates progress that has been made by the Western Cape Safety Plan on its quest to halve the murder rate in the province as well as the launch of new LEAP officers.

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

BRIAN SCHREUDER: APPOINTMENT OF

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the PSC report on the appointment of Brian Schreuder which found a number of illegalities and irregularities on the appointment.

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

STELLENBOSCH HOSPITAL TEEN RAPE INCIDENT

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the PSC report on the Stellenbosch Hospital teen rape incident and the Western Cape Government Health's ineptness in the handling of this case.

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

MONKEY POX OUTBREAK

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the readiness of the Western Cape Government Health to track and respond to the Monkeypox outbreak in the province.

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

G F JOOSTE HOSPITAL: REBUILDING OF

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the slow pace in the rebuilding of the GF Jooste Hospital and its impact in the public healthcare in the province.

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

BRIAN SCHREUDER: APPOINTMENT OF

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the appointment of Brian Schreuder to the Western Cape Education Department after his retirement at 69 years from the Department.

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

The SPEAKER: I also wish to indicate to the hon members that regarding Motions without Notice, there is an agreement in terms of the Standing Rules, Rule 150, that motions that are congratulatory in nature and motions of condolences, would be treated in the fashion where the Programming Authority has to meet, agree in case there is an agreement. If there is no agreement, then there will be an opportunity for those motions to be dealt with in the House.

But in this case, on 15 August there was a session of the Programming Authority and there were agreements in terms of the list of motions submitted. I wish to indicate to the hon members that there are lists of hon members who have submitted those motions and I am going to read that list in order for the hon members who have submitted them, to be recorded. Of course, it is as if the hon members were here in the House and presented the motions, and that is how they are going to be recorded in order for the hon members who have shared their motions to have their names listed in Hansard for that purpose.

Now, the first motion was read by and submitted by hon Bosman from the DA. The second one was submitted by hon Christians from ACDP. The third one was submitted by hon Bans from the ANC. The fourth one was submitted by hon Kama from the ANC. The fifth one was submitted by hon Lekker from the ANC. Hon members, I now put the motions duly submitted and approved by the Programming Authority to the House.

LATE RUDI KOERTZEN

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: I move without notice:

That the House sends its condolences to the family of the renowned former cricket umpire, Rudi Koertzen, who passed away tragically this week; notes that Koertzen, a lifelong cricketing enthusiast, began his umpiring career in 1981, and made it his full-time profession 11 years later; notes that, with steadfast and uncompromising professionalism, he umpired 108 test matches, 209 one-day internationals and 14 T20s, before retiring in 2010; notes Mr Koertzen's achievements; and sends condolences to his family.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

TRAMWAYS FOOTBALL CLUB: SOCCER STARS

(Motion)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I move without notice:

That the House notes that an article in the *Daily Voice* of 4 August by Junior Bester tells of two aspiring soccer stars from the Tramways Football Club; further notes that they are trying to raise funds to travel to Dallas, USA, where they hope to be scouted by talent scouts from Europe and, needless to say, that both Isaiah (16) and Figo (17) are passionate about soccer; notes that they have been playing since the ages of 5 and 7 respectively; notes that Isaiah says he hopes to play for Manchester United one day; notes that currently Isaiah has raised R10,000 towards the trip which will cost R40,000; notes that Figo is named after Luis Figo, a Portuguese soccer legend; commends them for their passion and drive; and prays that they will be successful in their footballing ambitions.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

PRINCE ALBERT D R CHURCH

(Motion)

Ms A P BANS: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the DR Church in Prince Albert on its 180th celebration; notes that, a landmark in the little Karoo town, the church, like all our faith communities, plays an integral part in building community and spreading mercy, thanksgiving, peace and love; wishes †Dominee [Reverend] Philip Scholtz and the DR community in Prince Albert well on this their landmark; and calls on the church and all faith communities to continue to be a prophetic voice in our province.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

BODY OF YOUNG GIRL FOUND IN WHEELIE BIN

(Motion)

Mr M KAMA: I move without notice:

That the House notes with deep sadness the tragic and untimely passing away of a teenage girl who was found in a wheelie bin in Nyanga, Cape Town; notes that the body of the girl was found outside the house of an elderly woman living with her grandchildren and they alerted police; notes that the man who was seen pushing the wheelie bin was later found by residents, but he fled; wishes to commend the alleged suspect's family for working with the SAPS to apprehend the suspect and the community members for working together to address crime in the area; and conveys sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the young girl.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

NOMUSA DUBE-NCUBE : APPOINTMENT AS KWAZULU-NATAL PREMIER

(Motion)

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

That the House notes with a great sense of pride and welcomes the appointment of Nomusa Dube-Ncube as KwaZulu-Natal Premier; notes that this milestone is for the books as Dube-Ncube is the first woman to be appointed as the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal and also notes that the appointment happens during Women's Month; and celebrates the history this is making.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections, motions agreed to. So, the motions, as I indicated, will appear in Hansard as if they were read aloud here in the House.

I will now move to the list of Motions without Notice as by Standing Rule 150(2)(d). These lists could also include Motions without Notice that were not approved by the Programming Authority and the hon members, I wish to bring it to your attention that you only have 30 minutes. So, if the 30 minutes comes to an end, I will duly remind the hon members and that will mean, therefore, any other motion that has not been dealt with, even though you have submitted it, will not be dealt with in this case. I now recognise...

Before I do that, I have got the list, Mr Poggenpoel. I just want to say this to the hon members. If you change the comma or the full stop, it is okay, but do not change the content of the motion because this motion, we all have it. It has been submitted. So, read the motion and deliver the motion that you submitted, otherwise it then causes a bit of a challenge for us in terms of the Standing Rules. I now recognise the hon member Nkondlo.

SIYABULELA SOPHI

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: †Enkosi, Somlomo. [Thank you, Speaker]. I move without notice:

That the House notes with pride the great work done by Mr Siyabulela Sophi - who is unfortunately not in the House because he fell sick; he was supposed to be in the gallery today, hon Speaker – for his community of Khayelitsha, and calls on the Provincial Government to provide him and his team with all the necessary support needed to grow his projects; further notes that Mr Sophi founded Future Masters in his community to keep youth off the streets, where they prioritize the needs of young people including helping with university applications and bursaries; Mr Sophi is also a member of Udaba, the Pop Up Khaltsha team, which focuses on giving local entrepreneurs and creatives market access through their quarterly Pop Up event; further notes with pride and joy his recent award where he was recently named one of South Africa's top ten outstanding young people by Junior Chamber International in recognition of his dedication to youth development, entrepreneurship, and community development; and calls on the Western Cape Government to also recognize his commitment to youth development, entrepreneurship, and community development and invest more resources for these in Khayelitsha and other poor working class communities in the province. I so move, thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Moved without notice:

That the House notes with pride the great work done by Mr Siyabulela Sophi – who is present in the gallery today – for his community of Khayelitsha; calls on the provincial government to provide him and his team with all the necessary support needed to grow his projects; further notes that Mr Sophi founded Future Masters FC in his community to keep the youth off the streets, where they prioritise the needs of young people, including helping with university applications and bursaries; notes that Mr Sophi is also a member of Udaba, the Pop-up Khaltsha team, which focuses on giving local entrepreneurs and creatives market access through our quarterly pop-up event; further notes with pride and joy his recent award where he was named one of South Africa's top ten outstanding young people by the Junior Chamber International (JCI) in recognition of his dedication to youth development, entrepreneurship and community development; and calls on the Western Cape Government to recognise his commitment to youth development, entrepreneurship and community development and to invest more resources for those in Khayelitsha and in other poor working-class communities in the province.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the hon President Ramaphosa's remarks during the National Women's Day event, that the Government has committed to set aside 40% of public procurement spending to women-owned businesses and calls on the hon Premier and his Government to follow suit and make commitments to prioritize women-businesses in the public procurement spend in the province. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Nkondlo. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice? No objections ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): I object that it is being read without notice.

The SPEAKER: The objection has been noted and the motion will be recorded in the Order Paper.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Moved move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes President Ramaphosa's remarks during the National Women's Day event that the government has committed to set aside 40 per cent of public-procurement spending to women-owned businesses; and calls on the Premier and his government to follow suit and make commitments to prioritise women-owned businesses in the public-procurement spend in the province.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

CLOETESVILLE PRIMARY: SOLAR PANEL SYSTEM

(Motion)

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

That the House notes and welcomes the solar panel system at Cloetesville Primary, and commends the GreenX Engineering and Stellenbosch University for the donation of these units; notes further that this is an excellent investment in saving electricity usage, as it generates 14,000 units a year, and the school will save R20,000 rands annually on exorbitant rates and tariffs charged to schools by municipalities; and further notes and welcomes that Cloetesville Primary is one of 25 schools in the province with smart meters and energy-efficient lights. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Moved without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the solar panel system at the Cloetesville Primary School; and commends GreenX Engineering and the Stellenbosch University for the donation of these units; further notes that this is an excellent investment in saving electricity usage as it generates 14 000 units a year, and the school will save R20 000 annually on exorbitant rates and tariffs charged to schools by municipalities; and further notes and welcomes that the Cloetesville Primary

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

INTERCAPE DRIVERS' SHOOTINGS

(Motion)

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the breakthrough on the case of Intercap drivers' shootings in Cape Town, as the suspect of the transport-related violence was arrested over the weekend in Klapmuts in the Cape Winelands and commends the work done by the detectives to bring the perpetrator to book. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Moved without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the breakthrough on the case of Intercap driver's shootings in Cape Town, as the suspect of the transport-related violence was arrested over the weekend in Klapmuts in the Cape winelands; and commends the work done by the detectives to bring the perpetrator to book.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

SOUTH AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM

(Motion)

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

That the House notes the achievements of the athletes of South Africa's Commonwealth Games team, who returned to the country last week. Between them, they earned 7 gold, 9 silver, and 11 bronze medals, which is a particularly impressive feat given the lack of support these athletes have endured from SASCOC and the National Department of Arts, Sports, and Culture. Despite the adversity they have face, South Africa's athletes continue to exemplify the sterling character of South African sportspeople, and to demonstrate why South Africa still remains one of the most respected nations on the planet in the sporting circles. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Moved without notice:

That the House notes the achievements of the athletes of South Africa's Commonwealth Games team, who returned to the country last week; notes that, between them they earned 7 gold, 9 silver, and 11 bronze medals, which a particularly impressive feat given the lack of support these athletes have received from SASCOC and the national Department of Arts, Sport and Culture; and notes that, despite the adversity they have faced, South Africa's athletes continue to exemplify the sterling character of South African sports people and demonstrate why South Africa still remains one of the most respected nations on the planet in sporting circles.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

SASSA: KHAYELITSHA BRANCH

(Motion)

Mr D PLATO: I move without notice:

That the House commends the actions of the City of Cape Town in ensuring the resumption of social assistance services in Khayelitsha on the 14th of last month. SASSA suddenly and without notice closed the doors of its Khayelitsha branch, having failed to find an alternative site as the building underwent maintenance. Despite the fact that SASSA is a national agency, the City of Cape Town mobilised to mitigate the agency's stunning incompetence by offering its own buildings for the use of the agency. This shows a clear recognition of the need to put people first on the part of the DA-led local and provincial spheres of government, and a total lack of care on the part of the ANC at the national level. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Plato. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice? No ...*[Interjection.]*

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

An HON MEMBER: Object.

Mr D PLATO: Moved without notice:

That the House notes with grave concern the kidnapping of six-year-old Shanawaaz Ashgar, who was abducted by six men on his way to school yesterday morning; notes that while all incidents of crime should be condemned, this incident is particularly shocking due to the boy's age and the brazen nature of the kidnapping; and condemns in the strongest possible terms the growing spate of kidnappings across the country, urges the police to employ all of their resources to rescue the child and encourages any member of the public with information to come forward immediately.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

**MOSSEL BAY AND THE WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT
JOINT OPERATION CENTRE**

(Motion)

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

That the House commends the Western Cape Government and Mossel Bay Local Municipality for officially opening their Joint Operation Centre. The facility will involve many structures from all levels of Government and will contribute to our all-of-society approach, which will further our efforts to keep crime under control. It is plain to see that we are going above and beyond our mandates while the National Government continues to underfund and incapacitate SAPS. The opening of the Joint Operation Centre is yet another example of how the Western Cape continues to innovate, despite the difficulties it faces. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Moved without notice:

That the House commends the Western Cape Government and the Mossel Bay Local Municipality for officially opening the Joint Operation Centre; notes that the facility will involve many structures from all levels of government and will contribute to our all-of-society approach, which will further our efforts to keep crime under control; notes that it is plain to see that we are going above and beyond our mandates, while the national government continues to underfund and incapacitate the SAPS; and notes that the opening of the Joint Operation Centre is yet another example of how the Western Cape continues to innovate, despite the difficulties it faces.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

PUBLIC HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: DECREASING BUDGETS

(Motion)

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

That the House notes with concern the effects of decreasing budgets on public healthcare facilities and the impact it is having on society's wellbeing; and that this House further echoes the call for our incompetent National Government to prioritise its budgets so that provinces are able to be properly capacitated. The Western Cape continues to deliver quality healthcare to our residents, despite our national counterparts not being able to effectively deal with the fiscal environment in which we find ourselves. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Moved without notice:

That the House notes with concern the effects of decreasing budgets on public healthcare facilities and the impact it has on society's wellbeing; further echoes the call for our incompetent national government to prioritise its budgets so that provinces are able to be properly capacitated; and notes that the Western Cape continues to deliver quality healthcare to our residents despite our national counterparts not being able to deal effectively with the fiscal environment in which we find ourselves.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

SHANAWAAZ ASHGAR: KIDNAPPING

(Motion)

Mr D PLATO: Hon Speaker, thank you very much. I move without notice:

That the House notes with grave concern the kidnapping of six-year-old Shanawaaz Ashgar, who was abducted by six men on his way to school a day ago. While all incidents of crime should be condemned, this incident is particularly shocking due to looking at the boy's age and the brazen nature of the attack: six men for a small child. We just cannot condone something like that to happen. The House should condemn in the strongest possible terms the growing spate of kidnappings in Cape Town, urge the police to employ all of their resources to rescue the child, to find the child, to bring the child back to his mom and dad; and for any member of the public with information to come forward with information immediately. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr D PLATO: Hon Speaker, thank you very much. I move without notice:

That the House notes with grave concern the kidnapping of six-year-old Shanawaaz Ashgar, who was abducted by six men on his way to school yesterday morning; notes that while all incidents of crime should be condemned, this incident is particularly shocking due to the boy's age and the brazen nature of the kidnapping; and condemns in the strongest possible terms the growing spate of kidnappings across the country, urges the police to employ all of their resources to rescue the child and encourages any member of the public with information to come forward immediately

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

LATE DAWN LANGDOWN

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the achievements of choreographer and dancer Dawn Langdown, who passed away on Monday. Langdown was a driving force behind community theatre for more than four decades, having founded the Jazzart Theatre in Cape Town, and choreographed and performed in many of that period's most renowned anti-apartheid theatre pieces. As a teacher, Langdown inspired many young dancers, and leaving her influences sorely missed. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the achievements of choreographer and dancer Dawn Langdown, who passed away on Monday; notes that Langdown was a driving force behind community theatre for more than four decades, having founded the Jazzart Theatre in Cape Town, and choreographed and performed in many of that period's most renowned anti-apartheid theatre pieces; and notes that, as a teacher, Langdown inspired many young dancers, leaving her influence sorely missed.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: At this point, I need to thank the hon members for a very constructive day and of course, to ensure that we are able to conduct the business of the day and the House, within the decorum that is expected of all of us. That concludes the business of the day and may you all have a great evening. Thank you, may God bless you.

The House adjourned at 17:43.

ANNOUNCEMENTS TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST 2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to the Conradie Better Living Model Housing Projects, as follows:**

Delegation

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Lili, A
Maseko, LM (DA) (Chairperson)
Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Barends, A; Driver
Mshumpela, N; Committee Assistant
Jones, S; Procedural officer

1. Introduction

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, as part of its oversight mandate, conducted an oversight visit to the Conradie “Better Living Model” Housing project in Pinelands. The visit took place on Friday, 4 March 2022 at 9:00am.

2. Overview

The Committee was received by MS P Mayisela, the Acting Head of Department: Human Settlements; Mr N Adriaanse, Director: Communication and Stakeholder Relations; Mr G Wiseman, Director: Affordable Housing; Mr N Joseph, Project Officer: Transport and Public Works; Mr J Pillay, Chief Director: Public Private Partnerships - Transport and Public Works; and Mr M Schonrock, Managing Agent for Concord.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit. After the meeting with the representatives of the Department of Human Settlements, the Department of Transport and Public Works and the Managing Agent from Concord the Committee proceeded on a guided tour of the Conradie “Better Living Model” Housing project.

3. Conradie “Better Living Model” Housing project

3.1 Background

The Conradie “Better Living Model” is a new approach to inclusive affordable urban living to improve on the lives of citizens in the province. The 22 hectare former Conradie Hospital site will be developed into an integrated, sustainable, and affordable residentially-led, mixed-use neighbourhood. The R3 billion Project will be developed through a partnership between the Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town, and the private sector.

The first phase of the social housing blocks comprises of 432 units which were tenanted from December 2021. The second phase comprising 659 units is earmarked to commence construction from approximately March 2022. Ultimately the development will consist of 3 600 residential units, including social and affordable market units with schools, a retail centre and retail shops on the ground-floor of several of the social housing blocks. The Project aims to provide 3000 homes for mixed income groups. It will provide a public park along the Elsieskraal canal, safe recreational areas, new schools, sports fields, as well as commercial and retail business opportunities.

3.2 Traffic and non-motorised transport upgrades

All external roads, intersections, cycling & pedestrian routes were significantly upgraded during 2020 as part of the initial infrastructure upgrades of Conradie Park. The following upgrades have been complete and are fully operational:

- 3.2.1 Six signalised intersections;
- 3.2.2 The widening of Forest Drive Extension from a 2 lane road to a 5 lane road;
- 3.2.3 A new dedicated 5m wide non-motorized transport (NMT) route for pedestrians & cyclists;
- 3.2.4 Two new NMT bridges over the railway and roadway at Old Mutual, which connects the site directly to Mutual Station and links to the PRASA Central and Northern lines;
- 3.2.5 Lights and security monitored NMT link from the Conradie Park site;
- 3.2.6 In addition, a new elegant NMT bridge was constructed over the Elsieskraal Canal connecting the site to the important industrial area of Epping, a big job provider for the area;
- 3.2.7 As part of the phase 2 traffic upgrades, the main Forest Drive Extension road passing Conradie Park will be further upgraded; and
- 3.2.8 Additional road widening and the construction of a large new elevated-T bridge over the railway, through the Maitland cemetery which connects directly onto Voortrekker Road.

The new roadway and Elevated-T Bridge will improve Conradie Park's connectivity to the surrounding areas and has the capacity to accommodate an additional 2,000 cars per hour. The new road upgrade connects onto Voortrekker Road in front of the current Wingfield site. Negotiations are still under way with regard to the City of Cape Town transport masterplan to continue the road upgrade through Wingfield which connects to N1 by Century City, thereby improving the overall connectivity and travel time to and from Conradie Park.

3.3 Educational opportunities

The Better Living Model makes provision for a range of educational hubs which include, three crèches, two schools which includes Grade R and tertiary education institutions. The main school precinct is located in the center of Conradie Park and borders by a pedestrian friendly streetscape and luscious landscaping. The school precinct is easily accessible via a network of urban roads designed to allow ease of access to drop off points while simultaneously providing for pedestrian access for students.

3.4 Conradie park sports and recreational centre

The Conradie Park Sports and Recreational Centre will provide pupils with access to a high end sports facility which will be able to host a combination of both indoor and outdoor activities.

3.5 Conradie park commercial hub

The Conradie Park Commercial hub offers a wide range of options which can be constructed according to specification. The hub offers over 60 000m² commercial space, a 7000m² hotel facility and 10 000m² of retail space. Provision is made for a supermarket, a gym, a doctor's practice, and numerous businesses ranging from startups to well established brands. Pocket retail outlets will be located at the base of most residential developments for extra convenience.

3.6 Public open spaces

A 22 000m² liner park designed to be an environmentally friendly recreational area will be created. The park will be constructed to include numerous relaxation areas, picnics areas, and family sit down areas. Foot paths and two bridges will be constructed to enhance the experience of park life. Approximately 1 500 trees will be planted transforming the appearance of the park into a mini forest. A 5km track will be included into the planning to allow for short distance park run events. Provision is also made for three pocket parks designed for individuals and smaller groups.

3.7 Safety and security

State of the art visual and thermal imagery cameras will be mounted on the perimeters of the park giving live feedback to the manned control room while also allowing the user your private space.

Facial recognition cameras were mounted on access points. To ensure compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, (Act 4 of 2013) residents were requested to sign contracts allowing this inclusion for security purposes.

3.8 Subsidy programme

This Conradie Better Living Model mixed income, mixed-use project, comprises affordable subsidy rental and mortgage housing units. It makes provision for 530 Financed Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) funded units. A subsidy for first time homeowners that is administered by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements, working with the banking sector. This Project contains South Africa's first high rise FLISP development.

4. Resolutions

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Human Settlements keep it abreast with updates on the Project developments.

5. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the managing agents and their contributions to the success of the visit. Members acknowledged the workmanship and the quality of the materials and fittings which were utilised and installed in the units. The Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town, and the private sector were praised for the innovation and service excellence that the Conradie Better Living Model provides.

2. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to Strydom and Simon Street in Montagu and Robertson, as follows:

Delegation

The delegation consisted of the following members:

America, D
Botha, LJ
Lili, A
Maseko, LM (Chairperson)
Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Barends, A; Driver
Jones, S, Procedural officer
Mshumpela, N, Committee Assistant

1. Introduction

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements as part of its oversight mandate conducted an oversight visit to Strydom and Simon Street in Montagu and to Robertson on 8 April 2022.

2. Overview

The Committee was received by Mr N Adriaanse, Director: Communication and Stakeholder Relations, Department of Human Settlements; Mr F De Wet, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Human Settlements; Mr P Klassen, Regional Manager, Department of Human Settlements, Ald. S van Eeden, Mayor Langeberg Municipality, Mr Mgajo, Director: Community Services, Langeberg Municipality; Ms Brown, Manager Housing, Langeberg Municipality; Ms C Matthys, Director Strategy and Social Development, Langeberg Municipality; and Mr R de Jong, Personal Assistant: Mayor's Office Langeberg Municipality and Cllr. C Henn, Portfolio MAYCO member from the Langeberg Municipality.

The oversight visit commenced with a site visit to Strydom and Simon Street, after which the meeting took place with the Langeberg Municipality. This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit.

3. Strydom and Simon Street Housing project

3.1 Background

Construction of the houses in Strydom Street commenced in 1936. The houses consist of one roomed apartments. The detached houses consist of two blocks of three units and two blocks of four units. Outside toilets were constructed whereby four houses are serviced by one toilet.

Due to the dilapidated condition of the houses in Strydom Street, proposals were made to move residents of the affected houses and to accommodate them in Breaking New Ground (BNG) housing projects. Engagements were held with affected parties to demolish the dilapidated houses and to replace it with elevations and sections of various typologies that will be considered. The 14 residents of Strydom Street were offered alternative accommodation but only seven residents have taken ownership of their current housing units under the Enhanced Discount Benefits Scheme (EDBS). These residents were each furnished with a title deed. The houses, beneficiaries in Strydom Street reside in, were sold to them under the R7 500 capital discount scheme for an amount of R2 876, 05 per house.

A recommendation was made that the seven occupants revert ownership of the houses to the Municipality to have the houses demolished and rebuilt. The other seven houses are still owned by the Municipality. The aim of the project is to consolidate and subdivide the erven equally. One resident however has renovated his unit and indicated that he does not want his unit to be demolished.

Under the Project Implementation Readiness Report the Municipality will have to provide the Department with a certificate from the Conveyancer indicating land ownership, the layout and subdivision plan with house placements, and a certificate from the Municipal Engineer that sufficient civil services are in place. Further hereto, the Municipality must submit approved structural engineering designs amongst others. However, additional costs will be incurred in addition to the housing subsidy amount. These additional costs will include the demolition of existing houses, the cost for additional geotechnical services and temporary relocation costs of residence during the construction process.

The Regional Manager was tasked with assisting the Municipality with its business plans to ensure that the Municipality's projects are implementation ready. The Committee recommended that the Department of Human Settlements conduct Road Shows with the municipalities to look at projects that are in the pipeline and to find ways of overcoming the challenges faced by municipalities.

3.2 Findings

During the walk-about of Strydom and Simon Street the Committee was able to observe the following:

- 3.2.1 The majority of the houses in Strydom and Simon Street are in a dilapidated condition due to the type of building material that was used initially.
- 3.2.2 That the Municipality was not providing the service that residents in Simon and Strydom Street desperately required in terms of their living conditions.
- 3.2.3 Some housing units' floors were in complete disrepair and in some cases there were no guttering to channel rain water.
- 3.2.3 The households make use of outside toilet facilities which only have a toilet basin attached. No bathroom facilities were made available.
- 3.2.4 The toilets were mostly in a state of disrepair. Water was running in the yard from the basins as the drainage systems appeared to be blocked.
- 3.2.5 Langeberg Municipality only has one implementing agent for the five approved projects. The implementing agent requested financial guarantees to include the Strydom Street housing project. Strydom Street does not form part of the approved list of projects. The residents of Strydom Street requested that they be provided with standalone houses. The Committee requested that the Department of Human Settlements provide it with feedback on the Strydom Street project by the end of June 2022.
- 3.2.6 ASLA canceled its services with the Langeberg Municipality due to a lack of funding to pay the service provider. The Department of Human Settlements was requested to engage with ASLA to assist with the Langeberg Housing Project continuation. The Department indicated that funding will be made available to ASLA to ensure the continuation of the housing project. Once the Department of Human Settlements have engaged with ASLA it will provide the Committee with a feedback report on the progress of the project.

3.3 Concerns

The Committee raised concern regarding the following:

- 3.3.1 That the Municipality has not maintained the infrastructure to ensure the structures sustainability;
- 3.3.2 The sloping of the land where the houses will be reconstructed might be costly in the long term and problematic to maintain;

4. Resolutions/Actions

- 4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Langeberg Municipality provide it with:
 - 4.1.1 Its Business Plan for the repair of Strydom Street dwellings by no later the 31 May 2022; and
 - 4.1.2 A clear plan which includes dates and the details of the responsible person/s who will champion different roles of the plan. This should include minutes of the meetings held regarding the plan.
- 4.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Langeberg Municipality and the Department of Human Settlements nominate an official that will accept the responsibility to act as the driver of the project from the respective entity's side.
- 4.3 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Langeberg Municipality:
 - 4.3.1 Provides residents of Strydom and Simon with acceptable ablution facilities;
 - 4.3.2 Engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward; and
 - 4.3.4 Provide it with a report on the frequency of waste removal and illegal dumping in the municipal area.
- 4.4 The Committee RESOLVED that it would engage with the Department of Human Settlements by no later than June 2022, regarding the progress of the implementation plan of the Strydom Street Project.

5. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the Department of Human Settlements, Members and the Langeberg Municipality for their participation in the meeting.

3. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to Transhex Housing Project, as follows:

Delegation

The delegation consisted of the following members:

America, D
August, SN
Lilli, A
Marran, P
Maseko, LM (DA) (Chairperson)
Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Jones, S; Procedural officer
Mshumpela, N; Assistant
Barends, A; Driver

1. Introduction

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, as part of its oversight mandate, conducted an oversight visit to the Transhex Housing project in Worcester. The oversight visit took place on Thursday, 24 February 2022 at 7:30am.

2. Overview

The Committee was received by Ms Sheldon, Deputy Mayor; Mr Jole, Head of Office to the Mayor: Breedevallei Municipality; Mr Viljoen, Personal Assistant to the Mayor; Mr Thomas Municipal Manager; Ms Mayisela, Acting Head of Department of Human Settlements; Mr C Landsberg, Project Manager: Stellenbosch Regional Support and Mr Gubuza, Stakeholder Relations Manager.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit. After the meeting representatives of the Department of Human Settlements, the Breedevallei Municipality and the managing agent took the delegation on a guided tour of the housing project.

3. Transhex Housing Project**3.1 Background**

The Transhex Housing Project was implemented by the Department of Human Settlements in March 2016 to reduce the housing backlog in Breedevallei. Currently 26 800 people require housing in Breedevallei. The Project comprises of a mixed-use development, consisting of various types of houses that would cater for the gap market, poorer households, those looking to rent and potential homeowners. Beneficiaries of the Project were derived from the Provincial Housing Demand Database in the Breedevallei Municipality.

The role of the Department is to manage the Project and appoint contractors, in accordance with their legislative mandate. Construction on the next phase of the Project is projected to start after May 2022 and to be completed by May 2024.

3.2 Findings

3.2.1 Beneficiary approval per age group

The majority of the approved beneficiaries fall within the age category of 40 and 49 years. Three beneficiaries are between 90 and 99 years and 20 beneficiaries fall within the age category of 80 and 89 years. The Committee recommended that the Municipality prioritise older beneficiaries with the planned 610 houses that will be constructed.

3.2.2 Categorised approved beneficiaries

Approximately 855 Backyard dwellers were approved to receive a housing opportunity. A total of 122 beneficiaries from informal settlements and 107 farm workers have been approved to receive a housing opportunity. Provision was made for 158 beneficiaries to receive a rental unit.

The first beneficiaries were approved in 2018 but several applicants have since passed away.

Processing of subsidies was limited to the approved Project. The allocation of subsidies and conveyancing is only limited to the current construction. In accordance with the Departmental Production Planning and Control prescripts all beneficiaries need to be identified and approved, before project approval can be granted.

3.2.3 Electrification and bulk infrastructure

The Municipality has four 66 kilo Volts (kV) substations in Worcester and two 11 kV electrical substations in De Doorns and Touws River each. The network is adequate and stable in all towns except Worcester, specifically Zwelethemba and Rolihlahla/Avian Park areas where there is limited capacity of bulk supply cables. Load shedding occurs on a regular basis due to an overload of the network, which experiences a steady increase in electricity usage in line with the area's population growth. These areas experience extensive electricity theft which places the electrical infrastructure under severe strain.

Concerns were raised regarding the delivery of future bulk capacity from Eskom to supply the newly required demand to Worcester with regard to the rapid expansion required to accommodate the Transhex housing development within the next 15 years.

The Breedevallei Municipality is in the process of exploring alternative energy sources to ensure continuity of electricity supply to Worcester, taking the economic and population growth into consideration.

Small scale embedded generation is gradually being introduced into the Municipal Distribution Area as an alternative source for electrical capacity. The Municipality permits network connections of various forms of small-scale sustainable embedded generation such as photovoltaic systems and renewable energy cogeneration that comply with national legislation and municipal policy.

Developers have expressed their concern about the affordability of electricity, which might compromise the economic viability of intended development or extension of their businesses. The sale of electricity to end users makes up a significant portion of the income budget of the municipality and largely secures the financial viability of the institution. The Municipality advised that approximately R325 million is required to upgrade the current electric substation. The Municipality has also installed water saving devices. Funding was sourced through the additional grant for this project.

3.2.5 TSSN Carries and the new contractor

A new contractor was identified to manage the operation of the Transhex Housing Project. The decision was made after TSSN Carriers failed to deliver on 58 housing units according to its due date. TSSN Carriers was issued with a notice of non-compliance by the Department of Human Settlements in line with its contractual stipulations. The Contractor was requested to provide a plan that outlines the remedial action that will be instituted to rectify its non-compliance to deliver on the project deadlines. After the Department interrogated the TSSN Carriers remedial plan, Tusk was appointed to take over the management of operation of the contract.

Tusk is a support services company that empowers emerging contractors. The company provides emerging contractors with information on:

- Bridging finance;
- Material credit; and
- Risk Management.

3.2.6 Infrastructure budget of R80 million

The Breedevallei Municipality was informed via Government Gazette 8181 on 26 November 2019 that over R80 million for the Transhex Housing Development Project had to be transferred back to the Department of Human Settlements. The Department formally informed the Municipality that the funding allocation for this Project was revised from R182 820 000 to R103 320 00 in their mid-year adjustment budget. The Municipality advised that the Department had to account for the expenditure of the infrastructure budget within the financial year, therefore the funds had to be returned to ensure that the records reflected the funding. They advised that funds transferred from the Project had not been “lost” but that it was re-allocated in the 2020 - 2021 financial year, when the remaining top structures were to be completed in line with the revised construction plan.

Budgetary constraints have affected the Transhex Housing Project which has to conform to new directives from National Department of Human Settlements. Once the directives have been implemented the Provincial Department of Human Settlements will be able to issue a funding agreement.

3.3 Oral submissions

- 3.3.1 Ms Williams, a ward councillor, informed the Committee that they were not provided with any information pertaining to the Transhex Housing Project. She requested that the Municipal Steering Committee be more forthcoming with pertinent information to all ward councillors.
- 3.3.2 Mr Magami from Ward 16, informed the Committee that there was no information being filtered down from the Municipality to the ward councillors. He questioned the validity of the beneficiary list. Further hereto, he advised that there were many informal settlements in Zwelethemba and De Doorns that required housing opportunities. Beneficiaries from Touws River and De Doorns amongst others, have requested that their details not be placed on the beneficiary list as they do not want to be uprooted from their areas. According to the Municipality this creates challenges when uploading the information onto the Demand Database. These beneficiaries from the respective areas are hopeful that housing projects will be constructed where they reside.
- 3.3.3 Mr Magiba from Zwelithemba informed the Committee that there were no street lights in his community in Zwelithemba and no local police station. He elaborated on the dangers that could occur if the safety of the community is not prioritised. He advised that people need to see where they are going at night and that crime must be reported to a police station that is within easy reach of community members.

3.4 Concerns

The Committee raised concern regarding:

- 3.4.1 The allegations that ward councillors made that they were not receiving pertinent information from the Municipality which pertains to all projects and decisions that are made in the municipality. A recommendation was made that communication should be strengthened;
- 3.4.2 The size of the plots that did not allow for vehicle parking;
- 3.4.3 The demarcation of boundaries between units were not clearly marked;
- 3.4.4 Worcester housing projects which are being plagued by gangsters;
- 3.4.5 Obtaining alternate building material when a supplier is no longer in the area.

- Contractors have encountered problems sourcing the same alternate building material when a supplier is no longer in the area;
- 3.4.6 The implementation of solar geysers that have been stopped. The Department advised that there are geysers in storage that awaits funding approvals; and
- 3.4.7 The delay in providing street lights in Zwelithemba and the allocation of a mobile local police station. Concern was raised regarding the safety of community members in the interim.
- 3.4.8 Concern was raised that school kids had to cross the R60 (Robertson road) to access schools in the Zwelithemba area.

4. Resolutions/Actions

- 4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide it with:
- 4.1.1 A list that depicts the beneficiaries who qualify for a housing opportunity according to their age. This is to clarify whether older persons will be provided with a housing opportunity as part of the May 2024 Transhex Housing Project rollout;
- 4.1.2 A written report on the reasons why the original agreement with TSSN Carriers was amended; and
- 4.1.3 A report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.
- 4.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.

5. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the Members, Department of Human Settlements and the municipalities for their contributions to the success of the visit.

4. Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements for the 2021/2022 financial year, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Maseko, LM (Chairperson) (DA)
America, D (DA)
August, SN (GOOD) (From 15 March 2022)
Lili, A (ANC)
Van der Westhuizen, AP (DA)

Alternate Members

Baartman, DM (DA)
 Mackenzie, RD (DA)
 Bosman, G (DA)
 Bakubaku-Vos, N (ANC)
 Marran, P (ANC)
 Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)
 Schäfer, BA (DA)
 Smith, D (ANC)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee was to-

- 1.1 maintain oversight over the Executive member and the Department and its Entity, of the way in which they perform their responsibilities including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 1.2 consider and report on legislation, other matters and the Annual Reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee -

- 1.3 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.4 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.5 promoted co-operative governance; and
- 1.6 reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Department(s) and Entity

The Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal

3. Overview of Committees Activities

No of Committee Meetings	13
No of Public Hearings	03
No of Oversight Visits	04
Cluster Visit Weeks	01
No of Provincial Bills considered	02

4. Oversight activities

The 2021/22 financial year commenced with meetings to discuss the challenges experienced by District Six Land Restitution claimants. The Committee was able to speak to claimants regarding their District Six claims. The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform, the City of Cape Town and the the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights were invited to brief the Committee on delays in handing over housing opportunities to beneficiaries at the Phase 3 development on Hanover Street in District Six.

The Committee embarked on public engagements with District Six claimants to share their experience with regards to their land restitution claims. The comments received were escalated to the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform. The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform in a Matrix of Submissions responded to some of the Committees queries and in other cases could not provide personal information due to the POPIA act. These comments were forwarded to claimants to provide them with more information regarding their claims. Further hereto the Department and Commission were requested to respond to claimants, directly, to resolve any of the challenges that they have had to date. The Committee resolved to invite the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform and Commission to brief it on the progress made in respect of addressing and resolving the claims.

During the time under review the Committee conducted one oversight visit week and four oversight visits to Langeberg, Anchorage and Bothasig Social Housing Projects, the Transhex mixed housing project and the Conradie Better Living Model respectively.

As part of the Committee's mandate and oversight function a meeting on the Department's Annual Report took place as per Standing Rule 111(1)(a) of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. The Committee engaged the Department and the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal on its Annual Reports submitted in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999).

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 8 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021] and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 188. The Committee considered the Bills and members were able to ask questions and request documents from the Department pertaining to matters which stemmed from the discussions on the Bills.

5. Legislation

In the 2021/22 Financial Year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

- 5.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021], Vote 8;
- 5.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022], Vote 8.

6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

As part of the Committee's mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held three public hearings. To this extent the Committee advertised extensively on the Annual Report and on Bills such as the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021] and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022], informing and inviting interested stakeholders to participate in processes.

7. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated an amount of R 68 531. At the close of the 2021/22 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements amounted to a total of R113 125 and a deficit of -R 44 594.00 was reported.

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Election of a chairperson of the following standing committee (* denotes a change) in accordance with Standing Rule 82(2):

Parliamentary Oversight Committee*

Members: 5

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

TABLING

The Speaker:

Tabling of the Annual Performance Report for 2021/22 of the Western Cape Police Ombudsman in terms of section 13(1) of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, 2013 (Act 3 of 2013):

Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

Annual Performance Report for 2021/22 of the Western Cape Police Ombudsman.

Copy attached.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee, having considered the quarterly financial and performance information of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) for the fourth quarter for the 2021/22 financial year, as well as for the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year, as follows:

The Parliamentary Oversight Committee reports that it convened on 17 August 2022 and has concluded its deliberations on the quarterly financial and performance information of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) for the fourth quarter for the 2021/22 financial year, as well as for the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year, which was referred to it in accordance with Standing Rule 89(1) of the WCPP.

The Committee interrogated the WCPP on the information that was tabled and referred to the Committee as legislated under section 17(2)(a) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009) (FMPPLA).

In accordance with sections 37(6) and 66(2) of the FMPPLA, the WCPP reported to the Committee that no instructions were issued for the WCPP during the fourth quarter of the 2021/22 financial year and during the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year.

The Committee considered and adopted this report at its meeting on 17 August 2022.

THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2022

TABLING

The Speaker:

Public Service Commission: Investigative report: Complaint case 2122//08/22/001 – Department of Social Development.

Copies attached.

WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2022

TABLING

The Speaker:

Tabling of document for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 in terms of section 59 of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:

Annual Report of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for 2021/22 (Vote 2: Provincial Parliament).

Copy attached.

THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

Documents referred to committees in accordance with Rule 92:

1. Annual Performance Report for 2021/22 of the Western Cape Ombudsman

Referred to the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural affairs and Sport.

2. Public Service Commission: Investigative report: Complaint case 2122/12/06/001 – Western Cape Education Department: Mr Brian Schreuder.

Referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

MONDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2022

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

1. Tabling of document in terms of section 121(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003):

West Coast District Municipality

Unaudited Annual Report for 2021/22.

2. Tabling of reports by the Western Cape Commissioner for Children:

- (a) Bitou Community Child Rights Workshop Report 2021;
- (b) Child Government Monitors' Report 2021;
- (c) Strategic Planning Report 2022;
- (d) Study Visit to Mauritius 2022;
- (e) Institution Building Learning Brief 2022; and
- (f) Complaints Mechanism Learning Brief 2022.

Copies attached.

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Updated changes in the Democratic Alliance membership of standing committees (* denotes a change):

1. Standing Committee on Health (*Health*)***Members: 5**

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

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

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

3. Standing Committee on Social Development (*Social Development*)*

Members: 5

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

4. Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters (*Premier*)*

Members: 5

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

Members: 5

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF	FF PLUS (1)	ACDP (1)	AL JAMA-AH
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Alternate Members Fry, C Kaizer-Philander, WF Schäfer, BA*	Alternate Members <u>Community Safety</u> Lili, A Lekker, PZ <u>Cultural Affairs and Sport</u> Kama, M Windvogel, R	Alternate Member Xego, M	—	—	Alternate Member Brinkhuis, K

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

[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.

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The SPEAKER: You may all be seated. Welcome the hon members, the Premier, leaders of political parties and of course the hon members. Some are connected in a virtual platform. We have a large contingent of the hon members in the House and we appreciate that, that the Chamber is very warm today with both sides of the House fully clothed, so thank you, hon members, for being here with us here in the Chamber. I also need to appreciate the stakeholders who are connected in the virtual platform in the Chamber in the gallery, of course, in this gallery here in the Chamber and the gallery in the virtual platform.

Let me just remind the hon members that you know the rules of the virtual platforms. It is not for me to remind you at this stage because you are accustomed to our systems. We have been really using this system for over two years so we really are all au fait with how the systems work. Kindly observe the protocol of the conduct of the virtual meetings and of course, this is a hybrid meeting. Do not activate your camera if you are not speaking and your microphone if you are not speaking, but also the hon members who are in the Chamber, please do not connect on your virtual platform, because you are here in the Chamber with us.

I also need to request kindly that everybody else who is not a member of Parliament, please do not activate your microphone and your camera at any given stage because you will not be participating in the debate, but you will very much observe, and we appreciate you being here with us today.

Hon members, without taking much of your time, this Rule, Rule number 40 in terms of the Standing Rules has become more important lately because members, as you know, there will be a debate later. I would like to request that we respect one another and we conduct ourselves within the decorum that is expected of a hon member of this Parliament.

At this point, I wish to recognize the Chief Whip. I have been informed that now it is still very difficult. I am going to recognise the Deputy Chief Whip.

LATE LORRAINE BOTHA

(Motion of condolence)

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

That the House recognises the invaluable contributions of the late Chief Whip of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, Ms Lorraine Botha, whom this House deeply mourns; notes that Chief Whip Botha was elected to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in 2014 and, during her time, served as the Chairperson of the Standing Committees on Education, Social Development, as well as the Premier and Constitutional Matters; notes that she also served as the Democratic Alliance Caucus Chairperson until she was appointed as Chief Whip of the DA's Western Cape caucus in May this year; notes that Chief Whip Botha also served as the DA constituency head for Berg River; therefore resolves; that its heartfelt condolences be conveyed to her sister, Jeanette Maistry, family, friends and colleagues.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon, the Deputy Chief Whip. There is no list of speakers and as we remember the late hon Botha I would like to request that the hon members who so wish to participate as the political parties, that we are able to respectfully, as this House, do so.

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thank you, Mr Speaker, and let me also welcome the Premier in the House, but on behalf of the EFF we wish to express and extend our sadness and as well as our condolences to the Democratic Alliance as the ruling party for having lost one of their members who served as the Chief Whip of this august House and made sure that under the circumstances we lead our House with the gratitude it deserves but in essence what we want to appeal on is to look very well towards each other. What we have noted, that this giant member, fellow member of Parliament passed on with her boots on. It meant that we ought to look at each other's wellness. There needs to be within the system, I am appealing to you, Mr Speaker, a way where we would be able to detect if we are all still well, and if needs be that there should be assistance that is provided to assist some of our members. We do not wish to have a repetition of such a case, and furthermore, to appeal to the Department of Health and Wellness, that as Government, as we are going to extend such a service to the greater citizenry of the Western Cape, it should start with the House, but to the Democratic Alliance, the Botha family, the people of the West Coast and the Western Cape, we say be strong, because we knew how strong this leader was and let us remain accommodative towards each other and work well with one another, because we do not know when will we lose each other. Thank you very much, Speaker.

Mr S N AUGUST (GOOD): Hon Speaker, on behalf of the GOOD movement, its leaders, public representatives, members, supporters and our constituents. I would like to pass my condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of the late hon Lorraine Botha.

On Wednesday 31st August 2022, the Western Cape Provincial Legislature lost a tree amongst its ranks, an individual who cared deeply for the work of this House, her portfolios, her role as a public representative and whose sole purpose was to change as many lives as possible.

At the memorial service of hon Lorraine, we had the opportunity to be reminded of her kindness, love and generous spirit through the memories of family, friends and members of this institution. She touched many hearts and changed numerous lives and the principles in which she upheld her Oath of Office was done with a great deal of integrity and respect towards the Constitution and the institutions in which she served both politically and within Government.

Speaker, public servants of such high calibre are hard to come by. As servant leadership is the model compass setting the cause for their work, the example of hon Botha will now serve as a guide to many here and elsewhere and it is my wish that we all adopt this exemplary style of leadership in all the diverse capacities in which we serve. I would like to convey my wishes of strength and comfort to the family and her colleagues during this trying and difficult time. I can assure you all that it will be hard and let no one tell you otherwise. It is my hope that they find comfort in the memories of her, find peace in their love and know that she invested her life in changing the lives of others, a greater and more remarkable sacrifice does not exist.

Rest well, hon Lorraine Botha, till we meet again.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, Speaker. On behalf of the ACDP it was with a sense of shock and disbelief when I received the news of the passing of not just a colleague, but a friend of mine. Words fail to come to mind to come to grips with her sudden passing. I met Lorraine Botha in 2014 in the Legislature, and she was my Chairperson when it came to Education, and we served on Community Safety together, and, as I said, she was just not a colleague, and as I said at the memorial, we had a convention. We may differ in the House, but outside of this House we made a commitment to be friends forever.

As the ACDP and we want to commend her devotion and the passions she had for people and the contribution she made. She was hard, but she was also friendly, and she was straightforward. She was also a mother-figure to many younger colleagues. She could be trusted, Speaker, she could be trusted and she would never betray anyone.

We want to thank her and again, you know what it is to be in a political party and when you are in a political party, any political party, you are like family, so the DA will miss her, because you are like family, but you know, when it comes to death, we cannot determine death, but everybody must die, and, as I said, we will miss her outwardly, but not inwardly, because her memories will last forever, and I really pray that to her family and friends, the memories, the memories that she created, that they will become the carriers of that memory going forward and the memory that I want to leave with this House is that she was a caring person, a loving person, and gave everything that she had. She was a committed worker, giving everything she had to uplift the people of the Western Cape and this country. May her soul rest in peace. I thank you.

†Mnr P J MARAIS (FFP): Geagte Speaker, ek wil my medelye uitspreek teenoor die familie, vriende, kollegas in die DA en ook aan die Opposisiekant van die ontslape agbare lid, Lorraine Botha. 'n Mens besef en weet nooit die pyn wat 'n ander voel nie, so ek wil nie sê "I feel your pain" nie. Ek wil my dus slegs uitspreek oor hoe ék voel nadat ek die tyding ontvang het van haar dood. Ek was verslae. Ek was geskok. Ek was hartseer, maar as 'n Christen glo ek die Here het haar vir ons geleen. Die Here het haar teruggeneem na haar hemelse woning. Ek glo as gelowige dit was alles deel van God se plan vir haar, soos met elkeen van ons wat hier sit. Ons weet nie God se plan met ons nie. Ons berus ons daarby met innerlike hartseer want die mense van die Weskus het hulle ligting verloor, 'n ligting wat drenkeling-matrose kan wys, "kom hiernatoe, kom na my toe, hier is hulp." Weskus se mense het daai ligstraal wat van die ligting kom, me Botha, verloor. God het dit finaal afgeskakel. Hierdie Huis sal die vakuum wat sy nalaat beswaarlik kan vul.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, I would like to convey my condolences to the family, friends, colleagues in the DA and also on the Opposition side of the late hon member, Lorraine Botha. One does not realise and never knows the pain that others feel, so I don't want to say "I feel your pain". I therefore only want to express myself about how I feel after I received the news about her death. I was devastated. I was shocked. I was sad, but as a Christian I believe the Lord has lent her to us. The Lord took her back to her heavenly home. I'm convinced as a true believer it was all part of God's plan for her, as with each of us sitting here today. We don't know what God's plan is with us. We resign ourselves with inner sadness because the people of the West Coast have lost their lighthouse, a lighthouse that can show drowning sailors, "come this way, come to me, there is help here". The West Coast's people have lost that beam of light coming from the lighthouse, Ms Botha. God finally turned it off. This House will hardly be able to fill the vacuum that she had left behind.]

She has left a vacancy in this House that will be difficult to fill. We must mourn her death but also build on the example she has set for everyone in this House. Thank you.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-HA): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, on behalf of the Al Jama-ah I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to the family, colleagues, members of the DA, all the members of the Western Cape Legislature at the sad passing of hon Lorraine Botha, the Chief Whip of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. We will remember hon Botha who held her position as Chief Whip of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament with great pride and in a warm and friendly manner. We further salute her for her dedication and commitment to change the lives of the indigent people.

May the legacy she leaves behind be an inspiration for all of us, who continue to be at the service of our constituencies. We pray to the Almighty to shower contentment over her loved ones and all those whose lives she has touched. I thank you very much, Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The sad passing of Lorraine Botha on the last day of Women's Month is significant. The dreadful news of her untimely death was met with great grief across the caucus of the ANC in the Western Cape Provincial Legislature. At such a time political differences are put aside to appreciate life and acknowledge the great strides the person had made to improve the lot of others.

The late Ms Botha served as my counterpart as Chief Whip for the Democratic Alliance for just under three months. We had entered the Legislature together in 2014 and had to learn the ropes of serving the people of the Western Cape together. A hard worker who died with her boots on in her office, Ms Botha was impeccable in her appearance and gracious in her demeanour. Whereas we thought she could have done more to hold the Provincial Government to account, she did not think twice of holding fellow members of the Provincial Legislature accountable. When fellow MPLs referred to oversight visits as trips, she would promptly remind them that it was not a trip, but that they were still doing their jobs. These visits funded by the taxpayers deserved the necessary professionalism and had to produce the required outcomes.

First and foremost for Ms Botha came the people of the Western Cape. During her first term, the hon Botha served as Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Premier and Constitutional Affairs. In 2014 she led the processes on the proposed amendments to Sections 71 and 78 of the Constitution of the Western Cape. Though neither of these amendments were eventually passed, the hon Botha emphasised that at that time engagement by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament with the people of the province is a function of democratic constitutionalism. It amounts to government by the people, as it allows for public input into matters that affect citizens. She was committed to deal with this.

On her re-election in 2019, Ms Botha was elected as the Chairperson of the Education Standing Committee and prioritised the welfare of educators and learners. Paying tribute to the former maths educator, Thulani Manqoyi at Heinz Park Primary School when he was shot and killed while sitting in his car on the school's premises in 2021, Ms Botha said that:

“Teachers are pillars of communities and there is no doubt that Mr Manqoyi leaves behind a legacy of upliftment to all who passed through his classroom.”

As a former teacher herself and a pillar in our Provincial Parliament, Ms Botha went on to chair the Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Affairs again earlier this year and was then promoted as the DA's first black woman to be Chief Whip in the Legislature. The significance for me, the ANC's first woman Chief Whip was not lost and while she had succeeded Mireille Wenger MPL there was consolation that our Provincial Legislature was finally giving recognition to capable women. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her family, her children and colleagues in the DA. As someone who loved the West Coast, the words of the Afrikaans poetess, Ingrid Jonker, come to mind when thinking of the now late Lorraine Botha:

“Small blue Namaqualand daisy
answering something, believing something, knowing something.”

May her soul continue to rest in peace. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip and of course †siyabulela Mankwali ngamazwi amnandi. [Thank you Mankwali for the nice words.]

I now recognise the DA. Deputy Chief Whip.

†Die ADJUNKSWEEP (DA): Agbare Speaker.

“Liefste, jy mág nie doodgaan nie
jy mag nie eers dúrf dínk aan dood nie
ek, wat agterbly, balsem jou in taal
vou jou in woorde
dat môre jou kan erf en kan hê en kan hou”

Ek dra hierdie geskrewe woorde van Antjie Krog op aan ons rooibosdogter, die wyle HoofswEEP, die agbare me Lorraine Botha, ’n gemeenskapsaktivis van formaat, opgelei as ’n maatskaplike werker. Sy het agter ieder en elk gekyk. Vandat sy by die DA aangesluit het, het Lorraine die vroeë dele van haar loopbaan by die Departement van Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling by die Bonnytoun Plek van Veiligheid deurgebring, waar sy haar daaraan toegewei het om die beste moontlike sorg aan hoë-risiko jeug te verskaf.

Sy het tyd saam met die SOS Kinderdorpe deurgebring wat ’n lewenslange affiniteit vir kinders weerspieël het en ’n begeerte gehad om die mees kwesbare op te hef, ’n toegewyde staatsamptenaar en ’n fel parlementêre advokaat. Haar toewyding was aansteeklik, soos ons sal sien in Gesondheid-, Onderwys-, Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling-, Plaaslike Regering- en Premier-portefeuljes. Later sal ons sien hoe sy verhef word tot die eer van HoofswEEP, erkenning van hoë standaarde, uitnemendheid, passie en bekwaamheid. Sy sal deur haar suster Jeanette Maistry en haar niggie en neef Angelo en Angelique onthou word.

Ons sal haar in ons harte koester en soos Antjie Krog ons herinner, ons gaan nie toelaat dat enige iemand durf om te dink aan die dood van jou nalatenskap nie. Môre sal jou onthou, ons Rooibosdogter. Ons sal seker maak ons gaan, ons sal, ons moet. Sy het ons elke dag herinner aan ons verkose plig aan ons gemeenskappe, want ons werk met die mense se geld. Sy was regverdig en het na alle kante geluister. Sy het geveg vir elke kind van die Wes-Kaap, van Matzikama tot Beaufort tot Bitou tot Kaapstad.

Ek gaan ons sonneblomplantessies mis, ons rooibosafsprake, ons verlore raak in vreemde plekke, ons skemerkelkies met sonsondergang, ons mosselpotte en ons omstrede oud-en-jonk advies vir mekaar oor verhoudinge en hoe die nie-so-skoner seks se brein werk, die gelag en die gejubel, maar ook die trane en seerkry.

Hierdie week neem ons afskeid van ’n vriendin en kollega. Ons hoop net dat ons braaf genoeg is om aan jou nalatenskap te voldoen.

Jy mág nie doodgaan nie. Jy mág nie doodgaan nie. Jy mag nie eers dúrf dínk aan doodgaan nie.

Rooibosdogter, vandag plaas ons jou nalatenskap in die boeke van parlementêre geskiedenis ter tafel.

Speaker, ek plaas hierdie mosie op jou tafel. Ek dank u.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker.

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jy mag nie eers dúrf dínk aan dood nie
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I dedicate these written words of Antjie Krog to our rooibos daughter, the late Chief Whip, the hon Ms Lorraine Botha, a formidable community activist, trained as a social worker. She looked after each and everyone. Since she had joined the DA, Lorraine spent the early parts of her career at the Department of Social Development at the Bonnytoun Place of Safety, where she committed herself to providing the best possible care to high-risk youth.

She spent time with the SOS *Kinderdorpe* which reflected a lifelong affinity for children and she had a desire to uplift the most vulnerable, a committed civil servant and a strict parliamentary advocate. Her commitment was infectious, as we will see in Health, Education, Social Development, Local Government and Premier portfolios. Later we will see how she was elevated to the honour of Chief Whip, recognition of high standards, excellence, passion and competence. She will be remembered by her sister Jeanette Maistry and her niece and nephew Angelo and Angelique.

We will cherish her in our hearts and as Antjie Krog reminds us, we will not allow that anyone dare think of the death of your legacy. Tomorrow will remember you, our Rooibos daughter. We will make sure that we will, we shall, we must. She reminded us every day of our chosen duty to our communities, because we are working with the people’s money. She was fair and listened to both sides. She fought for every child of the Western Cape, from Matzikama to Beaufort to Bitou to Cape Town.

I’m going to miss our sunflower planting sessions, our rooibos appointments, our getting lost in foreign places, our cocktails at sunset, our mussel pots and our controversial old-and-young advice to each other on relationships and how the not-so-fair sex’s brain works, the laughter and jubilation, but also the tears and hurt.

This week we say goodbye to a friend and colleague. We just hope that we are brave enough to live up to your legacy.

You may not die. You may not die. You may not even dare think of dying.

Rooibos daughter, today we table your legacy in the books of parliamentary history.

Speaker, I am placing this motion on your table. I thank you.】

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Deputy Chief Whip. Before we conclude with the motion, I would like to request the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms to light the candle in memory of our former Chief Whip.

[Candle lit in memory of the late hon Botha]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr Naidoo. Hon Premier, hon members, the leaders of political parties, the staff members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, the staff on the fifth floor that worked with hon Botha, the DA team on the fifth floor, I want to start off by thanking all of you for your cooperation and bringing dignity to someone who respected this institution, that when we asked that we suspend the business of this Parliament for the week which she passed on, you all agreed to do so.

I remember talking to the political party leaders, nobody questioned why. That shows the maturity of our democracy, but of course, the respect of one's life and collegiality that we saw in this Parliament. I thank you all for having done that.

Hon Premier, on Tuesday during the memorial service, you would forget that there are political parties here that have different ideologies. Everybody spoke so well that even Botha, when she looks down, she would look and wonder whether there is something called political parties in heaven? It seems there is one party there, and that is the service of God, but I want to thank the following people: Dr Bernadette Faye who came here when she was called on to respond to the emergency.

Hon Premier, the leaders of political parties, hon members and staff, it was a sad moment. It was painful. We were there when she gave her last breath. We were there. It was so painful, and I want to thank Reverend Fry, when he was called upon to come to an emergency by hon Fry, his son. Thank you, hon Fry. He did not ask, he jumped and he was here. We were then able to release hon Botha with dignity. We did not know how to respond to this so this is not something that one can get used to, but I want to thank the staff who came and respected the process of releasing the Chief Whip with the necessary dignity that she deserved. We had a staff meeting that day, hon Premier, hon members. We had to adjourn everything. Imagine those many souls here who were heartbroken.

We called the family here. Even they could not believe that it could happen in such a short space of time, but I want to say to the political parties here, let this be not the last way of respecting each other, but let it be the last one where we have a death in this Parliament, and as a result, I will convene an Interfaith Memorial of all religions to come and pray for this institution. We need prayers here. I wish to request the hon members to rise in a moment of silence.

[Moment of silence observed.]

The SPEAKER: May the soul of the late hon Lorraine Botha, our Chief Whip, rest in eternal peace. Thank you. You may all be seated.

Hon members, thank you very much. The candle will remain illuminated until the end of business tomorrow and the condolences book is also there for those hon members who have not had the opportunity to sign and the staff and the people of this province, it is here in the Memorial Hall just behind the Chamber for that purpose. For the hon members and staff and the people of our province, the funeral is in Piketberg on Saturday, 10 September 2022, and proceedings will begin from 09:30 am in the morning, for those who wish to attend.

Just to end on a good note and a more lighter note. Where is Charles Breda? †Roep hom asseblief. [Call him, please.] Hon members, I wish to ask that we wish Charlie, Charles Breda, a happy birthday today. Charlie, happy birthday! [Applause.]

Mr C BREDA: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The last time Charlie came to me he wanted to know, "Speaker, I have been working here for too long, but can I get an increase?" [Laughter] So hon Mayor, you do not know how to respond to that question. You say: "Charlie, I will think about it." So Charlie, happy birthday.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE: TUBERCULOSIS-RELATED MATTERS

[Notice of Motion]

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House, in accordance with Rule 119(1) of the Standing Rules, appoints the following Ad-hoc Committee to conduct oversight over the work of the Provincial Executive regarding its response to tuberculosis-related matters, including oversight over any provincial executive authority, any provincial department, any provincial organ of state and any provincial entity involved in activities dealing with TB-related matters.

The Committee shall consist of 15 members appointed in accordance with Rule 120 of the Standing Rules with the membership allocated as follows:

- (a) Democratic Alliance: 8 members
- (b) African National Congress: 2 members
- (c) Economic Freedom Fighters: 1 member
- (d) GOOD: 1 member
- (e) African Christian Democratic Party: 1 member
- (f) Freedom Front Plus: 1 member
- (g) Al Jama-ah: 1 member

The Committee must report regularly to the House on its activities.

The names of the members representing the aforementioned political parties must be submitted to the Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament as soon as possible for publication in the ATC.

Agreed to.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, the ANC welcomes the establishment of the TB caucus in the Western Cape and calls for the process of its appointment to be accelerated as it is long overdue. We are lagging behind other provinces such as Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Northwest that have already launched their TB caucuses. The establishment of the TB caucus signifies our commitment as this august House towards the Barcelona Declaration on Tuberculosis and to advocate for a more effective response to the TB epidemic.

Speaker, among the demands made in the Barcelona Declaration was that:

“Every patient, regardless of who they are, where they live or their ability to pay, shall have access to quick, accurate diagnosis and high-quality treatment and that TB diagnosis and treatment never result in the impoverishment of patients or their families.”

This is more important for the Western Cape as the TB report shows a 50,2% positivity rate with over 46 000 cases and our 4000 dead. The majority of these cases are from poor working-class communities. The social determinants of TB include poor living conditions, like overcrowded spaces with lack of ventilation, food insecurity, which sometimes leads to poor nutrition and compromised immunity as well as lack of economic opportunities that place limitations on people's ability to access health services because they cannot afford taxi fares to health facilities.

Speaker, these and more are challenges that will lead the province to miss its TB targets. We need to appoint a TB caucus or Ad-hoc Committee now so that we can start with the advocacy work. We must encourage all members to sign the SA Version of the Barcelona Declaration. I urge all members to adhere to the principles outlined in the Barcelona Declaration:

- (a) to working across geographical and political divides in a non-partisan and inclusive fashion;
- (b) to engage with civil society and all other stakeholders involved in the fight against the TB epidemic, and
- (c) to confront social isolation associated with the disease.

As members of this House, we have an important role to play in holding the Government to account. We must not politicise this TB Caucus. I thank you, Speaker.

Mr S N AUGUST: Hon Speaker, the TB crisis in South Africa has been a challenge both nationally and in the Western Cape Province. South Africa forms part of the 30 high-burden TB countries globally, and it contributes 3% of the global TB cases.

The Premier in his 2021 State of the Province Address stated that the TB epidemic in the Western Cape must be fought with the same seriousness as the COVID-19 pandemic. A resounding call of urgency should ring, as TB claimed 4 078 lives in 2020 and in the following calendar year 2021 for the month of August only, TB positive cases stood at 3 041 in the province.

Key takeaways from the COVID-19 response indicates that a multi-sectoral approach should be developed and implemented to share data and information on TB, promote awareness through digital marketing and media broadcasting, deploy community-based healthcare workers for door-to-door campaigning and to destigmatise conversations around TB and TB statuses.

The Western Cape launched the TB Dashboard, which functions in the same way the Provincial COVID-19 Dashboard did. Monitoring, evaluation and contact tracing proved instrumental as part of safeguarding citizens against COVID. However, tuberculosis has been around for decades before COVID-19 and we must apply the same urgency and deploy mass resources to capacitate our provincial healthcare facilities, install specialised care personnel at primary healthcare institutions, incorporate technology as part of our response plan and use community networks, places of worship, civil society and the private sector to strengthen our overall Provincial Plan against TB. If not, we will lose the fight against this epidemic.

Speaker, a good government will consult with its people on the best approach to deal with community-based care as community networks often have solutions and best practices that Government at times overlooks. I implore the Premier as Chair of the Provincial Council on AIDS and TB to not alienate themselves or the work of the Council from grassroots community engagements, or to operate in silos. We moved as a united front against COVID-19 and our unity will be our line of defence against tuberculosis.

The Provincial Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport should develop a comprehensive TB Awareness Campaign, vested in performing and visual arts, dance, music and the promotion of healthy lifestyle through sports' programmes. This, in turn, will inject capital into a sector of society most times forgotten by the very department mandated to promote its interest, but also create jobs, transfer and hone skills and assist the provincial TB Response Plan with relatable content to educate the indigent people's opinions on TB. Thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Speaker, TB tops the biggest cause of death in South Africa, aggravated by HIV. TB cases diagnosed between 1 September 2020 till August 2021 were 38 846. The danger here is that 4% of these cases were drug resistant, which means they just go on spreading. The people cough and they spread this, I was shocked that they say people must wear masks for COVID, quite unnecessary, but people with TB can walk again without masks. There is no regulation saying "if you have been diagnosed with TB, then you must wear a mask." So we have these cases spreading tuberculosis all over.

Deaths in South Africa in 2018 of tuberculosis were 454 014, in 2018, 454 000 and the causes of tuberculosis, mostly poverty, HIV, homelessness, substance abuse, medication that weakens the immune systems, kidney disease and diabetics. So we are sitting with a huge problem and that is why the Freedom Front supports to call in the motion by hon member Kaizer-Philander that a serious look must be had on TB, much worse than COVID. Thank you.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Speaker, TB is a potentially dangerous and serious infectious disease. There are five main factors contributing to TB, which include homelessness, malnutrition, due to poverty, alcohol, indoor pollution, tobacco smoke, injection by drug users and persons with HIV infection. If we look at most of these factors, which contribute towards the spread of TB, it says a lot about the socio-economic condition of people in the Western Cape.

The mayor recently expressed shock, I do not know why he was shocked, in the absence of homeless people on the streets of the city. In 2020 the Province had a housing waiting list of 600 000 and the average waiting period for a house is 15 years. The Western Cape Health Department confirmed that it has seen an increase in screening of TB. Whilst we commend the work done by the TB Dashboard monitoring of TB cases, we call on the Province to relook at its Multi-sectoral Emergency Response Plan to drastically reduce or eliminate the spread of TB. Let this Emergency Response Plan include a plan of drastic action to eliminate the underlying factors giving rise to TB. These factors are known to us and they are a menace to society. Close the shebeens. Close the drug dens. Introduce antipoverty relief programs. Speed up the allocation of decent housing. Do not house people from already bad conditions to worse conditions like what is happening in the Drakenstein Municipality where evicted people have been provided with alternative accommodation in a park where they lived in tents for the past eight years, have now been moved into makeshift zinc structures without any foundation, water and sanitation facilities.

The shelters for homeless should have the TB Dashboard and healthy nutritional meals. Schoolchildren in impoverished areas should be monitored and provided with a daily nutritious meal. Reopen the clinics, which will serve and provide TB patients with something to eat. Many TB patients do not bother to take their medicine as they have not eaten proper meals. The Province must act on the underlying factors if it is serious about wiping out TB. I thank you, Speaker.

Ms W KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Speaker, the House is well aware that TB is an endemic disease in our province. In the first half of this year, almost 23 000 people were affected and it has subsequently taken the lives of around 9% of those diagnosed in this period. Furthermore, we know of the immense impact that the COVID 19 pandemic has had on the Western Cape's ability to diagnose patients. Between the first and fourth wave of the pandemic, the rate of diagnosing new cases decreased by 76 to 83% per day, in comparison to those in previous years. Speaker, while these rates are now recovering, we need to continue tackling this disease to protect our residents.

Fortunately, we have a Provincial Government that has already pioneered in instituting various initiatives, such as the Multi-sectoral Provincial TB Emergency Response Plan, and the Provincial TB Dashboard.

Additionally, this year alone, the Department will be spending R388 million on tuberculosis hospitals, which is more than a 5% increase from the previous year.

Over the medium term, more than R1 billion rand will be spent on these hospitals. Speaker, coupled to this in the District Health Programme Grant the TB component has been allocated R68 million this year, and almost R208 million over the next three years. These are examples of a proactive Government that innovates service delivery.

However, now is the time for us as a Legislature to contribute to these efforts in our oversight capacity. By forming this Ad-hoc Committee it will empower the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to do the following: to advocate for budgets to be ring-fenced and reviewed to support necessary TB interventions; result in legislation being evaluated and drafted to promote TB services; to allow for greater accountability over the public institutions that are responsible for the implementation of TB programmes and to bring about more advocacy in communities with greater consulting with civil society and NGOs.

Hon Speaker, this will not be oversight for the sake of oversight. It will be an opportunity for the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to positively contribute to curbing this disease, which affects so many lives in the Western Cape. Speaker, it is my sincere call that all members of this House support this view for us to make a difference. I thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Kaizer-Philander. Hon members, now we reached the end of the input by parties. Are there any objections to the motion?

No objections? Agreed to.

I just need to indicate to the House for the record that as of now, which is 11 minutes past three, according to my watch, there are 36 hon members present. There are 20 in the DA that are present, there are 11 that present in the ANC, one GOOD party, one ACDP, one FF Plus, and one Al Jama-ah. So we almost have a full House!

So the question, hon members, that is put before the House is that the appointment of the Ad-hoc Committee be adopted and the question to the members, which has already been put, is that there is no objections but for the record, are there any objections? Thank you. Motion agreed to.

(Notice of Motion)

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

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 18, the hours of sitting on Tuesday, 20 September 2022, shall be: 10:00 to adjournment.

Agreed to.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. President Cyril Ramaphosa continues to show exemplary leadership to our country. On 28 August 2022, our President announced the launch of the National Anti-Corruption Advisory Council. The commitment to dealing with malfeasants and corruption has seen the strengthening of SARS, the NPA, the HAWKS as well as the SIU. These agencies are now doing their work without fear or favour.

The battle against corruption and crime is not an easy one. Its tentacles extend to the private and the public sector and has also made its presence felt in civil society. This council is made up of members of civil society, business and other stakeholders and will provide strategies and develop policies in line with the NACC strategy.

Our President has shown the willingness and commitment to rid the administration and broader society of corrupt practices, to put in motion the processes that will develop preventative measures, install capacity in Government institutions and provide the necessary resources to prevent corruption from happening again.

The council will also provide advisory input on matters related to Government's comprehensive response to the recommendations of the judicial commission of enquiry into allegations of state capture, the Zondo Commission. We applaud the proactive stance that our President has taken, the seriousness with which he is dealing with this, and we need to say that we fought for a democratic constitution which is clear in its commitment to redress the imbalances of the past.

The independence of the judiciary and the rights of victims and accused are enshrined. As the ANC we want to make it clear that we support other internal organisational changes adopted by the National Executive Committee such as the Step Aside Resolution and the establishment of an ANC Integrity Commission and will resist populous attempts to undermine these measures from wherever they come.

At the same time, we support that our law enforcement agencies act without fear or favour and the constitutional imperative of the presumption of innocence until proven guilty are followed. We hope that the DA pays attention instead of paying R460 000 for the legal fees of Nora Grose who is actually in court ... [interjection.] for fraud and corruption. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, there is little doubt that the Western Cape leads from the front in terms of delivering quality education to learners in our province. In the Bill of Rights, education is enshrined as a fundamental human right. However, considering the high levels of poverty currently being experienced in our country, we know that many are negatively impacted by malnutrition and growth stunting, and this is no exception in the education sector.

It is for this reason why the National School Nutrition Programme was established. In so doing through this conditional grant funding, the Western Cape feeds 507 332 children in 1 024 schools. While this programme ensures that many children do not go hungry, we are concerned how the national quintile system is once again posing a problem and is excluding learners in need. This National Conditional Grant funding only provides for quintiles 1 to 3, which means that poor learners in other quintiles, such as 4 and 5, are negatively impacted by this. Thankfully, through savings of the NSMP funding the WCED has been able to fund selected quintile 4 to 5 schools for 190 days of the year.

In the end we find ourselves having to deal with a system that does not speak to the status of the student and therefore results in inefficient funding being allocated to the respective provincial departments and we call upon the National Government to review the quintile system so the Conditional Grant Funding such as this specific grant, can be more impactful for our learners. For children to be able to learn holistically it is essential that they are properly nourished so as to not experience stunting in their growth. I thank you.

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The EFF condemns the ANC-led Theewaterskloof Municipality for conducting a municipal event only in Afrikaans in order to create a language barrier to non-Afrikaans speakers.

The Economic Freedom Fighters would like to take this opportunity to condemn the attitude of those running the Tweewaterskloof Municipality for using the municipality resources to create a language barrier against non-Afrikaans speakers. This follows a municipality event held on 6 September 2022, meant to mark the closing of Women's Month being held strictly in Afrikaans without making any interpretation mechanisms available to non-Afrikaans speakers and thereby deliberately excluding them from the event.

Whilst the EFF does not have a problem with Afrikaans as a language, however it is wrong to use State resources in a manner that is exclusionary. Imagine a situation where a group of people embrace women and their rights and with the very same energy exclude some of those women using mechanisms meant for language barriers.

South Africa comes from a painful past where language was deliberately used to advance some whilst excluding others for social and political and economic ends. I cannot imagine State resources of the municipality being used to create a discord amongst its members to an extent that others leave the event without hearing anything and leaving with a feeling that an event held on celebrating women was useless.

This was very sad and when it is done by those who should be deemed as leaders, especially the former liberation movement. Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.

Mr C M FRY (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon members of this House, like many countries around the world, South Africa has been hard hit by a cost-of-living crisis.

The Western Cape Government has been implementing a variety of measures to guarantee that this province's most vulnerable residents are taken care of, uplifted and given access to a life of dignity and wellness during these difficult times.

We, as leaders of this Provincial Parliament, should spare no effort to use every means possible to guarantee that the Western Cape Government improves access to nutrition, food security and safeguards the most vulnerable people whom the cost-of-living crisis threatens to impact the most.

The DA commends the Western Cape Government for employing a number of measures to ensure that food security for all our residents is achieved. One of these initiatives is the Western Cape Education Department's food gardens. This initiative has assisted in the establishment of 571 food gardens at schools and has appointed 146 gardeners to ensure their sustainability.

This initiative between the WCED and the public sector partners has made valuable contributions to ensuring that vulnerable learners have access to sufficient and nutritious meals at all times. We also commend the Province's continued leadership in keeping the Western Cape thriving despite the economic downturn. According to Stats SA Quarterly Labour Force Survey for the second quarter of 2022, the DA-governed Western Cape has the lowest expanded unemployment rate in the country.

This Parliament should continue to work alongside the Provincial Government to ensure that we can continue to grow our economy and provide support to the most vulnerable in our society. Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, today I yet again want to highlight the unemployment of our youth and our unskilled youth. As parents we all have dreams and plans for our children. At birth we are wide eyed with the prospect that they can achieve something in their lives. Our minds are lifted with the plans of visions for the future generation.

Sadly, Deputy Speaker, in today's economic climate, our hopes are dashed as parents because it seems that youth on the streets have no future. It can be said that young men and young ladies are doomed because many of our young men and ladies are unskilled. It is sad to see that ambitions that they once had, are now pushing trolleys in the streets, picking up cardboard in the roads to make a living.

In the townships our young girls fall pregnant, and they are jeopardising their futures but when you speak to these youngsters on the streets, they say we are unskilled, we are unemployed, and we cannot find jobs. Speaker, this is a major problem because if that is the future of the next generation, we are in serious trouble.

So the ACDP wants to appeal that more must be done to employ and skill our young people so that the wheelie bins that they pull in the streets and the trolleys that they push and the cardboard that they pick up to make a living, are not the future for a better South Africa. I thank you.

Mr L L MVIMBI (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. The taxi industry emerged in the 1970s when the apartheid regime refused to spend on safe, reliable and affordable transport for racialised cheap labour in the townships. It survived through the 1980s.

The continuous harassment by the regime by J P Smith is repeating today. The taxi industry survived that harassment during apartheid days. The ANC in the Western Cape Legislature notes and condemns in the strongest possible terms the recent taxi violence in and around Nyanga, which negatively affected innocent commuters and destroyed infrastructure.

The ANC is of the view that the City instigated this recent violence through their draconian raid on permit holders and impounding taxis while they do not regularly issue permits. We call on SAPS and other relevant authorities to investigate whether J P Smith, through his cowboy-style handling of the situation, did not instigate this violence.

We agree with former MEC Madikizela that the confrontational approach of this Provincial Government in the City will not address the root causes of this problem. Government's failure, especially the Provincial Government's failure to subsidise the taxi industry, while it spends billions annually to subsidise Golden Arrow bus services and MyCiti, is part of the problem.

Secondly, we asked MEC Mitchell earlier this year to intervene on the failure of the municipality to develop and include an integrated transport plan in the IDPs.

Lastly, the inconsistent issuing of operating licences is the major contributing factor. There are too few operating licences and taxis get impounded daily because the Provincial Government and the City refuse to open more routes and issue operating licences. The silence and absence of both the hon Premier and the hon MEC Mitchell on this matter, is deafening and too loud. They must please intervene.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER (DA): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. In the healthcare sector, emergency medical services play an integral role in providing essential care to those involved in serious injury or illness. Owing to the nature of this work, it requires these medical professionals to often be transported to areas where their own safety cannot be guaranteed. This has led the Western Cape Health Department identifying red zones, such as Manenberg, Brown's Farm, Nyanga, Gugulethu, Kalksteefontein, Lingeletu, Harare, Mandela Park and Samora Machel, where police escorts are required before entering. While this is a delicate system that is dependent on a common resource pool, it means that EMS workers are thus dependent on waiting for police at stations before being able to get to a particular scene.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it does not take a genius to see what problem arises from this. It is common knowledge that SAPS has been consistently underfunded and under-capacitated to deliver on its mandates. Right now, we see how it is affecting red zone operations for EMS workers. As of now, it takes on average 104 minutes for EMS workers to respond to an incident in a red zone. While this is an improvement from the 2019/2020 financial year, where it took more than two hours, it is still an abomination as a few minutes, quite literally, are the difference between life or death when responding to certain emergencies.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it is time for SAPS to be fixed so that the Western Cape can continue saving lives. I thank you.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Heathfield High School was prominently known as one of the schools with high academic performance and good discipline. During the term of sacked principal, Mr Wesley Neumann, who was well-loved by the learners and the school community, the school has built up a reputation of high discipline and a well-managed institution. It is, however, disappointing that the WCED has chosen Metro Police along with Casspirs, to invade the school to confront protesting learners recently. This was clearly provocative and unnecessary, as the police presence at the school only aggravated the already volatile situation further.

Female learners have complained of sexual abuse by law enforcement officers during the recent standoff with them. The learners are known to be among the most peaceful and hard-working learners in the Western Cape. This tension at the school is the result of the Department's unfair dismissal of one of the best principals the school ever had. Al Jama-Ah demands an end to police occupation of Heathfield High School.

Whilst we agree that there should be the usual safety measures in place, we question the Department's sudden reason to have invaded the school with the flimsy excuse to search learners for weapons and drugs. No such searches were necessary or carried out while Mr Neumann was principal at the school. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr R D MACKENZIE (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, today PRASA signed the Social Impact Agreement with communities living on the Central Line. Sadly, as is the norm with the ANC National Government, they do not consult, they never consult with all affected communities and I, for example, only received an invitation yesterday – yes, hon members, yesterday – to an event of such importance this morning.

Councillors in Mitchells Plain, including myself as constituency head, were shocked when we heard the news that land occupiers are being moved to the hatch area in Mitchells Plain. In fact, I was on Langa Station a month ago, when the hon Minister made such an important pronouncement. [Interjections.] How is it possible for this move to be made without due public consultation with the community of Mitchells Plain of nearly a million? How is it possible that a community is the last to be consulted about this decision by the ANC National Government?

This is unacceptable and the impression created in Mitchells Plain is that communities, such as Mitchells Plain and others on the Cape Flats, that the ANC Government rewards those people who illegally occupy land. We urgently call on PRASA, the Housing Development Agency to rethink the relocation to the hatch in order to conduct a full public consultation process with the community of Mitchells Plain.

Furthermore, PRASA must look for alternative land and consult those affected communities as well.

A lack of public participation on the side of the ANC National Government will cause unnecessary friction between communities of Mitchells Plain and Philippi, which the ANC is solely responsible for. It is the poor governance on the part ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...National Government to simply move thousands of families, without ensuring due public participation from the local community. It is also poor planning by the Housing Development Agency to move thousands of people to the area without proper service delivery mechanisms, such as schools, police stations and clinics in place. This is the infrastructure that the ANC National Government, PRASA, the National Minister, and the National Department ...[Interjection.] must first look at before they move people. [Interjections.] The original sin here, hon Deputy Speaker ...[Interjection.] is the ANC Government that destroyed ...[Interjection.] the train services and that is why the people have been moved. Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Thank you, that brings us to the end of Statements. In accordance with Rule 145 I now allow one or more hon members of the Executive present, to respond to Members' Statements for not more than five minutes collectively.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, it is very telling again, hon Mvimbi's Member Statement, but I think it is important that I put on record the misinformation presented by hon Mvimbi.

Hon Mvimbi states that the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government does not want to issue permits. So, let me give hon Mvimbi the facts. A couple of years already, 400 permits were recommended by the City of Cape Town that were endorsed by the Western Cape Government Transport Department. Of that 400 permits, hon Deputy Speaker, only 170 of those 400 applications were applied for and issued. Of that 170, hon Deputy Speaker, through you to hon Mvimbi, only 17 are currently still kept up-to-date and valid. So, for hon Mvimbi to come here, to mislead this House by saying that permits are the issue for what happened in Nyanga, is absolutely not true.

Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Mvimbi then makes the assertion that myself and the hon Premier were nowhere in these discussions. Now, let me tell the hon Mvimbi, while he was sleeping, I was at the Joint Operations Centre, at the Disaster Centre Management to ensure that we keep the lives of commuters safe during this operation.

On Friday, I met with the Provincial leadership of the various taxi associations. With the concurrence of those leadership in the industry, hon Deputy Speaker, we then agreed that we will reconvene on Sunday, the past Sunday. On Saturday, I received a request from the industry leaders to postpone that same meeting that was scheduled for Sunday, at my request, hon Deputy Speaker, for Monday. In fact, that meeting happened on Monday with all the industry leaders, including the City of Cape Town, the Western Cape Government and various officials, and my counterparts in the City of Cape Town.

Hon Deputy Speaker, at that meeting again, again I recommitted this Government's commitment with the City of Cape Town, to ensure that of those 400 applications and permits that have been allocated, that this Government with the City of Cape Town, will assist the industry to make sure that we provide the necessary support to ensure that operators are compliant with the law. It was never about permits; it was about keeping commuters safe. Is hon Mvimbi saying to this House that the commuters of Nyanga do not deserve a safe and reliable public transport system? ...[Interjection.]

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

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I rise on a point of order, hon Chair. The hon MEC has accused hon Mvimbi of misleading the House. That is not true. That is actually casting aspersions on the hon Mvimbi. He has not misled the House. He must withdraw that remark. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Mitchell ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Or he must come with a substantive motion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Fair enough. Hon Minister Mitchell, are you willing to withdraw that statement?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Hon Deputy Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members, can I listen to the hon Minister? Yes, hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Hon Deputy Speaker, I will withdraw if the hon Mvimbi feels that I have cast aspersions on his character, but I will not withdraw the facts that I have tabled in this House ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So be noted. You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Hon Deputy Speaker, I want to move onto the assertion or assumption that this Government does not support the minibus taxi industry. Hon Deputy Speaker, if hon Mvimbi, that has been briefed on numerous times about the interventions from the Red Dot service and the Blue Dot service that we have partnered with the minibus taxi industry over the last few years, that is a system or a contribution by this Government that has not happened anywhere else in this country.

Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Mvimbi refers to the PTOG grant that is a subsidy. It is a national grant, hon Deputy Speaker, that gets allocated annually to the Golden Arrow Bus Services. It is not a provincial grant, a national grant that gets facilitated or distributed through the Provincial Government. Again, hon Deputy Speaker, I feel that hon Mvimbi has been – we have been through Standing Committee after Standing Committee, highlighting exactly the same questions that are being raised again in a Member Statement. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That is the end of Members' Statements. In terms of the new Rule 151, we now move over to Notices of Motion. 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.

KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM: INCREASING INCIDENTS

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the increasing incidents of kidnapping for ransom in the Western Cape and its impact on the community.

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

DEVOLUTION OF POWERS: MULTI-PARTY TASK TEAM

(Notice of Motion)

Mr P J MARAIS: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House places a bigger focus on talks with national Ministers with regard to the devolution of powers and authority to their provincial counterparts in terms of sections 146(2)(a) and 99(a), (b) and (c) of the country's Constitution; that the Premier appoints a multi-party task team to examine and report on the financial implications and the extra capacity required to ensure a smooth takeover; and that such a report be tabled within a period not exceeding nine months.

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

HOUSING PROJECTS: DELAYS

(Notice of Motion)

Ms L M MASEKO: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the challenges that are delaying or halting the implementation of housing projects in the Western Cape.

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

DA: MALADMINISTRATION AND IMPROPER CONDUCT BY

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates cases of maladministration and improper conduct by the DA-led Western Cape Government, including the recent findings by the Public Service Commission against Ministers and other Government officials.

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

MUNICIPALITIES: ESKOM DEBTS

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the ability of Western Cape municipalities to pay Eskom debts.

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

NYANGA: TAXI DRIVERS - UNREST

(Notice of Motion)

Mr L L MVIMBI: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the recent unrest caused by taxi drivers in Nyanga that resulted in the setting alight of a number of Golden Arrow buses, as a result of the City of Cape Town's clampdown on sedan taxi operators, known as 'Amaphela', and the impounding of taxis.

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

FARMWORKER: LIVING CONDITIONS AND EVICTIONS

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the living conditions of farmworkers and those evicted from farms in the Western Cape.

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

CRIME STATISTICS: INCREASE

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the latest crime statistics that showed a remarkable increase in crime in the Western Cape.

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

SHELTERS FOR ABUSED WOMEN

(Notice of Motion)

Mr G BRINKHUIS: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses changes in the funding of policies that will extend the stay of abused women at shelters until they have found jobs, suitable accommodation and have gained skills to empower them.

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

DRUG-RELATED CONVICTIONS

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the high number of drug-related convictions in the province.

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

NYANGA: ONGOING TAXI UNREST

(Notice of Motion)

Mr L L MVIMBI: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the role of the City of Cape Town and the Provincial Government in fuelling the ongoing taxi unrest in Nyanga.

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

IPID: FINDINGS AGAINST 15 SAPS STATIONS

(Notice of Motion)

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

That the House debates the findings and recommendations made by IPID against 15 SAPS stations in the Western Cape in its Annual Report.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will now move to Motions without Notice. Hon members would please note that in terms of the new Standing Rule 150, pertaining to Motions without Notice, condolence and congratulatory were submitted to the Programming Authority prior to this plenary, on 6 September 2022.

Hon members would then further remember that Motions without Notice on congratulatory and condolence matters will not be allowed in this sitting if the Programming Authority has not processed them. In this regard, the Table staff informs me that in the Programming Authority meeting of 6 September 2022, political parties submitted the names of hon members in the desired order of speaking and indicated their respective hon members with a desire to move a Motion without Notice in this sitting of the House.

I will therefore, just for noting and for the Minutes, call out the hon members whose names have accordingly been submitted and approved. The Programming Authority approved the following hon members' Motions as follows: hon Brinkhuis, hon Botha, hon Baartman, hon Christians, hon Bakubaku-Vos, hon Dugmore, hon Windvogel. I will now put the Motions duly submitted and approved by the Programming Authority to the House.

NUHA SHAH

(Motion)

Mr G BRINKHUIS: I move without notice:

That the House notes the achievement of Nuha Shah from Grassy Park who won a gold medal in the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Youth World Championships on 18 August 2022; further notes her victory in the Female Youth B 48 kg division while representing the IMMAF Youth World MMA Championship in Abu Dhabi; recognises that she only started competitively participating in MMA a few months ago; further recognises that two months ago she was selected for the Western Province MMA under-14 youth team; notes that she was the only girl who made the Western Province team to compete in Johannesburg where she won a gold medal; further recognises, prior to participating in the MMA, she was a SA and an All Africa Jiu-Jitsu champion for her division for several years in a row; commends her parents for their sacrifices and successful fundraisings that enabled them to send Nuha to Abu Dhabi to compete in the MMA Youth World Championships; and extends congratulations to her.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

LEAH MAARMAN

(Motion)

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

That the House congratulates Ms Leah Maarman who celebrated her 93rd birthday on 9 August 2022; notes that Ms Maarman's milestone birthday serves as a reminder that we should continue to celebrate the elderly in our communities and their invaluable contributions to enriching our society; and conveys our best wishes to Ms Maarman and may God grant her good health and prosperity.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

PAARL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

(Motion)

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

That the House congratulates the team from Paarl Girls High School on winning the Western Cape Working on Fire annual environmental education debate on Monday, 22 August 2022; notes that the competition's theme this year focused on climate change and the effects it has on our society; and notes that, by providing an inclusive platform for young people to debate, we create the awareness that is needed to tackle these issues, as well as furthering our youth's development efforts.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

BUYS FAMILY: CONDOLENCES

(Motion of condolence)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I move without notice:

That the House offers our sympathies to the Buys family of Heinz Park; notes that Junior Bester reports in the *Daily Voice* of 26 August 2022, of a fire that took the lives of three people: Felicia Buys lost her 65-year-old mother Cynthia, 8-year-old daughter Esmeralda and 6-year-old son Denzil in the blaze; notes that the dwelling and other structures were destroyed in the fire; and conveys our sincere condolences at the passing away of her mother and her children.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

LATE MABEL PATRONELLA MENTOR

(Motion of condolence)

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: I move without notice:

That the House notes with deep sadness the untimely passing away of Ms Mabel Patronella Mentor, known as Vytjie Mentor, following a long illness on 23 August 2022; further notes that Ms Mentor was a former Member of Parliament for the ANC until 2019; and notes that at the time of her passing she was a member of Action SA. *Hamba kahle*, Comrade Vytjie.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

LATE THEMBISILE GLADSTONE NTAMO

(Motion of condolence)

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

That the House notes with deep sadness the passing away of Comrade Thembisile Gladstone Ntamo, a gallant fighter and a dedicated anti-apartheid activist who joined the ranks of uMkhonto we Sizwe; further notes that Comrade Ntamo, a councillor of the ANC in the City of Cape Town, was an outstanding fighter, a leader of his people and the society at large, a political commissar and commander on the battlefield; conveys our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, his loved ones and comrades; and may his revolutionary spirit rest in peace. *Hamba kahle*, Mkhonto.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

DELMAINE COTTEE

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Delmaine Cottee, ANC councillor, on being elected as chairperson of the subcommittee of the City of Cape Town, Khayelitsha; and we have no doubt that he will serve with integrity, and we are proud of him.

[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 on Hansard, in each hon members' name as if that hon member has read them out aloud.

I will now allow hon members to move Motions without Notice as per 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. I recognise the hon Murray.

INVESTMENT READINESS ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME

(Motion)

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

That the House notes the importance of creating an enabling environment for the tech ecosystem to thrive; commends Taurus Energy, WiPo Wireless Power, RBI Drone Tech and Delta-Scan on their completion of the Investment Readiness Accelerator Programme; notes that these businesses were able to complete these programmes because they were selected by the Saldanha Bay Innovation Campus, following their efforts at the Drone Tech Showcase pitching event; notes further that innovation businesses like these, strengthen our economy and that Provincial Government should continue to create an enabling environment for the growth of such businesses, especially in the post-COVID-19 recovering economy.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms C A T MURRAY: Moved without notice:

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[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

TRUWORTHS: NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

(Motion)

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

That the House welcomes the R1-billion investment by Truworths to build a massive new distribution centre in Cape Town; notes that private investments of this kind are needed for the Western Cape economy to recover and create jobs; further welcomes the fact that this development will make use of green technology, highlighting the important role of the private sector in protecting our environment.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms C A T MURRAY: Moved without notice:

That the House welcomes the R1 billion investment by Truworths to build a massive new distribution centre in Cape Town; notes that private investment of this kind is needed for the Western Cape economy to recover and create jobs; and further welcomes the fact that this development will make use of green technology, highlighting the important role of the private sector in protecting our environment.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

(Motion)

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

That this House wishes all learners a happy International Literacy Day today. We welcome this year's theme as it is premised on using literacy in order to ensure quality, equitable, and inclusive education for all around the world. We look forward to the WCED continuing its work in delivering quality education. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

That the House wishes all learners a happy International Literacy Day today; welcomes this year's theme as it is premised on using literacy in order to ensure quality, equitable and inclusive education for all around the world; and looks forward to the WCED continuing its work in delivering quality education.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

TP NALA PISCE

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: I move without notice:

That the House notes the laudable and with profound admiration and pride the work done by Mr Tumelo Pudumo (TP) and Mr Loyiso Landu (Pisce) who are affectionately known by their Trademark and duo name TP Nala Pisce. The duo are recognised as living legends and a well-respected brand in the community of Gugulethu and neighbouring communities.

The company has a passion for the development of its people and seeing the negative altered into positive. Its footprints can be found through its partnerships with NGOs, NPOs, Youth in Depression, working with Shalom Haven and the Elevator Ground Project, that seeks to provide sanitary towels for young persons. At the centre of its role in society is its shared power space, where young people from all diverse groups and integrated industries of trade come under one roof to develop and map out development, amongst other things creating partnerships.

We therefore call that the Western Cape Provincial Government join in recognising the continued commitment of these two individuals behind their brand, providing them with the needed support and resources to continuously aid them in their bid to alter and empower their communities. I so move. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Moved without notice:

That the House notes with profound admiration and pride the work done by Mr Tumelo Pudumo (TP) and Mr Loyiso Landu (Pisce), who are affectionately known by their trademark and duo name TP Nala Pisce, which directly translate to TP and that Price; notes that the duo is recognised as living legends and a well-respected brand in the community of Gugulethu and neighbouring communities; notes that the company has a passion for the development of its people and seeing the negative altered into the positive; notes that its footprints can be found through its partnerships with NGOs, NPOs, Youth In depression with the Shalom Haven and the Elevator Ground Project that seeks to provide sanitary towels for young persons; and notes that at the centre of its role in society is its shared power space where young people from all diverse groups and integrated industries of trade come under one roof to develop and map out a development, among other things, creating partnerships and a mental road path that would give young people in business exposure to opportunities that would grow their businesses; notes that the duo pride themselves on their objective empowerment of the young child, the youth, citizens and to see them grow and rise above their circumstances;

notes that many young people can tell about the impact made by this duo; and calls on the Western Cape provincial government to join many in recognising the continued commitment of the two individuals behind the brand by providing them with the needed support and resources to aid them continuously in their bid to alter and empower the lives of many young people, believing that this will help them achieve their next dream, namely to win their office space that will act as a hub providing

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

THE BARNES PRINCE FOUNDATION

(Motion)

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

That this House notes and welcomes the incredible strides taken by our local legendary cricketers, Proteas former bowling coach Vincent Barnes and former international batsman Ashwell Prince, who have teamed up to create opportunities for young players from poor schools across the Western Cape. Using their experience in sports and the challenging environments which often hinder opportunities of many of our young people, the Barnes Prince Foundation will use their platform as a driving force to create and hold space for young people to succeed in sport and education. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

That the House notes and welcomes the incredible strides taken by our local legendary cricketers; notes that the Proteas' former bowling coach Vincent Barnes and former international batsman Ashwell Prince teamed up to create opportunities for young aspiring players from poor schools across the Western Cape by using their experiences in sport and the challenging environments which often hinder opportunities of many of our young people; and notes that the Barnes Prince Foundation will use their platform as a driving force to create and hold space for young people to succeed in sport and education.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

2021 FISHING RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS

(Motion)

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and commends the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for listening to the grievances of farming communities regarding the fairness and accuracy of the 2021 Fishing Rights Allocation Process; following many complaints received from the fishing communities, the Minister launched an audit of the entire process followed in verifying and recognising small-scale fishers in the Western Cape, and then based on the results of the audit and legal advice, she made an application to the Western Cape High Court to review and set aside the process of registration, verification and declaration of small-scale fishers in the Western Cape; further notes that on 31 August 2022, the court reviewed and set aside the 2016 verification, registration, declarations and rights allocations process as per the Minister's request; commends the ANC and ANC Youth League leadership in the Western Cape, and in particular the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Chief Whip, for the extensive engagements with the ANC study group, as well as fishing communities lobbying for this action by the Minister; welcomes the court ruling and makes demands for transformation in the Oceans Economy. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr M KAMA: Moved without notice:

That the House notes and commends the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for listening to the grievances of farming communities regarding the fairness and accuracy of the 2021 Fishing Rights Allocation Process; notes that, following many complaints received from fishing communities, the Minister launched an audit of the entire process followed in verifying and recognising small-scale fishers in the Western Cape and then, based on the results of the audit and legal advice, she made an application to the Western Cape High Court to review and set aside the process of registration, verification and declaration of small-scale fishers in the Western Cape; further notes that on 31 August 2022 the court reviewed and set aside the 2016 verification, registration, declarations and rights allocations process as per the Minister's request; commends the ANC and ANCYL leadership in the Western Cape, and in particular the Leader of Opposition and the Deputy Chief Whip, for the extensive engagements with the ANC study group, as well as with fishing communities lobbying for this action by the Minister; and welcomes the court ruling and makes demands for transformation in the oceans economy.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

**CLOETESVILLE AND KYLEMORE HIGH SCHOOLS
DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENTS**

(Motion)

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

That the House notes that some disciplinary punishments given against learners at Cloetesville and Kylemore High Schools, undermine their right to learning; amongst other things, learners are turned away from entering the school premises for being a few minutes late and are forced to remain at home for an entire day, thus resulting in their exposure to criminality and gangsterism; and the House advises that instead, other disciplinary measures which do not hinder access to education and learner safety are considered instead. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

That the House notes that some disciplinary punishments given to learners at the Cloetesville and Kaylemore high schools undermine their right to learning; notes that, among other things, learners are refused entry to the school premises for being late and are forced to remain at home, thus resulting in their exposure to criminality; and advises that other disciplinary measures which do not hinder access to education and learner safety be considered instead.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

**RUGBY WORLD CUP SEVENS 2022
WASTE COLLECTION INITIATIVE**

(Motion)

Mr M XEGO: I move without notice:

That the House welcomes and notes the initiative by the Rugby World Cup Sevens 2022 to turn plastic cup waste that will be collected at the tournament into bricks that will be used to build affordable housing in the Western Cape. This initiative follows a pilot project by South African Rugby earlier this year in a test match, where they collected waste and converted it into pellets which were used to manufacture bricks. This will go a long way in making sure that the poorest of the poor get houses quicker. Unlike the previous plan of the DA-led Provincial Government, which planned to teach communities how to build the so-called better shacks for themselves. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr M XEGO: Moved without notice:

That the House welcomes the initiative by the Rugby World Cup Sevens 2022 to turn plastic cups waste, which will be collected at the tournament, into bricks that will be used to build affordable housing in the Western Cape; notes that this initiative follows a pilot project by the South African Rugby earlier this year in a test match where they collected waste and converted it into pellets, which were used to manufacture bricks; notes that this will go a long way in making sure that the poorest of the poor get houses quicker; and notes that this is unlike the previous plan of the DA-led provincial government that entailed teaching communities how to build so-called better shacks for themselves.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

POLICE SERGEANT: DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENT

(Motion)

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

That the House condemns in the strongest terms the conduct of a police sergeant stationed at Samora Machel, who collided with three pedestrians, whilst using a police vehicle under the influence of alcohol and on duty. The accident resulted in the death of a 7-year-old girl whilst the other two women were seriously injured. It is sad that we find ourselves in a situation whereby those who should administer law and order, are actually doing the total opposite. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr M XEGO: Moved without notice:

That the House condemns in the strongest terms the conduct of a police sergeant stationed at Samora Machel who collided with three pedestrians while using a police vehicle under the influence of alcohol and on duty; notes that the crash resulted in the death of a 7-year-old girl while two other women were seriously injured; and notes that it is sad that we find ourselves in a situation where those who should administer law and order are actually doing the opposite.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Agreed to.

[Hon member L L Mvimbi takes the Chair.]

**THE WESTERN CAPE ECONOMY AND THE STRATEGIC POTENTIAL
THAT THE TOWNSHIP ECONOMY HOLDS IN COMBATING
UNEMPLOYMENT, INEQUALITY
AND POVERTY)**

(Subject for Discussion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Let me greet those that are still left in the gallery who have attended this debate. This week marks five months since the lifting of the National State of Disaster. At the time, hon President Ramaphosa said, and I quote:

“We are hopeful that the worst is behind us, and we are confident that there are only better days ahead. Now is the time to grow our economy and create jobs; now is the time to get our country back on track; now is the time to heal, to recover and to rebuild.”

The ANC proposed the topic of this debate today, cognisant that it is less than two months away from the Medium-Term Budgetary Statement and a month away from the PERO. We will be watching carefully whether this Provincial Government places the necessary priorities on the areas which will facilitate the creation of jobs, tackling inequality and denting poverty, particularly for the poor.

As the ANC, we remain consistent in the pursuing of policy clarity of this Provincial Government on the matter of township and informal economy, as part of realising an inclusive and equitable growth. From townships to town, after apartheid spatial segregation remains. Lisa Findley is a professor of architecture and Liz Ogbu is a designer and social innovator who is also an academic.

They write in this paper that townships continue to be sites of struggle and resilience, as they have been throughout their history. They constitute a distinct urban typology that must be addressed by practitioners, policy makers and scholars, if we are to transform the spatial legacy of apartheid into a landscape that better reflects the multiracial aspirations of the nation. Townships are a product of apartheid segregation and the racial construct engineered as geographies of social economic and political exclusion.

Further, the authors tell us that apartheid was more than a political construct, but architecture and planning were critical to implementing apartheid policies. Design practices became cultural extensions of State power, and some professional designers validated the power of the white minority. That is why you would find that if you talk about townships, predominantly, it is a black race that is found there.

The deliberate disregard and oblivion of these historical facts and their past dependencies to the current circumstances of these townships today, is mindboggling and their implied sophistry in perpetuating these spatial inequities leaves much to be desired under the scam of equal opportunities, in a land and the province of unequals.

The National Development Plan adopted in 2012 and which the DA agreed with, highlights the importance of creating incentives and programmes which will shift jobs' investment towards the dense townships on the urban edge. The Plan had noted that there is also little support for the informal economy, while township economies are unable to retain local spending power or attract productive investment.

Two years after the Plan was released, Gauteng acted while it took the Western Cape six years to commence an initiative under the Township Revitalisation Strategy. Gauteng is fast accelerating its dent into unemployment and poverty, notwithstanding COVID-19, while in the Western Cape there exists no meaningful intervention that can be attributed to this Provincial Government's seriousness on how it perceives the township economy.

For their part on writing in the journal of developing areas, Thomas Udimal and Mduduzi Biyase write, I quote:

"The development of township economy is crucial to the development of the country. Township economic activities play an essential role in the action between the rural and urban economy. The transition of most economies from poverty driven to wealthier economies, is attributed to the promotion of SMMEs. This sector plays an essential role in the growth of any economy. As defined by the Gauteng Township Economy Revitalisation Plan, the term 'township' refers to 'old/new, formal and informal human settlements that are predominantly African, Coloured and Indian, characterised by high levels of poverty, unemployment and low incomes, as well as distance from their main centres of economic activities'."

Yet, in a rural urban province such as this province, unlike Gauteng, which is predominantly urban, the Provincial Administration of the Province must also take into cognisance the development of our rural and small towns areas. The Gauteng Township Economic Development Act has now backed this Revitalisation Plan in Gauteng and identifies about 12 sectors within the township economy, which includes retail, manufacturing, tourism, transport, ICT and even, the creative industry.

It is a historical fact that in townships with strictly controlled environments informal spaces activities emerged and flourished, sometimes as a matter of survival, other times, as a political act. Private minibuses, more commonly known as black taxis, filled the service gap between the need for urban transport and the capacity of the State system. It remains unfortunate that the taxi industry and its entrepreneurship has not been fully integrated into our mainstream economy and troubled with violence that leaves these same communities they had served for decades, further vulnerable and depressed.

The biased approach that undermines this industry, generalised them as criminals rather than businessmen and women, whilst entrepreneurs in their own right, in an act of injustice and criminal by itself. We condemn acts of violence and intimidation aimed at ordinary citizens, vulnerable children and women who fell victim in this sketch.

The disregard of this Provincial Government of the taxi industry and the combat warthog of J P Smith in the city, is reflective of the DA position towards a predominantly black-owned and run industry. Whilst they, through Golden Arrow Bus Service are happy with the subsidies of R1,4 billion, the taxi operators are treated like children with a carrot and stick approach through the Blue Dot.

Again, we call for the continuing rollout of the Red Dot in providing transport to clinics and day hospitals for our elderly and the disabled, but this, too, has fallen on deaf ears. Again, we have called for the development of a rural public transport system in order to revitalise the rural economy and rural towns, and again, this proposal has fallen on deaf ears.

Another historical fact is that townships have lived and provided for their livelihoods through illegal bars or shebeens run out of matchbox houses, providing a much needed social and often, political venue. Spaza shops were all run from homes and serve as small scale convenience stores integrated into the township landscape. The poor and inadequate response by the municipalities in the province, especially the City of Cape Town with its draconian enforcement strategies, led by the same J P Smith, to informal traders, unreasonable permit renewals and requirements of licenced liquor traders, let alone exorbitant fees for zoning, bylaws that are seemingly far removed to what these spaces and geographies are, at most, predicated on suburbia special design and demands.

The Provincial Strategic Plan 2019/2024, not the PERO nor the MERO, does not mention spaza shops and we have no idea how much this industry contributes to the Western Cape economy because this Provincial Government is not interested in acquiring such data, let alone even the positive growth which was registered during COVID-19 of the informal sector. Such is leaving this particular Provincial Government silent on the issue of the informal economy.

Again, we calculate the burial societies and the funeral insurance. This industry was valued to be worth R25 billion in 2014 in Gauteng. Again, we have no reliable data on the industry from the Provincial Government. We shall be putting a private member's note ...[Interjection.] on the township economy. I thank you. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you very much, hon Chairperson, hon members. Thank you very much hon Nkondlo for sponsoring this very important debate.

Just this week, we heard the news that South Africa's economy contracted by 0,7% between Quarter 1 and 2 of this year, largely attributed to the ongoing and crippling loadshedding and the impact of the KwaZulu Natal flooding. This regression is, indeed, devastating news for many South Africans who hope for a better tomorrow, especially after the very two difficult years that have just passed following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hon Chairperson, I hope the news this week serves as a wakeup call, loud and clear, that we need major, bold reforms to get South Africa's economy growing again. We do not have the luxury of time.

The reality is that South Africa is at a fork in the road, facing significant challenges including high unemployment, loadshedding, elevated public debt service costs, along with rising inflation and interest rates. This is worsened by high levels of corruption and the consequences of years and years of State capture and mismanagement of the country's economy nationally.

In the Western Cape, we have not been insulated from the policy decisions that have been made at the national level. Our growth rates have largely mirrored national trends, although performing better. We do, however, welcome that in the 1st Quarter of 2022, our GDP exceeded the 1st Quarter of 2020, representing an expansion compared to pre-pandemic levels. The Western Cape also has an overall higher labour force participation rate than South Africa and at the end of last month, I welcomed the news that 46 000 jobs were created in our province over the last Quarter. This is an increase from the 37 000 jobs created in the previous Quarter on Quarter reporting period. This higher labour force participation rate means that we have more people looking for work in the Western Cape, which is an indicator that job seekers who had given up looking for jobs during the pandemic, are now in search again.

Overall, the Western Cape maintains the lowest expanded unemployment rate in South Africa, according to the latest Quarterly Labour Force survey. While there are some promising signs emerging, it is clear to me that we need to do more to match the increasing demand in the Western Cape, and we are determined to do so. To be clear, just recovering to pre-pandemic levels is not good enough. We want to achieve breakout economic growth, delinking our province's growth rate from that of the rest of the country. And to do this, we need to enable the private sector to grow and succeed, so that they can get on with their job of creating jobs.

And as part of the private sector, SMMEs including informal and township businesses and entrepreneurs – lots and lots of entrepreneurs – will be critical to achieving this objective. Recently published statistics estimate that there are around 30 to 40 businesses per thousand people in townships. An article from *Business Tech* quotes:

“FNB is saying that this translates to around 800 000 to 1 million businesses across South Africa.”

Another financial institution, Investec, estimates that approximately 17% of employment in our country, is through the township economy. The Department of Coffee and Estrateweni Mobile Foods are some fantastic examples of the more famous township businesses helping to grow their local economies in the Western Cape. These businesses provide products and services tailored for the needs of the local communities in which they serve and are set up. In addition, township businesses offer and provide immediate accessibility.

It is for this reason that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism supports small businesses, including small businesses in townships across the province. Firstly, our dedicated Red Tape Reduction Unit works with businesses across sectors and across Government, as well with other levels of Government to remove barriers that emerge for these entrepreneurs.

This Unit has been able to maintain a success rate of 93% for the last financial year and we are working hard to improve this even further.

This Unit continues to support efforts to bring services and information closer to businesses, especially in township communities. They have done this by translating all informational material into the three official languages of the province and the information is freely available at various community centres and business incubators in marginalised communities. Creating an enabling environment for SMMEs to succeed, also requires providing positive support to businesses so that they can grow and succeed.

It is for this reason that we have the SMME Booster Fund which aims to enhance the sustainability of rural, township-based youth, people with disabilities and women-owned SMMEs based in our province. So far, this Fund has supported over 386 township-based businesses from areas such as Mbekweni, Kayamandi, Idas Valley, Khayelitsha, Gugulethu, Dunoon, Macassar, Philippi, Delft, Kwanokuthula and Zwelitsha, to name a few.

With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting on small businesses in particular, the Western Cape Government's COVID-19 Supplier Development Programme was another intervention that worked to increase capacity and the ability of micro-enterprises, who manufactured cloth masks, sanitisers, and other kinds of products. The programme was supported by 11 businesses which sustained 71 jobs, including in areas such as Mitchells Plain, Diazville and Seawinds,

Another way in which we can provide support to SMMEs is by making it easier to do business with the Western Cape Government itself, which spends billions in procurement each year. The Provincial Treasury has established the Procurement Client Centre, which is based in Century City – which I hope the Committee will be able to visit soon – offering a range of services to small businesses to help improve the ease of doing business with Government. They help and guide suppliers, many of whom are SMMEs, through the tender process and assist suppliers with the registration on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database, as well as the Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank. This service often makes the complex environments a little bit easier to navigate.

Provincial Treasury has also recently gone live with an innovative user-friendly platform or dashboard, which allows businesses to filter information specifically to access all departmental procurement plans for the 2022/2023 year. These procurement plans include roughly 4 000 tenders in the current financial year. This functionality will help suppliers, which include small businesses, to access and plan for future tender opportunities.

In conclusion, hon Chair, we know that if we want to achieve breakout economic growth that drives job creation, we must enable and support SMMEs across all sectors, including the township and informal economies. We must cut red-tape and provide the support that is needed to ensure that every single entrepreneur has the opportunity to succeed in South Africa, no matter who they are or where they were born. Thank you.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Chairperson. Sorry, for a second. We have got loadshedding here. Alright. More than 70% of the Western Cape economic activities are concentrated within the City of Cape Town alone, whilst there is little or almost nothing done to boost our economy in other regions in the province. Communities in the regions such as the Central Karoo and elsewhere, experience high levels of unemployment, poverty, and live in squalor conditions without any assistance from the Provincial Government. Most municipalities in those areas rely heavily on traffic fines in order to generate revenue into those municipalities, which is still not enough.

Following the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the South African economy at large, there are expectations of the economy to positively pick up the City of Cape Town within the tourism sector, which continues to show great potential. However, the same thing cannot be said about the township economies. Whilst township economies boast a great potential to eradicate unemployment, poverty and inequality, there is no investment into these economies either from the Provincial Government or the private sector or coupled with a lack of infrastructure development.

Whenever people from the townships try to operate small business, their stock gets confiscated by the law enforcement officials due to lack of operating permits. And whenever they apply for those permits, they experience all kinds of red tape measures. The City of Cape Town charge e-hailing drivers, exorbitant amounts of money when they are applying for operating permits and make them wait for years before getting those permits. Another way of making money by the City of Cape Town is to impound vehicles of e-hailing operators.

Nothing is being done to transform the Western Cape agricultural sector, which continues to be dominated by white people, with black people only accounting for less than 2%. The Department of Agriculture in the province is not doing anything to transform this sector, with its MEC actually doing everything to please whites in maintaining the status quo.

The Pick 'n Pay Spaza shop Modernisation Programme is nothing but a failure, which left those who participated swimming in deeper debt. This is so, despite Government telling us that the initiative is a success. However, before the end of 2023, there will be no spaza shop left which was part of the programme. It was just a scam. For the economy of this province to prosper it will require leaders with greater ideas who will advance the economy into greater heights and eradicate poverty and unemployment ...[Interjection.] Thank you very much. [Time expired.]

Ms C A T MURRAY: Thank you very much. I will begin now. The role of Government should not be to overly regulate or create unnecessary red tape for business, but rather it should be to listen to the needs of businesses and respond by unblocking bottlenecks faced, while promoting the ease of doing business. Supporting local businesses, particularly those based in townships, is vital if we are to overcome the inequalities that have resulted from our cruel past and which have been exacerbated by State Capture.

This inequality is painfully clear and plays itself out in increasing homelessness, joblessness, spatial segregation and limited access to resources and services, which we see across the country. The solution, however, rests in our ability to support the township economy so that it can create opportunities. The township economy is robust, dynamic and a competitive space. You need only visit Dunoon where in Dumani Street, you can see the bustle of local shisanyamas, as well as the local taxi rank, or you can walk around Mnandi Street where you can feel a constant buzz pulsating around the nearby Shoprite, the barber shop, the salons, and recycling business.

Despite the many socio-economic challenges within our townships, the township economy is unapologetically innovative. In the heart of Khayelitsha, Annette Skaap has opened Khayelitsha's very first luxury hotel, the Spade Hotel and Spa. Annette Skaap's hotel is an example of what can be achieved if we support township business, rather than hindering it through over-regulation. This is because well run businesses, particularly in historically disadvantaged communities, help to create jobs. They further help to enable communities to put food on the table, to provide good education to children in that community, to buy homes or leverage assets and to even start further businesses.

An example of this, despite the ANC's discontent, is the Market Store Project which was formed in public/private participation with Provincial Department and Pick 'n Pay. The Market Store Project focused on the establishment of mini-supermarkets, and it worked to improve infrastructure in the township retail sector. The Department provided financial assistance to the tune of half a million rand, to qualifying beneficiaries to refurbish, as well as set up their Market Stores.

This partnership enabled Ms Dike, the owner of Thembi's Market, to start a Pick 'n Pay Market Store in Langa. She started her business on 28 August 2022 and employed a total of ten people, generating a significant monthly revenue of R426 000 for June 2021. According to the March budget process, Thembi's Market received R750 000 from DEDATs and almost R1,7 million leveraged from the private sector. When visited by the Standing Committee, she explained that she started the Market Store to support herself and her children. This clearly demonstrates that by supporting the township economy and not overly regulating it, we are, indeed, providing more opportunities, particularly to those who need them most.

This sector has immense potential, but requires further support not only from Government, but from the private sector as well. An example of this is the Bitcoin Ekasi in Mossel Bay. Bitcoin Ekasi is using the well-established Surfer Kids MPO to create a bitcoin economy within the local township, through the already well known MPO. They do this by equipping the surfing coaches with knowledge on how to use bitcoin and providing them with a salary so that their learners are able to access food through payments of bitcoin.

Supporting a township economy is critical, given the number of people who depend on it. As the hon Minister Wenger highlighted previously, Investec estimates that 17% of the country's total employment comes from the township economy.

Statistics SA also estimates that there are approximately 40 businesses per 1 000 people townships and according to FNB, that translates into approximately 1 million township-based businesses in the country.

The state of our economy demands that each of us do everything in our power to support and empower all business. While the ANC's approach to the economy is to bog it down with laws and regulations that make doing business difficult, the DA-led Western Cape Government works to prevent this and even incentivises successful businesses to become a part of the formal economy. We do this through interventions which include incubators, the Red Tap Reduction Unit, the SMME Booster Fund, to name a few.

I choose to believe that each of us in this House would want to live in a South Africa which has more opportunities and where businesses, particularly those in townships, are given every opportunity to flourish. That is why I hope for and welcome a robust debate today, and during future committees, ensuring that we truly do support the township economy and create more opportunities for those who need them most.

Mr S N AUGUST: Thank you, hon Chairperson. Based on hon Minister Wenger's speech, very informative speech and I would like her to email her speech me, I therefore withdraw my speaking time. Thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Chairperson and thank you, and I welcome this debate today. [Interjections.] Hon Chairperson, according to the ACDP, we believe that small business is the solution to radically reduce unemployment, and not big business. The township economy plays an integral part when it comes to reducing unemployment. The question that we can pose: what makes township economy so special? When you hear communities saying, 'local is *lekker*', but in the township we say, 'local and *lekker*', meaning everything is a local content and tasty and delicious.

Hon Chairperson, hon Minister Wenger mentioned that there are two businesses that I also saw, the Department of Coffee. It was started by three young men in July 2012, with a vision to change the coffee culture in the townships. But hon Chairperson, even they in 2016, the Department of Coffee, this business was robbed and vandalised in 2016, and yet they thrive. There is another business mentioned by Estratweni Mobile Foods, a small business that was started with one person borrowing R200 loan from her sister and now, they bake and sell muffins in the early hours of the morning from half past 5. That must be commended.

But hon Chairperson, what I want to say is when we look at small business, small business in townships especially, are threatened by robberies, threatened by vandalism and I want to say, hon Chairperson, that I want to agree with what the hon Premier said this morning: Minister Cele must implement the Western Cape Government's latest policing needs because one of the policing needs mentioned was the continued skew policing resource allocation, especially in poorer neighbourhoods.

So, hon Chairperson, just in closing, loadshedding plays a huge part in crippling our small businesses and loadshedding should come to an end. And I hope that soon, the Western Cape ...[Interjection.] Thank you, hon Chairperson. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Chairperson. Hon Chairperson, local economies are the heartbeat of our cities, our towns, our villages, and our neighbourhoods. It is thousands of individual engine rooms that when combined, represents the economy of South Africa. Get it right and you will prosper. Get it wrong and you will suffer.

As a government, we need to ask what we can do to create an enabling environment for our people to have a safe and dignified existence in their communities. How can we help these individual engine rooms in our communities, to run at an optimal level? From a Local Government perspective, basic services are the starting point: water, sewerage, electricity, refuse removal. These aspects, if managed properly, contribute to a living environment that is clean and safe. It helps to create streets and neighbourhoods that are inviting and where communities can connect and build dignified lives.

According to national reports, the Western Cape is doing well in terms of local government service delivery to its residents. The National Household Survey states that the Western Cape is the leading province in South Africa providing basic services: water 97% of our households; electricity 98%; sewerage and sanitation 97%, solid waste management 97%. The Auditor-General states that the Western Cape is the leading province in terms of financial management and reporting, with 27 out of 30 municipalities either clean or unqualified audits. The Department of Water and Sanitation, in its Blue Drop Report, states that the Western Cape is the leading province in providing clean and safe drinking water. The same Department, Green Drop Report, states that the Western Cape is the leading province when it comes to the management of wastewater. Western Cape municipalities are paying Eskom for electricity. The four municipalities that are behind are being supported by my Department and our Treasury, to put plans in place to make payment arrangements with Eskom.

Hon Chairperson, taken together, these basic services create an environment that attracts investment from the private sector. Investment creates jobs and people that can provide for their families, create dignity and a sense of purpose and a belief in the future for our people. In the Western Cape, we go further. We currently have 32 Thusong Centres, 22 permanent and 10 mobile, that house government services under one roof, making it accessible to people who struggle to commute from one Government building to the next, for services.

Our Inclusionary Housing Programme is addressing the way in which we balance inequalities in housing opportunities, while at the same time encouraging densification of residential areas. Our AC programme uses planning and design to create safer and healthier living and working areas, through intelligent design.

Hon Chairperson, but if you walk the streets in our poorer communities and if you spend time with the people trapped in poverty and unemployment, and you listen to their struggle on a day-to-day basis to survive, you will know that we have got more work to be done. Why are we still experiencing poverty and unemployment in our communities?

Hon Chairperson, the ANC Government has since 1994, systematically destroyed the institutions meant to build our country. The ANC has destroyed our State-Owned Entities, such as Eskom and Transnet. Every day, we hear about more corruption being exposed. Earlier this week, Mkhize DG of the Office of KZN Premier, was arrested for intimidating the Chairperson of the Water Board. Hon Chairperson, that is why taps are running dry in ANC municipalities. Not because there is no water, but because the water is being stolen. Brian Molefe, the wonderchild of the ANC, who was at one stage mentioned as a future Minister of Finance for South Africa, was arrested this week for his involvement in Transnet and Eskom.

Hon Chairperson, why do South African people struggle with loadshedding and public transport? Eskom and Transnet used to be excellent organisations. What change is the arrival of the ANC Government? The ANC allowed and supported the looting of and the destruction of the entities such as Eskom and Transnet. Hon Chairperson, in the same manner that Eskom and Transnet have been destroyed, the management of local governments in South Africa has been destroyed where the ANC is in power. [Interjection.]

Hon Chairperson, even the Auditor-General is frustrated. Only 16% out of the 257 municipalities in South Africa can manage their finances. This is only 41 municipalities. It means that 216 municipalities in South Africa are stealing money and for services from our people. Hon Chairperson, after 41 municipalities who are accountable, 27 of these municipalities are in the Western Cape and remember, there are only 30 municipalities in the Western Cape. Hon Chairperson, who oversees the three municipalities that cannot account for their money in the Western Cape: Laingsburg, Kannaland, Beaufort West? All ANC-run municipalities. [Interjections.]

Hon Chairperson, in municipalities where there is sound and stable management, you will find private sector investment which would lead to job creation with a healthy economic base ...[Interjection.] that Government can support and protect the vulnerable members ...[Interjection.] of our communities. Thank you, hon Chairperson. [Time expired.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon members, I am very allergic to noise and howling. Please, if you can just do it orderly when you do it. [Interjections.] Hon Brinkhuis?

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you very much, hon Mvimbi, Chairperson. It is so nice to see you in that position. The ANC will rule the Western Cape very soon again. Thank you very much. [Interjections.]

We all agree that township economy is vital to the economic growth of any city. A thriving township economy will add to combatting unemployment, inequality, and poverty as the topic of today's debate suggests. Can this Provincial Legislature verify where the ...[Interjection.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon Brinkhuis?

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Yes?

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: We cannot hear you. You have cut off. But do not worry, we have stopped the watch. You will not lose your time. [Interjections.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Can this Provincial Legislature verify whether sufficient and efficient oversight is done at municipalities whose enterprise and skills development initiatives should be directly aimed at and address the challenges that indigent communities face? Do they help to equip small business? Do they support these small businesses through their chain management?

We cannot only focus on incubators' catering services, waste removals. There are upcoming entrepreneurs in manufacturing clothing, stationary, toilet papers, covers for manholes, who are deliberately being overlooked by supply chain management at municipalities, hospitals, education departments, traffic departments and the list goes on. How many of these institutions buy local from entrepreneurs in their local municipality? Local municipalities and other State organs must set the precedent by supporting local entrepreneurs. I thank you, hon Chairperson, and may the ANC rule the Western Cape very soon. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: [Inaudible.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS: It will be nice to see you in that position. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, hon Mr Brinkhuis.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, hon Brinkhuis and also for being generous on your time. We now go to hon Marais, the former hon Premier of the Western Cape. Hon Marais? Okay, and then we move to hon Dan Plato, the former Mayor of the City of Cape Town ...[Interjections.] I am teasing. [Laughs.]

Mr D PLATO: Hon Chairperson, just a message to hon Brinkhuis, with his ruling request and suggestion. With corruption and with loadshedding, that is how we want it. [Interjections.]

Hon Chairperson, I am glad that this debate has been moved in the House today, improving the status of our economy is and always has been a top priority of this Government. We, in the DA, have a firm vision of empowered and rich citizens who are able to make the life they deserve with the support of their Government. At least we look after the poorest of the poor, something you cannot do because you steal the money of the poorest of the poor. [Interjections.]

For many of our citizens, the township economy is where this vision will start. Already, so many people ...[Interjection.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon Plato Hon Plato, there is a point of order.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): A point of order, hon Chairperson. I do not like to do a point of order on the former Mayor because he has got that stature, but just a point of order on the [Laughs.] on the hon Mayor, with deep respect. He is referring to "you". Now, he is supposed to speak through you, hon Chairperson of the House. He cannot refer to ANC members as 'you'. He must speak through you as the Chair. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Okay, okay. We will correct that. [Interjections.] We will correct that. Hon Plato?

Mr D PLATO: Point taken. Already, so many people in this province demonstrated the ingenuity by establishing their own small and microscale businesses in their own communities. Hon Chairperson, we want to stand by these people and leadership in those communities. We want to give them the skills, the tools, and the opportunities they need to push themselves and their communities forward. That is what all of us want, must happen.

But before we can equip our citizens with these tools, we must create a baseline, a social security net, that ensures that the basic physical needs of the poorest of the poor are met. For us, that is of paramount importance. In many of our township communities, residents are confronted daily by hunger, the bonds of drug and alcohol addiction, and violence. After all, you cannot think of starting a business, gathering starter funds, or building a client base when many believe that is impossible.

It is in this way that this Government's efforts to improve the social wellbeing of its citizens, have definite economic impacts on the province's poorest communities, as many of the previous speakers have indicated. When this Government spent R16 million on ensuring that disabled are cared for. It is investing in a more skilled, more competent workforce when it acts to find jobs for the homeless and provides family support at its shelters. It boosts the economy by getting the most vulnerable employed and economically active, and much, much more should be done. But, hon Chairperson, uplifting the poorest and most vulnerable, should be a goal in itself. By doing so, also has a profound impact on the upliftment of society from the grassroots level and the economic wellbeing of our province.

This Government has brought its services into the heart of communities that needs them and continue to do so, regardless of circumstances. When a public building in Julius Tsolo Street in Khayelitsha closed in July, the Department of Social Development did not stand idly by, as SASSA did. They made sure that their services were not interrupted, seamlessly moving into new premises, and ensuring no interruption to their services. The City of Cape Town then ensured that SASSA had a place to go. This is because our leaders in this province are obsessed with solving problems in real terms, in ways that matter to the citizen on the street.

Hon Chairperson, things are tough for our citizens, but we want to do more than keep them trapped in poverty, scrapping together a meagre existence on grants and low paying jobs. We want to give our citizens the tools they need to realise their path from poverty and that starts with mitigating the effort, the effects of poverty and social ills here and now. And hon Chairperson, that counts for this whole House. All of us, we need to put our political issues aside and not play politics with peoples' lives, with the poorest of the poor. That is for the ANC, DA, and whoever in this House and we owe it to the poverty-stricken communities out there. They need our assistance, and they need it right now.

I am confident that this Government is doing everything in its power to do so and I look forward to seeing the results of this hard work over the years to come. Thank you.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Chairperson. Hon Chairperson, before I address the House today in this debate, I must as a young woman, condemn the actions made by the National Leader of the Democratic Alliance, describing his former wife as a roadkill and a flat chicken. [Interjections.] Yet, what is really shocking is that hon Mr Steenhuisen has not been taken to task by his party and we have heard nothing from the women in the DA to express their contempt for such remarks. Again, this confirms a misogynist culture within the DA. The DA thinks nothing of women and therefore, they can use sexual harassment as a political tool in their factional battles. I just thought, hon Chairperson, I must raise this today ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Point of order. [Interjections.] Hon Chairperson?

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: There is a point of order, hon Bans.

Ms A P BANS: Hon Chairperson?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Hon Chairperson, I raise on a point of relevance to the debate topic. [Interjections.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Okay. [Interjections.] *Ja*, okay.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): That is ...[Interjection.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Continue, hon Bans. I have taken note of that. Please do not repeat that then. A point of relevance must not be repeated. It must not be repeated, so continue. [Interjections.]

Ms A P BANS: Hon Chairperson?

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Is there another point of order, hon Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No hon Chair, that interjection from the hon MEC further proves the disdain that the Democratic Alliance has towards cases when its leaders ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: That is not a point of order, hon Chairperson.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): ...undermine women in their party.

The MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: The hon member is out of order.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): ...it further points to that, hon Chairperson ...[Interjection.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much, hon. Can we, hon members, allow the hon member to continue with her speech?

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Chairperson. I hope communities are watching that women are not standing with women on relevant issues and measuring it as irrelevant, just ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Point of order, hon Chairperson. The Rules require us to stick to the topic and the hon member is decidedly off topic here and she is now treading on casting aspersions based on a point of order which I am legitimately entitled to raise. [Interjections.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Okay, hon members, let me just explain something and thereafter, I am going to make a ruling on the matter. Now, you see on the point of relevance that is referred to in terms of the Rule and also casting aspersions to hon members, it refers to hon members of the House. Now, the person that was mentioned by hon Bans, is not even an hon member of the House, but be that as it may, hon members. Hon Bans, can you please continue with your speech and stick to the topic?

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Chairperson. Hon Chairperson, I also note as we are having a very important debate here today, I must say I take note of not seeing the hon Premier and hon MEC Meyer on such an important topic, that I think it is affecting them as one of our head leaders here on this topic. It also says a lot.

Hon Chairperson, the previous speaker, hon member Murray, was speaking on Market Stores ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: On a point of order, hon Chairperson?

Ms A P BANS: The hon MEC ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: On a point of order?

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: That is hon – who is that? Hon August?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: No ...[Interjection.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon August?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: No, Meyer.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Oh! Yes, yes, yes. Ja, hon Minister Meyer?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon House Chair. The hon member has now just referred that I am not in the House. I am on the hybrid platform. I have heard everything she said about me. Can she withdraw that statement please? Thank you. [Interjections.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Okay, thank you very much, hon Minister. We have taken note of that. You are present, but you are not in the House. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: But she must withdraw.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Which one? [Interjections.]

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Chairperson.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon members, can we please allow hon Bans to continue ...[Interjection.]

Ms A P BANS: Thank you ...

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Proceed.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Chairperson. Hon Chairperson, I just did not see the hon member in the House. Apologies for that. Hon Chairperson ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, accepted.

Ms A P BANS: The hon Murray on the other side, was speaking on Markets here and it is actually a shame. Two were mentioned: Tembi's Market, and one in Mossel Bay. At this day and age, we cannot even account up to five. I think earlier, hon member Nkondlo was mentioning a number of Markets that are supported and they were in contradiction with what the hon MEC was giving here. So, I think for this day and age, it is actually a huge †skandaal, [scandal] like they would say in Afrikaans. It cannot be like that. Even the more of Tembi. As we speak, she is left with a debt of close to R7,5 million from the Pick 'n Pay project. It cannot be that we are proud of mentioning something like that.

Hon Chairperson, the next month will mark exactly two years since the hon Premier stood up in this House to announce the Administration's Recovery Plan for the job economy. The ANC, therefore, finds it apt that today we debate the state of our provincial economy, two years after this announcement.

After a devastating drought, even though the DA-led City of Cape Town was warned about the then upcoming drought in 2012 and after COVID-19, the ANC believes that fundamental and therefore, deliberate omissions were made in the last several years to alter cause and figures of unemployment, inequality and therefore, poverty in this province.

This Government services just a few privileged. Thanks for the recognising by the hon member Plato earlier in this speech. He said we need to do more. So, it means he is actually in agreement that it is only the few that are privileged that are getting service from this Government. Because of DA policy, our province is worse off today than it was before. The hon Premier's Recovery Plan for jobs and economy announced in 2020, because of a lack of political will and wanting to be a nice guy, the hon Premier and his administration oversaw the continuation of favouritism shown to big business and old money in our province. †Somlomo [Speaker], R9 million over COVID-19 was given to black farmers. The advertisement went out through Casidra. It was withdrawn and it was said that it is going to all farmers. Today, ask yourself the question: where are those black farmers? How many of them have survived COVID-19 while the privileged ones benefitted? ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is lies.

Ms A P BANS: Because of the DA ineptitude, inequality between whites and blacks in this province has risen. Hon Chairperson, when you land on the plane in Cape Town, you can just see the difference of inequality. You do not need to ask. When you drive on N2 from Nyanga to Clifton here, it is just admin, we do not need to see, but still today, we are living in denial of the realities. Because of the DA's laissez faire approach, the overwhelming majority of Coloureds and Africans continue to live in poverty, while unemployment continues to affect in the main, Coloureds and Africans.

While the DA may be denialist, we insist on being scientific and follow the statistics which confirm that race continues to characterise poverty, unemployment and inequality in our province and country. Two years ago, the hon Premier announced his job and economic Recovery Plan. We received the details five months later. Today, two years later and according to Stats SA in the latest quarterly labour force survey for the 2nd Quarter of 2022, the Western Cape led with the highest increase in unemployment in the country.

All other provinces in the country, except for the Western Cape and Northern Cape, saw a decrease in their expanded unemployment rate. While the Western Cape was only able to create 46 000 more jobs, they were far surpassed by ANC-run provinces, such as Gauteng, where employment increased with a creation of over 200 000 new jobs. Data does not lie. I agree with the hon Premier when he said that earlier. Limpopo created 126 000 new jobs in the 2nd Quarter. KZN 110 000 new jobs; Mpumalanga 85 000 new jobs; and even the Eastern Cape, which this Provincial Administration likes to speak despairingly of, created more than 50 000 jobs.

The Western Cape under hon Premier Winde, came in sixth place in creating jobs. Hon Minister Bredell spoke earlier of when you speak of people in the communities, we are living in these communities. We know their challenges; we know their struggles and it is not a matter of hearsay. We go back to them, or we sleep with them in the community. So, when we speak here, we do not speak of what we read in the book or what you find on data. It is what we are experiencing every day.

Speaking of transport, comorbidities were spoken about here. There is no planning even for rural areas. In a rural area, you must travel by using your own last monies for those that do not have money. They must use their last pennies moving just to Shoprite 160 kilometres, yet here in Cape Town, we still have the City to City. No subsidies for rural communities. The situation in rural areas gets even worse. According to the same quarterly's labour survey, discouraged job seekers in the rural areas increased by 61 000 people between the ages of 15 and 64 in the last quarter. The metro saw a decrease of 2 000 discouraged jobseekers. In other words, as shown by the data, this Provincial Government is driving more people to the city instead of creating jobs in the rural areas.

The ANC has consistently highlighted how Provincial Government neglects the sector, which has been able to withstand all catastrophes in the last decade. The agricultural sector continues to be the most promising sector, but because of DA free market economics, neither of the hon Premier nor the then hon MEC for the Finance Sector, are deserving of mention in the SOPA and budget respectively. Because of DA free market economics, not providing more State intervention and support, the agricultural and aquaculture sector data tells the devastation of this neglect by the Provincial Government: 16 000 jobs lost in this sector in rural areas, yet the Premier's Recovery Plan for jobs and the economy of our province is ...[Interjection.] yet the Premier's Recovery Plan for jobs and the economy of our province is shallow. And as the Safety Plan is weak, the Western Cape township revitalisation initiative launched in the last days of the hon Premier, being then MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, the Western Cape was finally ...[interjection.] catching up with Gauteng, who launched their Township Economic Revitalisation Plan five years earlier. The result today speaks for itself. In the last Quarter, the ANC-led ...[Interjection.] [Time expired.] [Applause.]

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Sorry, my laptop battery went flat, but I have got it in my head. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and thank you for hon Bans for that last 40 seconds of your speech because I must say, it was probably the most factual minutes that have ever been, contribution ever been given by hon members of the House.

But, you know, it was former Deputy Minister Gert Oosthuisen, Oom Gert, they used to call him. He said if you do not know how to cut, do not paste because if you did use all the numbers in your unemployment numbers – as I said, my laptop went off, but I am doing it from my head – I would have quoted you all those numbers from Stats SA figures. So, you did use some of the right figures, but not everything on the figures. [Interjections.]

If you did use those figures, you would look at the expanded unemployment figures in the Western Cape, which by far is terrible in the country – it should never have been – which is by far the lowest in the country. Of the Eastern Cape, sadly, terribly so, which should never have been, 50% of the people in the Eastern Cape do not even look for jobs ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon members!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... where in the Western Cape [Interjections.] we have got by far ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon members, order hon members.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I have listened to the hon members. If they are allowed to listen to me then I will ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, please let us just [Interjections.].

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Which is by far in the Western Cape the lowest in the country. So, please quote all the figures when you quote unemployment figures. [Interjections.]

And then, the hon member asks for more names. I will give you more names: Nozinga Market, Ndwamba Market, Mbekweni Market, Nabe Market, Luzukile Market. So, there are five more that you asked for, hon member Bans, and Tembi Market, as you say. ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And then, hon Nkondlo, thank you for opening the debate. You spent two minutes, as I counted, and 40 seconds on the definition of this debate. Of your seven minutes that you debated, you did not even bother addressing the core issues of the debate. So, let me contribute to your debate. [Interjections.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape and its DA municipalities have again demonstrated why good governance matters. The AG confirmed that a firm leadership role and strong controls of governance, as well as a competent workshop, contributed to our clean audits. Why is this contributed to our culture? A valid question by hon Nkondlo. Let me go to page 3 of my notes.

Look at Khayelitsha township versus Tembisa township. Good governance matters; clean governance matters. Tembisa township, hon Deputy Speaker, where Tembisa Hospital is, where it is governed by the ANC and let us start with what happened in the last few weeks and let us first of all say: rest in peace, Ms Babita Deokaran, who was terribly assassinated in a township where she governed over the hospital administration called Tembisa Hospital, governed by the ANC. She was assassinated, terribly so! [Interjections.] Township ...[Interjections.] No, no, the township where you have a township debate. The debate, hon Deputy Speaker, the township is ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Tembisa where the hospital is based. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: She asked what does good governance matter? [Interjections.] Let me just explain to you how does it matter. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sit down please. Hon member, I recognise the Deputy Chief Whip. Deputy Chief, what is your point of order? [Interjections.] Hon members, one minute. Yes?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): In terms of Rule 40 and 42, I cannot hear the hon member and the hon member is even sitting next to me. If the hon members on the Opposition can just please be a little bit softer in their heckling then I will be able to hear the hon member who is actually sitting next to me. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Quite correct. Hon members, in terms of Rule 39, remember the loudness and I am also struggling to listen myself. [Interjections.] We are almost at the end of the debate. If we can allow hon Mackenzie to proceed. Thank you, you may proceed.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, she knows I did not blame the township people ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon members!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The hon Nkondlo asked me question across the aisle, which I am responding to. Clean governance matters; good governance matters. Take two townships: Khayelitsha and Tembisa township, where the Tembisa Hospital is based. Terrible, under the ANC-led Government. The woman investigating township corruption in Tembisa Hospital was assassinated in the ANC [Interjections.] They cannot handle the truth.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon members!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Where they, the ANC Government spent R10 000 for a bucket. Half a million rand was spent on jeans, kiddies' jeans. That is how you develop townships. You use money, not for corruption ...[Interjection.] by developing townships.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, please take your seat. I recognise the hon Dugmore. [Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like to ask whether the hon Mackenzie would take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you may proceed.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am responding to the hon members. So, those are facts. You do not have to like the facts, but you have to listen to them. So, when you develop townships like Khayelitsha and Tembisa, we do not steal the money. R850 million at Tembisa Hospital ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...was stolen by the ANC and their cadres. [Interjections.] Not once did members of this House say: why are they spending R10 000 on a bucket that you can buy at the flea market for R40? They did not say that. That is the difference between the DA and the ANC. That is why our townships are busy developing. That is why in Khayelitsha and in Mitchells Plain ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...they have the most and the highest percentage of building plans that have been approved in the City, have been in Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon members!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: If you go to the new boutique hotel in Khayelitsha, they would not have that in Tembisa because they are stealing buckets of money. If you go to the new call centre in Mitchells Plain, there is a difference. None of these hon members, by the way, have visited the new call centre in Mitchells Plain. It is a disgrace. It is a disgrace.

The DA Government has allowed it – and the building plans are widely advertised, they have been approved by us – has allowed township development to take place. [Interjections.] The hon Xego says he has a problem at the moment with loadshedding where he is speaking from in the House, but why does he have a problem? In which municipality is he right now? Not in the City of Cape Town because we do not have loadshedding in the City of Cape Town. That is the difference between the ANC ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...and the DA. So, when you talk about development, hon members, you cannot develop where in townships where you then have no trains.

Last week, hon members, in a widely circulated clip, people standing with AK47s in broad daylight, shooting in townships. Where was Crime Intelligence? Why was the railway not functioning at Netreg? Because the ANC has destroyed rail in this country. Townships like Nyanga, Khayelitsha, Langa, Kalksteentfontein, Mitchells Plain cannot develop without a functioning rail line. Who has destroyed rail? Who has mismanaged rail? Under whose governance has corruption taken place that a train station that is supposed to take people ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...to Khayelitsha, Nyanga, to develop the townships, cannot take place.

The hon member talked about rural development. Rightfully so. Hon member and from the Beaufort West, via you, hon Deputy Speaker, when last did you see a Trans Karoo in Beaufort West? When last did the hon member see the Trans Karoo in Beaufort West or Shosholoza Meyl? She has not seen it ...[Interjection.]

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

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...for the last two and a half years. [Interjections.] Why not? Because the ANC Government has destroyed long distance rail. So, when she talks about rural development, she must talk about ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...how did my party destroy the rail that Beaufort West, the beacon, the third biggest connection line in this country, does not even have a train station? It is a disgrace, hon members. [Interjections.]

And hon Marran was shouting, 'Oh, Gayton McKenzie is doing this in Beaufort West.' They do not even know that they are doing it on the ANC's land. I had to alert hon Mbalula at the railway line here in Cape Town, Do you know whose land they are building on, by the way?' [Interjections.] He WhatsApped Leonard Ramatlakane who says, 'Oh, is it our land?' I said, †'Jirre!' [Lord!] This was a month ago. That is the patheticness of the leadership in PRASA, the destruction of what we see in our communities and out townships under the ANC. I am coming up to that.

The hon member talks about the taxi violence and the allocations, and how we treat it. We are probably the only government and the Blue Dot System, we are the only government in this country that during hard lockdown, that implemented the Blue Dot and the Red Dot system. Not one other government in this country did it. Which government did it? Which government did it? She cannot answer. That is the reality.

The allocation to Golden Arrow is done via national allocation. It has been set since time immemorial and since 1994. How the hon members can come here on 8 September to blame to the DA, is absolutely bizarre. It is bizarre. It is in the legislation by the ANC. They give us the money; we transfer the money. It is called a transfer payment. It is in the annual report. *Jissie!* Hon member, so when they talk about the rule of public transport system, I have dealt with that. So, there is nothing more to say.

The hon member talks about the MERO. Are spaza shops not in the ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: We do not use words like that because we respect the business people there. So, in the MERO: a simple Google search, hon member, which my colleague just did, shows 367 mentions of the word 'informal economy' ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Finish off, hon member.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Why? Because we respect those businesses. We do not use spaza shops ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: 367 mentions. That is what we do because we are a caring Government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: So, township economies will flourish under the DA and not under the ANC. I thank you. [Applause].

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, that brings us to the end of the list of speakers and concludes the debate on this subject. That concludes the business for the day. May I thank hon Mvimbi for being the Chair. I think he has finally understood what it means to be the Chair of the House. Thank you, the Secretary will now end the meeting. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 19:08.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

(Final 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 9 September 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, recommends that the House confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Amendment Bill.

Report to be considered.

MONDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Notice: Change in the name of the Association of Public Accounts Committees (APAC) to the South African Association of Public Accounts Committees (SAAPAC).

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

1. Annual reports of provincial departments for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 tabled in terms of section 65(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999), as amended:

(a) Premier

Annual Report of the Department of the Premier for 2021/22 (Vote 1: Premier).

(b) Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety

Annual Report of the Department of Community Safety for 2021/22 (Vote 4: Community Safety).

(c) Minister of Education

Annual Report of the Department of Education for 2021/22 (Vote 5: Education).

(d) Minister of Health

Annual Report of the Department of Health for 2021/22 (Vote 6: Health).

(e) Minister of Social Development

Annual Report of the Department of Social Development for 2021/22 (Vote 7: Social Development).

(f) Minister of Mobility

Annual Report of the Department of Transport and Public Works for 2021/22 (Vote 10: Transport and Public Works).

(g) Minister of Agriculture

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for 2021/22 (Vote 11: Agriculture).

(h) Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport

Annual Report of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for 2021/22 (Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport).

2. Annual reports of provincial entities for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 tabled in terms of section 65(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999), as amended:**(a) Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities**

Annual Report of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board for 2021/22 (Vote 3: Provincial Treasury).

(b) Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety

Annual Report of the Western Cape Liquor Authority for 2021/22 (Vote 4: Community Safety).

(c) Minister of Mobility

Annual Report of Government Motor Transport for 2021/22 (Vote 10: Transport and Public Works).

(d) Minister of Agriculture

Annual Report of Casidra for 2021/22 (Vote 11: Agriculture).

(e) Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport

(i) Annual Report of the Western Cape Cultural Commission for 2021/22 (Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport).

(ii) Annual Report of Heritage Western Cape for 2021/22 (Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport).

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE PREMIER AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS ON ITS OVERSIGHT VISIT TO WI-FI SITES AT THE CENTRE FOR E-INNOVATION (CE-I) OFFICE (4 DORP STREET) AND GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL ON 27 JULY 2022

1. The delegation

The delegation of the Standing Committee consisted of the following members:

Botha, LJ (Chairperson and leader of the delegation) (DA)

Brinkhuis, K (Additional Member) (Al Jama-ah)

Maseko, M (DA)

Plato, D (Alternate) (DA)

Xego, M (EFF)

Apologies

Baartman, DM (DA)

Dugmore, CM (ANC)

The Procedural Officer, Ms W Achmat and Committee Assistant, Ms M Mrubata accompanied the delegation.

2. Introduction

The Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters was updated by the Department of the Premier on 3 June 2022 on the status of Broadband and information security operations. The Committee thereafter resolved to conduct an oversight visit to the Wi-Fi sites at the CE-I offices at 4 Dorp Street and Groote Schuur Hospital on 27 July 2022. The intention
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of the oversight visit was to assess the facilities and to get an overall impression of the status of the delivery of services, including challenges at the Wi-Fi Sites at 4 Dorp Street and Groote Schuur Hospital. This report discusses the Committee's findings to date that stemmed from the site visit.

3. Overview

Director-General, Dr H Malila and his team from the Department of the Premier (DoTP), (see attached list of officials in attendance) welcomed the Committee at 4 Dorp Street at the Network, Infrastructure and Operations Centre (NIOC) and proceeded to brief the Committee on the status of the NIOC, Broadband and Public Wi-Fi. During the oversight visit, the Premier, Mr A Winde, accompanied the Committee on a walk-about at the NIOC. The officials informed the Committee on the manner in which information is collected and monitored, for all Western Cape Government (WCG) Wi-Fi sites. The Committee experienced first-hand how the systems works from a health, education and environmental perspective and the capabilities that have been created for citizens through public Wi-Fi access. These systems were built over eight years to improve the lives of the Western Cape citizens.

Following the briefing, Dr H Malila and team travelled with the Committee to the Groote Schuur Hospital to view their radiology information system that manages the medical imagery and associated data that provides diagnosis and/or treat diseases of patients.

4.1. Findings emanating from the visit at the CE-I OFFICE

The State Information Technology Agency (SITA), together with its partner Liquid Intelligent Technologies (LIT), is rolling out a 10-year broadband programme on behalf of the WCG. The scope of the programme includes WCG corporate sites, schools, healthcare institutions, libraries, Cape Access Centres, as well as satellite administrative offices and depots of the WCG. The telecommunications network is designed and built to carry data, voice and video communications and is capable of providing public Internet access through Wi-Fi hotspots on the same infrastructure. The network infrastructure provides access to government clients as well as businesses to better serve the citizens of the Western Cape.

The Department set up 76 Cape Access Centres and the expanded Public Wi-Fi project (through the DotP) intends to finalise installing Wi-Fi hotspots at over 1 600 WCG buildings by the end of October 2022. The Wi-Fi hotspots can only be installed at sites that has a 100 megabits per second (Mbps) broadband connection. 1 378 sites has been installed to date (50 WCG sites are pending the upgrade of broadband connectivity from 10 Mbps to 100 Mbps).

The Public Wi-Fi is active in all 25 municipalities, and in 317 of 375 wards with WCG buildings. Citizens have the ability to dial up into a network.

The challenges reported by the Department of the Premier are that the public Wi-Fi service is dependent on the rollout of the broadband (upgrades), and therefore is susceptible to the same risks; approximately 200 WCG sites are either located in urban areas that are well serviced by other public Wi-Fi networks or in affluent areas that do not meet the objectives of the Public Wi-Fi project. Some site owners do not want the Public Wi-Fi service to be installed due to perceived risks. The country's social ills affect the situation on the ground at the Public Wi-Fi hotspots.

It was reported that there has been a large uptake of the service since the installation of Public Wi-Fi, particularly in under-served areas; positive feedback about citizens getting jobs and skills through the Public Wi-Fi and some site owners have identified the Public Wi-Fi as the root cause of improved safety.

The Department reported that the primary value of broadband improved service to citizens, access to remote working, service continuity and information security. The secondary value

was that the WCG was one of the first entities nationally to seamlessly switch to the MS Teams platform at the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic; the Department reduced investments in ICT infrastructure equipment, enabling innovation, enabled other broadband network providers to improve connectivity to businesses and citizens by utilising LIT'S expanded infrastructure and SITA was able to add national and local government sites.

The Public Wi-Fi project map was presented to the Committee (additional information on this is available on www.westerncape.gov.za/wifi); as well as an overview of the usage and the top applications (i.e. YouTube, Google, Facebook, etc.) used by citizens.

The NIOC is responsible for the global management of IT services relating to the independent monitoring of the WCG Network, Broadband Points of Presence (POP's), Network infrastructure and Computer servers across the buildings of the WCG with a focus on hospitals, clinics, district offices and all other sites connected to the corporate network. In addition, the monitoring of key systems, the monitoring of Internet connectivity, special investigations where IT services are problematic, actions and interventions to restore IT services and both reactive and proactive approaches with a focus on security are also included.

5. Acknowledgement

The delegation thanked the officials of the Department of the Premier, including the officials of Groote Schuur Hospital, for their willingness to share valuable information with the Standing Committee.

6. Conclusion

The Delegation successfully concluded its visit.

Report to be considered. (Committee to decide when adopting)

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

Documents referred to committees in accordance with Standing Rule 92:

1. Provincial departments

(a) Annual Report of the Department of the Premier for 2021/22 (Vote 1: Premier)

Referred to the Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(b) Annual Report of the Department of Community Safety for 2021/22 (Vote 4: Community Safety)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(c) Annual Report of the Department of Education for 2021/22 (Vote 5: Education)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Education and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(d) Annual Report of the Department of Health for 2021/22 (Vote 6: Health)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Health and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(e) Annual Report of the Department of Social Development for 2021/22 (Vote 7: Social Development)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(f) Annual Report of the Department of Transport and Public Works for 2021/22 (Vote 10: Transport and Public Works)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(g) Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for 2021/22 (Vote 11: Agriculture)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(h) Annual Report of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for 2021/22 (Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

2. Provincial entities

(a) Annual Report of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board for 2021/22 (Vote 3: Provincial Treasury)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(b) Annual Report of the Western Cape Liquor Authority for 2021/22 (Vote 4: Community Safety)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(c) Annual Report of Government Motor Transport for 2021/22 (Vote 10: Transport and Public Works)

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3. Referral of bill to committee in accordance with Rule 217:

Standing Committee on Social Development

Children's Amendment Bill [B 18B–2020] NCOP (proposed section 76(1) Bill).

TABLING

The Speaker:

Bill received from the National Council of Provinces and tabled in accordance with Rule 217:

Children's Amendment Bill [B 18B–2020] NCOP (proposed section 76(1) Bill).

Copy attached.

MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 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 August 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 August 2022.

Copies attached.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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

The House met at 10.00

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - see p. 6198**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

The SPEAKER: You may all be seated. Thank you. Good morning, hon members, leaders of political parties. I see the hon Premier on the virtual platform and of course I greet all the hon members in the virtual platform; distinguished guests, members of the Fourth Estate, the media and the people of the Western Cape. This morning we have one item on the Order Paper, and this sitting is for that purpose and that is to consider the Provincial Economic Review and Outlook (PERO). The presentation will be done by the hon Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities.

Just for the housekeeping purposes, if I may indicate to the beloved guests in the gallery as much as you might be excited to clap hands and cheer, we do not accept that as per the Standing Rules of Parliament, but you may clap in your heart and smile and of course the jubilations would be shared thereafter as soon as the sitting adjourns. But I would like to request that equally to those who are on the virtual platform, please do not activate your microphone. You are being... [interjection]

You do not do that. You do not do that in this Parliament. The person that is next to the individual making noise please remind the person that this is Parliament. It is not some place somewhere else where there are no rules. So may I request, I think it is the hon member that did that, so just watch your microphone, hon member? I do not want to name you at this point. This is a morning session so at least I do not need to name people.

May I also request as I was indicating earlier, if you are a guest online you do not activate your camera and also you do not activate your microphone because you are in the gallery and you are not participating but you are observing the sitting and that is how you are participating. Except for the members, if you want to activate your camera, hon members, or microphone, that will be because you want to raise a point of order. Do not speak except when you have been recognised by the Presiding Officer, and I do not in any case intend to deal with any other matter other than what is before us.

May I then at this point recognise the hon Minister and welcome HOD and your team. The Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities, hon Minister Wenger. Over to you.

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Premier, Cabinet Ministers; hon Leader of the Opposition online, hon members here in the House, people of the Western Cape.

It is my privilege to table the Provincial Economic Review and Outlook in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament today. I am impressed, as I am sure you will be, at the richness and depth of this review, which again sets out key data and insights on the impact of international and national developments on the provincial economy, as well as a detailed analysis on the trends in the Western Cape, including within our key priorities of jobs, safety, and wellbeing.

Importantly, it also sets out opportunities for our province to take note of as we look to move forward – from recovery to growth. In doing so, it gives effect, in the clearest way, to what we mean when we say that we are a data-driven, evidence-led Government. Because we know that the many tough decisions that face us in the months ahead can only be made if we fully understand what is happening in communities across our province.

That is precisely why we kick off our budget process with this important analysis, so that its data can inform us as we deliberate on the policy interventions that will be needed to make a difference in the lives of people.

Speaker, this document also makes clear some of the challenges that face South Africa and, by extension, the Western Cape. This week, those challenges are as stark as ever before – as we face an unprecedented energy crisis brought on by years of mismanagement and corruption at a national level.

We will not shy away from facing these challenges head-on, because only by doing so – with determination – can we really effect the change our people need and deserve. And so, in this way, this document is a unique source of confidence and hope – a sober hope, if you will, because delivering hope does not require the absence of adversity, but in my view, the willingness and courage to respond to it and to prevail. That is what we continue to do here in the Western Cape.

From the drought to the COVID-19 pandemic, and now with load-shedding, we demonstrate that we are a place of resilience; a place that does not back off and never gives up. We will continue to be that place in the years ahead. I am reminded at this moment of the words of our beloved, late Archbishop Emeritus, Desmond Tutu, who said: “Hope is being able to see that there is light, despite all the darkness”.

Today, I will share with you why, even in the challenging times we face in South Africa and the world, there is a clear pathway before us – from recovery to growth, a pathway that creates hope and confidence. It is for us to now make the bold changes that we need to keep us on this road, together.

Speaker, as we follow this path, from recovery to growth, we must take stock of the current state of our economy, in relation to South Africa and indeed the rest of the world. The reality is what happens on one side of the globe can and does have implications for us here in the Western Cape. Globally we are seeing high and rising inflation, increasing interest rates, the growing risk of stagflation, potential financial systemic risk for countries with a large exposure to US dollar denominated debt, and a possible global recession.

Just as we were recovering from the severe impact of two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's illegal invasion of the Ukraine has exacerbated a rising cost of living, which we have felt here at home. The soaring costs of fuel and food have hurt the poor the most, putting great strain on millions of households across the country. It has also meant greater pressure on the fiscus, especially on the budgets of our frontline services. Overall, it is projected that the Russian war will set back global economic recovery by 0,4% this year and 0,7% in 2023.

In South Africa, as of the second quarter of this year, our national economy was 0,5% smaller than it was in the first quarter of 2020, pushing back the recovery that had been recorded in the first quarter.

Over the past decade the national economy has only expanded by an average growth rate of 1,0%, despite clear opportunities. We also know that the ongoing impact of rolling blackouts is compromising economic growth and has led to an estimated one million fewer jobs. As of 2021, we produced 6,9%, 7% less electricity than we did at the end of 2011. This is limiting our country's great potential. As a result, we expect sluggish growth in South Africa to continue, with growth rates of 1,7% in 2022 and 0,3% in 2023.

It will require the rapid implementation of bold and urgent reforms to change this trajectory, so that we can grow our economy, create jobs, and lift millions of people out of poverty.

Speaker, the Western Cape's economy is highly integrated with the South African economy, and national economic policies impact it. The result has been that our growth rate has largely mirrored that of the national economy, although historically performing better. Our current outlook is therefore that the provincial economy will expand at a higher rate of 2,2% in 2022, before dipping to the national growth rate of 0,3% in 2023.

It is for this reason it remains our top priority to de-couple our provincial growth rate from that of the country's, through achieving break-out economic growth in the Western Cape.

Economic growth is a powerful tool for taking people out of poverty, creating opportunities, and thereby improving the quality of life of our residents and I will turn to this point later. While South Africa's growth trajectory is a cause for concern, there is a clear pathway ahead – from recovery to growth – in the Western Cape.

As the third largest economy in the country as of 2021, this province was one of only three that increased its contribution to the national GDP over the last decade. As Minister Meyer will tell you, the agricultural sector's growth has outperformed all others over the last 10 years. Between 2012 and 2021, real exports in the Western Cape expanded by almost 40% with significant contributions from agriculture.

As a global destination of choice, tourism is expected to rebound this year, exceeding 2019 figures in 2023, and our province is pushing ahead with bold plans to be energy resilient and attracting high levels of renewable energy investment.

Speaker, we will need to leverage these strengths, and the indomitable resilience of our province, to stay on this pathway from recovery to growth and claw back the jobs that were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we must do this in the context of a growing population, as South Africans from across the country move to the Western Cape in search for a better future. Between 2016 and 2021, for example, the Western Cape is expected to have gained 292 325 citizens, with net in-migration contributing 46,8% of total population growth in the province. We expect this growth to continue.

While this makes our unemployment challenge complex and adds pressures to our service platform, it is also a reason to hope. The diversity of our people, their drive to realise this better future, and their remarkable resilience, is an asset to be leveraged. This is already evidenced in our higher labour participation rate when compared to the rest of country and significantly lower levels of discouraged job seekers in the Western Cape when compared to the national total. The pressure, however, is to grow employment at a faster rate than population growth. The COVID-19 pandemic has in this way caused major disruption, with all sectors, save for finance and communications, recording job losses over the last few years.

Speaker, to change this reality, and to stay on our pathway from recovery to growth, we must ensure that we improve productivity and efficiency in the province. An important way to do this is through increased fixed capital formation. Between 2012 and 2021, the Western Cape received 289 Greenfield investments worth R122,3 billion, which created 17 303 employment opportunities.

Our data, as contained in the PERO, shows that due to the pandemic, we will need to attract much, much higher levels of fixed capital investment going forward to drastically increase employment. A key focus, therefore, will be to substantially increase fixed investment in the province with a specific emphasis on social infrastructure investments. This is precisely the reason why Premier Alan Winde has announced the creation of a dedicated Department of Infrastructure in his State of the Province Address and I know that Minister Simmers is already focussed on this challenge.

Speaker, infrastructure investments will be critical in creating construction jobs. There are some hopeful signs emerging that we are moving from recovery to growth here too, with a noticeable increase in the value of building plans passed

this year, and the Western Cape now responsible for nearly a third of all building plans passed in South Africa, measuring by value, and surpassing Gauteng on this same measure. This is an important leading indicator for construction down-the-line, and one that we must support through ensuring building plans convert into building sites, and through increases in our own public infrastructure spending.

Speaker, we will also need to learn from the significant export growth we have seen, including the performance of our agricultural sector, which is forecasted to grow at 8,8% this year. Its impressive growth provides hope and possible policy insights that will need to be applied to the rest of the economy. Here too, there are reasons to have confidence, with notable improvements in the performance of the Port of Cape Town which has reduced the waiting time to berth to one day or less for six of the last eight weeks.

This will need to be maintained through improved capital expenditure at the Port, and through enabling private sector participation. According to our own research, an efficient Port of Cape Town with sufficient capacity and investment in key infrastructure has the potential to contribute an additional R6 billion in exports, roughly 20 000 additional direct and indirect jobs, over R1,6 billion in additional taxes by 2026, and an additional 0,7% contribution to the Western Cape Gross Domestic Product. Another key factor enabling this export growth will be improved mobility and accessibility, and an important reason why a new Department of Mobility is being established, under the leadership of Minister Mitchell.

Speaker, this Tourism Month I have had the privilege to travel the length and breadth of our beautiful province to meet with the tourism and hospitality sector. From !Khwa Ttu in the West Coast, to Amazink Dining Theatre in Kayamandi, every tourism business I chatted to has one common insight to share: this upcoming season is going to move the tourism and hospitality sector in the province from a recovery phase to a new growth phase, as international visitors return in their numbers.

Forward bookings data confirm this trend, and new flight connections – such as through Air Belgium, which I welcomed to Cape Town last night, facilitate it, providing new impetus to our provincial economy, and one that we will need to leverage as an important opportunity to claw back those jobs that were lost during the pandemic.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the recovery of events and sporting events following the lifting of the Disaster Regulations. Two weeks ago, the Rugby World Cup Sevens in Cape Town shattered records with 105 000 spectators attending, and with the upcoming Netball World Cup, Minister Marais and her team are working hard to support sports development in our province. These exciting opportunities all require an enabling environment for the private sector to get on with their job of creating jobs and there can be nothing more enabling for the economy than a stable supply of electricity.

Speaker, I share the anger and frustration that so many South Africans are feeling this week, as they see opportunities squandered because the country is unable to keep the lights on. The historic failures of Eskom have brought us to this point, and remind me of the famous words of Benjamin Franklin, who said “by failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” We know that under CEO André de Ruyter, hard work is going into changing this. Eskom is nevertheless a glaring reminder that we need to plan for the future we hope to have.

In the Western Cape, this is precisely what we have been doing, and why we have a Municipal Energy Resilience initiative that is doing pioneering work to assist, develop, support and capacitate renewable energy projects in municipalities, as well as support municipalities, businesses and households to generate, procure and sell energy. A key focus area, for example, has been supporting the uptake of Small-Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG), which will enable feeding back to the grid by households and the private sector.

So far, 22 Western Cape municipalities have SSEG frameworks, representing a third of all municipalities which have such a framework in South Africa. 21 Western Cape municipalities now also have SSEG feed-in-tariffs, representing nearly two thirds of all municipalities that have such a tariff in South Africa.

Another focus point has been on wheeling. Wheeling enables energy generated in one area to be traded across the grid to a consumer in another area. This will unlock significant private sector demand from independent power producers, if enabled.

We are therefore assisting seven candidate municipalities in the province to develop wheeling frameworks and tariffs, and the City of Cape Town and George Municipality are already running wheeling pilot projects. The City of Cape Town has also, this year, launched tenders to procure 200 Megawatts of renewable energy directly. Our pathway from recovery to growth will also be strengthened by the Western Cape being the Green Economy Hub of South Africa, attracting significant levels of renewable energy investment.

As set out in the PERO, this sector has contributed over 12% of all Greenfield investment in the province between 2011 and 2021. It is increasingly clear that the future of power generation in South Africa will be in the three Cape provinces, and this will create new opportunities for our provincial economy that we are ready to take advantage of. Speaker, while this data-rich document has a primary focus on the economy, it also provides valuable insights on our Government’s other main priorities, namely, safety and wellbeing.

These three priorities are all inter-connected, and how we respond to one, has a very real impact on the other. This is particularly evident with safety, which is needed for both our economy to grow and for the wellbeing of our residents to be realised. The PERO, for example, tells us that between the 2017/18 and 2021/22 financial years, sexual offences, robbery at residential premises, drug-related crime and driving under the influence of alcohol all declined in the Western Cape.

The Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) is also working. An average hotspot to Western Cape crime-ratio comparison between nine quarters of LEAP implementation with nine quarters prior to LEAP interventions shows a decline in murder of 2,3 percentage points, a decline in attempted murder by four percentage points, and a decline in assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm by one percentage point.

Overall, however, the increase in murder incidents province-wide and the prevalence of gender-based-violence, demonstrates the urgent need to replicate this LEAP model across the Western Cape, through greater devolution of policing powers to Provincial and Local Government, because as Minister Allen has made clear, what we are doing is working, and what the National Government is doing is not.

Speaker, the PERO also sheds light on our wellbeing priority, which is critical in realising the dignity that every person in the Western Cape deserves. Minister Fernandez is passionate about this being a guiding focus in everything that we do. A key insight from the document, for example, is that the Western Cape recorded an improvement in the Human Development Index between 2012, 2016 and 2020, and that this has increased across all districts in the province.

The Western Cape also scored higher than the rest of South Africa, pointing to an improvement in either education; health or income per capita or a combination of all three. As a result, the province has the highest life expectancy for both males and females in South Africa. This may also be explained by the notable progress made in the Western Cape, between 2012 and 2021, in the provision of electricity and flush toilets to residents, despite population growth.

In 2021, for example, the Western Cape had a larger proportion / portion of dwellings with electricity including a generator, access to flush or chemical toilets, access to refuse removals at least once a week, and piped water inside a dwelling, than the rest of South Africa. This is a direct result of our record of good governance in the province, and a reason to have confidence and hope in the future as we now move from recovery to growth in the Western Cape. I thank Minister Bredell and the Mayors and officials of our local governments for this.

Speaker, a critical lever to ensure the wellbeing of our citizens is our province's healthcare platform. I want to use this opportunity to acknowledge the healthcare teams across the province, who despite all the pressures of COVID-19, created and managed to provide life-saving care to our residents when they needed it. The good news is that the COVID-19 pandemic has waned, and our response to it has normalised. I know Minister Mbombo and her team are now working hard to ensure a recovery in the services provided across our platform.

This is assisted through the increase in the ratio of doctors per 100 000 people in the Western Cape between 2012/13 and 2021/22, and the recent improvement in the ratio of nurses per 100 000 people between 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Overall, we must take cognisance of new pressures emerging, and that many of the leading causes of deaths in the province can be linked to lifestyle diseases, so that we continue to implement policies to respond to these trends.

Another key provincial service offering that was severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the lockdowns that followed, is education. While we have seen a very significant improvement in learner retention over the last decade, meaning more learners are staying in school in the Western Cape, our systemic tests show that learning outcomes have taken a knock due to repeated lockdowns and restrictions during the pandemic. We therefore welcome the decisive steps that will be taken by the Western Cape Education Department over the third and fourth term to address learning losses in the Foundation Phase, by increasing time allocated to Reading and Mathematics each week.

Another challenge is that inward migration into the province means that the growth in learner numbers is exceeding the expansion of schools and teachers. To address this, the largest share of new infrastructure assets budget over the 2022 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) has been allocated towards the Education Department.

The PERO confirms this need for infrastructure investments, especially social infrastructure investments, and I know that this is top of mind for Minister Maynier, and this, Speaker, leads me to the point I made earlier. As we move on this pathway from recovery to growth, we need to de-couple our province's economic growth trajectory from the country's, by delivering break-out economic growth that creates jobs.

In doing so, we need to ensure that we can prioritise, doing more with less, and using those policy levers that we have available to us to effect this rapid change. We also need to enable partnerships, especially with the private sector, and embrace innovation. These will be key policy considerations that I look forward to sharing with you in the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement in November.

Speaker, hon members, when we are inducted as members of this House, we have an opportunity to reflect on our Province's Coat of Arms which stands tall above us all. It has been a constant during changing times, and a reminder of what we stand for in the Western Cape.

It has on it an anchor, reminding us that we are a place of maritime trade, connected to the world and the opportunities it presents. The anchor also stands as a symbol of hope and steadfastness in trying times. It also has on it a bunch of grapes, a reminder of our agricultural prowess, our wine industry, and our ability to process that into something more. It also has on it the clay pot, reminding us of our manufacturing, and the diverse and resilience of our people. It also has on it the outline of Table Mountain, reminding us of our province's beauty, which attracts visitors from around the world to our shores, and etched at the bottom, read the words "*Spes Bona*", Good Hope, reminding us that this is a place of hope and resilience; a place that does not back off and never gives up.

It strikes me just how much this year's PERO reminds of these very elements, and how we need to leverage them to continue delivering hope and confidence in the Western Cape, and so, as we follow our pathway from recovery to growth, let us be reminded again that hope does not require the absence of challenge, but rather our willingness and courage to confront it, and to prevail. We can and we will prevail.

Speaker, it gives me pleasure to hereby table the Provincial Economic Review and Outlook 2022/23 for consideration and deliberation in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. I can assure hon members that the PERO is a world-class research document which will be an invaluable resource to assist them in their duties in Parliament. I also look forward to listening closely to your comments and suggestions, as we now draft the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS).

We also look forward to tabling further data with you via the Municipal Economic Review and Outlook (MERO), so that we can continue these strategic conversations across the province and in our municipalities, and finally, in conclusion, I would like to thank the visionary leadership of Premier Alan Winde, who leads us boldly on this pathway from recovery to growth. We follow him with courage. I would also like to thank everyone who made contributions and who worked so hard to produce the PERO.

There are many names that deserve recognition, but a special word of mention must go to the Head of Department, Mr David Savage, and the Deputy Director-General, Dr Roy Havemann, and their excellent team from Provincial Treasury here in the gallery. Thank you very much for your hard work, and this valuable data will help us to base our decisions on, and you do need to be applauded and your contributions are deeply appreciated. Thank you.

An HON MEMBERS: Well done! [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, that having been concluded, the tabling of the PERO, the document will now be referred to the relevant committee for consideration.

I would like to remind the members of the Budget Committee that, as soon as we adjourn, the Budget Committee will convene in the same venue.

May I then thank you once again, hon Minister and hon members, for tabling your PERO and of course to say that the beauty of having a session in the morning is that we can now go and focus on everything outside this meeting. The session has now come to an end. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much, hon members.

The House adjourned at 10:35.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Introduction**Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities**

Western Cape Government: Provincial Economic Review and Outlook 2022/23 [PR226/2022].

2. Referral of document to committee in accordance with Standing Rule 92**Budget Committee**

Western Cape Government: Provincial Economic Review and Outlook 2022/23 [PR226/2022].

TABLING

The Speaker:

Western Cape Government: Provincial Economic Review and Outlook 2022/23 [PR226/2022].

Copy attached.

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Documents referred to committees in accordance with Standing Rule 92:**(a) Annual Report of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for 2021/22 (Vote 2: Provincial Parliament).**

Referred to the Parliamentary Oversight Committee.

(b) Evaluation of shortlisted applicants for membership of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board.

Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism.

2. Updated changes in the African National Congress membership of standing committees (* denotes a change):

(a) Standing Committee on Health (*Health*)*

Members: 5

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Kaizer-Philander, WF Fry, C Plato, D Alternate Members Bosman, G Baartman, D Schäfer, BA	Windvogel, R Alternate Members Bakubaku-Vos, NG Bans, AP* Lekker, PZ*	Xego, M Alternate Member Makamba-Botya, N

(b) Standing Committee on Social Development (*Social Development*)*

Members: 5

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Plato, D Kaizer-Philander, WF Fry, C Alternate Members Bosman, G Baartman, DM Schäfer, BA	Bakubaku-Vos, NG Alternate Members Lekker, PZ* Windvogel, R Bans, AP*	Makamba-Botya, N Alternate Member Xego, M

(c) 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 Alternate Member Mackenzie, RD Maseko, LM Schäfer, BA	Marran, P Alternate Members Smith, D Lili, A*	<u>Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</u> August, SN	<u>Agriculture</u> Marais, PJ

(d) 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 Murray, C Alternate Members Van der Westhuizen, AP Mackenzie, RD Schäfer, BA	Dugmore, CM Alternate Members Marran, P Lili, A*	Makamba-Botya, N Alternate Member Xego, M

(e) 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 (C) Baartman, DM Plato, D Alternate Members Fry, C Kaizer-Philander, WF Schäfer, BA	<u>Community Safety</u> Bans, AP* <u>Cultural Affairs and Sport</u> Kama, M* Alternate Members <u>Community Safety</u> Lekker, PZ Windvogel, R* Kama, M* <u>Cultural Affairs and Sport</u> Windvogel, R Lekker, PZ* Bans, A*	— Alternate Member Xego, M	<u>Cultural Affairs and Sport</u> Marais, PJ —	<u>Community Safety</u> Christians, FC —	— Alternate Member Brinkhuis, K

(f) Standing Committee on Human Settlements (*Human Settlements*)***Members: 5**

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

(g) Petitions Committee***Members: 5**

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

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

1. Minister of Infrastructure

Annual Report of the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal for 2021/22 (Vote 8: Human Settlements).

2. Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

(a) Annual Report of the Western Cape Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Wesgro) for 2021/22 (Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism).

(b) Annual Report of the Atlantis Special Economic Zone Company (SOC) Limited for 2021/22 (Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism).

Copies attached.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Budget Committee on the Provincial Economic Review and Outlook 2022/23 [PR226/2022], dated Tuesday 20 September 2022, as follows:

The Budget Committee reports that it convened on 20 September 2022 and has concluded its deliberations on the Western Cape Government: Provincial Economic Review and Outlook 2022/23 [PR226/2022] that was referred to it.

MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

In accordance with Rule 89(3) of the Standing Rules the Standing Committees on Education and Social Development on their Study visit tour to São Paula, Brazil 14 to 25 May 2022.

1. Purpose of the International Study Tour

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Committees on Education and Social Development (hereinafter the Delegation) embarked on an International Study Tour to São Paulo, Brazil from 14 to 25 May 2022. The international study tour is one of the mechanisms established by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to achieve its constitutional mandate and broaden its scope, by seeking best practices in other countries. It is intended to ensure that Members of the Provincial Parliament through its Standing Committees continuously keep abreast of global developments on service delivery issues.

The purpose of the international study visit was to understand Education and Social Development from a country with similar structures and economic background to South Africa in these portfolios. The two Committees undertook a study visit to Brazil to assess the best practices in the portfolios of Education, Social Development, and internet access infrastructure and programme with specific reference to Brazil's overall education and social development.

The WCPP research unit was requested to conduct research focussing on the following areas in Brazil:

- A brief overview of the structure and strategic objectives of the education system in Brazil.
- An overview of the legislative and policy framework as well as key policy objectives as it pertains to education and social development in Brazil (São Paulo).
- An overview of educational and social development programme in each region, from the list of programme provided by the Consulate of Brazil (see list below) and any other programme in relation. This programme overview includes the following:
 - Aim(s) of programme;
 - Implementation process of programme;
 - Successes of programme;
 - Challenges/critiques of programme;
 - Stakeholders/partners involved in the implementation of the programme; and
 - Non-Government Organisations (NGO) led education and social development programmes.

The delegation engaged with the Brazil Embassy in South Africa and the South African Consulate-General in Brazil to facilitate the administrative and logistical arrangements for the study tour. There was a broader discussion on the economic and social status of both countries and how the study tour would assist the delegation to understand the federal state system, social development and educational programmes.

2. Delegation

The delegation included the following Members:

Baartman, DM (DA) (Chairperson: Education and co-leader of the delegation)
Plato, D (DA) (Chairperson: Social Development and co-leader of the delegation)
Baku Baku-Vos, NG (ANC)
Botha, LJ (DA)
Brinkhuis, K (Al Jama-ah)
Mackenzie, RD (DA)
Sayed, MK (ANC)

Official in attendance:

Moosa, W (Procedural Officer)

3. Overview and Background

Brazil is the largest country in both South and Latin America. It is the fifth-largest country by area and the sixth most populous in the world, with over 208 million people. Its capital is Brasília, and its most populated city is São Paulo. The federation is composed of the union of the 26 states, the Federal District, and the 5,570 municipalities. It is the largest country to have Portuguese as an official language and the only one in the Americas; it is also one of the most multicultural and ethnically diverse nations due to over a century of mass immigration from around the world.

Since Brazil enacted its Constitution in 1988, the education system of Brazil has seen major improvements in both attendance and performance and is now considered one of the finest systems in all of South and Latin America. The principles established in that constitution now serve as the guidelines for national education, according to which education is a, “right for all citizens, the duty of the State and the family, and is to be promoted with the collaboration of society, to fully develop the person, preparing the individual for the exercise of citizenship and qualifying him/her for work.”

Through the advice of the Brazilian Ministry of Education, the national government is responsible for legislating the Guidelines and Bases for national education, coordinating and developing Federal Education Plans, and providing technical and financial aid to the states, the federal district, and the municipalities for the development of their educational systems and priority assistance to compulsory schooling.

The Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger (MSD) was created in January 2004, by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to promote social inclusion, food and nutrition security, full social assistance, and a minimum citizen income for families living in poverty. The Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger implements numerous programmes and public policies for social development, manages the Social Assistance National Fund (SANF), and approves the general budgets of the Industry Social Service (SESI), the Commerce Social Service (SESC), and the Transport Social Service (SEST).

4. Economic Overview

Brazil is the eighth-largest economy in the world. Brazil is recovering from a recession which was said to be the worst ever in the country.

The economy has been negatively affected by multiple corruption scandals involving private companies and government officials, including the impeachment and conviction of Former President Dilma Rousseff in August 2016. Sanctions against the firms involved, some of the largest in Brazil, have limited their business opportunities, producing a ripple effect on associated businesses and contractors, but creating opportunities for foreign companies to step into what had been a closed market.

The succeeding Temer administration has implemented a series of fiscal and structural reforms to restore credibility to government finances. Congress approved legislation in December 2016 to cap public spending. Government spending growth pushed public debt to 73.7% of GDP at the end of 2017, up from over 50% in 2012. The government also boosted infrastructure projects, such as oil and natural gas auctions, in part to raise revenues. Other economic reforms, proposed in 2016, aim to reduce barriers to foreign investment and improve labour conditions. Policies to strengthen Brazil's workforce and industrial sector, such as local content requirements, have boosted employment, but at the expense of investment.

5. Meeting with Consul-General Ms T Kumalo on Monday, 16 May 2022

The delegation was received by Ms T Kumalo, Consul General of the Republic of South Africa in São Paulo, who briefed the delegation.

5.1. Key aspects pertaining to the meeting

The Consulate General of the Republic of South Africa in São Paulo, as part of the South African Mission in Brazil, seeks to protect the well-being of South African citizens, represent the interests of South Africa, and promote bilateral relations between the two countries.

Ms Kumalo, provided a comprehensive overview of the sites, schools and meetings the delegation will be visiting and engaging in while in São Paulo. The discussion also covered in-depth information on schooling system, social development and economic status of São Paulo.

6. Tour of the Theatro (Theatre) Municipal (The Contramemoria – 1922 contemporary exhibition) on Monday, 16 May 2022

The delegation was received by Mr B Scarino de Moura Accioly and Ms P Cerquera Bonanno, Members of the Fiscal Council Support, who led the tour.

6.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

Theatro (Theatre) Municipal de São Paulo is one of the biggest Opera Houses in Brazil. The community of the theatre are immensely proud of the story they have told so far through the work and art exhibitions. They are an institution with open doors to the city and to the world, a stage ready to create memorable and affordable experiences, housing both classic and contemporary artistic expressions.

The vision of the Theatre is “Our soul is classic but our heart beats here and now”.

The historical construction, signed by the Ramos de Azevedo offices, in collaboration with the Italians Cláudio Rossi and Domiziano Rossi, had its start back in 1903 and was only available to the citizens eight years later. In September 1911, Theatro (Theatre) Municipal opened its doors to exclusive guests before a crowd of 20 000 people.

In more than 100 years of history, three big renewals have preserved, renovated, and expanded the Theatre that nowadays consists of a refurbished building and the premises of Praça das Artes to house the artistic work, the municipal music and dance schools, and the many activities held by the Theatro Municipal Complex.

Guided tour of the Theatro (Theatre) Municipal (Contramemória – 1922 contemporary art exhibition)

Contramemória is an exhibition that intends to critically reread and translate, to the current context, the cultural environment of the 1922 Modern Art Week, held at the Municipal Theatre of São Paulo, 100 years ago. The movement was intended to sweep away the past, to combat the racial Darwinism still in vogue, as well as literary Parnassianism and artistic scholarship. However, a century later, the profile of class, gender, sex and race united the participants in what was a modern art week in São Paulo. The exhibition has approximately 117 works, including paintings, videos, sculptures, drawings, amongst other artistic languages. It is curated by Lilia Schwarcz, Jaime Lauriano and Pedro Meira Monteiro. The exhibition at the Municipal Theatre of São Paulo, a building that, was inaugurated in 1903, continues to be the stage of the past and the present, a true postcard of the city. In it, the grandiose architecture, oscillating between art nouveau and neoclassical, is in tune with the high projections and deep self-esteem of the elites of São Paulo at the beginning of the 20th century.

At the same time, Contramemória is intended to produce dissonance in the order that seems to prevail in the building. Works by black, indigenous, Trans, women and multi-generational artists introduce a resounding noise, through the contrast and friction they establish with academic sculptures, European-inspired paintings and ornate architecture.

7. Meeting with the Municipal Secretary of Education of the City of São Paulo on Tuesday, 17 May 2022

The delegation was received by Mr F Padula, Municipal Secretary of Education of the city of São Paulo, and his team.

7.1. Key aspects pertaining to the meeting

Overview of the Municipal Secretary of Education of the City of Sao Paulo

According to Brazilian law, it is incumbent upon the Municipalities to offer early childhood education in day-care centres and preschools, and, with priority to elementary education. Thus, the Educational Units largely serve the population of Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education, including Youth and Adult Education and Special Education. In addition, it also offers some schools that maintain secondary education and also professional education courses, both at basic and technical levels. All public school education in Brazil is free, irrespective of economic class or income of the student.

The Municipal Department of Education, according to Brazilian law, has as its main purpose, the development of students, ensuring them the common training essential for the exercise of citizenship and providing them with the means to progress in work and in their further studies.

7.1.1 Presentation on the Special Education Division from the teaching and learning process to Training actions

São Paulo's Special Education Policy, specialised in educational assistance and pedagogical monitoring includes the following:

- Activities, pedagogical and accessibility resources, provided in a complementary or supplementary way to school activities;
- Strategies and resources to remove barriers (an essential task of Special Education in an inclusive perspective; and
- The department contributes to the learning of public Special Education students in the following areas:
 - Accessibility of notebooks in Libras (27 notebooks - 5,872 videos);
 - Accessibility in Braille, Audio Description and Expanded Tariff (27 Notebooks);
 - Production of Cadernos da Cidade in Libras (3,300 videos);
 - Augmentative Communication Software (CAA) Board maker 7;
 - Universal Design for Learning (DUA);
 - Course “Universal Design for Learning” (DUA); Libras Course (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced);
 - Course Challenges and Possibilities in the Learning of Students with Visual Impairments;
 - City Formation for EMEBS and Polo Schools;
 - City Formation for PAEEs and PAAls;
 - Post-graduation in TEA and AEE - 360 professors (UNESP); and
 - Meetings with the Bilingual Schools Management Team;

The biggest challenge is awareness that accessibility must be part of the planning and construction process of didactic and media materials offered to students or network professionals. All students are included, in an equitable way, whether they are disabled or not.

7.1.2. Presentation on the Municipal Secretary of Education

The Municipal Secretary of Education's department has oversight over the following:

- Culture
- Educational
- Sport
- Human rights
- Democratic management
- School Health
- Transporting learners

Division of Democratic Management and Interdepartmental Programmes consist of the following:

- Student Guild
- School Council
- APM
- GROW
- Management Council
- Parents Meeting
- Class council

The presentation also covered the Education in Human Rights, Coexistence and Conflict Mediation in the following areas:

- Human Rights Education: 4 poles
- Conflict Mediation Commission
- Culture of Peace

School Health Programme includes the following:

- Federal Decree No. 6,286, of 2007 – Ordinance No. 2,608, of 2013: adhesion of the municipality;
- Objectives – concepts that guide the actions – Universality, Integrity and Equity;
- Priority axis – there are 13 themes – to promote actions and activities to prevent violence and promote health, care, sustainable development and a culture of peace, with a view to guaranteeing Human Rights and Integral Education; and
- Target audience – all students of the Municipal Education Network.

7.1.3. Presentation on the School Feeding Programme of the city of São Paulo

The School Feeding Programme of the city of São Paulo aims to contribute to the biopsychosocial growth and development, learning, school performance, and the formation of healthy eating practices of students, through food and nutrition education actions and the provision of meals that cover their nutritional needs during the school period.

Programmes within the Ministry of Education consists of the following:

- Universality;
- Food and nutrition security of students;
- Healthy and adequate food;
- Food and Nutrition Education;
- Community participation in social control; and
- Support for sustainable development.

Acquisition, quality control and distribution amount of food delivered per month:

- 1,043 tons of non-perishables;

- 218 tons of frozen and chilled food;
- 9908 tons of fruits, vegetables and eggs; and
- 132 tons of breads and cakes.

Family Farming - Democratisation of access of organic foods:

- Inclusion of local farmers;
- Progressive purchase of organic foods;
- Monitoring: Number of School gardens by region 2016: 3,100 schools;
- 351 School gardens (11,3% da RME); and
- 2021: 3,741 schools (25%).

8. Virtual meeting via MS Teams with the Senior Group Advisor: Special Projects at Positivo Technologies on Tuesday, 17 May 2022

The delegation was briefed by Mr M Stief, upon request of the Consul General of the Republic of South Africa in São Paulo.

8.1. Key aspects pertaining to the meeting

It was 1989 when a group of educational entrepreneurs started manufacturing computers in Brazil amidst a scenario shaped by unexpected and successive obstacles. An opportunity window opened in the country for the demand for personal computers. Positivo Informática, a Brazilian technology brand, was formed in 2017 and changed its name to Positivo Tecnologia.

For more than two decades, the company focussed on computing reaching millions of Brazilian homes. Its portfolio includes computers, smartphones, tablets, servers, smart home and office devices, as well as educational technologies for schools in more than 40 countries.

Its international performance includes the export of educational technology until 2010. The company later began to expand its operations to other countries. It currently has presence in Argentina, Rwanda, Kenya, China and Taiwan.

The company sought to understand the South African and Western Cape economy. The committee recommended that they would request Wesgro to engage the company on any information they require regarding the provincial economy and legal requirements necessary for market entry, if any.

9. Meeting with Members of State of São Paulo – Assembleia Legislativa do Estado de São Paulo (ALESP). Including a guided tour of the Assembleia Legislativa of Estado de São Paulo Including a guided tour of the Assembleia Legislativa of Estado de São Paulo on Tuesday, 17 May 2022

The delegation was received by Ms V Gers Dimitrov, Personal Assistant in the office of Deputy Mario Maurici de Lima Moraes, Head of the Commission of Education and Culture, and Deputy Paulo Fiorillo, Head of the Commission of International Relations.

9.1. Key aspects pertaining to the tour

The delegation visited the State of São Paulo – Assembleia Legislativa do Estado de São Paulo (ALESP) where they met the Speaker of the Assembleia Legislativa. During the session of the Legislative Assembly, the delegation was introduced. A discussion was held with the head of the Commission on Education and Culture. The delegation received an overview of the State of São Paulo political system and the state parliament, the disciplinary process for members of parliament, security measures taken in parliament, and the process of budget preparation and management control.

State of São Paulo, according to the Constitution, the Legislature is responsible for legislating and supervising the acts of the Executive. At the federal level, legislative power is exercised by the National Congress which is composed of the Chamber of Deputies and the Federal Senate. There are federal deputies in the Chamber and senators in the Senate.

At the state level, this power is exercised by the Legislative Assemblies through state deputies.

State deputies are elected for a four-year term. Its main function is to legislate, that is, to create state laws, as defined in the Federal Constitution and the State Constitution. The election of deputies is done by proportional vote - that is, it is not enough to have a majority of votes to be elected. In addition to the candidate's votes, the party's votes and the number of seats won by the parties in the Assembly are taken into account.

The Legislative Assembly of the State of São Paulo prepares and approves state laws for more than 43 million people of São Paulo. The auxiliary body, the State Court of Auditors, oversees the acts of the Executive Branch. It currently comprises of 94 deputies elected for a four-year term.

10. Seminary in the Assembleia Legislativa do Estado de São Paulo (ALESP), chaired by the President of the Commission of Education and Culture, Congressman M M de Lima Moraes on Tuesday, 17 May 2022

The delegation participated in a seminary on the special needs education, violence and drug abuse control schools in São Paulo (PROERD Programme).

10.1. Key aspects pertaining to the seminary

The seminary in ALESP was chaired by the President of the Commission of Education and Culture, Congressman M M de Lima Moraes (Worker's Party/PT), together with Deputy/Representative and Chairman of the ALESP International Relations Commission, Mr P Fiorilo.

The topic was Special Needs Education, Violence and Drug Abuse Control in Schools in São Paulo (PROERD Programme).

The leaders of the delegation together with Members gave a speech on the topic of the seminary.

Professor V Henrique Grampa presented on Public Security in Schools. Professor W Pereira provided a briefing on Inclusive Education - the pedagogical issue.

The seminary was transmitted live on TVALESP (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INReHP9Dwa8>).

11. Meeting with the Co-founder of the Palas Athena Association on Wednesday, 18 May 2022

The delegation was received and briefed by Prof L Diskin and her team.

11.1. Key aspects pertaining to the meeting

The Palas Athena Association is a non-profit civil society organisation, founded in 1972. It promotes, manages and incubates social assistance, socio-educational programmes and projects for various institutions.

It maintains cooperation terms with Fundação CASA, the Supervision of Social Assistance – SAS Pinheiros – of the Municipal Department of Development and Social Assistance of São Paulo, the Municipal Health Department of São Paulo and partnerships with civil society organizations, public and private.

The organisation is dedicated to accelerating the potential of citizen education in a contemporary context, creating alternative mental models and connecting with cutting-edge ideas, refining critical thinking and building skills that promote individual and collective well-being, and addressing complexity and diversity to raise the quality of social and planetary life.

The mission of the Palas Athena Association is to improve human coexistence through the approximation of cultures and the articulation of knowledge. The vision of the Palas Athena Association is to contribute to the generation and articulation of knowledge and practices that promote a culture of coexistence.

Palas had developed an education based on the understanding of human nature, its activities and expressions, on the interdependence of the environments in which it is born and inserted: biological, geographical, historical-cultural and spiritual.

Socio-educational programmes and projects carried out in its Centre for Studies and Citizenship and in a variety of private organizations constitute its source of fundraising that generates its sustainability.

All the Palas Athena Association's programmes, projects, and philanthropic activities are made possible by the unrestricted support of the house teachers, volunteers, and guest facilitators.

The Ongoing Formation Programme offers a range of biannual courses that focus on the five guiding axes of Palas Athena's actions and mission:

- Philosophy and worldviews;
- Ethics and values;

- Practical psychology;
- The Sacred from History and Faith; and
- New technologies of coexistence.

All training courses are taught by in-house teachers and guests, to provide students with opportunities to:

- Generate other mental model alternatives;
- Connect with original ideas from each participant's shared experience;
- Refine critical thinking about the current state of the world;
- Help in the construction of new individual and collective skills that allow for improving well-being in the community; and
- Help in the task of understanding the complexity and diversity of human life.

Educational training aims to stimulate the potential for a contemporary citizen. Education is based on the understanding of human nature, its activities and expressions, and their relationship to the contexts in which they are born and inserted.

In line with the Philosophy in Action programme, Palas Athena's Complementary Training presents a diversity of activities and projects - selected for an ethical, intercultural and transdisciplinary approach - developed by teachers, facilitators and scholars from universities, schools, centres and educational and cultural spaces, from Brazil and abroad.

It includes seminars, courses, workshops, workshops, meetings, walks, retreats, body arts, lectures, roundtables, panels, audio-visuals, theatrical and musical performances and others.

Prof Diskin and his team requested assistance with acquiring child-orientated Nelson Mandela literature and / or workbooks for their programmes. The Palas Athena Association would be able to do any translations of such material in-house. The delegation indicated that they would engage the Western Cape provincial Department on Cultural Affairs and Sport in this regard.

12. Meeting with the President of the Education, Cultural and Sports Commission in the Municipal Chamber of the City of São Paulo on Wednesday, 18 May 2022

The delegation was received and briefed by Councillor E Grabriel.

12.1. Key aspects pertaining to the meeting

The Plenary Session brings together, in the City Council, the Councillors of the city of São Paulo. The assembly is a municipal venue for discussion and debate concerning the elaboration of laws, the inspection of municipal acts, as well as the expression of various opinions and positions held by parties and members of society. The delegation visited the City Council, where they participated in the Commission of Education, Culture and Sports of the Municipal Chamber in the City of São Paulo. The delegation also met with the Speaker of the City Council and had a brief discussion.

12.1.1. Presentation on the Special Education Division from the teaching and learning process to training actions**Education in the Municipality of São Paulo: Accessibility, Evasion, Drug and Violence Education, Cultural and Sports Commission**

The Education, Culture and Sports Commission, is composed of seven Councillors. The Commission responsible for analysing proposals on the municipal education system, services, equipment, is cultural, educational, sports, recreational, and leisure programmes aimed at the community.

The Commission gives an opinion on all propositions and matters relating to:

- Municipal education system;
- Granting of scholarships to assist technological and scientific research for the improvement of teaching;
- School lunch programmes;
- Preservation of the city's memory in terms of aesthetics, landscape, historical, cultural, artistic, and architectural heritage; denomination of own roads and public places;
- Concession of honorary titles, granting of honours, awards, or tributes to people who, recognized, have provided services to the Municipality; and
- Cultural, educational, sporting, and recreational and leisure services, equipment and programmes aimed at the community.

Special Education from the perspective of Inclusive Education

Assistance to people with disabilities may be carried out additionally, through agreements and other forms of collaboration with non-profit institutions, under the supervision of the responsible public bodies, which aim at the quality of education, preparation for work and full integration of the disabled person, in terms of the law

The Organic Law of the Municipality of São Paulo Art.206, states that specialized care for people with disabilities will be provided in the regular education network and public schools, guaranteeing them access to all the benefits guaranteed to the clientele of the municipal education system and providing their effective social integration.

People with disabilities must be guaranteed the elimination of architectural barriers from existing school buildings and the adoption of similar measures when building new ones.

They prioritise access to early childhood education and encourage the provision of complementary and supplementary specialised educational services to students with disabilities, global developmental disorders and high abilities or giftedness, ensuring bilingual education for deaf children and transversally special education at this stage of basic education;

They universalise, for the population aged four to seventeen years old with disabilities, global developmental disorders and high abilities or giftedness, access to basic education and specialised educational services, preferably in the regular education network, with the guarantee of an inclusive educational system, of multifunctional resource rooms, classes, schools or specialized services, public or contracted.

They have established guidelines for the Policy of Assistance to Children, Adolescents, Young People and Adults with Special Educational Needs in the Municipal Education System.

Special Education Services at PMSP are as follows:

- CE.F.A.I – Inclusion Training and Monitoring Centre;
- P.A.A.I – Inclusion Support and Monitoring Teacher;
- S.A.A.I - Inclusion Support and Monitoring Room;
- Affiliated Entities for Support and Monitoring of Inclusion; and
- Special Education Schools (transformed into Bilingual Schools in 2010-2011).

Training Centre and Monitoring inclusion

In operation in the 13 Education Boards, its attributions are to monitor students with disabilities, PDD and high ability/giftedness through systematic visits to schools, pedagogical evaluation, meetings with teachers and pedagogical coordinators, assistance to parents and other relevant referrals.

Support room and follow-up to inclusion

The Municipal Education Network is based on the need (demand) and objective conditions of the proposing school. These spaces are equipped with material resources and a specialised teacher who prepares an Individual Plan for Specialised Educational Assistance for each student with a disability and monitors their development.

This teacher must also create, select and offer common class teaching resources and teaching strategies to facilitate the learning of content for students with disabilities, assist and guide families and participate, as an advanced pair, in the training carried out within the School Unit.

As, in some situations, the Specialised Educational Service is offered in the form of "poles", this professional also needs to integrate the main school with the surrounding schools.

12.1.2. Presentation on the support and teacher inclusion services of education

The Educational Community such as teachers have proven specialisation or qualifications in Special Education or one of its areas: physical, intellectual, visual, hearing and multiple disabilities, and develop actions that can cover students, teachers, managers, family members and school employees.

In Early Childhood Education Centres (CEIs) this is the only special education service provided.

The School Life Assistants are professionals selected from the community, receive training and can accompany students who do not have autonomy and need intensive support to eat, clean themselves and move around. Each AVE serves up to six students per shift. They are hired by SPDM (Municipal Secretary for Persons with Disabilities and Reduced Mobility).

It organises the staff of school life assistants (AVEs) and Pedagogy interns, in support of inclusive education, specify their functions and makes other provisions.

The activities carried out by the interns must be guided and monitored by the pedagogical coordinators, the teacher of the class in which they are working and by the team of the Centre for Formation and Monitoring of Inclusion (Cefai).

Each Regional Directorate of Education has a Support and Monitoring Centre for Learning, the staffing is composed of:

- One Coordinator;
- One Social Worker;
- One Speech-Language Pathologist;
- Two Psychologists;
- Two Psych pedagogues; and
- One Technical Education Assistant.

As part of the DIEE project, the DIEE team held virtual meetings with 13 CEFALs (specialist teachers and partner advisors) to discuss the technical requirements of each material (audio description, Braille, expanded version, audio notebooks, translations and interpretations in Libras, among others) in order to make notebooks accessible to students, Special Education publics.

12.1.3. Presentation on school dropout

The school dropout rate is the proportion of enrolled students who failed to attend school during the school term. However, there may be more children who were previously out of school, which would increase the number of school exclusions. Generally, the academic literature indicates three perspectives in the analysis of school dropout: that of the student (factors referring to individual characteristics); that of the school (factors internal to the educational environment); and that of society (external factors). These internal factors interact, concomitantly, with external factors, negatively affecting the student's training.

In September 2021, the City Hall launched the Programme to Combat School Dropout in the Municipal Network, which aims to consolidate and improve actions to combat school dropouts in the city of São Paulo.

The programme will collaborate with the work already carried out by the Municipal Secretariat of Education (SME), through the Centre for Support and Monitoring for Learning (NAAPA), to rescue students who stopped attending school during the pandemic, even in the format of online, and ended up dropping out of school. To facilitate their return, pedagogical support and reception will be offered.

Still, with the objective of fighting school dropouts, the city of São Paulo recently joined the Busca Ativa Escolar programme, a strategy composed of a social methodology and a technological tool made available free of charge to states and municipalities to support governments in identifying registration, control, and monitoring of children and adolescents who are out of school or at risk of dropout.

The programme was developed by Unicef, in partnership with the National Union of Municipal Education Directors (Undine) and with support from the National Collegiate of Municipal Social Assistance Managers (Congemas) and the National Council of Municipal Health Secretariats (Conasems).

Violence and drugs in schools

Violence and drugs in schools are difficult topics to discuss although understanding that only students are to blame for any type of violence is unfair, it is not facing the problem head-on.

As violence and drugs are prevalent in society and not just at school, it is necessary to look at the issue seriously and thoughtfully in a comprehensive way. This is necessary to involve all those involved in the school community.

The city of São Paulo has a “cell structure” that monitors children's behaviour in schools and preventative mediation to monitor the impact on children at school. This assists in combatting gang intrusion in schools before it becomes a problem.

Community programmes and actions

Drug Education and Prevention Group conducts educational lectures on the use of narcotics in municipal schools. This is to educate young people and guide parents and teachers in cases of drug use.

A child about under guard

The programme addresses social issues essential for the formation of citizens, playfully, to raise awareness and educate children from different regions.

Guardian angels

The Metropolitan Civil Guard programme aims to promote the reunion of homeless people with their families and refer drug addicts to detoxification treatments.

Mediation House

The Metropolitan Civil Guard's conflict mediators assist in situations of misunderstanding and conflicts, to seek a peaceful resolution. A conflict mediation course is a prerequisite for the agents, and their main objective is to re-establish coexistence between conflicting parties.

Guardiã Maria da Penha

Created in 2014, the programme aims to ensure the safety of women victims of domestic violence. It is based on the Maria da Penha Law, a partnership between the GCM and the Municipal Secretariat for Policies for Women. The Programme supports the Civil Police's Women's Defence Departments, in addition to providing assistance and protection to victims of violence and monitoring compliance with protective actions.

Community actions Children under guard

The programme promotes interaction between the Metropolitan Civil Guard and children and adolescents in the communities. Assuming responsibility for not only policing municipal schools but also contributing to the construction of collective educational programmes in communities. To gain the trust of the children and youth public, the civil guards coordinated preventive policing in school units, through recreational, sporting, and cultural activities.

13. Visit the Paula Souza Centre on Thursday, 19 May 2022

The delegation was received and briefed by Ms L Vita.

13.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

The Paula Souza Centre is the institution of the State of São Paulo responsible for technical education, containing 268 schools and colleges. The Paula Souza State Centre for Technological Education - CEETEPS, a special regime body of the São Paulo State Government, created in 1969, has a solid tradition in the area of Vocational and Technological Education.

CEETEPS, is in isolation, one of the main national educational institutions in the provision of Vocational and Technological Education at various levels: basic qualification, technical education, undergraduate, postgraduate, and teacher training for technical education.

The institution's distinctiveness is its commitment to the socio-economic advancement of the State of São Paulo. Its biggest challenge is to respond innovatively to changing scenarios.

Institutional action in the 2000s gained new frontiers by adopting a policy of offering Vocational and Technological Education at all levels. This was done with the creation of new teaching units, additional courses, and an unprecedented curriculum diversification in the history of the institution.

In 2002, the Paula Souza Centre began the activities of its first Professional Master Programme in “Technology: management, development and training”, which foresaw as one of the three lines of research vocational training, whether in the form of school education or organizational education. Until 2012, when it was phased out, amongst the dissertations defended, 60 had as their theme professional training. This contributed to the preparation of specialists, managers, and teachers in this area.

The Paula Souza Centre began to offer the Special Training Programme to meet its own needs.

14. Visit to the EMEI Nelson Mandela (Kindergarten and Elementary) School on Thursday, 19 May 2022

The delegation was received and briefed by the School’s Pedagogical director, Ms R Pundek.

14.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

EMEI Nelson Mandela recognises that democratic management is built with successive attempts to approach and build bonds between the community and the various school actors. In children’s assemblies, the initiative ensures that children present solutions to everyday situations and decide on the application of funds.

At Rádio Tem Gato Na Tuba, students do the programming, choose the subjects they want to talk about, explain their musical preferences and present live news to their families.

This is because, during playful experiences, motivations, interests and countless productive learning situations arise. These situations make it possible to research, problematise, create, build and favour the development of individual and collective skills and competencies.

The pedagogical team supports, promotes, and facilitates the participation of students, families and the community. The responsibilities of school management extend far beyond the fulfilment of administrative tasks. It is even the success of this sphere on complex fronts such as pedagogical, financial, human resources, and infrastructure that provides the basis for the quality of the teaching-learning process and the consolidation of the school as a democratic space.

In addition, management is a fundamental part of ensuring the continuity of transformation initiatives, as pointed out by José Pacheco, co-creator of EcoHabitaré and a member of the Movement for Innovation in Education (MIE).

Management of the school is the backbone of other innovative practices; it promotes strategies that take into consideration all parties involved in the educational process, including the integration of administrative and pedagogical management and student protagonism.

Another foundation of EMEI is the strengthening of the school community and democratic management. Working with multi-age student groups, Maré da Kids, located in Cotia (SP), is also a reference when it comes to democratic management. The school seeks to solve the

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problems raised by the students in assemblies, which generate research for them to devise solutions.

15. Visit to Dr Osório César Art Museum Technician on Friday, 20 May 2022

The delegation was received and briefed by Ms Michele and Mr Elielton.

15.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

Franco da Rocha took a big step towards preserving its history with the reopening of the Osório Cesar Art Museum (MAOC), located in the Juquery Hospital Complex. A symbol of art therapy in Brazil, the space underwent a restoration process and reopened its doors to the public on 19 May 2022. The Dr Osório Cesar Art Museum is the former residence of the founder of the Juquery Hospital Complex and patron of the municipality. It houses collections of artistic productions carried out by the inmates of the psychiatric hospital. Dr Osório Cesar, psychiatrist, and art critic, directed the institution between 1940 and 1960, developing a treatment of patients through art therapy.

Founded in 1985, the museum had been closed for over ten years, after the fire that hit the Juquery administrative building. The restoration process began in 2017, through a partnership between Juquery and the Municipal Department of Culture, via public notice from the State Fund for Diffuse Interests (FID/SJDC-SP). The reopening of this great heritage represents a milestone in the history of the municipality, which was born from the creation of a psychiatric colony, which in the 1970s reached about 16 000 patients, making it the largest in Latin America.

In this way, Franco's trajectory intertwines madness, science and the, pioneering use of art as a therapeutic instrument, and now it re-signifies stigmas of the past and opens a new path for cultural tourism in the metropolitan region of São Paulo.

16. Visit to the EMEB Nilza Dias, Vila São Benedito Municipal Elementary School on Friday, 20 May 2022

The delegation was received and briefed by Ms Regina.

16.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

The school's infrastructure includes school meals for students, filtered water, public mains water, public grid energy, and public sewer, garbage destined for periodic collections, internet access, and broadband.

Teaching facilities include the following:

- Ten classrooms
- Boardroom
- Teacher's room
- Multifunctional resource room for Specialised Educational Assistance (AEE)
- Discovery Sports Court
- Kitchen
- Secretary Room
- Pantry

Complementary Activity Class includes the following:

- Classes in the morning and afternoon;
- Number of Classes/Average number of students per class: 25; and
- Pedagogical Monitoring.

Elementary School 9 years – 2nd year includes the following:

- Afternoon classes;
- Number of classes: four average number of students per class;
- Arts (Arts Education, Theatre, Dance, Music, Fine Arts, and others); and
- Physical Education.

17. Visit to the EMEB Roberto Meconic, Juquery Municipal School of Early Childhood Education on Friday, 20 May 2022

The delegation was received and briefed by the director, Ms R Aquino.

17.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

On the 30th of November, Franco da Rocha marked 77 years of emancipation in full development and, most importantly, without forgetting where it all started: the Juquery Hospital Complex.

A new day-care centre will serve up to 270 children with ground-floor rooms that make walking easier, ample internal space, a garden, and a playground. In contrast, the toy library has reading environments and toys, with an emphasis on the studio. It is possible for children to explore various creative materials freely, expressing themselves through play, reading, and art.

Espaço Educativo Juquery, located in the old playground of the Hospital Complex, is still undergoing construction at City Hall through the Education and Infrastructure Departments.

As soon as the work is completed, the children studying at EMEB Roberto Meconi, located on Avenida dos Coqueiros, will be transferred to the new unit at Complexo do Juquery.

According to the Education Department, the new day-care centre will have 915 square meters and can accommodate 240 children between morning and afternoon shifts. There will be six activity rooms, a nursery with support space, a multipurpose room, an administrative area, and a leisure area at EMEB.

18. Visit to the ETEC State Technical School of Secondary and Vocational Education on Friday, 20 May 2022

The delegation was received and briefed by Mr Marcelo.

18.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

The school's vision is to "Continue to be a middle-level Technical Training Centre, concerned with the quality of public technical education, seeking to meet the needs of the productive sectors".

"Training middle-level technical citizens with technical competence and ethical awareness; promoting their professional autonomy; teaching them how to think and act, and preparing them for employment."

Lessons from both the vocational and high school programmes were fused into one, often adapted to match each other's skills. In practice, however, the 1997 national technical education reform prevented such a scheme from continuing. The reform stipulated that vocational lessons could only take up 25% of the full educational schedule. A similar resolution was superseded in 2004, but the liaisons between vocational and high school classes were reinstated, allowing the continuation of separate courses.

As of 2014, along with the high school classes, the following vocational habitations were available:

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Chemistry (derived from former industrial laboratory technician course)
- Electronics
- Industrial Automation
- Informatics (derived from former data processing course)
- Internet-oriented Informatics
- Logistics
- Mechatronics (derived from former mechanics course)
- Office management
- Power electronics (derived from the former electro-technics course)

19. Visit to the FATEC Faculty of Technology of the State of São Paulo on Friday, 20 May 2022

The delegation was received by Director, Mr P Hélio Kanayama.

19.1. Key aspects pertaining to the meeting

The Giuliano Cecchetti Faculty of Technology - Fatec Franco da Rocha started its activities in 2018. It is the first public college in the region that serves the population of Franco da Rocha, Francisco Morato, Caieiras, Mairiporã, Campo Limpo Paulista, Cajamar, Perus, Vila Aurora, Jaraguá, Vila Clarice, Pirituba, Piqueri and others. It is committed to contributing to the region's social and economic development, offering high-quality, free, and high-quality technical courses.

Advantages of studying at Fatec Franco da Rocha

- Receives an undergraduate degree, and can then enter postgraduate studies, take public examinations, and be promoted professionally, with salaries compatible with higher education;
- Public, free, tuition-free college;
- High employability courses;
- All professors with specialization and/or master's and/or doctorate degrees; and
- Close to the CPTM train station.

High employability courses for the future

The courses offered have high employability because they are related to ICTs - Information and Communication Technologies and energy, which have become increasingly relevant in the economic activities of the post-pandemic world. The courses are as follows:

- Information Technology Management;
- Energy Management and Energy Efficiency; and
- Assistive Communication (pedagogical project in preparation for future offering).

The Higher Course in Assistive Communication Technology trains professionals who assist people with visual or hearing impairments.

Course duration and class schedule:

- Duration: three years (6 semesters);
- Night time; and
- Class hours: Monday to Friday from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm and Saturdays from 09h40 to 13h20.

The infrastructure of the facility is made up of the following:

- 13 classrooms
- 11 laboratories
- Auditorium
- Library
- Canteen
- Meeting room

- Teachers room
- Cup
- Administrative rooms
- 7 hectares of built area
- 18 ml m² of land area
- 3 floors

20. Visit the Cieja Perus (Youth and Adult Education Centre) on Monday, 23 May 2022

The delegation was received by Professor Rossini.

20.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

The Integrated Centre for Youth and Adult Education (CIEJA) Perus I was created in December 2015, with academic activities beginning in February 2016, seeking to meet an old aspiration of the local community and an immense demand in the northwest region for repairs. The Elementary Education course is designed for young people, adults and older students. It has more than 1500 students enrolled, distributed over the six periods of operation. The institution offers a unique service to the Haitian population who arrived in the region and settled in Brazil, which was planned and developed according to demand. This migrant population represents one of the largest groups of migrants in the country in recent years, and the curriculum and school organization were rethought to reflect this. It is already more than half of the total number of students at the school.

The Centre seeks to dialogue with the community and meet their training needs, welcoming all those who seek them daily in search of knowledge, reflections, dialogue, and food. The centres' goal is to promote the repair, equalization, and qualification advancement of youths and adults from a specific and singular group: people with disabilities in urban centres and the suburbs.

The Centre believes in plurality, transgenderism, and non-binary gender. Therefore, this chapter does not prioritize the male gender.

The Centre is a multilingual institution, because, in this space, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Spanish LIBRAS (Brazilian sign language for deaf students) coexist, among other languages. Currently, more than 50% of the students are Haitian; therefore, workshops are conducted in their language and culture.

Since 2018, students from modules II have had very interesting experiences in cultural circles on a weekly basis. The teachers, motivated by Paulo Freire's proposal to teach literacy through this dialogical experience, began to carry out experiences that showed the students a more accessible way of having access to reading, writing, letters, and the world of themselves and others.

21. Visit to the EMEF Amorim Lima (Kindergarten) School on Monday, 23 May 2022

The delegation was received by Ms AE Siqueira and three learners from the Amorim Lima School, they also led the walk-about and the briefing.

21.1. Key aspects pertaining to the visit

It was from 1996 onwards, with the arrival of Ana Elisa Siqueira, the current principal, that the school began to experience its most profound transformations.

There were concerns with the high dropout rate as the schools were seen as the only concrete social bond for learners. The decision of the new board was to keep the students in school, thus removing the fences that restricted circulation in the courtyard. Another decision was that the school be opened on weekends, the spaces were improved, making them pleasant and aimed at coexistence. The final decision was to open the school to the community.

In 2002, the School Council, discussed ways to improve the level of learning and coexistence at school. To better diagnose the real situation, and to address the issues more objectively, a meeting was held on 06 November 2002, with the presence of 52 parents and 21 teachers, when a Commission was created to raise and analyse the following data:

In 2002, the commission forwarded proposals to solve the problems raised. At the beginning of 2003, the Commission and the School Council, examining the text of the Pedagogical Political Project prepared for the academic period that was about to begin, understood that there was a great dissonance between the text and the daily practice at school.

The school serves breakfast and lunch in the morning; snacks and dinner in the afternoon. The food is of excellent quality and origin, prepared with meticulous care by the school's cooks. The menu is balanced by nutritionists from City Hall. If the student has any dietary restrictions, it is possible to request special food. It is not allowed to bring food from home.

In the school unit, uniforms are not required. The use of the uniform is recommended on educational outings. The school encourages its students to wear comfortable clothes. The Municipality of São Paulo provides school uniforms and footwear. The Municipality of São Paulo provides the school supplies.

School and community communication channels are varied. There are bi-monthly mentoring meetings. The school does not recommend the use of personal smartphones or tablets in the school unit. Research can be done in publications and on the school's electronic devices with internet access.

The EMEF Amorim Lima holds several parties and events throughout the school year. All of these events are closely related to the school's Political Pedagogical Project. The school's website has more information about its Pedagogical Political Project.

Regular online meetings with the school council such as monthly meetings, are open to the entire community, with the presence of management, employees, educators, family members, students, and the community to deepen and

organize matters relevant to the Political Pedagogical Project of the school: projects, agenda, evaluation of events, political, pedagogical issues, administrative, etc.

Tutors coordinate groups of students from a similar cycle (20 students on average). On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the tutor stays exclusively with his group and works on a series of topics related to learning. There are also conversation circles and portfolio presentations (since the third year).

22. Resolution

The delegation RESOLVED that:

Traveling to Brazil was not easy due to the long flights. It is urgently recommended that the relevant standing committee invite the relevant South African and Western Cape transport authorities to engage the Brazilian authorities to discuss how the direct São Paulo route from South Africa and/or Cape Town can be accommodated. This is important for tourism, jobs, and business between the respective countries.

23. Recommendations

The delegation RECOMMENDED that:

- 23.1. The Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Ms. A Marais, provided through the DCAS, museums and libraries, material for a Nelson Mandela Day event take place in São Paulo in July 2022. This has been escalated and concluded.
- 23.2. Member RD Mackenzie assist where possible in providing material for their Nelson Mandela Event. The respective material has been provided to the State of São Paulo education department.
- 23.3. The Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Ms. A Marais, assists in providing a speaker at the Nelson Mandela Day event taking place in the State of São Paulo. This has been escalated and concluded.
- 23.4. The Premier, Mr. A Winde, and/or Members of the delegation, lead a delegation to the State of São Paulo and another country (for comparative purposes) to see how they dealt with gangsterism/crime and socio-economic matters that brought their crime/social ills and unemployment down.
- 23.5. The Ministries of Education and Social Development consider the possibility of sending a technical team of officials to São Paulo, Brazil to meet with their relevant counterparts to see how all special needs schools are integrated into the normal school that is beneficial for the community and country as a whole.
- 23.6. The Ministry and the Department of Agriculture considers the possibility of sending a technical team/officials to São Paulo and see how their agriculture is incorporated/associated from the primary school level to the technical (varsity) level that contributes to the growing food security in their country.

- The delegation was encouraged by the level of integration of agriculture and small-scale farming within the education and social phases. It is recommended that the Department learns from similar best practices.
- 23.7. The Ministry of Agriculture considers building more agriculture schools and including agriculture as part of the primary/ECD school curriculum to ensure more kids become farmers given that the Western Cape is the agriculture hub of South Africa.
 - 23.8. The Ministry of Agriculture considers working with farmers in the Western Cape to train teachers/learners about farming in schools.
 - 23.9. The Ministries of Education and Social Development urgently investigate the possibility of assessing the integration of education, social development and violence prevention towards the upliftment of children of the province.

Agricultural-Acceleration

It was evident from the visits to schools in Sao Paulo that agri-reform is needed in the Western Cape. The delegation also recommended that:

- 23.9. The Western Cape Government and the State of São Paulo investigate the possibility of formalising an agreement on agri-accelerate. This would mean to facilitate an exchange programme between the State of São Paulo and the Western Cape government on how to accelerate the building of more agricultural colleges in the province.
- 23.10. The Western Cape Government and State of São Paulo investigate the possibility of formalising an agreement on education-accelerate. This would mean to facilitate an exchange programme between the State of São Paulo and the Western Cape government on how to accelerate agriculture into high schools and technical schools in the Western Cape.
- 23.11. The Western Cape Government and the State of São Paulo investigate the possibility of formalising a mutual trade agreement on skills/export products in the agri-skills and processing sector.
- 23.12. Both governments work together with private industry and develop a clear plan on how to develop trade skills.
- 23.13. Both countries support and develop each other in the agri-skills and schools sector.

Arts in Schools/Hospitals:

The arts play a big role in personal confidence and innovation and for children which leads to positive behaviour. Arts play a major role in developing confidence in children. It is currently in South Africa mainly taught as a “by-subject” in many schools and not strongly encouraged in many mainstream schools. This visit has shown that the arts can have a positive impact on learners specifically in primary and high schools, and are also used extensively in the psychiatric fields.

The delegation further recommended:

- 23.14. That the Ministry of Health considers sending a technical team to see how the arts can influence mental health.

- 23.15. That the Ministry of Health considers visiting Brazil to investigate how art can improve and benefit mental health patients.
- 23.16. That the Western Cape Government and the State of São Paulo investigate the possibility of formalising an agreement on arts in schools and hospitals.
- 23.17. That the Western Cape Government and the State of São Paulo investigate the possibility of formalising an agreement on health-accelerate. This would mean to facilitate an exchange programme between the State of São Paulo and the Western Cape government on how to implement this in the health and education sector.
- 23.18. That the Western Cape Government and the State of São Paulo investigate the possibility of formalising a mutual trading agreement on skills, export products, and trade in the health and education field sector.
- 23.19. That both governments (São Paulo and the Western Cape) work together with the private sector and develop a skills strategy in the health and education sector.
- 23.20. That both governments (São Paulo and the Western Cape) support and develop each other in the health and the education sector.

The city of São Paulo has a “cell structure” that monitors children's behaviour in schools and preventative mediation to monitor the impact on children at school. This assists in combatting gang intrusion in schools before it becomes a problem.

- 23.21. Therefore, it is recommended that the Ministries of Social Development and Cultural Affairs and Sport collaborate with its colleagues in the Ministry of Education to streamline the arts in the education system, including encouraging social workers and school counsellors to use art therapy to help children affected by gang violence and crime.
- 23.22. It is envisaged that the proceeds from the sale of these arts can contribute to making art projects at schools. It will also encourage schools in particular communities to have art competitions among them, therefore, driving motivation.

24. Special Needs Schools

The delegation noted the following:

- 24.1. In São Paulo on visiting Government schools, the delegation noted that they do not have special needs schools. All children attend school together and that's how they develop a special needs child. E.g. a blind child at a school gets his/her lessons with brail books/toys and association with other kids to help to develop a particular child.
- 24.2. All children including autistic and blind children with different personalities attend normal schools to ensure they develop with other children. The children's at school in the State of São Paulo helps to develop the other child.

Public Transport

24.3. It was indeed impressive to see how well their public transportation system worked. A member of the delegation took the train to different stations. Even though he could not speak a word of Portuguese he could easily navigate his way around Sao Paulo, not only in their reliable public transport but in their UBER transport as well. Although this visit was not transport related, it is worth noting to consider an International Study Tour to Brazil to study its transport infrastructure.

25. Conclusion

The delegation successfully concluded its International Study Tour to São Paulo, Brazil and took cognisance of the information shared from the various visits and engagements undertaken by the delegation.

26. Acknowledgements

The Committee thanks the State of São Paulo, Commissioners, education and social development officials, the directors, the teachers and the officials of the different sites that were visited for their willingness to share valuable information with the delegation from the Standing Committees on Education and Social Development. A special thank you, was extended by the Committee to the support staff for the successful visit week and for the professional service that was provided to the Members of the study tour.

TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

Documents referred to committees in accordance with Standing Rule 92:

(a) Annual Report of the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal for 2021/22 (Vote 8: Human Settlements).

Referred to the Standing Committee on Human Settlements.

(b) Annual Report of the Western Cape Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Wesgro) for 2021/22 (Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism).

Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(c) Annual Report of the Atlantis Special Economic Zone Company (SOC) Limited for 2021/22 (Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism).

Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

TABLING

The Speaker:

Annual report of provincial entity for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 tabled in terms of section 65(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999), as amended:

Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Annual Report of the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company SOC Limited (SBIDZ-LC) for 2021/22 (Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism).

Copy attached.

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

REPORT OF THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES (NCSL)

Western Cape Provincial Parliament at the 2022 National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit (NCSL) in Denver, Colorado, 31 July 2022 to 3 August 2022.

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

1. Annual reports of provincial departments for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 tabled in terms of section 65(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999), as amended:

(a) The Premier

Annual Report of the Department of the Premier for 2021/22 (Vote 1: Premier).

(b) Minister of Finance, Economic Opportunities

Annual Report of the Provincial Treasury for 2021/22 (Vote 3: Provincial Treasury).

(c) Minister of Infrastructure

Annual Report of the Department of Human Settlements for 2021/22 (Vote 8: Human Settlements).

(d) Minister of Finance, Economic Opportunities

Annual Report of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism for 2021/22 (Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism).

(e) Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

(i) Annual Report of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning).

(ii) Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for 2021/22 (Vote 14: Local Government).

2. Annual reports of provincial entities for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 tabled in terms of section 65(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999), as amended:**Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning**

Annual Report of CapeNature for 2021/22 (Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning).

Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport

Annual Report of the Western Cape Language Committee for 2021/22 (Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport).

Copies attached.

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Establishment of an ad-hoc committee by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Rule 119(1)(b) with the following assignment:

Appointment of the following Ad-hoc Committee to conduct oversight over the work of the provincial executive regarding its response to tuberculosis-related matters, including oversight over any provincial executive authority, any provincial department, any provincial organ of state and any provincial entity involved in activities dealing with TB-related matters.

The Committee shall consist of 15 Members appointed in accordance with Rule 120 of the Standing Rules with the membership allocated as follows:

- Democratic Alliance: Eight (8) Members: Honourable WF Kaizer-Philander, Honourable DM Baartman, Honourable RD Mackenzie, Honourable D Plato, Honourable C Fry, Honourable C Murray, Honourable AP van der Westhuizen and Honourable G Bosman. Alternates: Honourable D America and Honourable LM Maseko.
- African National Congress: Two (2) Members: Honourable R Windvogel and Honourable AP Bans.
- Economic Freedom Fighters: One (1) Member: Honourable M Xego.
- GOOD: One (1) Member: Honourable SN August.
- African Christian Democratic Party: One (1) Member: Honourable FC Christians.
- Freedom Front Plus: One (1) Member: Honourable PJ Marais.
- Al Jama-ah: One (1) Member: Honourable K Brinkhuis.

MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Annual reports for 2021/22 that were tabled prior to or on the deadline of 30 September 2022:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

2. Provincial departments

- (a) Department of the Premier
- (b) Provincial Treasury
- (c) Department of Community Safety
- (d) Department of Education
- (e) Department of Health
- (f) Department of Social Development
- (g) Department of Human Settlements
- (h) Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
- (i) Department of Transport and Public Works
- (j) Department of Agriculture
- (k) Department of Economic Development and Tourism

(l) Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport

(m) Department of Local Government

3. Provincial public entities

(a) Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board

(b) Western Cape Liquor Authority

(c) Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal

(d) CapeNature (Western Cape Nature Conservation Board)

(e) Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas (Casidra)

(f) Government Motor Transport

(g) Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company (SOC) Limited

(h) Western Cape Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Wesgro)

(i) Atlantis Special Economic Zone Company (SOC) Limited

(j) Western Cape Language Committee

(k) Western Cape Cultural Commission

(l) Heritage Western Cape

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2022

TABLING

The Speaker:

Errata

Corrections on pages 122 to 125 in Part E of the Annual Report of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for 2021/22 (Vote 2: Provincial Parliament).

Copy attached.

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

Documents referred to committees in accordance with Standing Rule 92:

1. Provincial departments

(b) Annual Report of the Department of the Premier for 2021/22 (Vote 1: Premier)

Referred to the Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(b) Annual Report of the Provincial Treasury for 2021/22 (Vote 3: Provincial Treasury)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(c) Annual Report of the Department of Human Settlements for 2021/22 (Vote 8: Human Settlements)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Human Settlements and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(d) Annual Report of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for 2021/22 (Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(e) Annual Report of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism for 2021/22 (Vote 12: Provincial Treasury)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(f) Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for 2021/22 (Vote 14: Local Government)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Local Government and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

2. Provincial entities

(a) Annual Report of CapeNature for 2021/22 (Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(b) Annual Report of the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company (SOC) Limited for 2021/22 (Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

(c) Annual Report of the Western Cape Language Committee for 2021/22 (Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport and also referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Election of a chairperson of the following standing committee (* denotes a change) in accordance with Standing Rule 82(2):

Ad-hoc Committee – TB-related matters

Members: 15

DA (8)	ANC (2)	EFF (1)	GOOD (1)	ACDP (1)	FF PLUS (1)	AL JAMA-AH (1)
Kaizer-Philander, WF (C)* Baartman, DM Mackenzie, RD Plato, D Fry, C Murray, C Van der Westhuizen, AP Bosman, G Alternate Members America, D Maseko, LM	Windvogel, R Bans, AP	Xego, M	August, SN	Christians, FC	Marais, PJ	Brinkhuis, K

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Referral of bill to committee in accordance with Rule 218:**Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters**

Draft Constitution Amendment Bill (proposed section 76 Bill).

2. Updated changes in membership of standing committees (* denotes a change):**(a) Election of a chairperson of the following standing committee in accordance with Standing Rule 82(2) and updated changes of standing committee membership:****Parliamentary Oversight Committee****Members: 5**

DA (3)	ANC (1)	EFF (1)
Maseko, LM (C)* Bosman, G Vacant	Lekker, PZ	Xego, M
Alternate Members Mackenzie, RD Baartman, DM Plato, D	Alternate Member Sayed, MK*	Alternate Member Makamba-Botya, N

(b) Election of an acting chairperson of the following standing committee in accordance with Standing Rule 82(2) and updated changes of standing committee membership:**Programming Authority****Members: 10**

DA (6)	ANC (2)	EFF (1)	AL JAMA-AH (1)
Baartman, DM (Acting Chairperson)* Van der Westhuizen, AP Kaizer-Philander, WF Vacant	Lekker, P Sayed, MK	Xego, M	Brinkhuis, K*

Alternate Members America, D Mackenzie, RD Schäfer, BA Bosman, G Vacant	Alternate Member Dugmore, CM	Alternate Member Makamba-Botya, N	
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TABLINGS

The Speaker:

1. Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Progress report on the provincial intervention in the Beaufort West Local Municipality for the period 23 March 2022 to 23 June 2022.

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

Publication of Provincial Notice 104 of 2022 – Western Cape Education Department: Western Cape Provincial School Education Act, 1997 (Act 12 of 1997): Regulations relating to the Management and Control of Hostels at Public School: Amendment, 2022, published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8655, dated 2 September 2022.

Copies attached.

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2022

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

1. Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Information provided relating to a follow-up question on 8 September 2022 during a sitting of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

What (a) challenges have been encountered in the Pick n Pay Market Store Project and (b) lessons have been learned from it?

I responded with the information I had available to me at the time and that I understood to be correct. It has since come to my attention that the information is more nuanced and, in the interests of accuracy, I would like to clarify the record.

Five (5) out of eight (8) of the market stores are still part of the Pick n Pay Market Store Project.

The funding provided to the market stores by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism was in the form of grant funding for the establishment of the stores. This funding was managed by Pick n Pay as part of the agreement with this company in 2019.

2. Minister of Education

Errata

Corrections on pages 171 (table 3.5.3.1 and table 3.5.3.2, see annexure A) and 184 (table 3.10.4) in the Annual Report of the Department of Education for 2021/22 (Vote 5: Education).

Copy attached.

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 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 30 September 2022.

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

- 1. 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 30 September 2022.

2. Minister of Social Development

Errata

Corrections on pages 17 and 18 in the Annual Report of the Department of Social Development for 2021/22 (Vote 7: Social Development).

Copies attached.

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

Referral of bills to committee in accordance with Rule 217:

Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism

1. Performers' Protection Amendment Bill [B 24D–2020] NCOP (proposed section 76(1) Bill).
2. Copyright Amendment Bill [B 13D–2017] (proposed section 76(1) Bill).

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

Bills received from the National Council of Provinces and tabled in accordance with Rule 217:

1. Performers' Protection Amendment Bill [B 24D–2020] NCOP (proposed section 76(1) Bill).
2. Copyright Amendment Bill [B 13D–2017] NCOP (proposed section 76(1) Bill).

MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to Plettenberg Bay and Mossel Bay, as follows:**

Delegation

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Maseko, LM (DA) (Chairperson)
America, D (DA)
Bosman, G (DA)

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Jones, S (Procedural Officer)
Mshumpela, N (Committee Assistant)
Barends, A (Driver: Security and Facilities)

1. Introduction

On 3 March 2021 the Committee met with the Bitou Municipality to discuss issues pertaining to the emergency housing building material intended to create temporary relocation for 71 households. The material was distributed by national government to the Bitou Municipality after a fire that gutted over sixty homes in Kurland, Qolweni and Kwa-Nokuthula in June 2018. Stemming from that meeting the Committee resolved to conduct an oversight visit to the project sites to observe the status of the constructed emergency alternate building material structures, allocated to areas determined by the Bitou Municipal Council. The Committee resolved to conduct another oversight visit to the area to receive and update on the status of the allocated emergency alternate building material for construction of emergency housing.

1.1 Overview

On 12 April 2022 the Committee was met by Mr. Dave Swart, Executive Mayor: Bitou Municipality; Mr. Mbulelo Memani, Municipal Manager; Mr. Fezile Maki, Engineering Technician: GIS; Mr. Mark Fourie, Acting Director: Community Services; municipal officials and councillors. Persons in attendance from the Provincial Department of Human Settlements were, Ms. Mayisela, Acting Head of Department; Mr. Mfundo Taliwe, Regional Manager and Mr. Francois De Wet, Chief Financial Officer. The meeting was an in person meeting and the Committee was joined by members of the Garden Route District Municipality, as follows: Mr. Memory Booysen, Mayor; Mr. Monde Stratu, Municipal Manager; Mr. Lusanda Menze, Executive Manager: Planning and Economic Development; Mr. Joel Mkunqwana, Manager: Housing; Ms. Shihaam Sims, Manager: Human Settlements and Cllr. Jerome Lambaatjeen.

After the meeting representatives of the Bitou Municipality and the Garden Route District Municipality accompanied the delegation on a guided tour of the Plettenberg Bay airport hangar where the Emergency Housing building material was stored by the Bitou Municipality. The Committee proceeded to the Kranshoek Housing Project where the Emergency Structures were erected with material sourced from the alternate building material obtained from the Plettenberg Bay airport hangar.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit that took place on 12 April 2022.

2. Engagement with Bitou Municipality

2.1 Background of the emergency housing material

The Bitou Municipality reported a disaster incident on 18 May 2018 indicating that a fire devastated two informal settlements and townships. A formal application was made to the National Department of Human Settlements to provide an Emergency Housing Grant to procure fireproof building materials for the affected residents.

An amount of R3 988 200 as an Emergency Housing Grant was allocated to Bitou Municipality to provide temporary housing residential structures for the affected households.

The National Department of Human Settlements in a letter dated 3 October 2018 approved the application for the Municipal Emergency Housing Grant to pay for the relocation of the affected parties and to pay for the transitional residential structures of the affected communities. Challenges occurred with the implementation of the relocation project as affected parties had to be moved to different areas, as the designated areas could not accommodate all the structures. The identified areas did not have basic services like electricity, water, sanitation and streets and it was not conducive for human settlement. As a result the proposed relocation was rejected by the communities. The communities viewed the provision of the emergency housing structures to be a municipal ploy to deprive them from obtaining the low cost housing units that they were waiting for.

On 19 December 2018 Nzuzo Yalo (Pty) Ltd was procured through Section 36 of the Supply Chain Management Policy (the award value was R3 443 652 (VAT Excl.)) to assemble the units for the affected parties. The contractor and his employees were subsequently driven out by the communities. Some of the emergency building material was damaged as a result of the unrest and a request was made that the material be moved from the designated areas.

The Municipality was compelled to remove the building material and store it at the unused vacant land at the Plettenberg Bay airport. The Municipality advised that the service provider Nzuzo Pty Ltd construction company was informed to commence with the assembling of the emergency structures in the newly allocated areas as directed by the Bitou Municipal Council.

The original application indicated that 69 structures will be constructed but only 44 were constructed in Kwa-Nokuthula, Bossiesgif/Qolweni and Kurland. There is still a total of 25 structures outstanding.

The total project cost amounted to R10 982 869 and was broken up as follows:

- The Contractor submitted a quote or “Tender Bill of Quantity” for construction costs of R3 988 200 which was not clear whether the cost included VAT.
- Between 2019 – 2021 the contract expenditure was as follows:
- Value of Works paid – R6 160 327 (VAT Excl.)
- Value of Work paid – R2 112 885 (No VAT claimed)
- Material storage costs – R183 600 (No VAT claimed)
- Adjudication award – R2 356 000 (No VAT claimed)
- Adjudication Fees, Mvana & Associates – R150 031
- Adjudication Fees, Adjudicator (Adv. Moloisane) – R20 025

2.2 Plettenberg Bay Hangar

The Committee conducted a site visit of the Plettenberg Bay Hangar where approximately 25 of the alternate building material units were still being stored. A portion of the emergency building material was used to provide 44 housing units in Kwa-Nokuthula, Bossiesgif/Qolweni and Kurland for qualifying beneficiaries. The remaining emergency building material was stored in crates at the Waste Transfer Station in Kwa-Nokuthula for a monthly storage fee of approximately R6 000.

A request was made for the bulk purchase of the alternate building material that was stored at the Plettenberg Bay hanger. Recommendations were made for the remaining material to be placed on sale. The Municipality indicated that council still has to make a decision in this regard.

2.3 Kranshoek Housing Project

The Committee conducted a site visit of the emergency housing structures in Kranshoek. During the site visit the Committee noted that the area where the units were constructed resembled a wetland. The site had been serviced to make provision for housing units but the stagnant water was not conducive for human settlement. A Council decision was taken to utilise the site for human settlement. The project does not allow for bathroom facilities for the individual units. The beneficiaries were provided with four outside toilet facilities which were erected in the far right hand corner of the project. No lighting facilities were made available to light the route to the toilet facilities.

Residents complained regarding their living conditions and implored the Committee to assist with the rectification of their situation. They indicated that the area is prone to flooding. No guttering and drainage systems were made available to drain rain water away from the structures. No inner panels were provided for the units which would protect residents from the elements in summer and winter. The units were not sealed to prevent leaking.

2.4 Waste Transfer Station Kwa-Nokuthula

The Committee conducted a site visit of the storage crates at the Waste Transfer Station in Kwa-Nokuthula. The Municipality indicated that the storage crates were locked and that the service provider was in possession of the keys. The Municipality indicated that the storage crates were not opened due to possible legal implications. Queries pertaining to the content of the storage crates remained unanswered.

During the site visit of the Waste Transfer Station in Kwa-Nokuthula, the storage crates were opened in the presence of the Committee, officials from the Department of Human Settlements, municipal officials and councillors. The majority of the storage crates were found to be empty and only one crate contained a few aluminum window frames and building rubble. The Municipality indicated that the matter would be investigated and that corrective action would be taken.

2.5 Findings

The Municipality advised that funds to complete the project are depleted. The structures stored at the Municipal Aerodrome are damaged and cannot be used to finish the project. The issue pertaining to the alternate building material stored at the Waste Transfer Station in Kwa-Nokuthula is to be submitted to Council for a resolution on a way forward. Persons who previously dealt with the matter are not providing information pertaining to why the supplier has the keys to the storage units, why the supplier had to be paid adjudicator fees and who has to be held responsible for the fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

2.6 Concerns

Concern was raised regarding:

- 2.6.1 Claims from the Contractor for an Adjudication fee which amounted to R2 356 000. The Adjudication fee was attributed for standing time, storage cost and security cost.
- 2.6.2 The circumstance that no criminal investigation was conducted regarding the R10 982 869 for the construction of the shacks.
- 2.6.3 The monthly storage cost paid by the Bitou Municipality for empty storage units.
- 2.6.4 The deplorable state of the living conditions of the residents of Kranshoek. Members indicated that the area was not suitable for human settlements as the water did not drain and the area was prone to flooding.

2.7 Documents requested

Members requested that the Bitou Municipality provide it with the minutes where the decision was taken to pay the Adjudication fee to the Contractor.

2.8 Recommendations

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the:

- 2.8.1 Auditor General be consulted in the investigation into the irregular expenditure to provide the Bitou Municipality with the necessary assistance to rectify the irregular expenditure.
- 2.8.2 Bitou Municipality employ an independent forensic investigator to investigate and identify what led to the irregular expenditure of the Emergency Housing Project. The outcome of the findings should then be utilised to pursue the relevant perpetrators for the misappropriation of municipal funds.

3. Engagement with the Garden Route District Municipality

3.1 Background

The Committee met with the Garden Route District Municipality to discuss the Memorandum of understanding with the Minister of Human Settlements on affordable housing and on obtaining a level one accreditation.

The B-Municipalities met with the Committee to discuss the following:

- 3.1.1 The current status of the Housing Demand Database for the various towns that fall under the Municipality, including how the Housing Demand Database aligned with the Provincial Housing Demand Database;
- 3.1.2 The housing typologies in terms of the area's needs and how the typologies were integrated;
- 3.1.3 The challenges experienced since the inception of the housing projects;
- 3.1.4 The housing business plans/projects in the pipeline including projects that generate revenue e.g. social housing;
- 3.1.5 The Municipality's 10 year Strategic Plan; and
- 3.1.6 The Municipality's spatial planning for the financial year.

3.2 Overview

On 13 April 2022, the Committee was met by the Garden Route District Municipality's Mr. Memory Booysen, Mayor; Mr. Monde Stratu, Municipal Manger; Mr. Lusanda Menze, Executive Manger: Planning and Economic Development; Mr. Joel Mkunqwana, Manger: Housing; Ms. Shihaam Sims, Manager: Human Settlements; Cllr. Jerome Lambaatjeen; from Kannaland Municipality Mr. Nicolaas Valentyn, Executive Mayor; Mr. Ian Avontuur, Acting Municipal Manager; Ms. Adri Fortuin, Senior Housing Officer; from Mossel Bay Municipality, Executive Mayor, Alderman Dirk Kotzé; Mr. Carel Venter, Manager: Integrated Human Settlements; Mr. Lindilizwe Mngxekeza, Manager: Integrated Human Settlements; Alderman Clifffie Bayman, Executive Deputy Mayor & Portfolio Councillor: Planning & Economic Development Services; Persons in attendance from the Provincial Department of Human Settlements, Ms. Mayisela, Acting Head of Department; Mr. Mfundo Taliwe, Regional Manager and Mr. Francois De Wet, Chief Financial Officer The meeting was an in person meeting and the Committee was joined by members of George Municipality Alderman Bazil Petrus, Portfolio Councillor for Human Settlements; Mr. Edwin Herandien, Deputy Director: Human Settlements; Ms. Wendy Mentor, Manager: New Housing; from Oudtshoorn Municipality Cllr. C Louw, Executive Mayor; Mr. Walter Hendricks, Acting Municipal Manager; Ms. Sylvia Tyatya, Acting Manager: Human Settlements; from Bitou Municipality Mr. Dave Swart, Executive Mayor; Mr. Mbulelo Memani, Municipal Manger; Mr. Mark Fourie, Acting Director: Community Services; Mr Fezile Maki, Engineering Technician: GIS; from Knysna Municipality Cllr. Susan Campbell;.

3.2 The Garden Route District Municipality and the Western Cape Provincial Department of Human Settlements Memorandum of Agreement, Level one accreditation and how the District Municipality assists the B-Municipalities

3.3.1 Level 1 accreditation

The Level 1 accreditation between the Department and the municipalities entails placing the authority and responsibility at the point of implementation as a means of accelerating the provision of housing opportunities. The involvement of municipalities in the housing delivery is possible through the accreditation and assignment of programmes. The Accreditation Programme is all about building additional capacity in qualifying municipalities in order to enable them to administer/manage the housing function on behalf of provinces. The aim is to provide a better coordinated approach to Human Settlements planning and project implementation through integrated sustainable human settlements and improved quality of household life.

This will consist of:

- Developing credible Housing sector plans;
- Housing management and oversight;
- Beneficiary management; and
- Budget Planning.

The Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) and the Western Cape Provincial Department of Human Settlements entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance cooperation between the respective spheres of government and to provide affordable housing in the Garden Route District. The GRDM signed an MOU in November 2020 to obtain a level 1 accreditation. The MOU is a high level document between the GRDM and the Department of Human Settlements to broadly demonstrate their respective intent to cooperate on a number of specific affordable housing programmes and projects. The aim of the MOU was to strengthen endeavours, to realise specific housing interventions of a mixed range and options. This intervention was aligned with a Joint District Metro Approach, where each decision that will be taken will be done through consultation with local municipalities to ensure that there is not an overlapping of functions. This will allow the GRDM and the B-Municipalities, which fall under it to provide housing opportunities for the required beneficiaries as and when projects are in a state of readiness to be offered to the public.

The following key activities have been implemented to receive accreditation:

- 3.3.1.1 New GRDM Integrated Human Settlements Strategic Plan was approved;
- 3.3.1.2 Consultative workshops were conducted with seven B-Municipalities in April, July and November 2021 respectively;

- 3.3.1.3 All inputs that were collected regarding housing projects were reflected on the new formal GRDM IHS Strategic Plan, Human Settlements Sector Plan (HSSP) and Policy Guidelines;
- 3.3.1.4 The New Organisational Structure, the new Internal Housing Solutions Directorate and defined programme operational staff and system resources; and
- 3.3.1.5 The development of the Municipal Accreditation Business Plan.

3.3.2 A Memorandum of Agreement

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed in December 2020 and expires on 31 March 2023. The GRDM will assist the Provincial Department of Human Settlements with the planning, development and management of certain priority projects, while the Provincial Department of Human Settlements will provide the necessary human resources, so that the relevant skills and experience are available within the GRDM. It should be noted that the MOA is a targeted approach on specific projects. Municipalities will continue as usual with all functions and programmes which are not within the scope of the agreement.

The Western Cape Provincial Department of Human Settlements provided the GRDM Human Settlements Division, with funding to appoint four staff members. The appointments were that of a Town Planner who will assist with Spatial Planning, Town Planning Authorities and Project Feasibilities and an Administration Officer who will concentrate on the Demand Data Base and Subsidy Administration.

The Municipality will pursue an approach that ensures that there was synergy and full cooperation between the different spheres of Government, while also removing unnecessary red tape and bureaucracy that at times tend to delay the implementation of projects. The strategic objectives was to ensure that there was integrated development planning, that it was socially and financially affordable and sustainable and offered a wide choice of housing and tenure options.

3.3.3 Assistance to B-Municipalities

The GRDM will be assisting the B-municipalities by addressing certain challenges that were experienced in housing delivery in the district which include:

- 3.3.3.1 Providing affordable housing opportunities which include the Financed Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) market also referred to as the “GAP” market. This is for the beneficiaries earning between R3 501 – R22 000; and
- 3.3.3.2 The issuing of historic title deeds for the period 1994 – 2014.

Research has shown that there was a great need for “GAP” housing in this District. The current housing demand database showed that there were 63 879 overall applicants for this District. The GRDM will therefore assist the Department with accelerating opportunities for those within this market.

In addition, those who might qualify for FLISP, but due to a poor credit record was unable to obtain a bond could also be assisted through the Department's Credit Readiness Programme (CRP). The aim was to enable individuals to own their homes to ensure security of tenure, thereby accelerating human settlement delivery, while promoting social inclusion through the development of integrated, resilient, safe and sustainable human settlements in an open opportunity society.

3.4. Concerns

Concern was raised regarding the following:

- 3.4.1 The GRDM was taking over the functions of the B Municipalities;
- 3.4.2 The lack of rental stock in the Bitou Municipality for the GAP market;
- 3.4.3 The rapid increase of infrastructure in the Garden Route, which could negatively impact on the areas fauna and flora. The Garden Route economy thrives off its tourism industry which promotes its pristine beaches, fauna and flora; and
- 3.4.4 That there is only one Senior Secondary School in Bitou and with the rapid growth in the area this could become problematic.

4. Presentations by Garden Route District Municipalities and the B-Municipalities

4.1 Mossel Bay Municipality

The day commenced with opening remarks by, Mr. Dirk Kotzé, the Executive Mayor for Mossel Bay. He provided an overview on the Growth Strategy of the Municipality as follows:

4.1.1 Safety and the environment

Mr. Kotzé stressed that the Municipality's role was to govern through service delivery, and to also create a safe environment. He indicated that a safe environment promoted economic growth and secured investors. Growing the economy secured jobs and if people earned more than R3 500 they were not on the indigent register and could live a dignified life.

4.1.2 Social regeneration

The Municipality was actively working on its social regeneration strategy despite budget constraints. The Mayor advised that the Municipality would focus on the environment, not only in terms of safety, but preserving the natural beauty of the area.

4.1.3 Local Economic Development

Mossel Bay Municipality has entered into a Participatory Assessment of Competitive Advantage (PACA) process to determine the future of the town's local economic development (LED) and tourism strategy.

PACA has been shown to be effective in small- to medium-sized economies looking to speed up their LED functions. PACA is a way of taking a snapshot of an economy to enable one to determine its constraints and opportunities. The PACA model allowed the municipality, various local interested parties, and the facilitators to form a team which collaborated to process the necessary information to develop local economic development strategies.

4.1.4 Key challenges

The following challenges were listed by Mr. Dirk Kotzé:

- 4.1.4.1 In-migration of people looking for a better life. He indicate that this caused strain on the already limited resources of the area; and
- 4.1.4.2 Land grabs, electricity theft and the pressure placed on community services, clinics and schools facilities exacerbated the problem.

4.2 Presentation by Mossel Bay Municipality

Mr. Carel Venter and Ms. Lindilizwi Mngxekeza briefed the Committee on the Municipality's Housing Demand Database. They indicated that the current waiting list consisted of 11 216 people. The Housing Pipeline is updated bi-annually. The practice is that Council review the pipeline every second year and follow it up with Housing Imbizos within the affected communities. The business plans of the municipality reports on the project readiness by indicating which housing typologies will be utilised for a specific project, the time allocated for the finalisation for each phase and the projected budget that would be required for project completion.

4.2.1 Council approved projects

Council approved projects that were completed in Asazni/isinyoka, Sonskynvalley, Mountain View, Elangeni, the upgrading of toilet projects and granted approval for the transfer of 227 title deeds as part of the Title Deed Restoration Programme. Approximately 408 new top structures were completed, 27 Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) units built and 77 rectifications projects were conducted on the abovementioned projects.

4.2.2 Breaking New Ground Projects

Housing opportunities for beneficiaries for Breaking New Ground Projects (BNG) were allocated in accordance with prescribed legislation that provides preference to the elderly, military veterans, child headed households and persons who are recorded as the longest on the housing waiting list.

4.2.3 Varkies Kloof Housing Project

Provision was made for farm workers, military veterans and persons 60 years and older in the Varkies Kloof Housing Project. The project commencement date is scheduled to take place in the 2024 financial year.

4.2.4 Royal Heights Housing Project

Corruption allegations were made regarding the Royal Heights Housing Project allocations. The Municipality indicated that the matter would have to be addressed with the Minister of Infrastructure or the Mayor.

4.2.5 Gap Housing

Obtaining a bond for beneficiaries who qualify for a GAP housing opportunity has proven to be challenging as beneficiaries in some instances do not have a good credit record. Under these circumstances rental opportunities were made available under social housing subsidies.

4.2.6 Mountain View Housing project

The Mountain View Housing Project provided a housing opportunity for 1003 Upgrading of Informal Settlement Programme (UISP), 278 FLISP and 725 BNG units. The project provided opportunities for backyard dwellers. The total cost of the project amounted to R350 million and would be constructed in phases. Approximately seven areas would benefit from the project.

4.2.7 Upgrading of toilets

The Municipality embarked on a project to upgrade toilets. A total of 84 toilets for various areas were installed under the Second Toilet Project. A total of 254 existing houses would receive toilet upgrades under the Third Toilet Project, 698 alternate building structures with toilets were erected and 188 water stand pipes across the Municipal area were installed. The Municipality indicated that it was challenging to construct toilets in existing privately owned houses. Grant funding which is not considered to be municipal funds have been allocated for the upgrading of toilets on private property.

4.3.8 Title Deed Restoration Programme

A Title Deed Restoration Grant has been made available by the Department of Human Settlements to assist municipalities with the eradication of backlogged title deeds. Municipalities indicated that a monthly target to transfer 30 title deeds to beneficiaries have been put in place. They reported that it was challenging to locate the original benefactors and in some instances the beneficiary had not drafted a will to declare the next of kin. Members recommended that the municipalities bargain with contractors to allocate beneficiaries with title deeds once the units are completed.

4.3.9 Key challenges

The following challenges were reported by the Municipality:

- 4.3.9.1 Organised land grabs have become very challenging as it resulted in the rapid growth of informal settlements.
- 4.3.9.2 Funding approvals and the release of funds from the Department of Human Settlements were very slow due to red tape. Available land for human settlements was very limited. The Mossel Bay Municipality did not own sufficient land for new government supported housing projects.
- 4.3.9.3 The Housing Demand Database was not updated with the current information of beneficiaries. This resulted in challenges to locate beneficiaries due to changes of personal information.
- 4.3.9.4 Illegal land occupation posed a serious challenge to the success of human settlement implementation of projects and municipal service delivery. The cost to protect land from invaders that was earmarked for projects was costly.
- 4.3.9.5 An influx of the in-migration of undocumented foreign nationals in informal settlements have been recorded. The Municipality was not in a position to provide undocumented foreign nationals with a housing opportunity.
- 4.3.9.6 Beneficiaries have been selling and renting out their homes for a profit. This was challenging as they no longer had a fixed asset that could be beneficial in the long term.
- 4.3.9.7 Electricity theft through illegal electrical connections posed a safety risk and put strain on the service provided for a particular area.
- 4.3.9.8 There was not enough available funds in the Municipality to supply emergency starter kits for the escalation of shack fire incidents that have been occurring.

4.4 Bitou Municipality

Mr Mbulelo Memani briefed the Committee on the Municipality's 10 year Strategic Plan. He advised the Committee that the Municipality had no sector strategic plan and that the Bitou Allocation Policy had not been updated since 2014, when it was approved by the Bitou Council. The Municipality recorded 494 unclean data in their Housing Demand Database on February 2022. This is due to missing information such as: identity numbers, first names, contact details and addresses.

4.4.1 Key challenges

The Municipality informed the Committee of the following challenges:

- 4.4.1.1 The delays associated with the drafting of the business plans to implement the projects and commence with construction;
- 4.4.1.2 The unintegrated spatial landscape was challenging for the Municipality to rectify and address. This was due to the previous exclusive spatial planning and segregation;

- 4.4.1.3 In-migration into the area has exceeded the 5.35% of the Bitou population ratio. This growth spurt from 2001 and 2011 has placed a major strain on the regions provisioning of basic services and human settlements; and
- 4.4.1.4 The Municipality elaborated on the increased growth of informal settlements in certain areas.

4.5 Oudtshoorn Municipality

4.5.1 Demand Database

Ms. Sylvia Tyatya briefed the Committee on the Municipality's Housing Demand Database. She indicated that Pre 2016, Oudtshoorn Municipality delivered 150 houses per year. Prior to having the Beneficiary Database cleaned up, the number of applicants on the waiting list were recorded to be 18 000, however once the data on the waiting list was rectified the number of qualifying applicants have decline to 10 812.

4.5.2 Council approved projects

All new structures were approved by Council. The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) informed the Department's Strategic Plan on the typologies required for the various housing projects. The Municipality delivered 150 houses in Dysselsdorp as part of its phase 1 of the Breaking New Ground (BNG) and Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) typologies. Approximately 1 312 houses were developed for the past 10 years by the Municipality.

The Municipality's Business Plan provides a consolidation 24 of houses in Bongoletu that will be constructed to replace old mud houses that are beyond repair. Repair work would be conducted on old subsidy houses in Bongoletu, Power Houses and Smartie Town as soon as approval was provided by the Department of Human Settlements. Military veterans would be accommodated in Oudtshoorn West with the construction of the 350 houses in Morêster and Bridgton. The Bongoletu/Bridgton Infill has 32 houses that must still be completed out of a total of 146 houses. The Spieskamp houses will be built with alternative (green) building technology. A total of 21 BNG houses were constructed and replaces the 27 existing houses constructed under the old BNG programme.

The following houses were in the planning/development phases:

- Bongoletu mud houses;
- Oudtshoorn Central GG Kamp/Kanaal and Black Joint Tavern which will provide 600 units;
- Rosevalley Phase 4 will provide 128 service site;
- Spekkop IRDP is still within the Planning Phase; and
- Morêster Social Housing will provide 250 units.

4.5.3 Densification

To address the issue pertaining to densification, the Outshoorn Municipality considered the construction of mixed housing typologies in Rosevalley. Phase 2 of the Rosevalley housing projects would consist of single standing houses, duplex units and semi-detached units.

4.5.4 Key challenges

The Municipality informed the Committee of the following challenges:

- 4.5.4.1 The reprioritization of the Human Settlements Development Grant due to limited funding;
- 4.5.4.2 The lack of bulk infrastructure capacity for new and upcoming projects;
- 4.5.4.3 Exclusion on the reparation projects due to lack of funding;
- 4.5.4.4 Military veterans' grievance regarding the Military Veteran Housing Demand Database not being updated. They have also requested that they be provided with free standing houses and that they were not in agreement with the subsidy quantum provided;
- 4.5.4.5 Funding challenges have been reported for detached toilets and the upgrading of bulk services in De Rust. The Municipality indicated that there were 200 houses in De Rust that required funding approval for the service of toilets at the cost of R500 a month;
- 4.5.4.6 Lack of Human Resource/capacity due to funding. Posts were not being filled due to a lack of structure and funding; and
- 4.5.4.7 Mud houses in Bongoletu were dilapidated since the 80's and funding was required to conduct rehabilitation. Discussions were held in May 2022 regarding the demand for repair work on municipal infrastructure.

4.5.5 Strategies implemented

The Municipality indicated that the following strategies will be implemented:

- 4.5.5.1 Council owned erven not required for municipal purposes would be utilised for the provisioning of serviced sites. The aim of this project was to reduce land invasion by providing serviced sites;
- 4.5.5.2 The formalisation of current informal settlements and the provision of basic services; and
- 4.5.5.3 Funding would be sourced to fill key positions in the Municipality.

4.5.6 Recommendations

The Committee RESOLVED to conduct an oversight visit to the Mud houses in Bongoletu to observe the status of the houses.

4.6 Knysna Municipality

4.6.1 Demand Database

Ms. Portia Lindi briefed the Committee on the Municipality's Housing Demand Database. She indicated that there were 18 657 people on the waiting list for the George District, 1 423 for Uniondale and Haarlem and 17 234 for George and surrounding areas. The Municipality has been implementing the Vision 2002, which focused on the upgrading of informal settlements and Enhanced Peoples Housing Program since 2002.

4.6.2 The Vision 2002

The Vision 2002 project is in its final stages of completion with 11 units constructed in Oupad, 75 units constructed in Dam se Bos and 25 units constructed in Concordia. The Municipality reported that the units were at various phases of completion. The new projects were geared to accommodate increased densification as opposed to the traditional 40m² typologies. Approximately 60% of the units have been handed over to beneficiaries and the remaining units will be completed before end of the financial year. The Municipality indicated that due to land shortages some of the approved beneficiaries could not be accommodated in the project. This occurrence resulted in conflict between the Municipality and the community.

4.6.3 Hlalaie, Ethembeni and Happy Valley

Hlalaie, Ethembeni and Happy Valley were the three areas where the densification principle was being implemented. The Municipality reported that most of the available land parcels were being utilised. Beneficiaries under the age of 30 were not accommodated in Top Structures. Community meetings were held weekly to address policy matters, and matters which may result in conflict between the Municipality and the community. Due to the weekly feedback meetings there has been fewer N2 closures in the area close to Hlalani.

4.6.4 Karatara

The erven sizes in Karatara was bigger than the prescribed 40m². An application for funding was rejected due to the size of the erven. A service provider was appointed to subdivide the plots according to specification. Challenges pertaining to the provisioning of bulk services for new projects have been reported.

4.6.5 Key challenges

- 4.6.5.1 The Knysna Municipality reported a housing backlog of 9 185, which increased annually by 3%.
- 4.6.5.2 The MIG funding was not enough to finalise projects as the quantum has not been increased. Funding was required from the Provincial Department of Human Settlements to finalise the

- Heidevallei Housing Project in the pipeline. Material prices have escalated resulting in various applications for additional funding.
- 4.6.5.3 The Municipality indicated that there has been limited focus on Backyard dwellers in the area with the exception of Hornlee where 155 houses have been completed in 2020/21 Financial year.
- 4.6.5.4 Availability of Land for development remained one of the major challenges for the Municipality. Due to the sloping terrain most projects were subjected to a geotechnical variance. Additional land was required outside the area.
- 4.6.5.5 Informal settlements keep growing and new ones have developed over the years due to massive in-migration. This has placed a major strain on bulk services. The current bulk service capacity could not accommodate new projects unless it was upgraded to accommodate the additional capacity.
- 4.6.5.6 The Age Policy of Western Cape Provincial Government remained a challenge as the Communities where development was taking place were displaced and their details were not updated on the system.
- 4.6.5.7 Provision of amenities in Hlalaie, Ethembeni and Happy Valley remained a challenge as the need for a housing opportunity outweighed the need for amenities.
- 4.6.5.8 The housing backlog in Sedgfield was estimated to be above 1000 households. This was attributed to lack of available land for human settlement.

4.6.6 Recommendations

The Committee RESOLVED to conduct an oversight visit to Knysna to receive a briefing on the Municipality's Business Plan.

4.7 Kannaland Municipality

4.7.1 Demand Database

The Kannaland Municipality advised that its Housing Demand Database aligned with the Provincial Housing Demand Database. The total beneficiaries recorded on the Housing Demand Database per town amounted to 3 293. Zoar recorded 697, Van Wyksdorp 181, Calitzdorp 1 082 and Ladismith 1 327. Regarding the unclear data for January 2022, the Municipality reported that one application did not have a registration date and that 690 applications did not have residential addresses. In terms of the Municipality's age breakdown category a total of 407 applicants were aged 60 years and above and 2 876 applicants were aged below 60 years. The income breakdown on the database listed 712 applicants who earned a salary below R3 500, 4 beneficiaries who earned a salary between R22 001 and above.

The housing typologies in Kannaland were being integrated and implemented in terms of the area's needs. Zoar Protea Park Infill will receive funding for 100 units, Ladismith Parmalat will receive funding for 280 units and the Zoar UISP project will receive funding for 65 units.

4.7.2 Key challenges

- 4.7.2.1 The Municipality's Spatial Development Framework should be updated to enable the Municipality to apply for a housing project in Van Wyksdorp.
- 4.7.2.2 Applicants who qualify for a FLISP opportunity are reluctant to approach financial institutions to apply for a bond.
- 4.7.2.3 The Municipality indicated that it was unable to provide basic services to informal settlements as there were no sufficient funding available to deliver on those services.
- 4.7.2.4 Phase 2 of the Calitzdorp project with 179 opportunities was stopped by the Provincial Minister for Human Settlements due to irregularities with regards to beneficiary administration which was reported to his office. Phase 1 was completed in 2015/2016

4.8 George Municipality**4.8.1 Demand Database**

The George Municipality recorded 18 657 people on the waiting list for the George District. A total of 1 423 people were recorded for Uniondale and Haarlem and 17 234 for George and surrounds. The average age breakdown per district records 17 073 persons aged below 60 years and 1 584 persons aged 60 and above. The database indicated that the majority of the beneficiaries residing in the George District earned a salary of R3 500. The record reflected a total of 3 032 beneficiaries who fell within this salary bracket. The highest salary bracket recorded on the database reflected six beneficiaries who earned a salary of R22 001 and above.

The Municipality's Bussiness Plan made provision for various housing typologies as required for each area. A total of 698 Mixed-use BNG units were completed in Syferfontein and only 952 units were still outstanding. Blanco Golden Valley and Metro Ground have BNG projects and Thembaletu have UISP projects which were ongoing and projects which have been finalised

4.8.2 Key challenges

- 4.8.2.1 An increase in informal settlements and land invasions was reported by the Municipality. This placed additional strain on bulk infrastructure and other services e.g. clinics and schools.
- 4.8.2.2 Persons residing in historic informal settlements who have not been registered for longer than three years on the waiting list were demanding a housing opportunity.
- 4.8.2.3 Beneficiaries who qualified for a housing opportunity did not update their details with the Municipality on a regular basis and could therefore not be located when an opportunity arose.
- 4.8.2.4 The majority of the applicants earned a salary below R50 000 per annum. This was attributed to the unemployment rate which was calculated at 14.2% in 2002.
- 4.8.2.5 The Municipality reported a lack of Human Resource capacity.

5. Resolutions

5.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Bitou Municipality:

- 5.1.1 Provides the Kanshoek Temporary Relocation Area (TRA) occupants with the appropriate ablution facilities that meets the Western Cape standards; and
- 5.1.2 Conducts an assessment of all TRA's under this project to ascertain whether the water and ablution facilities were appropriate and to submit a report to the Committee in this regard.

5.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Bitou Municipality:

- 5.2.1 Communicate with the Municipal Manger to furnish the Committee with a report regarding the investigation into the TRA project;
- 5.2.2 Provides the Committee with the case numbers for the criminal cases with regards to the TRA projects; and
- 5.2.3 Provides the Committee with the case number of the case lodged by the Councillor.

6. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the members, the Department of Human Settlements, the officials of the municipalities as well as the Western Cape Provincial Parliament officials for their contributions to the success of the meeting.

2. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to Pienaar and Grebe Streets in Drakenstein (Paarl-East) and the Cape Winelands District Municipality and its Category B municipalities, as follows:

Delegation

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Maseko, LM (DA) (Chairperson)
America, D
August, SN
Botha, LJ
Dugmore, CM
Lilli, A
Marran, P
Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Jones, S: Procedural officer
Mshumpela, N: Committee Assistant
Barends, A: Driver

1. Introduction

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, as part of its oversight mandate, conducted an oversight visit to Paarl to engage with the Cape Winelands District Municipality and its Category B municipalities. Discussions were held with the Cape Winelands District Municipality on the support provided to Category B Municipalities with regards to bulk infrastructure and the Local Economic Development in the Overberg district. Further discussions were held with the Category B Municipalities with regards to the Municipal Housing Demand Database vs how it aligns with the Provincial Housing Demand Database, challenges that the Municipality experience when implementing housing projects, the alignment of housing projects to the prioritised programmes for the prioritised beneficiaries as per the provincial housing policy, challenges experienced by the Municipality, projects in the pipeline including projects that generate revenue, roles and responsibilities of MAYCO members and Portfolio chairs of housing when coming to housing projects and the Municipal state of readiness with regards to possible flood disasters with the upcoming winter season.

The oversight visit took place on Wednesday, 11 May 2022.

2. Overview

The Committee was received by Cape Winelands District Municipality's Municipal Manager Mr. H Prins, Mr. Q Balie, Ms. M Matthyse, Office Manager to the Executive Mayor; Cllr. JHP Steyn; Cllr. D Swart; Ald. C Meyer; Cllr. XL Mdemka; Cllr. R Farao; Cllr. WC Petersen; Cllr. E Groenewald; Cllr. GJ Carinus. Persons in attendance from the Provincial Department of Human Settlements were Mr. P Klassen, Regional Manager; Mr. F De Wet, Chief Financial Officer and Mr B Denton, Acting Chief Director: Implementation. The meeting was an in person meeting and the Committee was joined by members of the Langeberg Municipality as follows: Mr. S van Eeden, Executive Mayor; Mr. A de Klerk, Municipal Manager; Cllr. C Henn, the Portfolio Chairperson; Mr. M Mgajo, Director Community Services; Ms. M Brown, Manager Housing Department. Members of the Drakenstein Municipality who joined the meeting were Mrs. R Andreas, Municipal Manager; Ms. J Samson, Executive Director for Planning & Development; Mr. F Rhoda, Senior Manager: Human Settlements. Members of the Witzenberg Municipality who joined the meeting were Cllr. E Sidego, Mr. J Swanepoel, and Manager: Projects and Performance; Ms. C Mackenzie, Manager: Housing. Members of the Stellenbosch Municipality included Cllr. J Fasser, Deputy Mayor: Human Settlements and Mr. L Van Stavel, Manager: Housing Development.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit.

3. Pienaar and Grebe Streets Provincial Housing in Drakenstein (Paarl-East)

3.1 Background

The Committee conducted an oversight visit to the Provincial Housing that was built on two portions of land owned by the Department of Human Settlements also known as erven 6085 and 6211 located in Paarl East. The Department took a decision to transfer the properties currently leased by tenants to the tenants. The Drakenstein Municipality approved the subdivision of the properties under Council Resolution on 24 October 2013 to enable the transfer of the properties. The properties however, are not in a good condition and require extensive restoration work. Approval for the transfer of the property was granted if certain conditions were met. The conditions were listed as follows:

- 3.1.1 The dwellings must comply with all building control regulations including provision and approval of building plans;
- 3.1.2 Fire safety requirements to be adhered to in the proposed plans;
- 3.1.3 Civil engineering services to be upgraded;
- 3.1.4 Provision of separate electricity connection to each property; and
- 3.1.5 Removal of additional (illegal) structures to dwellings and structural changes to comply with heritage.

The Department of Human Settlements engaged with Jubelie PRT to facilitate the entire restoration process. The work was expected to be conducted in two phases. Phase 1 would consist of the investigative phase and phase 2 would be the implementation phase. The investigative phase was implemented to establish a list of recommendations on the condition of the structures, the status of the tenants and recommendations of professional engineers who specialise in the field of reconstruction.

3.2 Jubelie PRT's findings

The following findings were recorded after the conclusion of Jubelie PRT's investigations:

- 3.2.1 The majority of the tenants fall within the low income category and have been residing in the affected property for a lengthy period of time. The occupants occupying the affected properties are related to one another;
- 3.2.2 Illegal temporary structures erected on the properties posed a fire hazard and was therefore a risk in terms of the fire regulations. A minimum safe distance of 2.4m was required to the front and 1.5 m to the side of the structure;
- 3.2.3 A request was made for tenants to remove and/or demolish the temporary structures due to the hazardous condition of the structures. A percentage of the tenants agreed to have their structures demolished and others still have to provide a response;

- 3.2.4 Back yard dwellers living in the temporary structures would require temporary accommodation in the event of demolition; and
- 3.2.5 The Drakenstein Municipality committed to provide alternative sites for construction of subsidy houses for the tenants in the event of demolition. This could only transpire once the Department of Human Settlements have approved the funding and identified the beneficiaries of the project.
- 3.3 Upon conclusion of phase 1, the Drakenstein Municipality, the Department of Human Settlements and Jubelie Projects decided on the following recommendations:
 - 3.3.1 Backyard dwellers had to undergo screening to ascertain whether they qualify for a subsidy;
 - 3.3.2 Suitable land had to be identified and subdivided to accommodate the affected parties on a temporary basis;
 - 3.3.3 Additional space has to be sourced to accommodate back yard dwellers who do not qualify for a housing subsidy; and
 - 3.3.4 Upgrading of the sewer services.

4. Engagement with the Cape Winelands District Municipality and the B-Municipalities

4.1 Cape Winelands District Municipality

Dr. Elna von Schlicht and Mr. Quinton Balie briefed the Committee on the support provided to B Municipalities with regards to bulk infrastructure and elaborated on the municipality's four key focus areas as follows:

4.1.1 Urbanisation challenges project

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) is in the process of conducted an Urbanisation challenges project. The aim of the project is to determine the growth in the area by mapping e.g. the growth of formal and informal settlements, reviewing the economic/lifestyle drivers and conduct projections on future trends in the area. The report will detail the land use change over a period of time, the investment pipeline of provincial government and review infrastructure and social facility requirements for existing and future planned projects.

4.1.2 Infrastructure project

The Municipality indicated that all Landfill facilities will be used as transfer stations. The regional landfill facility will be utilised to provide a service to the Witzenberg, Langeberg and Breede Valley Municipality which are in the eastern part of the CWDM. A suitable location for a regional landfill facility to service the Drakenstein and Stellenbosch Municipality could not be found.

The Western portion of the CWDM is not suitable for the construction of a regional landfill facility due to the environmental and social implications. A rezoning, subdivision and consolidation application is in progress. A license and an environmental management programme was obtained to ensure the effective management of the proposed facility.

The CWD roads capital budget for infrastructure and project-road maintenance will be spent on resurfacing minor and main, main and divisional roads between the 2021 and 2024 financial years.

4.1.3 Resource resilience

An invasive alien vegetation clearing and river rehabilitation programme in municipal nature reserves and local water supply catchments have been implemented. This project is conducted annually to improve the quantity of water runoff that is crucial for Urbanisation and agriculture.

4.1.4 Disaster readiness

Through the disaster readiness plan of the CWDM the municipality is able to disseminate early warnings to relevant parties of flooding, snow fall, informal settlement fires, high winds and COVID-19. A responsible person is has been deployed to monitor and report on the risks. Through this forward planning the municipality is able to determine trends and is able to target the abovementioned strategic areas well in advance.

4.2 Witzenberg Municipality

The Wizenberg municipality received bulk infrastructure supported from the Department of Human Settlements and utilised MIG funding and municipal fund for the Vredebes bulk water pipeline and reservoir, the Vredebes sewer line and the Vredebes sewer rising main. The project commenced in the 2014 financial year and continued until the 2017 financial year.

An internal audit on the Bella Vista Housing Project was conducted. The audit was conducted to investigate the alignment between the municipal and provincial Housing Demand Database was conducted in 2018. Separate Housing Demand Databases were kept for each of the towns in the Witzenberg region which resulted in the misalignment of input provided into the provincial Housing Demand Database. The Municipality is currently in the process of updating and aligning its municipal Housing Demand Database. Currently all only the provincial database is being utilised by the municipality to circumvent any controversy surrounding the beneficiary allocations.

4.2.1 Key challenges

4.2.1.1 The increase in the number of persons in informal settlements has become a major challenge for the municipality.

This has resulted in a strain on service infrastructure and has resulted in regular sewage spills, service breakdowns and interruptions. The problem is being exacerbated by shack farming.

- 4.2.1.2 Housing mafia are demanding an illegal financial benefit from housing projects that are being implemented. Municipal officials have laid charges against the assailants but are not able to obtain convictions due to the fact that no one wants to testify.
- 4.2.1.3 The Municipality indicated that there was conflict with regards to land invaders being provided with a housing opportunity prior to persons on the waiting list and backyard dwellers.
- 4.2.1.4 Ceres has become overcrowded and better spatial planning is required to accommodate the growing number of people in the area. The Tulbagh Housing Project was invaded and has resulted in the need exceeding the available sites provided by the municipality.
- 4.2.1.5 To accommodate the historical spatial planning businesses are being moved off the main roads. The aim is to develop roads that can assist with the integration of the surrounding communities.
- 4.2.1.6 The Municipality indicated that the Bella Vista Housing project where 605 top structures and 529 service sites were planned could not be finalised due to electrical constraints. Eskom's infrastructure is insufficient and cannot provide services.
- 4.2.1.7 There is a growing concern regarding the continuous growth of the Chris Hani Informal settlement in Tulbagh which is situated on the river bank. The community is ignoring the warnings and communications issued by the municipality regarding the risk of flooding in the area.

4.2.2 Resolutions/Actions

- 4.2.2.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Witzenberg municipality provide it with:
 - 4.2.2.1.1 The total amount of people captured on its Housing Demand Database;
 - 4.2.2.1.2 The number of backyard dwellers, elderly and child headed households captured on its housing Demand Database;
 - 4.2.2.1.3 Its land audit for the current financial year; and
 - 4.2.2.1.4 A report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.
- 4.2.2.2 The Committee RESOLVED to conduct an oversight visit to the Witzenberg Municipality to receive a briefing on its Housing Demand Database.
- 4.2.2.3 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Witzenberg Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.

4.3 Drakenstein Municipality

The Drakenstein municipality has been facilitating access to housing opportunities for a variety of beneficiaries. Priority will be provided to special needs groups for all housing projects in accordance with the national prescripts for housing allocation. The project pipeline will consist of Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP), Upgrading of Informal Settlement Programme (UISP), new rental opportunities via social Housing and free housing via the Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP).

A total of 41 informal settlements have been registered in the area, which consisted of 7 326 structures and 14 493 dwellers. The provision and maintenance of basic services to informal settlements will be one of the municipality's strategic focus areas. The Municipality will also focus on the maintenance and management of exiting municipal rental stock.

The Municipality is in the process of identifying and securing land for emergency housing. Previously identified council land will be re-examined for emergency purposes. Schoongezicht has been identified as one of the emergency housing projects that will yield 347 housing opportunities. The project will be implemented in a phased approach.

As part of the Municipality's integrated approach to address winter readiness, ongoing maintenance is conducted on roads and drainage infrastructure. This includes fixing potholes during summer. Additional sand bags are acquired prior to winter to prepare for possible flooding. Trees are pruned on a regular basis to prevent leaves from blocking drains. Solid waste removal has been customised to include the removal of waste from informal settlements. This has been implemented to address illegal dumping.

The Municipality reported challenges to rectify the toilets in Pienaar and Grebbe Streets. The reason is that the toilets are situated on private property. Services is only proved to municipal rental stock. The aide of the provincial department of Human Settlements will have to be sourced to deal with the matter. A full assessment of the cost to upgrade the sewer system and look for possible solutions to implement the upgrade will be conducted by the end of June 2022.

4.3.1 Key challenges

- 4.3.1.1 There has been a systematic increase in the demand for housing in the Drakenstein region with a total census count of 20 411 being reported for the area.
- 4.3.1.2 A backlog of 2 580 title deeds was reported by the municipality that still has to be registered.
- 4.3.1.3 The municipality owns 2 873 rental units which generates between 200 and 300 complaints per month.
- 4.3.1.4 Drakenstein municipality reported an increase in the eviction of farmworkers by farmers in the region.

A total of over 1 419 registered eviction applications have been escalated to the municipality. Court rulings are in progress and the municipality is awaiting the outcome.

- 4.3.1.5 It was reported that there has been vandalism and theft of basic service infrastructure.
- 4.3.1.6 The cost of providing bulk infrastructure and electricity for new housing projects have become very costly for the municipality. The Municipality is considering spending more of the Integrated Urban Development Grant (IUDG) to address the challenges pertaining to housing infrastructure.
- 4.3.1.7 The subsidy that is provided for a housing opportunity does not cover the full cost in terms of the market value to a house. Internal services has to provide a top up cost to cover the excess funds that is outstanding.
- 4.3.1.8 Beneficiaries are not credit worthy and can therefore not afford to acquire a bond. The Municipality will consider land release below market value and re-invest proceeds that is derived from the sale of FLIPS projects. High density projects will also be considered as a means of integration.
- 4.3.1.9 The Municipality reported that contractor defaults have become a major challenge. Contractors are not able to deliver on their outputs as per the contractual agreements.

4.3.2 Resolutions/Actions

- 4.3.2.1 The Committee REQUESTED that:
 - 4.3.2.1.1 The Drakenstein municipality provide it with a full list of the backlogged title deeds;
 - 4.3.2.1.2 The Drakenstein municipality provide it with a report on its business plan to rectify the toilets in Pienaar and Grebbe Streets; and
 - 4.3.2.1.3 A report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.
- 4.3.2.2 The Committee recommended that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.

4.4 Stellenbosch Municipality

The Stellenbosch municipality reported that its housing demand waiting list comprises of 17 965 applicants. The Municipal Housing Demand Database is linked to the Western Cape Housing Demand Database. The Housing Demand Database of the municipality is maintained on a regular basis to ensure alignment for planning purposes and to determine backlog and opportunities. Statistics in the Municipality's Housing Demand Database indicate that there are 1 430 dormant beneficiaries, 10 415 cancelled beneficiaries and 957 beneficiaries that have been assisted with a housing opportunity. A total of 3 023 are 60 years and over and 3 889 are between the ages of 30-40 years.

The housing pipeline of the Municipality is reviewed annually to ascertain whether it conforms to the strategic objectives of the National Department of Human Settlements. The housing pipeline serves as a planning and budgeting tool for implementation of human settlement initiatives which ultimately informs the business plan of possible future projects. The Municipality also ensures that the housing pipeline is linked to available funding.

The housing pipeline emphasises the housing programmes administered by the Municipality. A total of R15 040 will be utilised of the Human Settlements Development Grant for housing projects in Kayamandi Watergang Northern Extension, Vlotenburg Longlands, Stellenbosch Jamestown Phase 2-4, Klapmuts La Rochelle, Cloeteville FLISP, Cloeteville Infill FLISP and La Motte Forest Station. A total of R20 850 of the Informal Settlements Upgrade Partnership Grant will be utilised to fund the Kayamandi Town Centre UISP, Kayamandi Zone 0 UISP and the Langrug Franschhoek Mooiwater Dam rehab and Basic Services projects.

The Disaster Management team is currently assessing all historically storm water problematic areas. A maintenance programme to reduce possible flooding will be implemented by the Infrastructure Services. Approximately 2 000 sandbags and 550 flood-kits will be prepared in case of any disaster events. All drains in the hotspot areas will be clean by the Municipality during the summer seasons.

4.4.1 Key challenges

- 4.4.1.1 The Municipality reported challenges when trying to obtain development rights. The time it takes to receive a response is very lengthy.
- 4.4.1.2 Inadequate linked and bulk services for housing projects was reported by the Municipality.
- 4.4.1.3 Lack of availability of suitable land for housing developments especially emergency sites for evictions and Temporary Relocation Areas (TRA). Decanting sites are required to alleviate the problem as the upgrading of informal settlements are linked to decanting sites.
- 4.4.1.4 A major challenge for the municipality is obtaining suitable available land for housing developments especially emergency sites for evictions and Temporary Relocation Areas (TRA).
- 4.4.1.5 Growing informal settlements and continuous land invasions is a challenge for the municipality as it places a major strain on already limited resources.
- 4.4.1.6 No suitable solution to address the challenges pertaining to backyard dwellers. The number of backyard structures continues to increase. Due to economic struggles most people are unable to afford a bond and are not credit worth to obtain approval for a bond.
- 4.4.1.7 The Slow delivery of housing opportunities is attributed to stringent bureaucratic processes and the transfer of state-owned land is a tedious process.

The Municipality has for more than 20 years struggled to obtain state owned properties transferred to the Municipality for housing projects.

4.4.2 Resolutions/Actions

4.4.2.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.

4.4.2.2 The Committee REQUESTED that municipality provide it with a report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.

4.5 Breede Valley Municipality

The Breede Valley Municipality has 21 wards, a population of 176 578 and 47 569 households as recorded in a census that was conducting in 2016. The Municipality reported a total of 8 179 informal settlements which contains a population of 30 393 people. Approximately 762 toilets and 311 taps have been provided to the informal settlements. Since June 2021 to December 2021 the number of structures in the informal settlements have increased systematically by 15.6%.

The Municipality makes use of the Western Cape Housing Demand Database to record the details of persons on the waiting list. Monthly screening of the demand database is conducted by the Department of Human Settlements. Auditing of the database is conducted annually by the Department of Human Settlements. The Breede Valley Municipality indicated that its database contains 19 964 beneficiaries of which 2 508 are aged 60 years old and above and a total of 5 963 beneficiaries are aged between 30 and 40 years. A total of 2 488 have been assisted with a housing opportunity and 19 964 are still waiting for an opportunity. A total of 141 beneficiaries have not provided a residential address, 5 191 cancelled their applications and 6 886 beneficiaries have been reported as dormant. The overall majority of the residents in the Breede Valley earn a salary between R3 500 and 17 059. Approximately 83 residents earn a salary between R22 001 and above.

The National Department of Human Settlements (NDoHS) declared and gazette the Priority Human Settlements Development Areas (PHSDA) on 15 May 2020. The aim of the PHSDA was to advance human settlements spatial transformation and consolidation by ensuring that the delivery of housing is used to restructure and revitalise towns and cities, strengthen the livelihood prospects of households and overcome apartheid spatial patterns by fostering integrated urban forms. A Western Cape PHSDA Steering Committee was established with respect to the above requirement. The aim of the forum was to addresses the roles and responsibilities between the NDoHS, the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements, the Housing Development Agency (HAD) and municipality regarding the PHDA process.

The Transhex housing project has received provisional priority project status in the Breede Valleys Municipal Development Plan. The primary objective of the Municipality is to alleviate the housing need and address service delivery requirements that falls within the Breede Valley Municipal District. The project was initiated by the Department of Human Settlements in March 2016 and comprises of 8873 Serviced Sites. Currently the project is in its implementation phase. Phase 1 of the project makes provision for 3231 civil engineering services and top structures. The first phase of the project provides housing opportunities to the BNG qualifiers.

The top structure construction method is based on Alternative Building Technology (ABT). Several systems were investigated and Moladi was approved in May 2019. The contractor is also using a second ABT – Ikhaya Future House to accelerate the housing delivery due to challenges experienced with the Moladi ABT.

4.5.1 Key challenges

- 4.5.1.1 The Municipality has an outdated Human Settlement Development Plan.
- 4.5.1.2 There are currently major delays in the construction of the Transhex Housing Project that has been affecting the beneficiary administration from processing subsidies limited to the approved project.
- 4.5.1.3 Delays were reported of the allocation of subsidies at the Transhex Housing Project and conveyancing limited to the current construction.
- 4.5.1.4 Land invasion in Zwelethemba (North Mandela), De Doorns (Stofland), Avian Park (Rolihlahla) and Rawsonville have been reported. In accordance with the Departmental prescripts all beneficiaries have to be identified and approved, before project approval can be granted. The impact of legal evictions on projects was reported to be costly.
- 4.5.1.5 Challenges have been experienced to acquire alternative building material to finalise the housing units at the Transhex housing project. This is attributed to supply chain issues importing the material from China. A total of 190 units must still be delivered on or by end of May 2022.

4.5.2 Resolutions/Actions

- 4.5.2.1 The Committee REQUESTED that:
 - 4.5.2.1.1 The Regional Manager for the Department of Human Settlements provide it with the Municipality's business plan and provide it with a report on the number of houses that was handed over to beneficiaries of the Transhex housing project; and
 - 4.5.2.1.2 A report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.

- 4.5.2.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.

4.5 Langeberg Municipality

The Langeberg municipality reported that its housing demand waiting list comprises of 9 093 beneficiaries, 594 beneficiaries have been assisted, 1 643 beneficiaries cancelled and 1 404 beneficiaries remain dormant. A total of 1 194 beneficiaries are 60 years and over and 2 983 are between the ages of 30-40 years. The overall majority of the residents in the Langeberg region earn a salary between R3 500. Middle income earners have a salary that ranges between R7001 to R22 000 and only 13 persons earn a salary of R22 000. Approximately 83 residents earn a salary between R22 000 and above.

- 4.6.1 The strategic objective of the Municipality is to:
- 4.6.1.1 Establish an effective approach to integrated human settlement and to improve the living conditions to all households in the region;
 - 4.6.1.2 Create a sustainable human settlements and improved quality households; and
 - 4.6.1.3 Reverse the spatial effects of Apartheid.

There is currently 13 projects in the Municipality's housing pipeline. These projects are situated in Mc Gregor, Kanana, Nqkubela 136, Montagu Mandela Square, Bonnievale Boekenhoudskloof, Robertson Heights, Montagu Kinga, Montagu Kriketveld, Bruwer Property, Heyl's Property in Robertson, Bonnievale Uitzicht, a rectification project in Langeberg and Erf 4024. The programme caters for IRDP, UISP mixed developments and FLISP housing. Currently bulk infrastructure is required for two of the projects. The bulk infrastructure grant will be utilised for the upgrading of water and sanitation in Mandela Square in Montagu and Boekenhoudskloof in Bonnievale.

Langeberg Municipality has a backlog of 712 outstanding title deed transfers that will be addressed through the Title Deed Restoration Programme. Currently 1 284 title deeds had been transferred and 159 were submitted to the Deeds office for processing. The Municipality reported challenges to address the title deed backlog. This is due to not being able to trace the original beneficiaries and/or the original beneficiaries are not in occupation of the affected property. Some of the key reasons for an original beneficiary (including the co-beneficiary) not being in occupation are attributed to informal sales to third parties, death and divorce or separation within the original beneficiary household.

Strydom and Simon Street as reported by the Municipality will be receiving funding from the Department of Human Settlements (The Department) to the value of R250 000 per unit for the upgrading of properties. The Department will be in contact with ASLA to include the houses in Strydom and Simon Street as part of its emergency housing project.

Technical assistance will be provided to the Municipality with regards to the compilation of the Project Information Document (PID) and all other application requirements.

An approved fire protection readiness plan was implemented by the Municipality. The District Municipality will be assisting the Langeberg municipality with ward based risk assessment. The Municipality reported that as part of its risk prevision programme smoke detectors installation has been encouraged, storm water systems are cleaned during the summer months and service providers have been appointed to clean the rivers in the area.

4.6.2 Key Challenges

- 4.6.2.1 The Langeberg Municipality indicated that they are experiencing challenges when allocating a housing opportunity to beneficiaries because beneficiaries are selling their houses.
- 4.6.1.2 Subsidy applications cannot be process due to beneficiaries not meeting the requirements to receive a housing opportunity and where family members cannot agree to whom the property should be transferred to.
- 4.6.1.3 Illegal land invasions have been reported as well as an influx of informal settlements in the region. This the Municipality indicated has placed a strain on available resources.
- 4.6.1.4 Vandalism of taps and sanitation facilities in informal areas have been reported.
- 4.6.1.5 Beneficiaries in RDP houses refuse to take ownership of the properties prior to the properties being rehabilitated.
- 4.6.1.6 There is a shortage of available land for human settlement.

4.6.3 Resolutions/Actions

- 4.6.3.1 The Committee REQUESTED that:
 - 4.6.3.1.1 The Department of Human Settlements provide it with the timelines for the application submission of the Strydom and Simon Street project after which the Committee Resolved to conduct another oversight visit to the area to observe the progress made by the Municipality; and
 - 4.6.3.1.2 A report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.
- 4.6.3.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.

6. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the Members, Department of Human Settlements and the municipalities for their contributions to the success of the visit.

3. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to the Overberg District Municipality and the District's Category B municipalities, as follows:

Delegation

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Maseko, LM (DA) (Chairperson)
America, D
August, SN
Botha, LJ
Dugmore, CM
Lilli, A
Marran, P
Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Jones, S: Procedural officer
Mshumpela, N: Committee Assistant
Barends, A: Driver

1. Introduction

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, as part of its oversight mandate, conducted an oversight visit to Caledon to engage with the Overberg District Municipality and the District's Category B municipalities. Discussions were held with the Overberg District Municipality on the support provided to Category B Municipalities with regards to bulk infrastructure and the Local Economic Development in the Overberg district. Further discussions were held with the Category B Municipalities with regards to the Municipal Housing Demand Database and how it aligns with the Provincial Housing Demand Database, challenges that the Municipality experience when implementing housing projects, the alignment of housing projects to the prioritised programmes for the prioritised beneficiaries as per the provincial housing policy, projects in the pipeline including projects that generate revenue, roles and responsibilities of MAYCO members and housing portfolio chairpersons and the Municipal state of readiness with regards to possible flood disasters during the winter season.

The oversight visit took place on Monday, 20 June 2022.

2. Overview

The Committee was received by Mr. A Franken, Executive Mayor: Overberg District Municipality; Mr. De Bruyn, Speaker: Overberg District Municipality; Mr. S Fourie, Portfolio Chairperson; Mr. R Bosman, Municipal Manager and Mr. R Nutt, Portfolio committee member.

Persons in attendance from the Provincial Department of Human Settlements were Mr. F De Wet, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. B Denton, Acting Chief Director: Implementation; Mr. V Dlamini, Overberg Project Manager; Mr. S Matshisi, Overberg Project Manager; Mr. G Wiseman, Director: Affordable Housing; Mr. P Chandaka, Director: Planning; Ms. E Pelser, Assistant Director: Municipal Planning. The meeting was an in person meeting and the Committee was joined by members of the Theewaterskloof Municipality as follows: Mr. K Papier, Mayor: Theewaterskloof; Mr. D Appel, Speaker; Mr. J Jonkers, Municipal Manager; Mr. W Solomons, Director: Communications; Cllr. R Nongxaza, Chief Whip: Human Settlements and Planning Committee; Cllr. H Syster, Technical and Infrastructure Implementation Service Committee; Cllr. ML Matthews, Corporate Service Committee; Cllr. BB Mkhwibiso, Committee Member; Cllr. M Plato-Mentoor, Committee Member; Cllr. PJ Stander, Committee Member; Cllr. S Fredericks, Committee Member. Members of the Overstrand Municipality who joined the meeting were Mr. D O'Neill, Municipal Manager; Mr. D Hendriks, Senior Manager: Engineering Services; Cllr. R Nutt, Mayoral Committee Member for Community Services; Mr. R Williams, Director: Community Services. Members of the Cape Agulhas Municipality who joined the meeting were Mr. R Ross, Deputy Mayor: Swellendam; Mr. M Dennis, Manager: Human Settlements; Ms. M Saptou, Manager: Law Enforcement. Members of the Swellendam Municipality included Mr. F du Rand, Executive Mayor; Cllr. E Lampbrecht, Housing Portfolio Chairperson; Mr. J Engel, Manager: Housing and Ms Helen Coetzee, the Deputy Mayor.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit.

3. Engagement with the Overberg District Municipality and the Category B Municipalities

3.1 Overberg District Municipality

Mr. Bosman briefed the Committee on road maintenance that has become the catalyst for the Overberg District Municipality (ODM). The Rural Road Asset Management System Programme was managed by the ODM. The ODM fulfilled an administrative function for the project and was assisted by a Project Manager and service provider for a period of three years. The programme involved road studies and collection of data of bridges, idewalks and class four roads in urban areas. The collected data was disseminated to municipalities to capacitate them to conduct proper planning regarding road networks as it was believed that well maintained roads were the catalyst for economic growth and service delivery.

A tri-party agreement has been entered into with the ODM, Overstrand municipality and the Theewaterskloof municipality to ensure an all-inclusive solid waste management service for the region. A Service Level Agreement (SLA) must still be entered into with the Cape Agulhas municipality and the Swellendam municipality. Karwyderskraal will be utilised as the regional land fill site that will be utilised as per the SLA.

The ODM is the owner and permit holder for the site. The regional land fill site became operational in 2022 for the disposal of general household waste. Chipped garden waste and fruit waste are processed on site by means of windrow and composting. The 58 hectare facility will provide landfill airspace until 2076 in a total of 10 cells. The cumulative airspace amounts to approximately 90 million cubic meters for disposable waste. Cell 4 is currently operational and provides a total of 480 000 cubic meters of landfill airspace. The site receives an average of 6000 tons of waste per month and will remain active until May 2027.

The ODM had a need for a proper fire station. A decentralised borderless service that could respond across the region had to be established. A new fire department has been established in the Municipality where space was shared with public private partners. Aerial support in conjunction with rapid aerial fire and rescue interventions in the Overberg has helped to circumvent fire disasters in the area.

3.1.1 Plans in the pipeline for the Municipality

- 3.1.1.1 A container park/business park is in the planning phases.
- 3.1.1.2 The ODM has embarked on a Joint District and Metro Approach Implementation Strategy. The strategy amongst others aims to expand the rail network in the area to enable economic activity. Discussions must still be held with community members in the area to deliberate on the possibility of railway lines that will be implemented in certain areas.
- 3.1.1.3 To ensure the safety of residence in the informal settlements in the Grabouw area the ODM will be implementing a high mast lighting project.
- 3.1.1.4 As part of the ODM's aim to maximise water availability it intends to implement a 12 month water shedding programme. In addition to the above, water infrastructure will be managed as a scarce resource.
- 3.1.1.5 To manage illegal land invasion a land invasion standard operating procedure was developed.
- 3.1.1.6 As the Buffeljags River has a tendency to flood, serious consideration was given to the construction of higher dam walls to ensure that the catchment can accommodate larger water volumes. This will provide more water for the predominantly agricultural region. A service provider was employed to look into the abovementioned matter.

3.1.2 Key challenges

- 3.1.2.1 The Municipality reported challenges with land invasions, overburdened services due to in-migration and protest action for housing opportunities.
- 3.1.2.2 There was no funding model to cater for the construction of road ramps. This was a challenge for the Municipality in that it had to utilise available resources to maintain roads. A recommendation was made that the maintenance cost of the ramps be included in the planning phase of the business plans.

3.1.3 Resolutions/Actions

- 3.1.3.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.
- 3.1.3.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Municipality provide it with a report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.

3.2 Theewaterskloof Municipality

The Theewaterskloof municipality informed the Committee that it was operating on limited capacity due to budgetary constraints. The Housing Demand Database of the Municipality was linked to the Western Cape Housing Demand Database. The Theewaterskloof municipality's Housing Demand Database comprised of 12 797 beneficiaries. The total amount of people who reside in the district amounted to 32 760. Overstrand and Theewaterskloof municipalities have the highest demand for housing at 39% respectively. Cape Agulhas and Swellendam municipalities' housing demand amounted to 11% respectively. Statistics in the Municipality's Housing Demand Database indicated that there were 10 984 beneficiaries who earned a salary of R3 500, 1 350 earned a salary of between R3 501 and R7 000 and only 20 beneficiaries earned a salary of R22 000 and above. The income classification statistics indicated that 86% of the total demand falls within the low cost housing qualification income bracket. Approximately 14% of the total demand falls within the affordable housing market.

The towns with the most informal settlements have recorded the highest demand for housing. Stemming from recent surveys conducted in each town, there has been a rapid growth in the number of informal settlements. The highest housing demand vs informal settlement demand was reported in Grabouw. A total need of 5 082 was listed in Grabouw vs a need of 5 635 in the informal settlement. Villiersdorp reported a housing need of 3 315 vs a need of 2 067 recorded in the informal settlement. The lowest need was recorded in Tesselaarsdal where a housing need of 98 was reported. Due to limited funding sources and the growing demand for housing opportunities, the department is focusing on the incremental upgrading of informal settlements through the provision of basic services.

The Municipality has delivered 616 top structures and a total of 4 986 opportunities will be delivered over a five year financial cycle. The Municipality reported that the abovementioned strategy would only be able to eradicate approximately 38% of the demand backlog, should the current status of the region's population remain constant over a three year cycle.

- 3.2.1 To address the demand for housing in the region the Municipality will be looking at the following strategies:
 - 3.2.1.1 Investigating and implementing different tenure options;

- 3.2.1.2 Cultivating partnerships to assist with the implementation of affordable housing and to increase income streams;
- 3.2.1.3 Increasing the focus of social housing in business plans to accommodate the lower to middle income groups;
- 3.2.1.4 Focusing on the sale of municipal land that is not being utilised by the Municipality for future housing projects;
- 3.2.1.5 Focusing on the enhanced service sites for current and future projects; and
- 3.2.1.6 Cultivating partnerships with farmers associations to establish a farmworker housing programme.

3.2.2 Key challenges

- 3.2.2.1 The Municipality reported invasion and in-migration as a major threat in the area as it places a strain on basic services and bulk infrastructure. A steady increase in the number of people settling in informal settlements was reported.
- 3.2.2.2 The Municipality reported farm evictions in the area that were adding to the housing demand in the region.
- 3.2.2.3 Community protests/unrest pertaining to housing allocation has become a challenge for the Municipality. The new in-migrated individuals who have just been registered on the Housing Demand Database expect to receive an opportunity when a project in the area is implemented.
- 3.2.2.4 The slow release of land was a challenge for the Municipality as it inhibited the Municipality from delivering on projects due to lack of suitable land for human settlement.
- 3.2.2.5 The Municipality reported that it was difficult to establish private partnerships.
- 3.2.2.6 No capital investment was made into infrastructure as the item was not tabled before Council for further action.

3.2.3 Resolutions/Actions

- 3.2.3.1 The Committee RESOLVED to conduct an oversight visit to the Theewaterskloof Municipality.
- 3.2.3.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.
- 3.2.3.3 The Committee REQUESTED that the Municipality provide it with a report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.

3.3 Overstrand Municipality

The Housing Demand Database of the Overstrand Municipality recorded a total of 15 915 beneficiaries on 15 June 2022. The Municipality indicated that the demand for housing has increased systematically by 23, 92%. The majority of the beneficiaries who have applied for a housing opportunity are between the ages of 39 and 40 years old.

The Database registered 5 645 beneficiaries aged between 39 and 40 years have applied for a housing opportunity. Approximately 587 beneficiaries who are aged between 60 years and older were registered on the database.

Statistics in the Municipality's Housing Demand Database indicate that there were 11 529 beneficiaries who earned a salary of R3 500 and only 53 beneficiaries who earned a salary of R22 000 and above. Other beneficiaries earned a salary of between R3 501 and R22 000.

3.3.1 Key challenges raised by the Municipality

- 3.3.1.1 A lack of communication was reported between the Department of Human Settlements and the Municipality regarding regulations and policies that have been implemented.
- 3.3.1.2 The Municipality reported an inconsistency regarding subsidy approvals and the turnaround time to approve projects.
- 3.3.1.3 A major challenge that was reported was that the Housing Demand Database did not inform the criteria and quotas of the number of informal settlements and backyard dwellers who reside in the area and qualify for a housing opportunity.
- 3.3.1.4 Resources have to be allocated to remove/withdraw the applications of beneficiaries who have made misrepresentations under oath on their subsidy applications.
- 3.3.1.5 Community resistance for non-prioritisation of applicants aged younger than 30 years of age was reported.
- 3.3.1.6 Challenges in terms of proper coordination to ensure that top structures are implemented immediately after project and civil service approval.

3.3.2 Resolutions/Actions

- 3.3.2.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.
- 3.3.2.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Municipality provide it with a report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.

3.4 Cape Agulhas Municipality

Cape Agulhas Municipality has a combined waiting list of approximately 3700 households. The highest demand was allocated in Bredasdorp with a waiting list of approximately 2207 households, followed by Napier and Struisbaai with a demand of 522 and 338 respectively. The bulk of the Municipal housing need is in Bredasdorp. In response to housing demand, the bulk of the Municipal housing allocation was invested in Bredasdorp, which was also the administrative capital of the Municipality, but investment is also done in the other towns.

The Housing Demand Database of the Cape Agulhas Municipality was reviewed to identify and remove all applicants who were declared deceased and those beneficiaries who were no longer eligible to receive a subsidy. These deceased applicants who had spouse/partners and substitutes, would retain the application as when it was registered on the original registration date. Where applicants have received a housing subsidy the Municipality recorded the beneficiaries as assisted.

Funding allocations for the 2022-25 financial years will be allocated to the Struisbaai Site A IRDP, the Napier Site A2 Infill and the Bredasdorp Phola Park insitu housing projects.

The Municipality indicated that it has one disaster management officer. The region has two seasonal cold fronts and mudslides were prevalent during those times. Prior forecasts were made to farmers and farmer associations to warn of possible risks in order to farmers to prepare for the wellbeing of their livestock and crops.

3.4.1 The following success stories were reported to the Committee

- 3.4.1.1 The Municipality handed over two housing projects at the end of 2020 in Area F and Area H. The total number of opportunities that was provided amounted to 728 units.
- 3.4.1.2 The deferred ownership projects in Mill Park was launched on 21 June 2020. The project will provide a housing opportunities for the middle income group that could qualify for a bond and a FLISP subsidy. The project would also create an opportunity to persons who wanted to enter into a rent to buy agreement.
- 3.4.1.3 A project to install solar geysers was in the process of being rolled out by the Municipality in partnership with DMRE. The project provided employment and certified training to 30 local youths in the region.

3.4.2 Key challenges

The following challenges were reported by the Municipality when implementing housing projects:

- 3.4.2.1 Disgruntled community members who were not eligible for a housing opportunity. Preference is provided to beneficiaries who were elderly, disabled and child headed households. Other challenges were listed as external influences.
- 3.4.2.2 An influx of people into the town and informal areas have been reported. The influx was attributed to the settlement of illegal non-nationals in the region.
- 3.4.2.3 Land invasions have become challenging as it placed undue pressure on available capacity of bulk, connector and internal infrastructure.
- 3.4.2.4 Strategies in terms of storm water challenges must be implemented by the Municipality.

- 3.4.2.5 Due to limited resources the alignment of housing projects in relation with available funding resources and spare capacity on bulk infrastructure was a major challenge for the Municipality.
- 3.4.2.6 A shortage of available, suitable and well-located land for human settlements was reported.
- 3.4.2.7 The alignment of Department of Human Settlements funding and Municipal Infrastructure Grant (bulk services) funding, or availability thereof with competing priorities was reported to be challenging.
- 3.4.2.8 Changing policies/priorities vs community expectations (e.g. 35 years and older in 2014 vs now 60 years and older).
- 3.4.2.9 The impact on the financial sustainability of the Municipality due to additional services and other budget implications.
- 3.4.2.10 Implications/management of shack farming that has escalated in the region.

3.4.3 Resolutions/Actions

- 3.4.3.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.
- 3.4.3.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Municipality provide it with a report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.
- 3.4.3.3 The Committee RESOLVED to conduct and oversight visit to the Cape Agulhas Municipality.

3.4 Swellendam Municipality

The Housing Demand Database of the Swellendam Municipality recorded a total of 3692 beneficiaries. The highest demand was registered in Swellendam with a waiting list of approximately 2333 beneficiaries, followed by Suurbaak with 522 beneficiaries, Barrydale 477, Buffelsjagrivier 317 and Malgas/Infanta at 43 beneficiaries. In response to housing demand, the bulk of the Municipal housing allocation was directed towards Swellendam, due the high demand for a housing opportunity. The Municipality was in the process of reviewing its allocation policy to ensure that it is in line with the latest guidelines of priority groups. A data cleans was instated by the Municipality to identify and delete the deceased beneficiaries and to indicate which beneficiaries were assisted with an opportunity. The recorded data indicated that 98 beneficiaries were cancelled from the database and 187 beneficiaries were assisted. The Municipality indicated that it has not cultivated any private partnerships with external stakeholders in the region.

3.5.1 Key challenges when implementing housing projects

- 3.5.1.1 The Municipality reported that changing policies/priorities vs community expectations caused challenges in terms of the priority that would be provided to the elderly, disabled and child headed households.

- 3.5.1.2 Funding conditions have been reported to be challenging due to limited resources and the scale of the projects.
- 3.5.1.3 The allocation of proposed serviced sites was challenging due to the fact that there was no proper criteria/guidelines in terms of who would qualify and/or not qualify for a serviced site.
- 3.5.1.4 Challenges were reported in terms of the provision of 60 dwelling units per hectare compared to the 80 dwelling units for urban settlements as recommended by the Department of Human Settlements.
- 3.5.1.5 A shortage of suitable available well located land for Human Settlements was reported.
- 3.5.1.6 The Municipality was currently under pressure to upgrade the regions bulk services, existing networks and the processing of waste.

4. Resolutions/Actions

- 4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Human Settlements provide it with:
 - 4.1.1 Innovative ways on how to deal with illegal trade in RDP houses;
 - 4.1.2 A report on the informal settlements that were upgraded as part of the Upgrading of Informal Settlement project in Theewaterskloof municipality; and
 - 4.1.3 The Project Planning Guidelines layout for human settlements specifically to serviced sites.

5. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the Members, Department of Human Settlements and the municipal officials for their contributions to the success of the visit.

4. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to the Central Karoo District Municipality and the District's Category B municipalities, as follows:

Delegation

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Maseko, LM (DA) (Chairperson)
America, D
August, SN
Marran, P
Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Jones, S: Procedural officer
Mshumpela, N: Committee Assistant
Barends, A: Driver
Issel, M: Driver

1. Introduction

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, as part of its oversight mandate, conducted an oversight visit to Laingsburg to engage with the Central Karoo District Municipality and the District's Category B municipalities. Discussions were held with the Central Karoo District Municipality on the support provided to Category B Municipalities. Further discussions were held with the Category B Municipalities with regards to the Municipal Housing Demand Database and how it aligns with the Provincial Housing Demand Database, challenges that the Municipality experience when implementing housing projects, the alignment of housing projects to the prioritised programmes for the prioritised beneficiaries as per the provincial housing policy, projects in the pipeline including projects that generate revenue, roles and responsibilities of MAYCO members and housing portfolio chairpersons.

The oversight visit took place on Monday, 1 August 2022.

2. Overview

The Committee was received by the Central Karoo District Municipality's Mr. G Petersen, Deputy Mayor and Mr. A Achmat, Acting Municipal Manager. Persons who

were in attendance from the Laingsburg Municipality were Ms. J Botha, Executive Mayor; Mr. S Laban, Deputy Mayor; Mr. M Gouws, Speaker; Mr. J Booysen, Municipal Manager; Mr. J Komanisi, Senior Manager: Infrastructure Services; Mr. J Mouton, Project Manager Human Settlements; Ms. K Mauries, Human Resource Officer; Cllr. G Mckenzie; Cllr. A Theron; Cllr. L Potgieter and Cllr. J Pieterse. Persons who were in attendance from the Prince Albert Municipality are as follows: Cllr. L K Jaquet, Acting Executive mayor; Mr. G Van Der Westhuizen, Senior manager: Corporate and Community services and Mr. H Esterhuizen, Housing coordinator. Persons who were in attendance from the Beaufort West Municipality were Ms. P Mditshwa, Manager Housing and Ms. Lulama Piti, Deputy Mayor. Persons who were in attendance from the Department of Human Settlements were Mr. R Stewart, Director: Land and Asset

Management; Mr. M Taliwe, Director: Regional Support Garden Route and Central Karoo; Mr G Conradie, Project manager: Garden; Mr. M Komapie, Project Manager: Garden Route and Mr. H Mostert, Deputy Director: Town and Regional Planner.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit.

3. Engagement with Central Karoo District Municipality

3.1 Background

The Central Karoo District Municipality oversees three municipalities namely Laingsburg, Beaufort West and Prince Albert.

The district is relatively poor and has a population of 72 000 people of which there are 22 000 households with 3.4 persons per household. The unemployment rate was reported to be 55% of the population with little to no labour absorption. Residents are mostly grant dependent.

Most households have water, sanitation and refuse removal. The Municipality is currently working on the eradication of the bucket system. The cost for the eradication of the bucket system was reported to amount to R2,8 million. The Municipality indicated that a total of 150 buckets toilets were listed for eradicated in Laingsburg. After further investigations into the matter it became apparent that only 108 buckets toilets required eradication. The Municipality indicated that it approached the Department of Water and Sanitation to obtain funding for the bucket system eradication project. A 30 day tender was submitted which is currently in adjudication.

The eradication of the bucket system in Vryland and Prince Albert will be conducted over a period of three years. It was reported that there were currently 25 households in Vryland that still utilise the long drop toilet system. The Municipality is still looking into the matter to provide a more dignified option to the residents of Vryland.

The Prince Albert region still utilises the bucket system. The Municipality provides a weekly service to the areas that still utilise the bucket system. The Municipality aims to implement septic tanks to provide a more permanent toilet solution that is linked to an individual household.

3.1.1 Housing support

The focus of the Central Karoo District Municipality (CKDM) will be on the GAP, middle income households, communal and social housing projects for the financial year.

The FLISP programme will be an important mechanism to stimulate revenue for beneficiaries who have a disposable income. A resource team will be appointed to coordinate all future infrastructure development and technical support. Low cost housing and/or RDP housing will be addressed by the Category B Municipalities.

The District Municipality indicated that the cost for town planning was very expensive and that Central Karoo could not afford the associated cost without assistance. A town planner could be sourced jointly by the respective Category B Municipalities and the District Municipality. The Municipality reported a housing backlog of 800 units and a housing need of 190 units.

Currently the district has no coordination of housing. Appointing a town planner for the Central Karoo municipalities according to the CKDM would be very costly. The CKDM advised that the district could appoint a town planner jointly to reduce costs.

Local communities will be included in enhancing the joint planning initiatives for the integrated district wide housing development plans in future. District Coordinating Forums have been formed to discuss present and future housing projects. The Forums membership consists of mayors from the various municipalities in the Central Karoo District. Discussions on shared services were held and foundational policies were drafted and created sub-committees for housing.

3.1.2 Future District role

The CKDM provides capacity building initiatives and assists with the coordinating of projects for the Category B Municipalities. Currently not many joint projects that are planned between the CKDM and the Category B Municipalities. Most of the coordination of projects are conducted by the Category B Municipalities.

3.2 Resolutions/Actions

3.2.1 The Committee REQUESTED:

- 3.2.1.1 That the Central Karoo District Municipality provides it with the total cost for the bucket system for the financial year; and
- 3.2.1.2 That the Central Karoo municipalities provide it with the total number of households that require permanent solutions in terms of indoor toilets in their regions.

4. Engagement with Laingsburg Municipality

The Laingsburg Municipality covers a surface area of more than 8781, 44 square kilometers. Laingsburg town has a population of 6 305 people which forms part of approximately 74% of the town's population. The remaining 26% of the population according to the 2011 census data reside in non-rural areas, which include the settlement in Matjiesfontein, Vleiland and the various scattered farming communities. The Municipality reported a steady increase of the population due to in-migration. This is attributed to the emergence of the renewable energy development within the municipal area.

4.1 Housing projects

The last housing project constructed in the municipal area took place in the 2015/16 financial year. The project provided a housing opportunity for approximately 157 beneficiaries. The Housing Demand Database of the Municipality comprised of 914 beneficiaries. The total amount of a back dwellers in accordance with a survey conducted in the 2021 financial year amounts to 160 back yard dwellers in Laingsburg and 30 back yard dwellers in Matjiesfontein. The Municipality reported a growth in new applications for a housing opportunity during times when awareness programmes are held by the Municipality and when housing projects are being developed. Retired farm workers do not apply for a housing opportunity prior to retirement and therefore miss out on opportunities that become available.

GAP housing have not been prioritised by the Municipality. Costly geographical areas are sourced for human settlement housing projects due to limited municipal owned land. Currently the Municipality has no public or privately owned land that fits the provincial strategy within Laingsburg. The municipality currently has two housing project in the housing pipeline namely the Site G 1000 also known as Laingsburg erf 2 and the Matjiesfontein 100 housing project. No informal settlements have been reported in the area but there are backyard dwellers.

4.2 Key challenges

The following key challenges were reported by the Municipality:

- 4.2.1 A lack of suitable programmes for the public sector officials in terms of GAP housing projects in the municipal area;
- 4.2.2 A lack of financial approvals from banks to promote the FLISP Housing projects;
- 4.2.3 A lack of social housing within the municipal area to create a revenue streams for the municipality and to provide persons who cannot afford to buy a home with a housing opportunity; and
- 4.2.4 A lack of funding to upgrade bulk services. The lack of funding is attributed to the ongoing drought in the area.

4.3 Resolutions/Actions

- 4.3.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Laingsburg Municipality engage with the Department of Human Settlements on the Delinked FLISP Programme.
- 4.3.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Human Settlements provides it with a report on its plans in terms of the upgrading of the outside toilets in the Laingsburg, Central Karoo and Beaufort West Municipalities respectively.

5. Engagement with Beaufort West Municipality

5.1 Housing need

The Beaufort West Municipality (BWM) informed the Committee that the region currently has a housing need of approximately 6 650 housing units. Approximately 6 224 beneficiaries require Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP) and 426 require FLISP and GAP housing. BWM recorded the highest housing need at 5 300 followed by Murraysburg with a need of 849, Nelspoort with a need of 300 and Merweville with a need of 201.

A noticeable in-migration into the region specifically in the Beaufort West, Murraysburg, Nelspoort and Merweville areas was reported. The migrants comprise of Bangladeshians, Pakistanians and Somalians who are alleged to open illegal tuck shops which operates out of the RDP houses that they are renting from beneficiaries. The BWM reported that the influx into the area has placed a strain on service provision.

5.2 Emergency housing programme

In 2019 an application for funding was submitted to the national department of Human Settlements for the repair of houses that were damaged by fire and houses that had damaged roofs. Approximately 64 houses with damaged roofs were identified. Originally only 30 houses were reported to have damaged roofs. The GWM reported that the houses have still not been repaired and that the municipality requires assistance to have the houses repaired.

5.3 Transnet houses

Transnet built approximately 20 houses for its employees along the railway line. Houses were later abandoned by the occupants and were occupied by homeless persons in the area. The houses were not provided with services as they were deemed to be the property of Transnet. Transnet has since given permission to the Municipality to take ownership of the houses and once fixed that it be handed over to the current occupants.

5.4 Bucket system eradication

The BWM indicated that it could not conduct a bucket eradication on privately owned land. R20 million was provided to the BWM for the bucket toilet eradication. It came to light that the funds were not utilised to upgrade the toilet systems. The BWM is currently being placed on a financial recovery plan as the Municipality has no funds to deal with bucket system project.

5.5 Title deeds

As part of the tile deed restoration programme the BWM reported that a total of 133 housing units have outstanding title deeds. After further investigations it was found that a total of 1 050 title deeds were still outstanding. The BWM reported that it was challenging to hand over the title deeds as beneficiaries refused to pay the transfer cost and refused to take ownership if faults were not rectified. To ensure that the title deed restoration programme proceeded the BWM Council approved Khaya Lam Land Reform Project from Free Market Foundation to assist with the handover of the title deeds to the respective beneficiaries. New subsidies have no fees attached, this is due to the grant that covers the cost of the transfer of the title deeds.

5.6 Key challenges

The following challenges were reported by the Municipality.

5.6.1 The BWM reported that crucial posts e.g. Director Engineering Services, Director Community Services, and the position of Implementation Agency for Human Settlements as well as a regional town planner are not being managed.

They informed the Committee that there is currently no town planner to assist with the planning of new housing projects.

5.6.2 An increase in the number of RDP houses being converted into illegal tuck shops.

5.6.3 An increase in the number of RDP houses that are being rented out to migrants by beneficiaries.

5.7 Resolutions/Actions

5.7.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Beaufort West Municipality provides it with:

5.7.1.1 The audit outcome of the R20 million provided to the Municipality for the eradication of the bucket system; and

5.7.1.2 A report on its financial recovery plan.

5.8 Engagement with Prince Albert Municipality

The Prince Albert Municipality covers a surface area of 8 153 km² and has a total population of 14 069. The region's has 4 183 households that can be located in the Prince Albert, Leeu Gamka, Klaarstroom, Prince Albert Road and the surrounding Farm areas. The Municipality verified a housing need of 1 347 of which an additional 50 new applications were received in June 2022.

Water and sanitation has been provided to approximately 96.8% of the population and the sewer purification project is reported to be working efficiently. The Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) funding was utilised to build a pump station for the upgrading of the sewer purification project in Leeu Gamka.

Prince Albert makes use of underground water systems. The boreholes were upgraded in 2022. Funding for the upgrading of the borehole was derived from the Western Cape Drought Relief Programme. The Transnet Bowl will be utilised for water extraction. A sales agreement was implemented with Transnet and the transfer of the land is in progress.

The majority of the households have electricity and refuse removal is conducted from most of the households. The informal settlements in the area have also been partially supplied with electricity from Eskom. The Prince Albert Council has made provision for R350 000 in the budget to commence with the electrification project in the informal settlements. Plans are underway to supply the informal settlements with toilet facilities.

5.8.1 Key challenges

5.8.1.1 Challenges were reported regarding the electrification of the Klaarstroom houses. The Municipality reported that there was no land available in the urban edge in Klaarstroom. Discussions must take place regarding land expropriation for suitable land for human settlements.

- The area has approximately 60 pre 1994 houses that still makes use of outside flush toilets.
- 5.8.1.2 Approximately 26 households in Newton Park still made use of the bucket system. Conservancy tanks must be replaced in the Transnet area and the area south of the N1. Very few of the tanks are connected to the municipal area. The Municipality reported that it was becoming very costly to maintain the conservancy tanks. A new truck was procured to service conservancy tanks. MIG funding was applied for by the Municipality to eradicate the conservancy tanks.
- 5.8.1.3 The Municipality reported that that electrical infrastructure was aging and that funding would be required to upgrade the infrastructure. Presentations were made to the Municipality for the utilisation of renewable energy. The Municipality reported that the matter still had to be escalated to the Joint District and Metro Approach to ascertain how the Central Karoo could be taken off the grid.
- 5.8.1.4 Capacity within municipalities was also identified as a key challenge within the Municipality.
- 5.8.1.5 The municipalities had no knowledge of the Implementation Readiness Matrix that gets submitted with the Business Plan in accordance with national specifications for housing projects that require approval.
- 5.8.1.6 Challenges were reported regarding the transfer of houses and land parcels from Transnet to municipalities.

6. Engagement with the Oudtshoorn Municipality

6.1 Background

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, as part of its oversight mandate, conducted an oversight visit to the Oudtshoorn Municipality on 2 August 2022. Stemming from a meeting that was held on 13 April 2022 in the Garden Route, the Committee resolved to conduct an oversight visit to Oudtshoorn to observe the Bongoletu Mud Houses, De Rust, Power Houses and Smartie Town Houses. The oversight visit took place on Tuesday 2 August 2022 and was followed by a meeting with the Oudtshoorn Municipality on the status of the Bongoletu Mud Houses, Power Houses and Smartie Town old subsidy houses project in Oudtshoorn. The Committee then proceeded to discuss the Municipality's plans to install toilets and sewer pipes in De Rust, the Municipality's plans to reduce the increase in the number of the informal settlements and its plans to fill key positions in the Municipality's housing department.

6.2 Overview

The Committee was met by the Oudtshoorn Municipality's Cllr. CD Macpherson, Mayor: Oudtshoorn Municipality; Mr. MA Nyuka, Deputy Mayor; Cllr. JJ Allers, Speaker; Mr. W Hendricks, Acting Municipal Manager; Mr. G De Jager, Director: Chief Financial Officer;

Mr. R Claassen, Acting Director: Corporate Service; Mr. L Fatuse, Acting Director: Community Services; Mr. L Coetzee Acting Director: Planning and Development; Mr. J Lesch, Director: Technical Service; Ms. SN Tyatya, Acting Municipal Manager: Human Services. The following councillors were in attendance: Cllr. RJ April; Cllr. L Campher; Cllr. VM Donson; Cllr. JC Lambaatjeen; Cllr. C Muller; Cllr. BV Owen; Cllr. AE Rondganger; Cllr. CF Sylvester; Cllr. DJ Fourie; Cllr. JN Duvenage; Cllr. JI Du Preez; Cllr. NM Jaxa; Cllr. A Tiemie; Cllr. DV Moos; Cllr. A Berry; Cllr. MZ Tyatya; Cllr. C Louw; Cllr. LSS Van Rooyen; Cllr. J Van Der Ross; Cllr. RR Wildschut; Cllr. JR Canary. Persons in attendance from the Provincial Department of Human Settlements, Mr. R Stewart, Director: Land and Asset Management; Mr. M Taliwe, Director: Regional Support Garden Route and Central Karoo; Mr G Conradie, Project manager: Garden and from the media Mr M Everts and Ms S Fokweni.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit. The meeting commenced with an oversight visit to the Bongoletu Mud Houses, De Rust, Power Houses and Smartie Town Houses in Oudtshoorn with representatives of the Department of Human Settlements and the Oudtshoorn Municipality. The oversight visit was followed by a meeting at the Oudtshoorn Council Chambers.

6.3 Bongoletu Mud Houses, Power Houses and Smartie Town

Ms. Sylvia Tyatya briefed the Committee on the Bongoletu mud houses indicating that the project consisted of homeowners who were relocated from the Masakeni area to Bongoletu in 1967. The relocated persons were provided with land to construct houses for themselves. The houses that were constructed were built from mud, reed, brick etc. The Oudtshoorn Council made a decision to provide ownership of the property to the occupants. Approval was granted and an amount of R12 008 830 was allocated for the Bongoletu Consolidated Project. The beneficiaries were not happy with the 40m² structures that were proposed by the Municipality. A proposal was made to the beneficiaries that they could receive material and construct their own houses or that they could demolish their current mud houses and settle with the 40m² structures. A total of 17 beneficiaries signed consent forms to have their mud houses demolished and later 10 beneficiaries retracted their consent to have their houses demolished.

Sales agreements were signed in 2004 but no subsidy was applied for. Some of the beneficiaries were accommodated and completed a housing subsidy to qualify for top structures and others opted for a roof and toilet in Bongoletu 915 and the Matjoks 660 housing projects. After a survey was conducted on the Bongoletu consolidated project, it was reported that 17 houses were demolished, seven plots were vacant, 46 houses required repairs and 32 houses required no work. Following the survey the Municipality held various meetings with the beneficiaries to inform them of the 40m² structures that were decided on.

A Project Initiation Document (PID) was submitted to DOHS for approval of the project and a letter requesting the appointment of a team of professional engineers' prior to construction to assess the project. Due to budget constraints the R12 008 830 was withdrawn from the project and moved to other priorities.

The Municipality indicated that the engineers' expert opinion was required to report on the full assessment of the cost of the repairs. They indicated that not all houses required demolition and that some houses required repair work and in other instances structures were not completed by the owners. The community members whose houses were in order would not qualify for the rectification project. Most of the beneficiaries of the project have title deeds and have taken ownership of the properties. Some owners have passed away but the title deeds must still be transferred to the new benefactor. The DOHS indicated that the Mud House Project was approved and that an adjustment budget will include the adjusted funds. The Municipality will have to submit the names of the beneficiaries for the project in order for funding to be disseminated.

6.4 Smartie Town Housing Project

The Smartie Town housing project also known as "the Vaalhuise" or "Matjoks 660" was constructed in 1998 approximately 24 years ago. The project spanned over three areas namely the Smartie Town, New Look (Bongolethu) and Thabo Mbeki Square (Bongolethu). The project provided approximately 926 housing opportunities. Due to the poor workmanship, some of the structures built, under the contractor Masikheni, are in disrepair. The Municipality reported that some houses were never equipped with floors or ceilings, the roofs of certain houses leaked and cracked walls were reported. The homeowners have been complaining about the condition of the houses for many years to no avail. The matter was brought to the attention of the National Council of Provinces and was raised in the Integrated Development Planning meetings. Promises were made that the houses would be repaired. The programme was later discontinued from National and Province level.

6.5 Toilets and sewer pipes in De Rust

During the site visit, the Committee was able to observe the chemical toilets supplied to beneficiaries of De Rust. The Municipality indicated that the chemical toilets were implemented as a temporary measure and that long term utilisation thereof would be very costly. A Project Initiation Document (PID) was submitted to the DOHS by the Municipality in 2019 for upgrading of the toilets in De Rust. The DOHS provided an unfavorable response due to there being no programme to address the problem. The 24 affected houses in De Rust were therefore provided with chemical toilets as an interim measure until funding could be sourced to rectify the matter.

Houses in Rand, Vygie Street, Middle Street and Blomnek in the De Rust region require repair work.

In addition to the houses that require maintenance, the sewer line at the back of the houses were reported to be in disrepair and required replacement. The Municipality reported that the toilets were not in working order and that new toilets that were attached to the individual houses would have to be constructed.

Erven 491 to 506 in Rand street was serviced with a sewer line at the back of the stands. The stands were constructed on a higher plain than the invert level of the sewer line, which resulted in the sewer line not being placed deep enough to enable the houses to be connected. In the past, the toilets were built next to the sewer line but these toilets are no longer in existence. The Sewer connection point stops at the erf boundary from where each household must install an internal pipe to the house.

The sewer line for Vygie Street was constructed and is currently in operation. Some of the houses in Vygie Street required internal sewer systems to connect the toilets to the main line. There are other instances where the houses do not have toilet facilities at all.

6.6 Informal settlements

The Municipality indicated that the number of Informal Settlements in the region increased exponentially especially during the lockdown period. In the greater Oudtshoorn there are reports of approximately 24 informal settlements. The Municipality indicated that the increase of informal settlements have been one of its biggest challenges. Currently no department is taking the lead in preventing the illegal land occupation. The illegal invaders are merely pre-warned not to erect their structures. The Municipality reported that there were uncertainties of the role of law enforcement, the Legal Department, Town Planning and Human Settlements when dealing with land invaders. They reported that the matter was raised on numerous occasions in meetings, yet no solution has been forth coming.

6.7 Key positions

A new organisational structure was approved on 30 May 2022. Posts in the Human Settlements section was reduced to 11 posts whereas previously it was 41. The Manager Human Settlements position is one of the critical posts that has been vacant since 2016. The second critical post is that of a Social Housing Administration Assistant.

The reason for the unfilled positions were attributed to the lack of budget for the 2022/2023 financial year. A motivation was sent to the Human Resource section to motivate for the filling of at least one of the critical positions. The DOHS will be approached to assist with funding for one of the vacant positions.

6.8 Oral submissions by ward councillors

- 6.8.1 Ward councillors informed the Committee of the challenges pertaining to poor workmanship on the 660 housing project. It was reported that the M5's contractor utilised roof sheets for the 660 housing project that soaked up rainwater which later dripped into the houses. The M5 contractor could not be located to rectify the latent defect. Title deeds have not been provided to some of the beneficiaries as a transfer fee was charged for the transfer of the title deeds. Residents indicated that they were not able to pay the fees and requested that subsidies include the cost of the transfer fees.
- 6.8.2 It was reported that there was a specific beneficiary that had obtained three title deeds.

6.9 Resolutions/Actions

- 6.9.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality:
- 6.9.1.1 Engage with community members to ascertain whether they would prefer to receive an RDP house or whether they want their current house to be repaired; and
- 6.9.1.2 Engage with the Minister for Infrastructure requesting approval for the utilisation of the Ministers' Discretionary Grant as a possible funding source for the upgrading of the toilets in De Rust.
- 6.9.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Municipality provide it with:
- 6.9.2.1 A report on the beneficiary who allegedly obtained three title deeds;
- 6.9.2.2 The cost for all the repairs of the Bongoletu mud houses; and
- 6.9.2.3 A breakdown of the 46 houses that form part of the Bongoletu consolidated project.

7. Engagement with the Langeberg Municipality

7.1 Background

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements as part of its oversight mandate conducted an oversight visit to Strydom Street in Montagu and proceeded to a meeting in Robertson on 3 August 2022.

7.2 Overview

The Committee was received by the Langeberg Municipality's Ald. S van Eeden, Mayor Langeberg Municipality; Mr. M Mgajo, Director: Community Services; Ms. M Brown, Manager Housing; Ms. C Matthys, Director Strategy and Social Development; Mr. R de Jong, Personal Assistant: Mayor's Office; Cllr. C Henn is the Portfolio MAYCO member; Cllr. D Janse, Cllr. M O-Kramkamp, Cllr. J Pokwas, Mr. D Felix, Mayco member for Finance; Ms. P Hess, Speaker; Mr. G Steyn, Mayco member for Corporate; Mr. J Coetzee, Mayco member for Engineering; Cllr. Gertse;

Cllr. C Grootboom; Cllr. L Kahla; and Cllr. J Steenkamp. The following persons were representatives from the Department of Human Settlements: Mr. R Stewart, Director: Land and Asset Management; Mr. M Taliwe, Director: Regional Support Garden Route and Central Karoo; Mr G Conradie, Project manager: Garden; Mr. M Komapie, Project Manager: Garden Route and Mr. H Mostert, Deputy Director: Town and Regional Planner.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit.

7.3 Strydom and Simon Street Housing project

7.3.1 Background

The Committee conducted an oversight visit to Strydom and Simon Street on 8 April 2022 to observe the status of the toilets and houses. Due to the dilapidated condition of the houses in Strydom Street and the state of disrepair of the toilets the Committee resolved to conduct a follow-up oversight visit to the area to observe the newly restored ablution facilities for the residents of Strydom and Simon. The Committee also received a briefing on the Municipality's Business Plan for the repair of Strydom Street dwellings.

7.3.2 Ablution facilities

During the walk-about of Strydom Street the Committee was able to observe that all the toilets were repaired and handed over in a working conditions.

7.3.3 Strydom Street and Simon Street project

In the meeting that was held on 8 April 2022 the Department of Human Settlements (DOH) committed to assist the Langeberg Municipality by engaging with ASLA to include the Strydom Street and Simon Street housing project as part of emergency housing project. Funding to the value of R250 000 per unit will be made available for the Strydom Street and Simon Street housing project by DOH. Technical assistance will be provided to the municipality for the compilation of the Project Initiation Document (PID) and all other application requirements.

Implementation and costing for the Strydom Street housing project will be conducted as follows:

- 7.3.3.1 Funding approval will be provided by the end of August 2022;
- 7.3.3.2 The service provider for the project will be appointed in October 2022; and
- 7.3.3.3 The construction of the project was projected to commence by April 2023. The Committee resolved to conduct an oversight visit to Strydom Street to observe the newly constructed houses once it has been completed.

7.3.4 McGregor Integrated Residential Development Programme Housing Project

Approval was provided by the Langeberg Municipal Council for 10 of the 496 units that were approved for Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP), to be converted to private owned units. Due to the high demand for IRDP units the DOH made a decision to convert the 10 units reserved for construction as private owned units, to be re-converted into IRDP units once more. The IRDP project in terms of the business plan was to be constructed in phases over a period of two years. Phase 1 of the IRDP housing project was completed 2018.

7.3.5 Vandalised Mouton houses in McGregor

Mouton house was purchased as part of the Mc Gregor 496 project. Due to vandalism caused by young unemployed drug abusers who have been selling vandalised parts of the house to sustain their addiction the house is in disrepair. The Langeberg Municipality made an application to the national Department of Environmental Affairs for the repair of Mouton house. The application was approved on condition that no further vandalism take place to the property. Security was employed to guard the house against further vandalism. The Municipality indicated that currently most of the roof of the house was destroyed. It is uncertain whether the project will continue as there is no internal funding available to fix the house.

7.3.6 Resolutions

7.3.6.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Langeberg Municipality provide it with:

7.3.6.1.1 The cost estimates for the newly restored ablution facilities;

7.3.6.1.2 The total cost for the McGregor housing project;

7.3.6.1.3 The total number of houses that requires repair in Simon Street; and

7.3.6.1.4 A report on the Private Partnership in Ashton with the farming community and Tyger Brands.

7.3.6.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Langeberg Municipality:

7.3.6.2.1 Approach the DOHS to assist with the repair of the houses in Simon Street;

7.3.6.2.2 Provide awareness programmes on the maintenance of the newly restored ablution facilities to community members to ensure its longevity; and

7.3.6.2.3 Engage with the Department of Social Development to utilise Mouton House as a safe house

7.3.6.3 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Human Settlements provide it with a report on the motivation that was drafted to change the Business Plan of the 10 RDP units to be converted to private units and then back to RDP units.

8. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the Members, Department of Human Settlements and the municipal officials for their contributions to the success of the visit.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Health on its stakeholder engagement on the COVID-19 vaccination in areas (Mitchells Plain) with low vaccination coverage in the province.

The Standing Committee on Health having conducted stakeholder engagements in areas with low vaccination coverage (Mitchells Plain) in the province on 15 June 2022, reports as follows:

The delegation

The delegation of the Standing Committee on Health included the following Members:

Democratic Alliance

Kaizer-Philander, WF (Chairperson)

Mackenzie, RD

Plato, D

African National Congress

Windvogel, R

1. Background

In terms of the interpretation of the COVID-19 vaccination data, the Western Cape Department of Health (the Department) receives vaccination data from the national Department of Health, which is the custodian of the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) for vaccinations in the country. This data is limited and does not include addresses. However, the Department can still make conclusions about vaccine coverage using the data provided. The Department can estimate vaccine coverage at the health district level on the assumption that people get vaccinated in the health district they live in. In addition, the Department uses registrations as a proxy for vaccination coverage.

The Western Cape primary series fully vaccinated coverage in adults (20+) by districts as on 24 February 2022, indicated that the primary series fully vaccinated coverage ranges from a high of 56% in the Overberg district to 38% in the Central Karoo. It was reported that the Central Karoo has persistently been the health district with the lowest vaccination coverage since the start of the vaccination programme in the Western Cape. The West Coast District is also an area of concern.

Registration for COVID-19 vaccination for 18 years and older using registrations as a proxy for coverage, the Department noticed that Khayelitsha and Klipfontein have the lowest numbers in the Cape Metropolitan Area.

These two areas have had the lowest vaccination coverage since the start of the vaccination programme. Once again, the Central Karoo was reported to have the lowest numbers in this age group among the rural districts.

Using various data sources, the Department estimated that the three areas in the Western Cape with the lowest vaccine coverage were the Mitchells Plain Health Sub-district, the Khayelitsha Health Sub-district, and the Central Karoo Health District. The Western Cape Department of Health reported that it was aware of this low vaccination rollout and has focused resources in these areas to increase vaccination uptake. Their efforts to increase the vaccination in these areas include vaccination outreaches at malls and areas of convenience for residents, strong communication campaigns, and the Vaxi-Taxi campaign, among other interventions. Furthermore, the Department indicated that it was also planning a telemedicine intervention to increase vaccination uptake in the Western Cape.

Upon receiving the report on low vaccination uptake in some areas of the Western Cape, the Standing Committee on Health resolved to conduct community stakeholder engagement in collaboration with the WCPP's Public Engagement Unit in areas with low COVID-19 vaccination rollout in the province. The first stakeholder engagement session was held in Mitchells Plain on Wednesday 15 June 2022.

The purpose of the stakeholder engagement session was to engage and encourage the public to vaccinate. The Committee invited the provincial Department of Health to attend and brief the public on the COVID-19 vaccination (with specific reference to Mitchells Plain), vaccination benefits, COVID-19 booster and to respond to any questions of clarity posed by the public. In addition, a vaccination pop-up station was made available on site to allow members of the public to vaccinate. The Committee also wanted to bring vaccination closer to the people. Interested persons and organisations were encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion on the COVID-19 vaccination. Stakeholders were allowed to pose questions about the vaccination to the officials of the Department of Health.

2. Briefing by the Department of Health

Ms. Ball-Mandla briefed the stakeholders on the Department of Health's priorities for the Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Sub-District. She reported that the objective of the Western Cape Government 2030 vision is to provide a quality world-class public health service; motivate communities to take responsibility for their health; shift focus from illness to wellness, and achieve the best health outcomes in the world. The four pillars of service transformation is person-centred approach; community of care; integrated provision of care; and life course perspective.

She stated that the focus of the Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Health Services was aligned with the Western Cape Government 2030 Vision Strategy, and the commitment to providing inclusive and comprehensive health services to the population of Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Sub-District.

The health service priorities and focus were striving for person-centred quality of care; adopting an outcomes-based approach; commitment to the primary healthcare philosophy; strengthening the district health system model; promoting equity; operating with efficiency; and developing strategic partnerships.

According to the information presented by Ms. Ball-Mandla in terms of catchment population for the 2020/21 total projected population, Klipfontein had a total population of 410 338, and the Klipfontein dependent population was 375 450.3 and 569 880.8 in Mitchells Plain. It was reported that Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Sub-District's percentage for the dependent population was higher than the average in the Cape Metropolitan Area. In addition, it was reported that the top three burdens of diseases in Klipfontein were Interpersonal violence at 15%, HIV&AIDS at 10.1%, and Tuberculosis at 6.6%, whilst for the Mitchells Plain area, the top three burdens of diseases were interpersonal violence at 16.1%, HIV&AIDS at 9.0% and Ischemic Heart Disease at 6.1%.

During the stakeholder engagement, it was reported that as at 13 June 2022, 173 282 people, which is 52.56%, in Klipfontein were registered for the COVID-19 vaccination. A total of 9 537 registration was for children between the ages of 12 to 17 years; 56 768 registration was for persons between the ages of 18 – 34 years; 50 965 for persons between the ages of 35 to 49; between the ages of 50-59 only 26 240 persons were vaccinated and 29 772 were vaccinated for 60+.

In Mitchells Plain, it was reported that 169 510 people were registered, which is 33.94% of individuals that were registered in the area. The figures consist of 9 822 registrations for persons between the ages of 12-17 years; 60 254 registrations were persons between the ages of 18-34 years; 54 062 registrations were persons between the ages of 35-49; 22 254 persons between the ages of 50-59 were registered and 23 118 were registered for the COVID-19 for 60+.

As at 10 June 2022, according to the Western Cape COVID-19 Dashboard, between March 2020 and June 2022, Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Health Sub-District had a total of 22 165 total deaths, 688 257 recovered and 387 people were admitted to health facilities. In addition, Klipfontein had a total of 161 active cases and Mitchells Plain had 220 active cases. The total registration for Klipfontein was 173 282, which was 52.56% of the population, and 169 510 total registration for Mitchells Plain, which was 33.94% of the population.

It was reported that the vaccination cumulative totals for Klipfontein were 301 769 and 296 722 for Mitchells Plain. In addition, in Klipfontein the total for fully vaccinated persons between the ages of 12-17 years was 3 358; 43 188 between the ages of 18-34 years; 40 819 between the ages of 35-49 years; 22 629 between the ages of 50-56 years old and a total of 27 147 persons for 60+ were reported to be fully vaccinated in Klipfontein.

The vaccination cumulative total for Mitchells Plain were 8.4% for fully vaccinated individuals between the ages of 12-17 years; 37.7 % for fully vaccinated individuals between 18-34 years; 46.0% for individuals that were fully vaccinated between the ages of 35-49 years of age; 56.0% individuals were fully vaccinated between the ages of 50-59 years and for 60+ years 60.5% individuals had been fully vaccinated.

It was reported that the Department was integrating the COVID-19 vaccination as part of the routine care on the health service platform in all health facilities and community-based platforms.

3. Pertinent issues raised by the Mitchells Plain community

The Mitchells Plain community members were given an opportunity to give oral inputs on the presentation of the Department and the overall vaccination programme. Community members suggested the following as a way forward:

- 3.1 The majority of community members indicated that they were in support of the vaccination rollout and were concerned about the low levels of vaccination intake in the Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Sub-District. They indicated that more vaccination education was needed to address people's concerns and encouraged them to vaccinate.
- 3.2 Communication should be strengthened between the Department of Health, Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain communities.
- 3.3 A new media campaign drive was needed to educate community members about the importance of vaccination and to address the vaccination myths. The Department should make use of social media as a marketing tool.
- 3.4 The Department should come up with partnership programmes with churches in various communities and encourage the religious community, youth, and elderly persons to vaccinate. In addition, the Department was requested to also consider the homeless people in its programmes.
- 3.5 The Department should consider utilising mobile clinics for its vaccination awareness campaigns. In addition, the Department should visit malls such as the Promenade Mall and Mitchells Plain Town Centre for vaccination awareness programmes.
- 3.6 The closure of some of the clinics in Mitchells Plain was highlighted as a concern. It was reported that there was no clinic in Woodlands, Mitchells Plain.
- 3.7 The Department should schedule outreach programmes in various communities and they should be properly communicated to the community.
- 3.8 It was suggested that local neighbourhood watches should be requested to assist and escort departmental officials when visiting communities, this followed the allegation that Emergency Medical Services were not going to the informal settlements.

- 3.9 Many people in various informal settlements do not have identity documents, but they want to vaccinate, and the lack of identity documents was hindering their vaccination.
- 3.10 There was a challenge of forced vaccination at some of the schools which was creating unhappiness. The community advised that there was a need for better communication between the Department of Health, the Western Cape Education Department and parents.
- 3.11 The Department should bring the vaccination programme closer to the people who reside far from health facilities, especially in informal settlements.
- 3.12 The Department should negotiate with SAPS and other law enforcement agencies to accompany the EMS officials and other health workers to the red zone areas.
- 3.13 Community members requested the Department to sort out the issue of EMS in Sigalo informal settlement where EMS personnel refused to go into the area as it was flagged as a red-zone area. It was alleged that the issue of EMS was contributing to the protest around Mitchells Plain and surrounding areas due to residents who have to walk long distances to access ambulances and other health services when there is an emergency in the area.

The departmental officials welcomed the suggestions made by community members on ways to improve the vaccination rollout in the Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Health Sub-District. They indicated that the Department was open to suggestions, partnerships, and improving health services. Officials from the Lentegeur Hospital also encouraged community members to visit the health facility and discuss their needs for health services. The health facility undertook to arrange outreach programmes to ensure that services were provided to the people of Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Sub-District.

The Committee was very impressed with the contributions made by community members and with the efforts of the health workers in providing health services to the communities and rolling out the COVID-19 vaccinations in the Klipfontein and Mitchells Plain Sub-District. The Committee thanked the departmental officials and the members of the community for attending and making meaningful contributions during the meeting.

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2022

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Errata

Corrections on pages 7 and 28 in the Annual Report of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for 2021/22 (Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning).

Copy attached.

MONDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. **Referral of document to committee in terms of section 17(2)(c) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:**

Parliamentary Oversight Committee

Western Cape Provincial Parliament: First draft of the adjustments estimate budget for 2022/23.

2. **Referral of bills to committee in accordance with Rule 217:**

Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works

- (a) Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020] (NCOP) (proposed section 76(1) Bill).
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2. **Bills received from the National Council of Provinces and tabled in accordance with Rule 217:**

- (a) Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020] (NCOP) (proposed section 76(1) Bill).

- (b) National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7B–2020] (NCOP) (proposed section 76(1) Bill).

3. Report received from municipality and tabled in accordance with section 132(1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003):

West Coast District Municipality

- (a) Oversight Report on the Annual Report for 2021/22.
- (b) Unaudited Annual Report for 2021/22.

Copies attached.

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Standing Committee on Health on its oversight visit to the Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha District Hospitals on 3 August 2022.

The Standing Committee on Health having conducted unannounced oversight visits to the Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha District Hospitals on 3 August 2022 reports as follows:

The delegation

The delegation included the following Members:

Democratic Alliance

Kaizer-Philander, WF (Chairperson)
Plato, D
Mackenzie, RD

African National Congress

Windvogel, R

Additional Member

Bans, A (ANC)

1. Background

The Standing Committee on Health conducted unannounced oversight visits to the Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha District Hospitals on 3 August 2022.

The Committee resolved to visit the two District Hospitals in the Cape Metropolitan area after various newspapers published pictures of patients sleeping on the floor and chairs due to a shortage of beds at the Khayelitsha District Hospital.

Media articles also alleged patient abuse and neglect at the Mitchells Plain District Hospital. The Committee visited the facilities to assess the service pressure at these facilities, their capacity and to engage the management of the facilities on the reported allegations. The Committee also wanted to assess the services offered, and to conduct a walkabout of the facilities.

2. Visit to the Mitchells Plain District Hospital

Mr. Swart, the Chief Executive Officer of the Mitchells Plain District Hospital, Ms. Johnson, the Deputy Director, Mr. Sixhaxa, the Acting Deputy Director, Finance and Supply Chain, and Dr. Mouszolek, the Medical Manager welcomed the Committee. Mr. Swart informed the Committee that the Mitchells Plain District Hospital was a level 1 hospital with 260 beds, however, it was accommodating 395 patients. The hospital has 800 staff members, 400 of these are nurses, 200 nurses are working the day shift and 200 nurses work the night shift. The hospital has 19 specialists. The Hospital serves approximately 700 000 people with some of the highest disease burdens in the Western Cape. It was reported that during the peak of the COVID-19, Mitchells Plain District Hospital had the highest COVID-19 cases in the province, attending to 147-153 patients per day, eight staff members succumbed to the COVID-19, however, the numbers have decreased, and there were no COVID-19 patients at the hospital during the visit.

The Hospital is one of the busiest hospitals in the Metro and sees up to 5000 patients a month in its Emergency Unit. During the visit, it was reported that 100 patients were admitted to the Emergency Unit during the last 24 hours and 70 of the admitted patients were orange patients in terms of the Triage System. It was reported that the Mitchells Plain health sub-district has four major burdens of diseases, these are trauma, the trauma burden is enormous and surgeons deal with an enormous load of stab and gunshot-related injuries; infectious diseases such as TB are rife in the community; In addition, 70% of medical inpatients presenting a whole range HIV/AIDS-related problems such as disseminated TB, pericardial disease, renal failure; and Non-communicable disease, which is a reflection of the massive obesity epidemic facing the country. Patients present with premature coronary artery disease, strokes, heart failure, and diabetes-related issues. The specialist services at the Mitchells Plain District Hospital include Emergency Unit, General Outpatients, Medical adult ward, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, and Surgical adult ward. All departments run inpatient and outpatient-based services, provide consultant led services, and have an academic teaching programme aimed at both students and registrars/medical officers. The hospital is working with the University of Cape Town's medical school as a training site for undergraduate and postgraduate students, and has specialists providing supervision to registrars, medical officers and interns. The large disease burden offers great practical skill training in all the various disciplines, which makes Mitchells Plain Hospital a popular training site for medical students and junior staff.

3. Key challenges

- 3.1 The shortage of staff was reported as a challenge, specifically, the nursing staff and there is no Family Physician. The hospital also needs allied workers such as Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, and Psychologists.
- 3.2 Although the facility is a level 1 District Hospital, it is categorized as a Large District Hospital not provincial one, due to the high demand for health services. The Hospital provides services that are equivalent to a level 2 hospital with no additional staff and budget for the additional services.
- 3.3 The hospital does not have an ICU & Care Ward; it was reported that patients who need ICU services are referred to the Groote Schuur Hospital. During the visit, 202 patients were waiting for a referral.
- 3.4 Since the closure of the GF Jooste Hospital, patients from the Klipfontein Subdistrict receive medical treatment at Mitchells Plain District Hospital and that contributes to the service pressure.
- 3.5 It was reported that the GF Jooste Hospital had eight ICU beds and Mitchells Plain never had ICU beds.
- 3.6 The Committee noted that if the Klipfontein District Hospital can be commissioned and start operating, that would take the service pressure away from the Mitchells Plain District Hospital and will improve the quality of service offered to patients.
- 3.7 The hospital has high surgery cases due to guns and stab wounds, resulting in theatre backlog.
- 3.8 There is high pressure in medical and surgical services due to the high burden of diseases in the Mitchells Plain Sub-district and the surrounding areas. It was reported that the area has 120 beds and there were 139 patients. Surgery has 60 beds with 68 patients; the psychiatric ward has 40 beds with 47 patients.
- 3.9 Increase in psychiatric patients was reported as a challenge. It was reported that the hospital was not equipped to keep psychiatric patients. The hospital is supposed to admit and observe psychiatric patients for 72 hours and refer them, however, due to the shortage of beds at Lentegeur hospital, patients stay longer, up to 14 days at the Mitchells Plain District Hospital. It was reported that the Hospital admits 120 psychiatric patients per month.
- 3.10 It was reported that the hospital's trauma unit has seen an increase in domestic cases and psychiatric patients and in May, June, and July there was a high number of patients in the Emergency Centre due to the high burden of diseases.
- 3.11 Social determinants were reported as a major contributing factor to the service pressure at the Mitchells Plain District Hospital. Patients are admitted due to malnutrition, domestic violence, gangsters, and substance abuse.

- 3.12 High absenteeism of doctors was reported as a challenge and it was also mentioned that before 2020, this was never a challenge, doctors were not burned out.
- 3.13 Bad media publicity was reported as a challenge. It was reported that the media, specifically, the Son, Voice, and Media 24 Newspapers continue to write unfounded articles about the hospital without verifying the facts with the hospital management. It was reported that the two articles that were published alleging abuse of patients and neglect were not accurate. The article with the headline "Abused in Hospital" was false. The newspaper asked for a response from the hospital at midday on Monday and the story was published on Tuesday before the hospital could send out a response.
- 3.14 Mr. Swart mentioned that the hospital does better than bad, complaints are registered and resolved within a specific period but some of the family members prefer to go to the media before seeking clarity from the hospital. He informed the Committee that the bad media publicity discourages staff because of the unfounded stories published about the hospital. The CEO said that he had to explain the bad stories to the staff and Hospital Board members.
- 3.15 On an annual basis, the hospital overspent the hospital budget on agency staff and overtime for the nursing staff in high service pressure areas. In 2021, the hospital spent the budget for the female psychiatric ward, and the agency staff was used, as there was no additional staff allocation to the hospital.
- 3.16 It was reported that the Mitchells Plain District Hospital needs R300 million to address all the hospital needs including staff shortage, however, the hospital is only allocated R30 million.

4. Recommendation

The Committee recommended that the Department should consider reviewing the level of the Mitchells Plain District Hospital to regional Hospital due to the service pressure and be allocated proper funding allocation.

5. Visit to the Khayelitsha District Hospital

The Committee conducted a visit to the Khayelitsha District Hospital, on arrival, the Committee was welcomed by Mr. Binza, the Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital and other senior management members. The Committee was informed that Khayelitsha District Hospital has 350 beds capacity but frequently it accommodates nearly 450 patients. Mr. Binza reported that the hospital was operating at 130% more than planned. The two areas which are routinely above 100% are the Emergency Centre and the Psychiatric wards. It was reported that, despite the various challenges at the Hospital, the mortality rate was between 2 and 4% which is comparable with all the other district hospitals in the metropolitan areas.

The Committee was informed that since the Khayelitsha District Hospital opened in 2012, the population of Khayelitsha and surrounding areas has grown exponentially and due to social determinants in the area, unemployment was high and most people are not medically insured, they rely on the public health system. It was reported that the hospital was experiencing a spike in cases, especially in the trauma unit. The hospital is dealing with a quadruple burden of diseases due to a lot of violence, trauma and injury cases, and communicable diseases like TB and HIV, with a growing trend of non-communicable diseases like hypertension and diabetes.

Mr. Binza emphasised that the hospital's trauma services are immensely pressured over weekends, month-ends, public holidays, and when there are major events in the community. In addition, the hospital was experiencing a lot of constraints because it is the only hospital in Khayelitsha and the demand exceeds the supply. Mr. Binza emphasised that staff were doing what they could to try and resolve some of the challenges at the hospital. Other things that could alleviate the pressure on the hospital would be building the Belhar Regional Hospital. This could assist with the workload because patients from surrounding areas like Mfuleni could be redirected there, however, this is a long-term process. The Committee was informed that since the last meeting between Mr. Binza and the Committee, Khayelitsha District Hospital has managed to address theatre backlogs, maximise theatre time, improve theatre efficiency, and the challenges with the 4th Theatre were addressed, and the Theatre was operational.

5.1 Key challenges

- 5.1.1 The problem of patients sleeping on the floor started when the Mfuleni patients who used to be assisted in Eerste River Hospital were directed to the Khayelitsha District Hospital.
- 5.1.2 The Hospital cannot handle the number of patients because of the shortage of beds and understaffing as a result of the decision, which was taken, directing patients from Mfuleni to no longer go to Eerste River Hospital but to the Khayelitsha District Hospital.
- 5.1.3 It was reported that Khayelitsha District Hospital has 650 staff members, whilst Mitchells Plain District Hospital has 800 staff. Members were informed that in principle, Khayelitsha has 300 unfunded positions. There is a need for the Khayelitsha District Hospital to be treated the same as the Mitchells District Plain Hospital in terms of staffing and consultants.
- 5.1.4 During the visit, the Committee observed 20 mental health patients being squeezed into a room that is meant to accommodate nine patients and 17 female psychiatric

patients in a ward meant for six patients with no beds only mattresses on the floor. In addition, the Asthma nebulisation room meant to accommodate nine patients accommodates 20 patients.

- 5.1.5 Khayelitsha District Hospital is the only hospital in the area, due to the population growth, the infrastructure of the hospital was not built to handle the high influx of patients, as a result, the space in the waiting areas and all wards was inadequate. It was mentioned that there was a need for a Regional Hospital where patients can be referred.
- 5.1.6 The growing burden of mental health conditions associated with substance abuse and unemployment in Khayelitsha was worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 5.1.7 Systematic challenges within the Department of Health were reported as a major challenge, during the visit, mental health patients in the Emergency Centre were waiting for beds at the Lentegeur Hospital, however, due to the lack of beds at Lentegeur hospital the psychiatric patients remained in Khayelitsha District Hospital for 22 and more days, although the Mental Health Care Act, 2002 (Act 17 of 2002), states that mental health patients should be admitted in health facilities if not mental facility for only 72 hours for observation, in Khayelitsha they stay for 22 days.
- 5.1.8 In addition, burns patients who are waiting to be referred to the Tygerberg Hospital end up staying longer than the prescribed six hours in the Emergency Centre at Khayelitsha District Hospital due to inadequate bed capacity at the Tygerberg Hospital.
- 5.1.9 The shortage of staff and resources at the hospital was reported as a challenge, specifically, the nursing staff and allied workers who must provide services to the psychiatric patients.
- 5.1.10 Staff morale at the hospital was reported to be low, and staff members were often mugged en route to work.
- 5.1.11 Crime in Khayelitsha and the surrounding communities posed a challenge which resulted in the areas being categorised as a red zone, meaning, ambulances cannot enter the area unless they are escorted by police when picking up patients.
- 5.1.12 Patients who have been discharged during the evening are afraid to go home, they stay overnight and sleep on chairs due to safety reasons.

- 5.1.13 Shortage of EMS staff and ambulances was reported as challenging. It was reported that due to inadequate capacity within the EMS service, one ambulance 525 picks up different patients from different areas, and dropped them at the hospital at the same time, this causes a challenge to the hospital because the patients are critical and they need urgent attention, doctors have to drop everything and attend to the critical patients brought by the ambulance. This was reported to the EMS services but they said they don't have enough staff and ambulances.
- 5.1.14 Due to inadequate staff at Khayelitsha District Hospital, it was reported that the hospital was using agency staff, however, there was no commitment with the agency staff, and it would be better to make the positions permanent.
- 5.1.15 During the walkabout, the Committee noted that the Khayelitsha District Hospital's Emergency Centre comprises of numerous sections including major asthma and major trolleys for patients with respiratory symptoms.
- 5.1.16 It was further reported that patients are triaged according to the severity of their condition then treated and admitted or discharged. The major trolley area accommodates patients who cannot sit on a chair while waiting to be admitted or discharged. This area caters for a maximum of 16 patients.

6. Resolutions

The Committee resolved to,

- 6.1 Conduct unannounced visits to Lentegour, Stikland, and Valkenberg mental hospitals in the Metropolitan area to assess the service pressure at these health facilities and the reasons for the delays in referral uptake of patients from Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain District Hospitals.
- 6.2 Schedule a briefing by the Department of Health on the mental health programmes and referral of mental health patients from Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain District Hospitals. The meeting to be attended by CEOs of both the Mitchell's Plain and the Khayelitsha District Hospitals, Minister of Health, Head of the Department, Facility Managers of the Lentegour, Stikland, and Valkenberg mental hospitals.
- 6.3 Schedule a briefing by the Department of Social Development on the social deterrents that apply pressure to the health system, specifically, Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain District Hospitals. The Committee successfully concluded its visit.

2. Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government on its oversight visit to the Western Cape Disaster Management Centre on Tuesday, 7 June 2022 as follows:

Delegation

The delegation consisted of the following Members:

Botha, LJ (Chairperson) (DA)

Van der Westhuizen, AP (DA)

1. Introduction

Section 114 (2)(b)(i) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 mandates provincial legislatures to provide for mechanisms to maintain oversight over the Provincial Executive Authority in the province.

The Standing Committee on Local Government embarked on an oversight visit to the Western Cape Disaster Management Centre (the Centre) and was briefed on the operations of the Centre, fire related disasters during the past year and the readiness for possible floods in view of the approaching winter season.

2. Overview of the visit

The visit commenced with a briefing by the Department of Local Government on the operations of the Centre after which the Committee undertook a tour of the facility to observe the way in which the Centre reacted to and managed disaster related calls. The main purpose of the Centre is to promote an integrated, coordinated and multidisciplinary disaster management and fire rescue service at a provincial and local level and to ensure the establishment of effective and efficient disaster management practices. The Centre derived its mandate from the Disaster Management Act, 2022 as amended, the National Disaster Management Framework of 2005 and the Provincial Disaster Management Framework of 2010. Disaster management is located within the Provincial Department of Local Government, which is also responsible for the administration of various sections of the Fire Brigade Services Act, 1987 and "Non-Security" operations such as disasters. The Centre is not only responsible for the effective application of the national objective but is also responsible for disaster management coordination and institutional arrangements for disaster risk management with the City of Cape Town and the five District Municipalities.

3. Key issues discussed

Even during the fight against COVID-19 the Centre played an important role.

The Provincial Disaster Management Centre's Joint Operations Centre (PDMC JOC) was activated on 20 March 2020 and it is still operational 24/7 to date in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All stakeholders were represented in the PDMC JOC, which assisted in better coordination and planning. The PDMC JOC focused on coordinating the COVID-19 response.

During the pandemic, the Centre relied on the use of technology such as software applications, drones, disaster management software programmes and the accessibility of expertise as well as benchmarking opportunities. Virtual meetings were used during the assessment and analysis of information.

The Department provided funding to disaster management interns through its Graduate Internship Programme. They also offered various programmes to mitigate disasters such as the Hazard Awareness Programme, which focused on the creation and building of partnerships with other stakeholders. The Department supported and co-ordinated Fire and Rescue Services in the Western Cape and administered the Fire Brigade Services Act, 1987 and associated legislation on behalf of the Western Cape Government. Fires in informal settlements and wild veld fires proved to be a major challenge for Fire and Rescue Services.

One of the major support programmes of the Department was the installation of smoke alarms in informal settlements. The project is aimed at combating fire related deaths in informal settlements across the Western Cape, and at the same time, assisted in creating awareness about fire safety.

The new smoke alarm system had a 10-year battery life and has been proven to detect smoke in less than 15 seconds. This helped to raise the alarm of a fire danger, lessened the level of smoke inhalation and in so doing, saved lives.

Veld fires was another major challenge and to assist the Department a Provincial Incident Command System was implemented as an integrated, scalable command and control system used by all municipal and designated fire services. The system was implemented across all municipal fire services.

The department highlighted their Winter Readiness and Preparedness Plans to ensure an effective response to emergency incidents during the 2022 winter season. In preparation for the upcoming winter season, the WCDMC communicated with organs of state, the Metro, District Municipalities and relevant role players to submit comments and inputs to the Winter Readiness Plan after which the plan was finalised and communicated to the National Disaster Management Centre and relevant role players.

Heavy rains, flooding, low temperatures, informal settlement fires, electricity constraints; and mudslides associated with continuous wet weather were some of the risks identified in the plan. These risks were further impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The main aspects of the Centre's winter readiness plan was to ensure that the various provincial plans were in place and communicated with all the relevant stakeholders. Stakeholder relationships and partnerships were key to a successful response plan.

The Centre also ensured the conducting of awareness and training exercises, dissemination of early warnings, representation on the City of Cape Town's Flood and Storms Task Team and the monitoring of dam levels. The Centre further ensured that the Standing Operating Procedures for the activation of the Centre and 24/7 standby procedures were in place. The disaster management centres were in a state of readiness.

4. Acknowledgements

The Standing Committee commended the Centre together with the Metro and district municipal disaster management centres for the work done in preparation for the 2022 winter season and the state of readiness for all other disaster related incidents.

The Standing Committee also expressed its heartfelt appreciation to the Centre for availing themselves to brief the Committee on their operations and congratulated them for winning silver, in the category of Best Responsive Government Institution of the Year 2021/2022, at the 77th Annual Batho Pele Excellence Awards.

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

- 1. 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 second quarterly Performance Report for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022.

- 2. Referral of document to committee in terms of section 53 of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:**

Western Cape Provincial Parliament: Mid-year Budget and Performance Assessment Report and Annexure A.

TABLINGS

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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:**

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Copies attached.

MONDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

Referral of bills to committee in accordance with Rule 217:

Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works

1. Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020] (NCOP) (proposed section 76(1) Bill).
2. National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7B–2020] (NCOP) (proposed section 76(1) Bill).

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The Speaker:

1. **Bills received from the National Council of Provinces and tabled in accordance with Rule 217:**

- (a) Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020] (NCOP) (proposed section 76(1) Bill).
- (b) National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7B–2020] (NCOP) (proposed section 76(1) Bill).

2. Submission of the in-year amendments to the Annual Performance Plan for 2022/23 Corporate Plan of the Atlantis Special Economic Zone Company SOC Ltd (ASEZCO)

Three performance indicators have been listed on page 38 (table 8.3.2), page 47 (table 10.1.6.1) and page 55 (table 10.1.6.2). 531

3. Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Provincial Notice 122 of 2022: Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, Quarterly Consolidated Statement 2022/23: Quarter 1 ending 30 September 2022, published in Provincial Gazette Extraordinary 8673, dated 28 October 2022.

4. Tabling of document in terms of section 10(1) of the Independent Commission for the Remuneration of Public Office-bearers Act, 1997 (Act 92 of 1997)

Annual Report of the Independent Commission for the Remuneration of Public Officebearers for 2020.

Copies attached.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport, having considered a shortlist of nominees for appointment to the Council of Heritage Western Cape on 26 October 2022, reports as follows:

1. The current term of the Council of Heritage Western Cape expires on 31 October 2022.
2. As per regulation 2(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999), the provincial Minister referred the nominations to the Standing Committee (on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport). The Committee, as per regulation 2(4), compiled a shortlist and submitted it to the Provincial Minister.
3. The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport briefed the Committee on Heritage Western Cape, its role, legal framework, its membership requirements, any prohibitions of appointment, as well as several matters pertaining to the effective functioning of the public entity and its subcommittees. The briefing was held on 17 October 2022.
4. The Committee put in extensive work in deciding on the shortlist, considering the knowledge and qualifications of the nominees. The Committee also considered the demographics, cultural representativity and nominees' suitability for heritage resource management.

The Committee further considered the requirements contained in subregulations (6) and (7) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999). The Committee resolved to submit its shortlist of candidates to the provincial Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport for consideration for appointment.

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

(*Negotiating mandate stage*) Report of the Standing Committee on Social Development on the Children's Amendment Bill [B 18B–2020] (NCOP), dated 31 October 2022, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Social Development, having considered the subject of the Children's Amendment Bill [B 18B–2020] (NCOP) referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 217, confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Amendment Bill with amendments.

FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Standing Committee on Social Development on the Annual Report of the Department of Social Development for the 2021/22 financial year

The Standing Committee on Social Development, having deliberated on the Annual Report of the Department of Social Development for the year ended 31 March 2022, reports as follows:

1. Introduction

The Standing Committee's Annual Report meeting was published in newspapers inviting stakeholders and members of the public to attend and participate in the discussions.

The Standing Committee on Social Development (the Committee) deliberated on the Annual Report of the Department of Social Development (the Department) on 18 October 2022, as part of its oversight function. The Minister and the Head of Department were allowed to make opening remarks.

The Department was examined on:
Part A: General Information;
Part B: Departmental Performance Information; and
Part D: Human Resources Management
of the Department's Annual Report.

Members of the public were also given an opportunity to pose questions and to make input during the discussions.

2. Overview

The Head of the Department of Social Development, Dr Macdonald provided an overview of the performance of the Department during the 2021/22 financial year.

Dr Macdonald reported that despite the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department remained focused on its strategic priorities which include child protection services; providing services to persons living with disabilities; addressing gender-based violence; strengthening families and supporting individuals and families with substance use disorders.

The outcomes of the Department for the period under review were guided by the Western Cape Recovery Plan and were aimed at addressing the plight of vulnerable families and individuals seeking social welfare services and support for women and children who have become victims of interpersonal violence, especially gender-based violence.

The economic impact of the COVID-19 disaster has seen substantial growth in demand for social development services, alongside budget cuts experienced by the Department, with a 0,4 percent reduction for DSD in the 2022/23 financial year, before taking inflation into account. The HOD reported that this has meant that the Department had to make extremely difficult trade-offs to maintain, and where necessary, expand the most critically needed areas of service delivery to the people of the Western Cape.

The HOD reported that slow economic growth has hampered households' recovery from the pandemic. Unemployment continued to grow, which has worsened food insecurity in the province. The Department ensured cooked meals and food parcels reached 270 802 people during the financial year under review. This included cooked meals at community kitchens, supported by the Department through food vouchers, dry goods, and food parcels, which reached 96 500 qualifying beneficiaries. Further efforts to assist vulnerable households during the period under review included the provision of temporary work opportunities to over 2 000 people through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP).

The Department allocated resources towards humanitarian relief to alleviate some of the pressure many of poorer households were facing due to the loss of income brought forth by job losses.

3. Key points from the discussion on the Annual Report of the Department

- 3.1. The Department reported that it remains committed to its statutory obligation to ensure the protection and care of vulnerable children. Through community-based child and youth care prevention and early intervention services, 8 834 children were provided access to developmental support during the 2021/22 financial year.
- 3.2. During the financial year under review, the Department strengthened diversion services in the province by facilitating the training of 26 probation officers in the areas of self-image, sexual education, personal violence, coping mechanisms, and

- life skills.
- 3.3. In addition, school-based crime prevention programmes were prioritised and reached 5 806 learners with behaviour conduct disorders.
- 3.4. During the period under review, a total of 35 616 foster care cases were loaded into the webbased Foster Care Management System. The capture of all remaining foster care cases is envisaged to be completed by the first quarter of 2022/23.
- 3.5. The Department continued to support the Early Childhood Development (ECD) sector while working through the year under review towards the full shift of the function to the Western Cape Education Department from 1 April 2022.
- 3.6. The Department has provided integrated family strengthening and reunification programmes that focused on building resilient families. These programmes include support for homeless adults, with the number of bed spaces in shelters for homeless adults increasing from 2 031 in 2020/21 to 2 208 by the end of the 2021/22 financial year.
- 3.7. It was reported that 37 shelters for homeless adults were funded across the province.
- 3.8. During the financial year under review, regular engagements and training sessions were held with the sector and funded non-profit organisations (NPOs) to enhance practitioner care and support to persons with disabilities and parental support structures in the province. 535
- 3.9. In addition, two specially adapted 16-seater vehicles for the transportation of children with intellectual disabilities were handed over to Nomaxabiso Day Care Centre and Beaufort West Association for the physically disabled, respectively, during the 2021/22 financial year.
- 3.10. Furthermore, a third vehicle was handed over to the Vrolike Vinkies in April of the 2022/23 financial year and the fourth vehicle will be handed over during the 2022/23 financial year.
- 3.11. During the term under review, six additional fully operational GBV shelters were opened in the province in response to an increase in gender-based violence (GBV) during the COVID19 pandemic.
- 3.12. The Department has established a Western Cape Government Transversal Gender-based Violence Forum, which meets monthly and contributed to the Western Cape Government Gender-based Violence Implementation Plan, which was adopted by the Cabinet in September 2021.
- 3.13. The Department reported that the rights, safety and well-being of the older persons were supported through the provision of community-based support services.
- 3.14. The Department strived to improve access to services for persons with SUDs, which threaten the health, safety and well-being of communities in the province by expanding its community-based treatment services to rural areas in Beaufort-West, Stilbaai, Ceres and Villiersdorp.

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- 3.15. During the financial year under review, 12 615 youth accessed skills development programmes at community-based organisations and Youth Cafés across the province.
 - 3.16. The Department reported that over 999 000 packs of sanitary pads were distributed to 223 schools across the province to preserve the dignity, well-being and health of young girls and women in schools through the Sanitary Dignity Project.
 - 3.17. The sustainability of the NPOs, continued to receive attention as many NPOs face diminishing revenue streams. Interventions focused on enhancing governance processes and practices for improved sustainability included 37 training sessions facilitated with 887 NPO leaders from 584 NPOs.
 - 3.18. The Department reported that it will continue to prioritise community-based and residential care services to children and adults in conflict with the law.
 - 3.19. In response to the increased food insecurity, the high demand for food relief and increased homelessness, the Department will continue to implement COVID-19 relief programmes aligned with the Western Cape Recovery Plan.
 - 3.20. It was reported that youth in conflict with the law remains a concern for the province, specifically youth involved in violent crime.
 - 3.21. The Department will continue to redress interventions in support of persons living with disabilities including mainstreaming, supporting, and promoting the rights, well-being and socio-economic empowerment of persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers so that they have an equal opportunity to participate in all spheres of life.
 - 3.22. During the 2020/21 financial year, sexual offenses related to GBV counted for 6,9 percent, and 6 456 of these were contact crimes.
 - 3.23. It was reported that violence against women and children was fuelled by substance abuse. The Department provided a range of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services during the financial year under review, including prevention, early intervention, treatment and aftercare services to ensure the effective reintegration of clients into their communities of origin and the society at large.
 - 3.24. The Department managed to fill various positions in the approved departmental organisational structure and has appointed 145 social work graduates, on contract, who were holders of the national Department of Social Development (NDSD) social work bursaries.
 - 3.25. The Department allocated 52 staff bursaries in specialised fields, where a shortage of skills exists, namely, addiction care, child and family studies, clinical social work, probation services, and forensic social work. Furthermore, 18 addiction care bursaries were awarded to people who are nonemployees of the Department to increase the availability of qualified professionals in this area.

- 3.26. The Department reported that it will continue to engage and strengthen the relationship with the courts to improve referrals of children and adults in conflict with the law to appropriate diversion services and programme.
- 3.27. The Department also reported that there was no legislation that provides for residential facilities for people living with disabilities. People living with disabilities that need residential facilities end up in old age homes and the Older Persons Act, 2006 (Act 13 of 2006), prohibits any person younger than the age of 60 from being accommodated in an oldage home.
- 3.28. The Department further reported a growing number of unregistered treatment facilities for substances abuse in the province as a challenge. It was reported that no legislation guides and regulates the Department to close down the illegal treatment facilities. The Department can only ask the Municipalities to enforce their By-Laws.

4. Public input

The Committee proceeded to the public hearing on the Annual Report of the Department of Social Development. Ms Florence from Women to Women NGO and Ms Lisipho Daniels from Mayihambe NGO in Langa gave oral submissions. The Head of the Department and departmental officials duly responded to the input made by the members of the public.

5. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 5.1. Invite the Department of Community Safety, the South African Police Service and the Department of Social Development to brief the Committee on the holistic approach or programmes in place to address the challenge of gang violence and gender-based violence in the province.
- 5.2. Conduct an oversight visit to the DSD service offices and funded NGOs in Langa and other Cape Flats communities.

6. Recommendations

The Committee recommended that:

- 6.1. The Department should consider allocating additional specially adapted 16-seater vehicles in Beaufort West and other rural areas for the transportation of children living with disabilities.
- 6.2. The Department should thoroughly investigate if there are any victims of sexual harassment within the Department.
- 6.3. The Department should develop a plan for the placement of social work graduates.

7. Information requested

The Committee requested the Department of Social Development to provide the following information by Wednesday 31 November 2022:

- 7.1. Detailed information on the number of children that were murdered in the province during the 2021/22 financial year.
- 7.2. Detailed information on the children and women who were abused and assisted by the Department during the financial year under review.
- 7.3. Detailed information on the total number of NPOs in the province that are registered, unregistered and funded. The information should include the geographic area and region.
- 7.4. A consolidated report on the service provided by the funded NPOs in the province.

8. Conclusion

The Chairperson thanked the Members of the Committee, the Head of the Department, departmental officials, and guests for their preparation, input, and responses to the questions posed by the Committee.

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022

TABLING

The Speaker:

Submission of the in-year amendments to the Western Cape Liquor Authority's Annual Performance Plan for 2022/23:

Annexure A and B: Six (6) amendments to performance indicators, inclusive of the technical indicator descriptions: Two (2) indicators for the Liquor Licensing Tribunal (LLT) and one (1) indicator for Compliance and Enforcement (CE) were added; two (2) indicators were removed from CE; and one (1) indicator target was increased for CE.

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**INTERPELLATIONS,
QUESTIONS AND REPLIES**

INTERPELLATIONS*Khayelitsha District Hospital***1. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

(a) What would be the benefits of making the Khayelitsha District Hospital a regional hospital and (b) what process needs to be followed in this regard?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, †Somlomo [Speaker], †Gqugququ, [clan name], thank you, hon member Windvogel, for the question, the interpellation.

The Western Cape has got Hospital Bed Plan 2030 that was based on the research looking at various factors in regard to not only how many hospitals, but on the three types of hospitals, what kind of needs according to the population in various areas.

One has to consider many factors. It is about a range of factors that include, among others, the burden of disease, health needs of the population, the local specifics of the geographic area, broader organisational arrangements of the health services and the local utilisation, advances in technology and so forth.

So when Khayelitsha started in 2012 to be a smaller district hospital; smaller not in terms of the number of the beds, but the packages that are being offered, noting that the types of the hospital are about the types of the packages that are provided. The higher the level, Level 2, Level 3, the more of all the packages with regard to medicine disciplines that are related.

Now with a service redesign, that is why, hon Speaker, we are talking about that part of the plan is about the Klipfontein Regional Hospital/Jooste, that is being planned. It becomes a regional hospital. The Helderberg Hospital also forms part of ... the Tygerberg in the Belhar area, which is part of the plans, it becomes also the Regional Hospital.

Khayelitsha, Victoria Hospital and also Mitchells Plain Hospital are ones of what we call large Metro District Hospitals. They are District Hospitals, but they also consider a higher package which is some of the packages you also get in the regional hospital.

Just to make an example. Part of the packages that you get in Khayelitsha that you even often get in parts of the regional hospital is like a psychiatry medicine position in all the 340 beds, main beds. You have to divide it in terms of how many forward as according to the local needs, but psychiatry is divided into 60 beds; medicine is 90 bed; orthopaedics 14 beds; surgery 31 beds; obstetrics 58 beds; paediatrics has got 32 beds, and also other packages where you will find that you have got even services like the laboratory, the radiology, the ultrasound. They even have the forensics which is the Thuthuzela Health Centre and all of those.

So indeed part of our review is to check at what extent actually we could be able to upgrade it to the level of the original, but one has to take into consideration, for example, the current setting is to be difficult to include like ICU and theatres because it is part of the packages.

So that is why with a new upcoming one you will develop then the infrastructure accordingly in order to meet the specifics related to the packages that need to be offered.

And then lastly, hon Speaker, regional hospitals are supposed to take referrals from the other hospital. Currently Khayelitsha takes referrals from seven city health clinics, four Metro district health centres, the NGOs and private health, and also it refers to Tygerberg and also refers to Lentegour for specialised like psychiatry.

So always the regional hospital is supposed to be somewhere in the busy intersection in the areas where the other hospitals can be easily accessed. I mean from those hospitals coming to that hospital that becomes a referral. So they will always be around the national roads or in the areas where ...[Interjection.] there is access. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I am happy to hear the MEC is agreeing that there is a crisis at Khayelitsha District Hospital and the MEC and the Department confirm a number of times that the situation at the hospital will not improve anytime soon. There is no political will on the part of the Provincial Government to improve services at Khayelitsha District Hospital, where the frail, elderly and chronically-ill patients are forced to sleep on the floors for days without getting assistance.

The NOCOP visited the hospital in the Fifth Administration and I went on an oversight visit in January 2022 and the Standing Committee on Health also visited the hospital this month. In all these visits the findings were the same, the increased population size, the challenges with referrals to other hospitals, the severe staff and bed shortages, and the Western Cape Government Health capture by agency, leads to increased service pressure, which in turn results in patients sleeping on the floor for days without receiving help.

The hospital management and board made a request for additional R150 million allocation to help resolve these challenges, but the MEC and Department flatly refused to give the hospital this allocation.

In the best interest of Khayelitsha people and in the interest of effective management in improving services at the hospital, we ask if it would not be an advantage to make the KDH a regional hospital?

The National Government policy on the management of public hospitals indicated that regional hospitals render services at a general specialist level and that most of the care provided at Level 2 and requires the expertise of teams led by experienced specialists.

Hon Speaker, the need for regional hospitals was already identified by this Government when it abruptly closed down G F Jooste Hospital nearly a decade ago. Given that the Klipfontein Regional Hospital will not be in operation until December 2032, a deadline that will surely be missed, would it not be an advantage to make Khayelitsha District Hospital a regional hospital now? I thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Speaker, we are well aware of the immense socio-economic challenges that are intensifying in our country. We also know that over the last 10 years specifically our economy has stagnated and declined, which have tightened the fiscal environment in which governments operate.

The natural consequence of that is that the National Government has decreased allocations to provinces in real terms, meaning the percentage increases are less than inflation.

Hon Speaker, through you to the Minister, would more money from the National Government assist the hospital in the short-term and what could be done over the long-term to capacitate the hospital even further? Thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I want to urge the hon members to resist the urge to politicise healthcare. Here we are talking about the life of the poor people who do not have means to afford quality healthcare at these private hospitals, who in turn are forced to sleep on the floors for days without receiving help.

Our role as Legislature is not only to hold the Executive to account, but we also have to play a role in ensuring that our hospitals operate optimally, efficiently and effectively. As by the national policy on management of hospital.

We have to agree this is currently not happening in any of our public hospitals, be it in Ceres Hospital where the elderly are sleeping on the floor, or Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain District Hospital, where there are serious staffing and bed shortages.

At KDH and Mitchells Plain District Hospital the situation worsened after the reckless and ill-conceived decision to close down the G F Jooste Hospital. This closure added a burden to service pressure at Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain District Hospital. It is this decision that has nearly collapsed the public healthcare in the Cape Flats.

To add to this, the population size of Khayelitsha has increased over the past 10 years and yet the Provincial Government has not done anything in response to this. Given this reality, the ANC in the Legislature is of the view that Khayelitsha District Hospital should be made a regional hospital to benefit Cape Flats people from the full package of general specialist services that are rendered by regional and specialised hospitals.

In this regard we make a call to the MEC and the Department to immediately conduct a feasibility study on the suitability of Khayelitsha District Hospital to be made a regional hospital.

Additionally we reiterate our call on the MEC and Department to allocate the hospital the R150 million that is requested to address the staffing and bed shortages. I thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you. When I am listening to hon member Windvogel she talks as if Khayelitsha being a regional hospital will be able to resolve the issues in regard to the overcrowding and all of those.

Just making an example, Khayelitsha bed hospital, although it is a district hospital, a large Metro District hospital, the bed numbers are more than actually in other regional hospitals. Worcester is a regional hospital, George is a regional hospital and also Paarl is a regional hospital, and New Somerset West is a regional hospital, and if you look at the bed numbers and also the packages that the Khayelitsha Hospital are receiving, some of them are as equal, I did a list of the specialisations that are there.

So a regional hospital it is not about the number of the beds in that hospital. It is about adding the layers of the specialisation. I made an example of the ICUs and the theatres. Currently the socio-economic conditions with a quadruple burden of disease, for example, for injuries and also interpersonal violence, already there is a specialisation on the emergency medical doctors and also staffing and nurses that are there.

The issue is related to mental health, which is one of the reasons, the contributor factors in regard to the quantity, I mean to the number of patients coming there. Already we do have the psychiatry and also medical officers who are trained as part of the package. Similarly with the children where we have the paediatrics, we even have a sub-specialist in that regard.

So the member must not actually try to assume that having a regional hospital will result in the lessening of overcrowding. Like recently in Khayelitsha we even have the Eye Clinic for diabetics, which you normally find in the regional hospital.

So let us not try to make as if what she is trying to do is to resolve the issue. The issue is about how do we close the tap with the socio-economic conditions happening there. People fight, especially during the weekend with substance abuse and alcohol being a contributor. The people there are the poor, some of the emergencies are not related to the trauma, but it is about where Auntie Sarah ended up having fits or ending having a stroke.

So these are part of that we are trying to do in terms of how we deliver a responsive package of care and also the issue of the equitable budgeting. I would love the hon member also on our behalf, to make a recommendation to fight on our behalf at the national level so that we can get more of the resources, as we have seen and also it has been confirmed that Western Cape, including Gauteng, will have their budgets, Health budgets being reduced in the next MTEF.

So the members should be going to their colleagues and ask that it should not be like that because everyone comes to the Western Cape for the health services.

Not only Khayelitsha, we have got pressures everywhere. Last night I was talking to some of the people from De Doorns where now they no longer have been seasonal, they still have to stay and then have to access the services.

So having said that, hon member, I do agree with you we should not politicise healthcare services and Khayelitsha is under pressure, just like any other services, but the amount of the interventions actually that we have contributed in Khayelitsha, these packages of care that I have been mentioning are as a result of some of those interventions. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Debate concluded.]

[Interpellation 2 withdrawn.]

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Promotion of a non-racial, non-sexist Western Cape

1. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Premier:

- (1) Whether his Government is committed to a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the ineffectiveness and lack of programmes to promote a non-racial Western Cape have contributed to the (a) low census numbers for the province and (b) racial incidents at the Stellenbosch University and the Good Hope Seminary High School; if so, what are the relevant details?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you very much to the hon member for the question. The reply is as follows:

1. (1) Yes. This is demonstrated in the Western Cape Government's strategic priorities, its departmental programmes and our delivery track record as measured by, amongst others, the Auditor-General, Statistician SA, or STATS SA, and all Government reports.
- (2) all measurements show that the Western Cape shows way better performance than any other province in South Africa.
(a) no, and (b), no.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

As a follow-up I would like to ask the question to the Premier that given his answer "yes", i.e. the commitment which the hon Premier says his, the Province has towards non-sexism, can he indicate to us whether he, as the Premier, approves of the fact that the Chief Director for Public Transport is facing charges of attempted rape and committing a sexual act, in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court as we speak, continues to be in the service of the Western Cape Department of Transport while the alleged victim is at home.

Does the Premier support the fact that the Chief Director, given his alleged commitment to non-sexism, is still in his office while facing those charges?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and obviously what the hon member is trying to do is draw me out.

We know that these allegations have been made, the charges have been made and that it is in the courts. We also know that there have been affidavits lodged in the opposite and we know that the Transport Committee has engaged with the MEC, or the Minister on this, and we have noted his answers. So I think that would be where my answer stands.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Just a follow-up question. I would like to ask the hon Premier if next week another Chief Director of this Province was arrested and faced similar charges, would the hon Premier still indicate that in his view it is acceptable for an official of this Government to be charged in a criminal court for sexual harassment and sexual abuse, but yet continue in their day job in this Provincial Government?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. Obviously if that should happen I would, like any person in my position, have to review the facts and then apply my mind to that.

The SPEAKER: Before that, hon the Leader of the Opposition – order, hon members. Thank you, hon Premier. I keep giving the hon the Leader of the Opposition opportunity because there are no other hon members. So now I see there is one hand. So I recognise hon member Fry.

Mr C M FRY: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I have noted the hand of the hon the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr C M FRY: I would like to ask the hon Premier, given the recent congress, the regional conference in KZN, where no single person of Indian descent was elected to [Inaudible.] leadership structure, does the ANC, is the ANC clear on...[Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members! Order, hon members! [Interjections.] Order, hon members! I want to request the hon members that we have got a subject that is here before us and I want to ensure that there is relevance, hon member Fry.

So the point of order without me trying to presuppose what I am about to hear from the Leader of the Opposition, but if you want to participate just make sure that there is relevance to the debate, please. Before you come back, hon the Leader of the Opposition, what is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, my point of order was just, through you, hon Speaker, to really ask the Chief Whip of the DA if she could give a workshop to these two new members.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. That is not a point of order. [Interjections.] Do not worry, I will protect every one of us. That is not a point of order. [Laughs] May [Interjections.] – thank you, hon members, thank you. Hon member Fry?

Mr C M FRY: No, no, hon Speaker, I have nothing further.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Fry. Now I would like to, there was no question, so that is the difficulty. Hon Premier, you are not going to rise on anything for now. You are going to reply? Please reply, hon Premier, please reply. Okay, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: I was not joking. You know, obviously there was a follow-up question. It had a political connotation to it. There was a question about relevance, but the question says whether his Government, obviously referring to the Western Cape Government, is committed to a non-racial, non-sexist, and democratic South Africa and what I picked up from the hon member, although perhaps dealing in more the political terrain, but he was talking about whether KZN has the similar kind of commitment to non-racial or non-sexist or democratic South Africa, but what I am going to say, hon Speaker, that I mean he did make a statement in that on the racial categorisation of the ANC in their own elective conferences, but I do not think I am going to venture into putting an answer into that question, but I think the point is made, it stands on its own feet. Thank you, hon Speaker. [Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: So could I ask the hon Premier, through you, hon Speaker, whether it is the policy of the Provincial Government that when an official of this administration is charged and appearing in a criminal court for sexual abuse and sexual assault, that the policy indicates that that particular official can stay on in their position? Is that the policy of the Government?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. So obviously what he is talking about is officials in the administration and each of those officials report to the accounting officers in each of those administrations and of course each of those accounting officers need to apply their mind. There is no fixed hard policy that says should this happen you will, because you remember that we do say innocent until proven guilty, and there should always be processes on whether you actually say for someone to step aside or not, and of course that is, the question was around policy, but perhaps listening to the hon member's jibe that came across the floor that was not his question, and of course I said that that accounting officer applies his or her mind when any of these kinds of cases come to them as the leader of that specific department as the person responsible. [Interjections.]

Exactly the same thing happened in my case, where I had an individual in my Cabinet and I interrogated the information, I sought legal advice, took a few days about that, and then I acted and I applied my mind, and in application of my mind it was absolutely clear to me that the individual needed to step aside and that is exactly what I did.

It was not based on policy. It was based on leadership, which accounting officers, or in my case politicians, have to exercise that leadership, apply your mind in order to make sure that we have just and fair processes.
[Question 2 stands over.]

Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain District Hospitals

3. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:

- (a) What are the pressing challenges that are experienced at the (i) Khayelitsha District Hospital and (ii) Mitchells Plain District Hospital and (b) what is her Department doing to address them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you, hon member Windvogel for the question about the pressing challenges that are experienced at the Khayelitsha District Hospital and Mitchells Plain District Hospital.

3. Again, to start where I left off in the Interpellations, where across not only in the Metro, across the whole province, across the whole country, specifically now post-COVID, there is a whole lot of the pressure in the health system, not only because during COVID we asked people to stay at home whilst we are prioritising COVID. It means now all those people that would have come during that time, are coming back, and secondly COVID, that has also contributed to some of the three challenges that we know of, which is inequality, unemployment and poverty, it means that the health system has to absorb all of those. We are the ones who feel the pinch on the social determinants of health.

So therefore Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain are facing the similar problems with regard to the violence and safety, the drug abuse, the unemployment, limited economic opportunities and other factors that contribute to the pressure on the health system, which also have affected the healthcare workers, as we talk about the long-term COVID, but generally the staff morale after the long period of the COVID pandemic.

Therefore mental health which we have seen internationally is part of the quadruple burden of disease that impacts most of it and unfortunately not everyone actually comes to the health services, but we will find now and again where others might come during as an emergency, only to find that there is an element of the health services.

That is why, hon Speaker, at the beginning of the year in the Budget here I made a commitment of R30 million for additional funds specifically for mental health to strengthen the child and adolescent psychiatry, to strengthen the psychogeriatrics, which is the psychological aspect that impacts on the elderly, to provide additional medical officers and also to provide additional capacity, specifically in the two regional hospitals that are outside the Metro, that is George and Paarl.

The other part, hon Speaker, is the trauma, specifically around the interpersonal violence. When these police and the others talk about safety, take note that the actual burden if a person comes to us, before that person probably goes and reports that he has been beaten up or has been shot at, that person will come to us to be treated and in some instances actually they do not even go and report.

We feel that impact of the burden of the trauma in our ECs because you get the emergency centres where they actually in some other weekends, especially in the beginning, the weekend at the end of the month, saw many of these cases, the spikes, where others come with a trauma and others come also with the mental health and also both at the same time.

Now in regard to what is the Department doing to address this? It needs the whole of society. These people getting beaten outside the health system, these people smoke, they abuse alcohol or sniff drugs outside the health system. The unemployment and the inequality are happening outside the health system, but for us we ended up being the ones that become a safety net in responding to these even inclusive of having to, also to disperse the EMS under the circumstances where they are also assaulted by the same communities.

So it needs all of us. From our side the service redesign where now we are building additional psychiatry units in the research hospitals, which ideally has not been part of the package of a district hospital. We are already doing that.

And then lastly, because it leads to the last question, Khayelitsha specifically, for example, has got more beds than any of these regional hospitals that I have mentioned. It has got more beds actually than any of the other Metro hospitals here, besides the two big hospitals, Groote Schuur and Khayelitsha. It has got more beds than that. You can put many beds, but the socio-economic factors need the whole of society. It needs all of us. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, during our recent unannounced visit to Khayelitsha Hospital we heard about the complaint of too much spending on agency personnel.

Now what I want to know from the MEC, what informed the Department's spendings on these agencies and what are the plans by the Department to reduce it? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: To answer the question, I think I have been answering the question about the agents.

It is not about there is a plan that we will be taking agents and staff, where they become a plan B under the circumstances when there is a high level of pressure, because like over the weekends, or in some instances where we have got a spike, for example Khayelitsha.

It might be on that night or on that weekend that the shootings, where there have been mass killings it means that you will need at that time that the EC is full more staff, and the people who will be able to just come immediately to assist the existing staff, are agency staff, and probably at that time you might need an emergency qualified nurse, or you might need an ICU specialist nurse, or if the children's ward is full, we need a paediatric nurse.

So therefore, anywhere in the world you will still need to have these as part of the plan B so that you do not end up having the system to be clogged, but it is not necessarily about that when we do your human resource plan, which has always been getting the clean audit, and if you look at our Nursing Strategy 2016 to 2030 in terms of our intentions, and also inclusive of other categories, including the medical, we have got a plan of how we deal with and be responsive to these, and it will be adjusted as now National has got the 2030 Human Resource Strategy for Planning.

So the issue of the agent staff is not about that it is becomes part of the formal plan. It is about [Inaudible.], it is about when there is an emergency and also where you will know that end of the month you will need those specialist kind of the people that will be able to assist. Just like in the case of COVID where when you end up having a field hospital, you will know a field hospital is going to be temporary when you are responding to COVID. You might not need them full-time.

So we will take them under contract, whether they apply directly or you might get them from the agent, but it is a contract. It is not about the permanent thing, but they assist us because there are times where you will find that in Tygerberg there is high list of the people for the emergency, that have to go to theatre and you will know you will need someone who has a theatre training, who is a theatre specialist.

That is the time that you know you could be able to call for them to come and assist specifically for that. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Speaker and welcome back to the Chair where you belong. Minister, the question is what are the pressing challenges and I am sure you will agree with me, the pressing challenges are less and less young people go to nursing colleges to be trained as nurses. I remember when I had your job, the National Minister, Nkosazana Zuma, instructed provinces that we needed to downsize on nurses and today we sit with a huge nursing shortage.

What is your plan to encourage young people to go to technikons or nursing colleges to be trained as nurses instead of going to agencies? Why can we not we train our own nurses? We had the best nurses in the country, now we sit with shortages and the worst crop of nurses. I will not dare go to a State hospital. I would rather sell my house and go to a private hospital, I will live longer. So I am asking you what is your plan and secondly, what do you do to stop anybody from entering the premises of these hospitals carrying a gun, a firearm or a knife to threaten patients? What is your security like?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, member Marais. Just to explain, the agencies do not train people. It is sort of similar to a labour broker. Generally you would register with an agency for moonlighting purposes, which I also used to do, so that when you are available or during your off days, you would be able to do extra work. Actually that is what all health professionals do, subject to you meeting the requirements, what we call ARWAPS, which is where you have to get permission from your employer when you want to take on an extra job. So some of them, it is not necessarily only people who are unemployed who register with agents. Also for some of them it is about not choosing full-time employment because they will get paid per hour and when you are a specialist it means that you would be able to say: I am working for Mediclinic for the weekend, or you would work for the Government for that particular time. So these are the people who have been trained by the system.

In regard to the shortage, I need to wear both caps now, as a Minister but also as a former academic who produces nurses in South Africa as well. The issue is about some of them who train and we even provide bursaries for them, and then once they complete their community service, I am talking specifically about doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physios and dentists; and all of those – now when they are done with their community service, they are out of a post, they are out of the system because now they have completed their training, they are licenced to practice. However, in order for them to be appointed again by the system there must be a post in the Provincial Government. So in some instances there are people, nurses and doctors who might still be sitting at home because there are no posts or there are posts but they are not where they want to go, especially if they are in the rural areas. We currently have a 6% vacancy rate for nurses, 4%, I think, for doctors. So you will find the question is why do we have this vacancy rate when there is a need, because we do need them. In some instances it is a vacancy for a nurse specialist or for a medical specialist and the people that get introduced, that I mentioned earlier, are generalist.

Under the circumstances of the quadruple burden of disease, where you have mental health, in that specific area you will need advanced mental health. We do train them. We have got the Western Cape College of Nursing, which is also a higher education public nursing college as part of the one nursing strategy, where it talks about the various categories that we are training. So we do train them but as I am saying, most of the specialists would rather be moonlighting where it suits them and then you will find that others are seasonable; they will go overseas, say for three months and then come back and do all those specialisations.

So there are two reasons that there is a shortage: it is about where, now, with the quadruple burden of disease we have in South Africa, they need more specialists. Number two, it is about even when there is a post, others might prefer to be within the Metro instead of working in Murraysburg and also lastly, it is about the system not allowing as many to be absorbed because of budget resources, because you cannot use that minimal budget you have, let us say appoint using 80% for HR because you still have to buy medicine and all of that. And then the last question was, I cannot recall Speaker, but I do not think it was related to the main question?

Mr P J MARAIS: Yes, I know I asked if the challenge is perhaps safety and security also ... [Intervention]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Oh, yes, yes.

MR P J MARAIS: ... what are you doing about it?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: For staff morale and also feeling safe, through the Department of Safety, when it comes to the tenders, and also in terms of appointing the correct security for our facilities, they are the custodian of those. So when we do these tenders they are the ones who make sure that we get the relevant people and also meet the requirements of the PRISA. In some instances, some of them are not outsourced, some of them like in psychiatry, in maternity, we need the same people who understand the setting so that babies do not get stolen and also those who know the staffing shifts accompany some of the staff when they are done with their shift, especially going to their cars.

So the safety of our staff is a priority throughout. However, having said that, you get some categories, like the EMS, where there are two in the ambulance, where they have to go into these red-zone areas, that is why we are saying to them that – actually we get all of these from the SAPS in terms of categorising whether it is a red-zone area or not. We make sure that they understand that you cannot just go into an area without being escorted by the police. That actually does have a huge negative impact on the time it takes getting to the patient because I remember one time that I accompanied an ambulance to Mitchells Plain, where it took us more than an hour to access that patient because we still had to wait 30 minutes at the police station as the police were very busy. It is not necessarily their core job, but unfortunately for the safety of our staff, we have to do that in addition to some of the devices that we are utilising in this regard. Thank you, member Marais, thank you, Speaker.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker. Speaker, I have been covered by the Minister in relation to the first part of the question, where I wanted to know if these pressures that are referred to, are experienced elsewhere and the Minister responded that yes, it is actually experienced across the country. My question to the Minister, Speaker, does the Department know how other provincial departments intervene in relation to these pressures experienced? Are there any best practices that the Minister knows of in other provinces, lessons learned in other provinces where similar circumstances prevail, Speaker? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon member Kaizer-Philander for the question. Each and every province, the whole of South Africa is affected by the quadruple burden of disease. What does that mean? We are affected by mental health issues, by HIV Aids, TB, personal – which is injuries and violence and then also chronic conditions such as diabetes and all of those.

So that is the South African quadruple burden of disease but you will find that in certain areas of each and every province it might be different in terms of the other one being higher than the rest.

Just to give an example, in Mpumalanga, they do not have even have central hospitals, so therefore they might not have issues that are related to patients that will need Level 3. Those patients might need it in Gauteng and KZN or in the Eastern Cape or in the Western Cape. And then, you get another province like the Eastern Cape where you might find there will be a high level of HIV but there may be a high level of malnutrition, especially among the children. And then, you will find in some instances, like in the Western Cape, the economy and also in terms of noting what is happening next door, or suburb that is next to you, it becomes in your face. In Limpopo, that gogo in Tzaneen might not have been anywhere else except in the Tzaneen village and has been exposed to a condition when she grew up; there were no lights, there was no clinic anywhere, they have to [Inaudible.] whatever they must in terms of being able to get healthcare. So when a clinic is being built, you will find that when you ask how she feels, she will be very appreciative to have that clinic, yet that clinic only offers a package on kindergarten level or it does not provide any package, for example.

If you talk about Gugulethu versus Limpopo, it is about where you will say that I have this Gugulethu [Inaudible.] in KTC which is a community health centre that offers 24-hour maternity and also 24-hour emergency, every day and a full-time doctor and also a visiting specialist and the whole package. But when you ask that same Auntie Sara, she will say that no, this DA Government does not deliver, it cannot be that we still have the old CHC and it is becoming full and all of that. So that is why you will find that although one is getting the whole full package, it is also about those at an even higher level when they came to the doorstep without even walking far compared to the other one who has to walk very far for a zero kind of package.

So that is where the challenges are and also as you know the issue of resilience and also the issue of the apathy. When people keep on knocking on the doors of the Government, because I am from the Eastern Cape, where they say we do not even bother to complain because of the kind of the conditions. We are used to that whereas in the Western Cape, the issue of the service delivery and most of the people, when they protest they are not protesting because it is really about their not getting it, it is about that we used to get it, it was the cherry on the top. Now probably it is regressing because there many people who are coming to utilise it. It is not necessarily that the service has changed, it is about having to wait longer now because it is no longer only 1, 2, 3, 4, it is about 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. So these are the kind of challenges we have in the Western Cape as more people are coming in to access the economy, access education and then unfortunately these people are not actually insured. It means that they still have to depend on health services and even those who are insured, especially post Covid, if you have the medical aid, now they do not cover everything or you double-dip chronic; you go to Tygerberg or go to public health services; for emergency you use the private. Therefore we are not only catering only for those who are vulnerable, we cater for everyone and unfortunately the queues are getting longer. Thank you, Speaker.

†Me R WINDVOGEL: Dankie, Speaker. Ek hoor die Minister

[Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, Speaker. I hear the Minister] but what I want to check is will the MEC consider providing R150 million to KDH, given that the situation at the hospital is worsening?

Then how much does the Department spend on employing on a permanent basis versus when recruiting from an agency? Let us use nurses as an example? Thank you, Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: As I indicated, Speaker, there are challenges everywhere. The health system is under pressure everywhere and you have to also apply the principle of the equity in regard to that. It should not be where there is a high level of pressure in terms – I am talking about where there is a noise and then you end up robbing Paul to pay Pauline and then you add up those other ones being also affected. Just to give you an example: Central Karoo, there might be fewer in the population but it is the [Inaudible.] compared to the Metro. The Central Karoo does not even have a Level 2 hospital. They have to go to Beaufort West. At Level 1 they have to go to George and sleep overnight, taking about more than 24 hours. I am just giving an example, Speaker.

Coming back to the Metro, Wesfleur Hospital which is still in the Metro although it is the furthest is also under pressure in regard to the type of hospital, in terms of the infrastructure. For example, there we are unable to take psychiatry patients there, even for 72 hours because they do not have departments. It is a District hospital but you do not have departments. Compared to Khayelitsha where they have got departments for each and every relevant specialisation that is supposed to be the Level 2 but it is offered in Level 1.

It means for Wesfleur those patients have to go to the New Somerset and also for Wesfleur, Atlantis, where you will find all those primary healthcare services, unlike in Khayelitsha where they have two CHC's, actually three. They have got [Inaudible.], they have got Site B, they have got [Inaudible.] Site C where they are able to relieve pressure on the hospital. But in Atlantis, it means that that hospital has to work dually, rendering services, kindergarten level services that are actually supposed to be at primary health care, those clinics. I am just giving some examples. Victoria Hospital gets referrals from Hout Bay. Hout Bay does not even have a CDC. They have a clinic in Hangberg and they have a clinic in Imizamo Yethu in the middle. In the valley there is no such and they have to go all the way to the Victoria Hospital. Similarly for the False Bay Hospital. They have to deliver services for the whole of Masiphumulele and Ocean View where there is no 24-hour service. But the point that I am trying to make is we have to do whatever we have to, to make sure that we leave no one behind.

R150 million for Khayelitsha. We will love anyone who is able to donate. We will love if the members could assist us to get that money, not only for Khayelitsha but also Karl Bremer, Victoria Hospital and Mitchells Plain; those four. These are the large Metro District Hospitals that operate 1.5, not even a Level 1 hospital. They have to cover all of these kinds of packages. So for the members, it is not only Khayelitsha, it is all other hospitals but indeed there is a need for those.

Lastly, Speaker, in terms of what we have done in Khayelitsha: since 2018 we have increased the surgical beds. We ended up having a 30 bed ward for that. We even have a CT scan and that now not only for 72 hours and then we have a psychiatry ward. Now we are going to have a psychiatry unit.

At Brackengate we have opened up for intermediate care, not only for Covid but also for other patients who are ready to be discharged from the hospital but are not ready to go home. Also there, the outpatients has changed completely.

The point that I am trying to make is we have done a lot but we still have more to do. That is why we volunteered to have this Violence Prevention Unit that can help us and also help the whole community in regard to that aspect. I think I have covered everything, Speaker. Thank you.

Women soccer: promotion and support of

4. Ms A P Bans asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

(a) What are her Department's plans and programmes to promote and support women soccer in the province and (b) how much budget is set aside for it per year?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: The reply is as follows:

4. Our Department engaged with SAFA structures in supporting women's football in the Western Cape. The Department also provides support to seven women's soccer teams through the Club Development Programme with transportation and equipment and supports the UWC Women's Team with emergency medical services for all home fixtures competing in the Sasol Women's League. The budget to support women's soccer through the Club Development Programme and UWCs Women's Team is included in the overall budget and not specified as such for women's soccer. But we do allocate R40 000 per annum for various activities that SAFA may apply for. Thank you.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, Speaker. †Speaker, die onlangse oorwinning van die Banyana Banyana op die Afcon Cup het hulle vir ons gewys dat ons meer belegging moet bestee vir vroue, aan sokker. Ek hoor dat die Minister praat van R40 000 per jaar wat gespandeer word op vroue, maar ek wil net seker maak of ek reg gehoor het, of dit R40 000 is of nie. Nietemin, my vraag is hoeveel die Provinsie spandeer regdeur die provinsie op vroue en hoeveel spesifiek aan die plaaslike gebiede? Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Speaker, the recent victory of the Banyana Banyana at the Afcon Cup showed us that we should invest more in women, for soccer. I hear the Minister talks about R40 000 per year that is spent on women, but I just want to make sure that I heard right, if it is R40 000 or not. Nevertheless, my question is how much the Province spends throughout the province on women and how much specifically on the rural areas? Thank you.]

†DIE MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Die R40 000 is net wat SAFA voor kan vra, vir verskeie aktiwiteite soos te help met hulle administrasie.

Dit vorm nie deel van ons groter *budget* wat ons wel *budget* vir sokker en klub *development* in die provinsie nie, en dit strek oor die hele Wes-Kaap. Dit is nie gesetel in net byvoorbeeld die Metro nie.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: The R40 000 is only what SAFA can ask for, for various activities like assisting them with their administration. It does not form part of our larger budget that we budget for soccer and club development in the province, and it stretches across the whole of the Western Cape. It is not only centred in for example only the Metro.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you and good afternoon hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you to the Minister, Minister can you perhaps tell us whether the National Minister of Sport has made any additional money available for the development of women's sports in South Africa and in the Western Cape specifically?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Speaker. Thank you hon Gillion Bosman, an investment of R21 million only for women's football was made available through DSAC and then the Netball World Cup for 2023 is also an extra amount. Thank you.

†Me A P BANS: Dankie, Speaker, weereens het ek nou gehoor dat die Minister praat van R21 miljoen, ek wil dit ook onder korreksie hê, is dit nou ook vir die hele jaar uitgesit net spesifiek vir vroue? Dit wil ek eerste hoor, my tweede vraag is ook as ons nou kon deursien dat daar gedurende hierdie tyd dat daar onenigheid was oor die salarisse van mans en vroue; wat is die planne van die Minister en die Departement om dit nou ook aan te spreek? Dankie, Speaker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ms A P BANS: Thank you, Speaker, again I heard now the Minister talks of R21 million, I just want to get that under correction, is that now also set out for the whole year specifically just for women? That I want to know first, my second question is also if we could now during this time see that there was a dispute about the salaries for men and women; what are the plans of the Minister and the Department now to address that as well? Thank you, Speaker.]

†DIE MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Dankie, Speaker, die R21 miljoen was spesifiek vir vrouesokker gewees wat deur Nasionaal aan ons toegeken is, en dan is ons besig met 'n Women in Sport *policy*, 'n Vroue in Sport-beleid wat ons hopelik hierdie jaar sal voltooi hê. Wat ons wel, ek gaan nou die Engels sê, die *equity and equality* aanspreek *regarding women specifically*.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Speaker, the R21 million was specifically for women's soccer that was allocated to us by National, and then we are busy with a Women in Sport policy, a Women in Sport policy that we hopefully will have completed this year.

What we indeed, and I am now going to say it in English, are going to do is address the equity and equality and the safeguarding of women specifically.]

†Die SPEAKER: Baie dankie, agbare Minister. [The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister.] I have to go to the other hand online, hon Bans. I have got hon Bosman, is that a retired hand or is that a new hand?

Mr G BOSMAN: Yes, hon Speaker, it is a new hand. None of my hands are retired, they are young and filled with vigour.

The SPEAKER: You are very lucky. You may proceed, hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker and thank you very much Minister for that response because we know you do look after the future generations, especially hon Ban's children but Minister could you perhaps tell us whether there has been any specific allocations or indication from the National Minister of Sport to support pay equity for female sports people? And perhaps, can you also expand a bit more on the DCAS Women in Sports Conference that was recently held in Cape Town that you pioneered? †Baie dankie, Agbare Speaker. [Thank you, hon Speaker.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Dankie, Speaker. [The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Speaker,] thank you hon Bosman. A R5,8 million once off payment was made to Banyana Banyana but hopefully we will have this equal payment on our next MINMEC because I must tell you that all the MECs in all the provinces, we are all women so we really want equal payment for all our sports women equal to men.

And then our Women in Sport Indaba was specifically, as I have said, to safeguard our women in sport in all aspects that is essential to women. Thank you.

†Die SPEAKER: Baie dankie, agbare Minister. [The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.] Hon members that is the end of this particular question. I now move to Question number 6 by hon Van der Westerhuizen, to the hon the Minister of Local Government and Environment Affairs and Development Planning, †agbare Minister Bredell [hon Minister Bredell.]

[Question 5 stands over.]

Baboons, management of

6. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What has been the outcome of the recent meeting between various role players, including SANParks and the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, regarding the management of baboons, with particular reference to the baboon problem in Cape Town?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Speaker, baie dankie aan die agb lid vir die vraag. Die antwoord is soos volg:

6. Die uitkoms van die vergadering tussen die verskeie rolspelers insluitend Sanparke met die Nasionale Minister van Bosbou, Visserie en die Omgewing in Kaapstad op 7 Junie 2022 was die vorming van 'n gesamentlike Kaapse Skiereiland Bobbejaan Taakspan bestaande uit Sanparke, Stad Kaapstad en CapeNature en gestig volgens die verbintenis op 7 Junie 2022. Die Taakspan is op 15 Junie, 1 Julie en weer op 12 Augustus 2022 byeengeroep. Dit het beraadslaag oor die opdrag en werksplan om 'n memorandum van ooreenkoms tussen die partye en die strategiese bestuursplan vir die bobbejane op te stel in die Kaapse Skiereiland en die Tafelberg Nasionale Park. Die Taakspan berei ook voor vir openbare betrokkenheid oor die konsep strategiese bestuursplan wat vir die vierde kwartaal in 2022 verwag word. Dankie Speaker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Speaker, thank you to the hon member for the question. The reply is as follows:

6. The outcome of the meeting between the various role players including Sanparks with the National Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment in Cape Town on 7 June 2022 was the formation of a joint Cape Peninsula Baboon Task Team consisting of Sanparks, City of Cape Town and CapeNature and founded in terms of the agreement on 7 June 2022. The Task Team was convened on 15 June, 1 July and again on 12 August 2022. It deliberated on the instruction and plan of operation to draw up a memorandum of understanding between the parties and the strategic management plan for the baboons in the Cape Peninsula and the Table Mountain National Park. The Task Team is also preparing for public participation on the draft strategic management plan that is expected for the fourth quarter in 2022. Thank you, Speaker.]

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Dankie agb Speaker. Agb Speaker, ek sou graag van die Minister wou weet of hy gelukkig is met die vordering in terme van die bestuur van mens en dier interaksie, veral as dit by die bestuur van probleemdiere kom. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I just want to know from the Minister if he is satisfied with the progress in terms of the management of man and beast interaction, especially when it comes to the management of problem animals. Thank you.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Speaker, en aan die voorsitter van die Staande Komitee, agb Van der Westhuizen, ek dink ons is stadig besig om in

die regte rigting te beweeg, dit kom al baie lank aan, en ek moet sê dat ek dink die twee jaar wat Covid ons 'n bietjie 'n afstand tussen ons gegee het, het gemaak dat baie van hierdie goed bietjie haak. So ons druk baie hard om nasionale protokol aan die gang te kry sodat al die provinsies volgens dieselfde wetgewing en op dieselfde manier die wetgewing interpreteer en implimenteer tussen mens en dier, tussen die mens en die omgewing. So daar is nog werk om te doen maar ek dink tussen ons en Nasionaal en ons kollegas, ons is op dieselfde bladsy, ons moet dit formaliseer en dan die toepassing en uitvoering gee aan die wetgewing. Baie dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Speaker, and to the Chairman of the Standing Committee, hon Van der Westhuizen, I think we are slowly moving in the right direction, it has been coming on for a long time, and I have to say I think the two years that Covid has given us distance between us, have caused that many of these things got stuck a bit. So we are pressing hard to get national protocol going so that all the provinces can operate on the same legislation and interpret and implement the legislation in the same way, between man and beast, between man and the environment. So there is still work to be done but I think between us and National and our colleagues, we are on the same page, we must formalise it and then follow the application and execution of the legislation. Thank you.]

Mr P MARRAN: Speaker, thank you. I have only got one question for the MEC and the MEC is correct that this is an issue that has been coming for some time. We know how the City of Cape Town responded, I think it was last year, when residents and parties involved raised these particular issues and so far that the City of Cape Town even wants to withdraw their rangers when it comes to urban baboon management.

MEC, I just wanted to check with you, the meeting that took place whether you have found interim measures to deal with this baboon problem? We know now that the City of Cape Town is going to start an online process, a public participation process with residents, business and those interested parties starting online, a meeting process. I just wanted to check, the meeting that you had with the Minister, the National Department, SANParks and so forth and we hear now that out of that meeting there is a task team that will deal with particular issues around that, whether there are interim measures that you have found, even if they are temporary when it comes to the baboon issue and if so, what are those interim measures and, if not, why not? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Speaker, to the hon Marran there are interim measures in place. There is an MOU between our Department, CapeNature and the City of Cape Town as well as Overstrand Municipality and a couple of other municipalities where we support and guide them and that is actually where this whole debate started off, the City of Cape Town is not happy with the protocol.

They want the protocol to change and the Task Team – actually there was a meeting called by the National Minister to discuss Table Mountain and out of that, this Task Team, there were questions posed on human wildlife interaction, specifically. So the Minister said we need to solve this and let us get all the groupings together.

It is no use we sit and we debate or turn this into a function debate. Is it the function of the City or the Province or National. We have got legal opinions and we can get another hundred. At the end of the day, if you look at the Constitution, it is all our business. It is in the province, it is in the municipal space, it is in national space so everybody must play their part and everybody must come to an agreement because they also think it is unfair just for the Municipality to pick up the bill at the end of the day and that is where, in the main, who is going to pay for what and who is going to make the hard calls if there are hard calls we need to make; moving an animal that is becoming dangerous to people or then we start to play a blame game. It is either me or it is the National Minister or it is the Mayor and we need to take collective responsibility and hopefully out of this Task Team that will be the result, that collective responsibility and also everybody is adding to the purse, coming to the table. Thank you, Speaker.

Mr P MARRAN: Speaker, a last question: I just wanted to check with the MOU signed and so forth, are we going to kill more or less baboons? Does the MOU capture some of those, whether we are going to kill more or kill less whether it is a rifle or paintball gun? We know a paintball gun even kills baby baboons. Are we going to kill more or kill less? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Speaker, thank you. A bit of a low blow in a good question and a good answer session but let us deal with this. The protocol speaks to management of wildlife human interaction. It does not speak to killing more or less or whatever. It is a serious matter for us. Nobody in CapeNature wants to give the order but at this stage when you need to choose between a woman and a child's life and a baboon's life, you need to make hard calls. There is never a quick solution. We work with the animals, CapeNature works with the animals, they will try various measures, they work with the universities, international protocol, so it is definitely not about killing animals or not killing animals, it is about managing wildlife human interaction. One of the problems within this, hon Marran, and hopefully the Standing Committee will help us with this, is the so-called specialists out there who are retired and they overstep the boundaries by pulling animals in, by feeding them and making them used to humans. We need to have boundaries and we need to keep the animals wild because they are wild animals and it is within that where we need to make these hard calls, but one of the problems and that is why this is a National debate, is also all provinces must be on the same page. It is no use something is allowed in one province and not in another province because a lot of the land owners have land across borders and then on the one side of the farm, you do x and on the other side – so those are the kind of things and this protocol, hopefully we will sort that out and hopefully everybody will get on the same page, contribute towards and then build our biodiversity that is so important for future generations. Thank you, hon Speaker.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Agb Speaker, deur u vir die Minister. Minister, glo u dat die bestuur van afval 'n rol te speel het om toekomstige wrywing tussen mense en dan nou veral bobbejane, te verminder. Is daar maniere waarop die munisipaliteite kan bydra om op hierdie manier bobbejane minder gewoond te maak of minder te lok na ons woonbuurte toe.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Speaker, through you to the Minister. Minister, do you believe that the management of waste has a role to play to reduce future conflict between people and then especially baboons. Are there ways in which the municipalities can contribute to in this way make baboons less accustomed or attract them less to our suburbs?]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Speaker, the short answer is yes. †Ja, agb lid. Vullis en die hantering van vullis speel 'n rol in bobbejaanbestuur, kom ons noem dit bobbejaanbestuur vir eers, want u sal weet die hele agenda oor wilde diere en menslike interaksie is baie wyer as net bobbejane, maar die bobbejane spesifiek, soos wat ons hulle habitat infiltreer soos met ontwikkelings en, en, natuurlik word hulle uitgeskuif en kom hulle nader aan die mensdom en natuurlik is die laaghangende vrug vir 'n bobbejaan die vullis van mense. So daar is spesiale *bins*, dromme wat ontwerp is, wat hulle noem bobbejaan-*proof*, maar ek kan vir jou sê dit hou net 'n maand dan het die bobbejane dit uitge-*figure*, hulle is nogal baie slim, so, maar dit is definitief daarom dat die samewerking tussen regeringsfere, dit is waar ons die oplossing gaan vind. Dankie agb Speaker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Yes, hon member. Waste and the handling of waste play a role in baboon management, let us for now call it baboon management, because you will know the whole agenda on wild animals and human interaction is much wider than just baboons, but the baboons specifically, as we infiltrate their habitat with developments and, and, of course they are marginalised and do they come closer to humankind, and of course the low-hanging fruit to a baboon is the waste of people. So there are special bins, bins that were designed, that they call baboon proof, but I can tell you it only takes a month then the baboons have figured it out, they are quite clever, so, but it is definitely therefore that the cooperation between spheres of government is where we will find the solution. Thank you, hon Speaker.]

†Die SPEAKER: Baie dankie, agbare Minister en die agbare lid Van der Westhuizen. [The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister and the hon member Van der Westhuizen.] I think to the hon members who all participated we have now concluded to this particular question. I just want to appeal to the next question. I am going to allow the Minister to respond and the first opportunity to the hon member and then that will conclude the opportunity for questions. I am just trying to be transparent on the question of time so that we are circumspect of the reality here before us. The hon Mvimbi, to the hon Minister of Mobility – Minister Mitchell?

*Route B97: affected taxi associations***7. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Mobility:**

(a) What is the latest update regarding route B97 and (b) what was the outcome of the last meeting held with the affected taxi associations?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, firstly let me thank the hon Mvimbi for the question, I think it is a very important question and very topical at this moment in time, so thank you very much, hon Mvimbi for posing this question. The reply is as follows:

7. Part (a) of the question, I can confirm that B97, the route between Mbekweni to Bellville is currently still closed for mini bus taxi operations. During May 2022, I published a notice in the *Provincial Gazette*, Extraordinary 8595, Notice of 58 of 2022 further extending the closure of the route of four months from 26 May 2022 to 25 September 2022. The affected operating licences for Route B97 have been suspended in the Public Transport Regulations System.

Speaker, part (b) of the question, but before I provide feedback regarding the last engagement with the affected primary taxi associations, regional taxi councils and the Provincial Executive Committee of the Western Cape branch of the South African National Taxi Council, I want to pause to provide some background on this topical matter. It is important for me, Speaker, to highlight that the closure of Route B97 was done in accordance with the provisions of Section 91 of the National Land Transport Act. This decision, Speaker, was taken in consultation with the affected municipalities and the South African Police Services following incidents of violence between the Paarl Alliance Taxi Association and the Boland Taxi Association. The violence also spilled over to other areas where minibus taxi type services are provided with both CATA and CODETA affiliated associations.

Speaker, I have taken this decision because the safety of passengers, residents and other persons entering the affected areas deteriorated to an unacceptable level. At the time, the Department had invested a considerable amount of time, funding and resources to engage the effective associations and to find a workable solution. Speaker, I personally facilitated several of these engagements to understand the operational challenges, the reasons for the conflict and the instability and jointly to develop sustainable interventions. The National Minister of Transport, Minister Mbalula, also attended several of these meetings with the leadership of the taxi industry in the province.

While these interventions greatly reduced the incidents of violence, violent conflict and also prompted the two regional taxi councils to return to service, there were still some outstanding issues that required further deliberation. Speaker, these outstanding matters were the subject of an arbitration process. Both parties agreed to abide by the outcome of this process.

I have to point out, Speaker, that the arbitration is a binding process unless the outcome is taken on judicial review.

The arbitration award was released in November 2021 and confirmed that both associations have legal rights to trade on Route B97. We have a duty to give effect to this award, Speaker. Since the arbitration award was issued, several engagements have taken place with the affected primary associations, regions and the Executive Committee of the Western Cape branch of the South African National Taxi Council. The last of these engagements facilitated by the , departmental officials took place on Friday, 22 July 2022.

Speaker, I want to point out that we never lost hope and even when there was a deadlock in discussions and it seemed unlikely that the two associations could coexist and share the route, the Department procured a venue for break-away sessions between CATA and CODETA regions to discuss the current conflict areas. Speaker, these sessions took place on 8, 9 and 10 August 2022. At the conference the affected parties adopted resolutions in respect of various conflict areas. They also reached an agreement on the sharing of Route B97.

Speaker, this was followed by discussion with the Departmental officials on 11 and 12 August to determine if the adopted resolutions were consistent with the legal prescripts and the transportation plans for the effective municipal areas. The operational dynamics were also carefully considered. We assisted the industry to package these resolutions into a Memorandum of Agreement but I want to categorically state, Speaker, that this was an industry agreement and not one imposed by this Government.

It is common cause that the most long-standing and sustainable agreements are reached by consensus between disputing parties. We have thus forwarded this Agreement to both the City of Cape Town and the Drakenstein Municipality. Speaker, the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement was set down for 14 August 2022 but unfortunately the CODETA region and its affiliate Paarl Alliance Taxi Association reneged on its commitment to sign this Agreement, citing an alleged shooting incident in an area that is allegedly controlled by CATA. The CATA region, Speaker, has however distanced itself from this incident and was in attendance to sign this document on 14 August 2022.

Speaker, despite my obvious disappointment, I have scheduled further engagement with CODETA to understand their concerns and to pave the way for the signing of this Agreement. At the same time, the Department is also exploring other alternatives to ensure safe and reliable public transport between Paarl and Bellville. The route that has been closed for more than a year, Speaker, and the replacement bus service provided.

I will have to take a decision on the future of this route. The safety of commuters remains my utmost priority. We are working on a contingency plan should the effective associations not be willing to coexist and to share the route.

This will include the continued closure of the route in the short term and considering other middle options. Speaker, we are still hopeful that the Agreement will be signed within the next couple of days and this will allow the regulatory authorities to issue operating licences with passenger demand before the end of the closure period, which is on 25 September 2022.

Speaker, the Drakenstein Municipality has already taken a decision to support 50 new operating licences in respect of Route B97 that will be on an equal basis, 50/50 between members of CATA Boland Taxi Association and Paarl Alliance Taxi Association. Speaker, this process is a contingent on the cooperation from the effective primary associations. Thank you, Speaker.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker and thank you very much to the hon Minister for a very comprehensive response, which gave the historical background to the problem. Now I also take note that there have been several meetings that were held by the Department as well as by the associations that are involved as well and further noting, hon Speaker, that there was a further extension, as the hon Minister indicated, from May until September and it looked like there was a failure to sign the Memorandum as was expected on 14 August.

Now, I want to check from the hon Minister, if this September deadline came because this was extended from May for four months. If now September comes and it is not signed, does the hon Minister intend to further extend the curfew that he has on the closure of that route?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you very much, hon Speaker and thank you very much to hon Mvimbi for the follow-up questions. Hon Speaker, firstly, let me say that when I took the decision to close the initial route as highlighted, the safety of the commuter was paramount to my decision. So, it would be unfair of me, and it would be unjust of me to make a pronouncement of whether I am going to open or extend the closure at this stage because I am guided by the legal prescripts as per the National Land Transport Act, which gives me the powers under certain conditions. I mean, there is still a while to go to 25 September and I have not yet applied my mind at this stage. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Question 8 stands over]

[Question time expired]

[Questions 9 and 10 to be printed in Hansard]

Questions and replies as received from departments

ORAL QUESTIONS

For written reply:

Emergency houses

9. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) How many emergency houses have been provided by his Department to those in need since 2021 and (b) how much is budgeted for the provision of emergency housing by his Department in the current financial year?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

9. (a)(b) In a directive from the National Department of Human Settlements (NDHS) in 2015, My Department was advised that the Emergency Housing Programme (EHP) can no longer be funded from the Humans Settlements Development Grant (HSDG). Therefore, my Department has provided no emergency houses and has not budgeted for the provision of emergency housing in the current financial year.

Shelters for disabled homeless people

10. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Social Development:

How many disabled homeless people has her Department identified and placed in shelters from 2020 to date?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

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Year 2020		Year 2021		Year 2022	
Males	Females	Males	Females	Male	Females
349	144	309	137	332	99
Total = 493		Total = 446		Total = 431	
Total number of disabled people in shelters from 2020 to date = 1 370					

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

K9 units: service dogs

1. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With reference to his reply to question 5 of 22 July 2022:

- (a) How many service dogs did each of the aforementioned K9 units have in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23 and (b) what are the reasons for the budgetary decreases between 2018/19 and 2022/23?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

1. (a) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)

Unit	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Cape Town	39	31	33	28	29
Boland	14	14	16	15	17
West Coast	7	8	6	6	7
Namaqualand	8	8	7	5	5
Breede River	14	15	13	12	12
Overberg	9	7	7	6	6
Central Karoo	7	6	3	3	3
Outeniqua	11	9	7	7	7
Tsitsikamma	9	6	6	4	5
Langeberg	8	9	5	3	4
Attaqua	15	13	9	7	8
Total	141	126	112	96	103

(b) The budgetary adjustments were due to:

- baseline adjustments to units, taken into account spending patterns of the relevant units
- new baseline reductions introduced on the Vote: Policing
- budgetary needs of the units
- cost containment measures factored into the costing of lower level expenditure line items to reduce spending levels

*Polyphagous shot hole borer beetle infestations***2. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

- (1) How effective is the use of the Cypermethrin insecticide in treating trees infected with the polyphagous shot hole borer beetle;
- (2) whether the trees would survive if the beetles were eliminated at the early stages of infestation; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the latest research to address the challenges that infestations with the shot hole borer beetle hold for trees?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

2. (1) Cypermethrin pyrethroid insecticide is not effective since it is not specific to treating the polyphagous shot hole borer and can kill many insect species which are indigenous and beneficial to the environment.
- (2) Survival of the trees will depend on several factors including the species of tree infected, the health of the tree and the environmental conditions such as climate, moisture regime, slope, aspect and radiation.
- (3) There is active research at the Forest and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute at the University of Pretoria and Stellenbosch University. Main recent findings are that the polyphagous shot hole borer beetle is capable of invading many different species in South Africa although it is not capable of successful breeding in all these species. It occurs widely in South Africa and predicted damages may be extensive based on the current control methods (tree removal). Restricting the movement of wood and host plants are suggested measures to curb the spread of the polyphagous shot hole borer beetle.

*Forensic Science Laboratory: DNA backlog***3. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With respect to the SAPS letter (reference: 26/3/13/4) in relation to the Forensic Science Laboratory in the Western Cape:

- (a) What was the DNA backlog in (i) January, (ii) February, (iii) March, (iv) April, (v) May, (vi) June, (vii) July and (viii) August 2022, (b) what progress has been made in hiring the additional required personnel to increase the laboratory's capacity and (c) what is the laboratory's current output in percentage terms?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

3. (a) (c) The 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 receive the reply.

Horse breeding and trading industry

4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:

What is the contribution of the horse breeding and trading industry to the Western Cape economy?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

4. With regards to the Equine industry, a successful public-private-partnership exists between the Western Cape Department's Veterinary Services Programme, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), and the South African Equine Health and Protocol NPC (SAEHP) and has resulted in the long-awaited European Union audit, starting on the 10th - 21st October 2022.

According to the SAEHP, an estimated 177 000 people are supported with jobs within the sport of thoroughbred horse racing and breeding, with the industry contributing R6.9bn to the GDP of which 95% is in the Western Cape.

The potential to export to countries in the EU, Hong Kong, UAE, Singapore and Korea amongst others is vast and is expected to grow to R1bn per annum within five years of movements opening after the October EU audit. The industry is labour intensive, and the growing export market will fuel further job creation. Research shows every 2,5 horses on a farm result in one job opportunity.

Moreover, as significant as exports are, investments in SA related to the equine industry is crucial. Much of the export is, in fact, directly related to foreign investment in SA. International investors buy horses in South Africa, train and race them locally for 12-18 months before exporting the ones deemed ready to compete on the world stage. This type of investment with all the secondary investment related to the training and keeping of the horses in the Western Cape accounts for around 30% of the South African thoroughbred yearling sales market. This amount fluctuates annually and obviously was dramatically reduced during COVID, so it is not possible to determine an exact value at this stage.

In addition to the jobs created in rural areas of the Western Cape and the domestic and foreign investment in purchases of horses, Cape Town also hosts South Africa's Premier horse sale.

Held at the CTICC, the sale is the only indoor sale of thoroughbred horses held in the world. The Cape Premier Yearling Sale has resulted in over R30 million spend with the CTICC since inception in 2011, 1 500 temporary jobs, and over 6 000 hotel nights being booked.

In 2023, the Cape Premier Yearling Sale returns to the CTICC. The current export market of on average of 260 horses for a total value of R250 million is expected to grow to over R1 billion rand within three to five years of the conclusion of a successful audit in October this year.

Swellendam Municipality: proposed service sites, allocation of

5. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the revelation by the Swellendam Municipality, during an oversight visit by the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on 20 June 2022, that the allocation of proposed serviced sites is one of the challenges it faces in carrying out housing developments as there are no proper criteria or guidelines for who would qualify and/or not qualify for a serviced site:

- (1) Whether there has been any training to inform municipalities of the criteria or guidelines; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) how has his Department made sure that municipalities are aware of what is expected of them in regard to serviced sites and (b) what do the criteria regarding serviced sites entail?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

5. (1) In July 2022, the Department approved the “Amended Western Cape Provincial Framework Policy for Selection of Housing Beneficiaries in Ownership-based Subsidy Projects”. A key object of the 2022 amendments is to enable the implementation of the National Directive (ND) issued by the National Department of Human Settlements in 2020. The ND indicates that provincial departments and municipalities should seek to downscale the provision of top structures and increase the share of serviced sites in their human settlement projects. The ND also states that top structure units are intended for households from defined priority groups i.e., households headed by older persons (60 years of age and above), households affected by permanent disabilities and military veterans.

In October 2021, the Department issued a municipal circular mainly covering beneficiary selection in top structure projects in the light of the ND. Top structure projects currently constitute nearly all new subsidy projects on greenfield sites and are thus a delivery focus of municipalities. Municipalities were briefed on this circular in regional forums run by the Department.

It was also emphasised that municipalities needed to start shifting their delivery focus to the supply of serviced sites.

- (2) (a) In the 2022/23 financial year, the development of policy guidelines for the “Amended Western Cape Provincial Framework Policy for Selection of Housing Beneficiaries in Ownership-based Subsidy Projects” (Amended Framework Policy (2022)) is an Annual Performance Plan deliverable. Guidelines for municipalities to assist with municipal policy formulation and implementation are under development. Following internal workshops with project management staff in the Department, a series of regional workshops will be held with municipalities starting in October 2022 on the draft guidelines.
- (b) The Amended Framework Policy (2022) indicates how the norms and rules set out in the original Framework Policy of 2012 and in the “Age-based prioritisation guidelines” of 2015 apply in the emerging new policy context signalled by the ND. For serviced sites, which in the Western Cape are defined in greenfield projects as “enhanced serviced sites” (which consists of an enclosed toilet, tap and wash trough connected to a sewer), the date of registration on the Western Cape Housing Demand Database remains the primary basis for selection. The minimum registration period of three years, a principle established in age-based prioritisation will also apply. In addition, households selected for serviced sites must reside in the catchment area applicable to the project as specified in the municipality’s beneficiary selection policy. Age-based prioritisation will not apply however, given that on enhanced serviced sites no top structure is provided by the government.

Municipalities should be familiar with all these criteria and how to implement them, as they have formed the basis of beneficiary selection since 2015 at the latest.

Schoongezicht Housing Project

6. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the Schoongezicht Housing Project, which has been identified as one of the emergency housing projects that will yield 347 housing opportunities, that was confirmed by the Drakenstein Municipality during a May 2022 oversight visit to be implemented in a phased approach:

- (a) What are the specifics of the phased approach and (b) when is the implementation date?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

6. (a)(b) The project entails the implementation of 347 serviced sites for emergency housing. Qualifying beneficiaries are relocated from surrounding areas. The project is implemented by Drakenstein Municipality over multiple financial years:
- The work commenced in the 2018/2019 financial year with the installation of 79 serviced sites with precast toilets on the individual erven;
 - During 2020/2021, a further 91 sites were serviced; and
 - In the current financial year, the balance of 178 sites will be serviced.

Homelessness

7. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:

With regard to homelessness in the province:

- (1) How many people are currently housed in the province's homeless shelters;
- (2) whether her Department has any plans in place to develop a framework for homelessness in the Western Cape; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

7. (1) Western Cape Department of Social Development does not manage/operate its own shelters but subsidizes a number of 2 308 bed spaces at 37 NPO Homeless Shelters across the Province.
- (2) The Western Cape Department of Social Development has developed Norms and Standards for Shelters for Homeless Adults (2015).

The National Department of Social Development is in the process of conducting research and developing a National Integrated Policy Framework on Homelessness in SA. This will guide the Province to develop its own provincial policy framework.

Sassa office: Khayelitsha

8. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the recent closure of the Sassa office in Khayelitsha:

- (1) Whether her Department shares any other facilities with Sassa; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any of these facilities are scheduled to undergo maintenance in the next 12 months; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

8. With regard to the recent closure of the Sassa office in Khayelitsha:

- (1) DSD shares office space with SASSA in the following areas:
 - Mitchells Plain
 - Hessequa
 - Bergriver
 - Eerste River
 - Gugulethu
 - Khayelitsha
 - Kannaland (Thusong)
 - Witzenberg (Thusong)
- (2) Bergriver - The agreement between the Department of Transport and Public Works and SASSA is that SASSA will move out of the building and find other accommodation.

Huis Maudie Kriel: Ceres and Huis Ou Meule: Riversdale

9. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) What support does her Department provide to (a) Huis Maudie Kriel in Ceres and (b) Huis Ou Meule in Riversdale;
- (2) whether her Department is currently investigating cases of an unnatural death at the two facilities above; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what is her Department's policy on investigating unnatural deaths at homes for elderly people and (b) what structures does her Department have in place to ensure the safety of homes for elderly people?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

9. (1) (a) The Department provided funding to the Huis Maudie Kriel in Ceres to an amount of R 1 526 918,00 for 40 older persons in the 2022/23 financial year.

Furthermore, a number of four senior Social Service Professional posts are being funded at the ACVV Head Office to guide and support homes for the elderly under their auspices to the amount of R 2 1 80 599,00

- (b) The Department provided funding to Huis Ou Meule (DROOM) to the amount of R1 284 240,00 for 36 older persons in the 2022/23 financial year.

Furthermore, two senior Social Service Professional posts are being funded at the BADISA Head Office to guide and support homes for the elderly under their auspices to the amount of R 1 121 123,00

- (2) Investigations into the circumstances surrounding the incidents including unnatural deaths at the two facilities were also instituted by the mother bodies, ACVV and BADISA Head Offices respectively, and staff members have been suspended at Huis Maudie Kriel. A Health Audit was also done at Huis Maudie Kriel in Ceres. Reports received by the Department are being taken into consideration in terms of the Department's mandate to protect older persons and to oversee adherence to registration requirements at Old Age Homes and will be followed up by further visits by the Department at both facilities. In the case of Ou Meule (DROOM) a report from the Fire Chief of the Municipality is also awaited.

- (3) (a) unnatural deaths at homes for elderly people in terms of Older Persons Act, No. 13 of 2006. Unnatural deaths will be investigated by SAPS and the relevant pathologist from Department of Health. As indicated above, the Department has a mandate to monitor, and, where necessary, investigate conditions at Old Age Homes to ensure that they adhere to registration requirements, including norms and standards for care to older persons.

- (b) Homes for the elderly must comply with the by-laws and regulations of local Municipalities regarding health, fire and safety.

Monitoring visits are being conducted at homes for the elderly and the following Occupational Health and Safety compliance at homes for the elderly, are also being monitored:

- implementation of health & safety committees;
- implementation of emergency evacuation plans;
- appropriate fire equipment such as fire extinguishers which should be in place;

*Job creation: quarter 1 of 2022 - progress***10. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

- (1) (a) What has been the progress of job creation in quarter 1 of 2022 and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of (i) specific numbers, (ii) sectors of the economy, (iii) geographic areas and (iv) number and/or percentage of (aa) young people, (bb) women and (cc) people with disabilities who have been employed;
- (2) (a) what progress has been made with the review of the strategy and (b) when will it be concluded?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

10. (1) (a) Job creation increased in Quarter 1 of 2022 with employment growing by 35 000 jobs quarter-on-quarter.
 - (b) (i) This information is publicly available and can be accessed through Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey.
 - (ii) This information is publicly available and can be accessed through Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey.
 - (iii) This information is publicly available and can be accessed through Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey.
 - (iv) (aa) This information is publicly available and can be accessed through Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey.
 - (bb) This information is publicly available and can be accessed through Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey.
 - (cc) This information is not available through Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey. There is no other official data source for the information requested.
- (2) (a) The development of the Growth for Jobs Strategy is progressing well. We expect it to be finalised before the end of this financial year.

*Preferential Procurement Policy Framework***11. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

- (1) Whether the Preferential Procurement Policy (PPP) Framework has been completed; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) can a copy be made available and (c) how is this PPP making provision for social-sector collaboration and for contracting for relevant goods and services by the provincial government and its entities;
- (2) what is her Department's Revenue Enhancement Strategy (RES), (b) what are the new sources of revenue that have been identified and (c) what has been the output from the Fiscal Futures Project to date?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

11. (1) The framework is encapsulated under section 2 of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act.
 - (a) See Section 2 of the Preferential Policy Framework Act.
 - (b) See Section 2 of the Preferential Policy Framework Act.
 - (c) On 16 February 2022 the Constitutional Court handed down judgment declaring the entire Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017 (PPPFR), invalid. Interim arrangements were endorsed by Provincial Cabinet on 9 March 2022 to maintain the status quo and apply PPPFR. Judgment handed down by the Constitutional Court on 30 May 2022 in respect of the clarification sought by the National Treasury in respect of suspension of invalidity of the regulations confirmed that the appeal interrupted the suspension after 21 days and the suspension continues after the judgment was handed down. Countdown on the 12-month period of suspension commenced immediately after the date of suspension. The countdown, however, was halted by the lodgement of the application for leave to appeal in the Constitutional Court. The countdown resumed on 16 February 2022, when the Constitutional Court dismissed the Minister's appeal against the Supreme Court of Appeal's order. The Constitutional Court confirmed that the suspension of the declaration of the order of invalidity of the 2017 Regulations is still valid for the remainder of the 12-month period, namely until 26 January 2023.

- (2) The Department's Revenue Enhancement Strategy focusses on maximising existing revenue sources by:
- reviewing and adjusting the tariff rates and structures annually,
 - collaborating with entities to adjust tariffs to become self-sustainable,
 - incentivising departments to maximise their own revenues through allowing them to retain these revenues,
 - improving debt management strategies,
 - exploring possibilities for donor funding,
 - developing improved and accurate revenue forecasting models, and
 - exploring co-funding delivery initiatives with stakeholders.
- (b) The Provincial Treasury is not actively exploring additional revenue sources but is focusing on enhancing the effectiveness of the existing revenue sources as outlined above.
- (c) Provincial Treasury has modelled the Fiscal Strategy for the 2022 Medium Term Expenditure Framework on the fiscal scenarios developed by National Treasury. In this regard the Provincial Treasury has adopted National Treasury's Conservative Fiscal Scenario. The Western Cape Government's Fiscal Strategy is outlined in Chapter 3 of the 2022 Budget Overview of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure. The key principles underpinning the Provincial Fiscal Strategy include the protection of basic services, unlocking allocative efficiency, enhancing productive efficiency and ensuring long-run fiscal sustainability.

The 2022 Budget gives effect to these principles through:

- sustaining the fight against the covid-19 pandemic,
- supporting the recovery plan priorities of jobs, safety and wellbeing,
- protecting frontline services, including education, health and social development,
- rebalancing the composition of expenditure by increasing spending on infrastructure,
- supporting effective local governance,
- driving efficiency in expenditure by driving value for money,
- mitigating risks both natural and human-made (i.e. cyber security), and
- ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability by replenishing provincial reserves.

*Old Salt River Market housing development***12. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

With regard to the development of housing at the Old Salt River Market property:

- (1) (a) What is the value of the property and (b) how much was the property sold for;
- (2) whether Communicare (NPC) was offered any discount on the property; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) were any other developers offered the same revised discount offered to Communicare;
- (3) whether other developers were given the same opportunity to tender for this housing development on the revised discounted property price as offered to Communicare; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the discounted property at the Old Salt River Market was advertised in the open market at the revised discounted rate as offered to Communicare; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether the Salt River Housing Development, including the discounted offer, was open for public comment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) (a) under what housing scheme is the Old Salt River Market property being developed, (b) what is meant by mixed affordable housing and (c) why is retail space included in this housing development?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

12. The property the member is referring was released by the City of Cape Town for development. My Department does not have access to the information requested and therefore should address the question to the relevant local authority.

*Old Salt River Market housing development***13. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

With regard to the development of housing at the Old Salt River Market property:

- (1) Whether mixed affordable housing falls in the housing scope of the Province; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether homeless families and the backyard dwellers in the Salt River and Woodstock areas will be beneficiaries of this housing development on the Old Salt River Market property; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how many social housing cooperatives are there in the province, (b) what measures are in place to stop evictions where tenant beneficiaries can no longer afford to pay rent and (c) why was the Salt River Housing Development not considered as a social housing cooperative;
- (4) whether due diligence and a financial audit were done to determine whether Communicare is in good standing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what housing model did Communicare propose for this housing development?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

13. (1) Mixed affordable housing does fall within the housing scope of the Province and the Municipality. An example of this would be the Conradie Park development, which has a mix of Social Housing and FLISP (Help Me Buy a Home) housing. Affordable Housing caters to income categories falling between R1 850 – R22 000. The Social Housing programme falls within the ambit of affordable housing and the qualification requirements are as follows:

- South African citizen or have a permanent residency permit;
- 18 years or older and competent to contract;
- Married or cohabitating OR single or divorced, with proven financial dependants permanently living with you; and,
- Monthly household income is between R1 850 and R22 000 before deductions.

The FLISP (Help Me Buy a Home) programme is a housing subsidy for first-time home buyers, with a household income of between **R3 501 to R22 000 per month**, to assist with purchasing a home. The criteria for a citizen to access a FLISP (Help Me Buy A Home) subsidy are as follows: -

- South African citizen or have a permanent residency permit;
- 18 years or older and competent to contract;
- Married or cohabiting OR single with financial dependents;
- Have not received a government housing subsidy before;
- Have not owned fixed-residential property before;
- Gross household income is between R3,501 and R22,000 per month, i.e. basic household income, plus housing allowance where applicable.

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- (2) The qualification criteria applies to all applicants for Affordable Housing: were these families and backyard dwellers to fall within the defined household income bracket, can demonstrate affordability for the product on offer and comply with the remaining criteria for Social Housing and FLISP, they could apply for the housing development of Salt River. An affordable housing opportunity is not a “free” house: it would be incumbent on the recipient of affordable housing to contribute financially.
- (3) (a) There are 7 active Social Housing Institutions (SHI) in the Western Cape. Of these 3 are Fully Accredited by the SHRA and the balance are Conditionally Accredited. There are no accredited, registered cooperatives active in the Western Cape.
- (b) Payment of rental is a non-negotiable requirement for Social Housing: ownership is not an option under the premise of the programme. All Social Housing Institutions have their own Client Services and Tenant Management Plans, based on the Social Housing Act and the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) requirements. The general, overarching process would be:
- The SHI to first confirm whether non-payment is verified;
 - Visit the tenant/s personally and provide them with a letter of demand (Proof of receipt/delivery to be placed on file); and,
 - Contact tenants for invitation to come for an interview at offices and arrangements to be made within 30 days (arrangement criteria and arrangement forms completed and signed by legal tenant).
- The tenant is responsible for informing the SHI of their circumstances and to provide proof thereof. Failing to do so would leave the SHI to act in accordance with the Lease Agreement signed between the parties.
- (c) An institution wishing to carry on the business of social housing must apply to the SHRA for accreditation. A social housing institution must be a company registered under the Companies Act, 1973 (Act 61 of 1973) or a co-operative registered under the co-operatives Act, 2005 (Act 14 of 2005) or any other form of institution acceptable to the SHRA.
- (4) In terms of the Social Housing Act 16 of 2008, the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) is responsible for conducting compliance monitoring. Communicare must submit to this, in order for it to maintain its accreditation status. The documents subject to compliance monitoring includes (but is not limited to):

- the institution's founding documents;
- the institution's business plan;
- the institution's operational policies; and,
- such information and documentation as may be prescribed by rules of the Regulatory Authority in order to assess the applicants' (i) arrangements for good governance; (ii) financial sustainability; (iii) effective tenant management; and (iv) efficient property management capacity.

Regular inspections and compliance measures are enforced on all accredited Institutions.

- (5) A mixed housing model, with 216 Social Housing units and 484 FLISP (Help Me Buy a Home) units envisaged.

Properties sold to property developers

14. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What are the details of all the properties in (i) the province and (ii) municipalities that have been sold to property developers in (aa) 2014, (bb) 2015, (bb) 2016, (cc) 2017, (dd) 2018, (ee) 2019, (ff) 2020 and (gg) 2021 and (b) what is the detailed breakdown according to (i) original property value, (ii) the price it was sold for, (iii) the name of developer who bought the property and (iv) what it was used for?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

14. (a) (i) The following properties have been disposed of by the Department of Transport and Public Works to property developers:

(aa) 2014 – None

(bb) 2015 – None

(cc) 2016 – None

(dd) 2017 – None

(ee) & (b) 2018

Remainder Erf 112657 Cape Town, at Pinelands

(i) Original property value
R125 000 000

(ii) The price it was sold for
This transaction was not an outright sale. The Western Cape Government (WCG) and Concor Construction (Pty) Ltd (the developer) entered into a Land Availability and

Development Agreement ("LADA") where the land was made available to the developer, and the LADA stipulated the deliverables that the developer had to meet. For this opportunity, the developer will pay the WCG R202 402 578 on final completion of the project deliverables.

(iii) Name of developer who obtained the property
Concor Construction (Pty) Ltd

(iv) What it was used for
The Conradie Better Living Model Project

(ff) 2019 – None

(gg) 2020 – None

(hh) & (b) 2021

Erven 21028 and 21029 George were awarded for development by Power Construction (Pty) Ltd following an open bidding process conducted in collaboration with the Department of Human Settlements.

(i) Original property value
Erf 21028 George - R4 400 000.00
Erf 21029 George - R2 144 000.00

(ii) The price it was sold for

The availing of DTPW land for human settlement development purposes rested on the principle that such land will be made available to a successful developer at zero land costs. The benefit of the zero land costs will go directly to the end purchaser once the land has been subdivided and developed.

(iii) Name of developer who obtained the property
Power Construction (Pty) Ltd

(iv) What it was used for
The properties are earmarked for human settlement development, with the emphasis on developing affordable housing opportunities.

(a) (ii) The Department is not in possession of the information requested in respect of municipalities.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Rented state properties

1. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

Whether there is an efficient and effective rental billing system that all rented state properties are attached to; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

- (1) The current operating system used by my Department is the National Debtor System which has limited functionality. Requests to enhance this system were declined by the National Department of Human Settlements and the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements deemed it necessary to seek an alternative. We have embarked on a Provincial Rental Turnaround Strategy that seeks to enhance our internal operating system. This strategy is focused on issues of financial viability and improved property management practices. An Allocations Committee and a suite of Rental Property Management Policies are now in existence, which govern how the stock is and will be better managed in future. The future use of the Provincial stock as a key Affordable Housing driver is also a critical part of this strategy for all Government Sector partners. The City of Cape Town, the National Department of Human Settlements and the Social Housing Regulatory Authority continue to walk this journey alongside the Province.

The merging of the Department of Human Settlements with the Department of Transport and Public Works to form the Department of Infrastructure presents an opportunity to utilize their current Rental Billing System (MDA) they have in place at the Department of Transport and Public Works. An exploratory meeting with the necessary testing already indicated that the MDA system is ideal. It is envisaged that the transition would take place with effect from 01 April 2023.

Firearms: confiscation of

2. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (a) How many firearms have been confiscated from January 2017 to date, (b) of those firearms in (a), (i) what were the makes of those firearms, (ii) from which countries did those firearms originate, (iii) in which suburbs were those firearms confiscated, (iv) was ballistic testing conducted on those firearms, (v) where are those firearms stored, (vi) how many of each make were destroyed and (vii) how many of those firearms have gone missing since their confiscation, (c) what is the current ballistic testing backlog and (d) what are the conviction rates for those found in possession of those firearms?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

2. (a) 16 604

(b) (i)

R1	Anschutz	A-TAC	Birmingham
Burgsmuller	Anson & Deeley	Atis	Bofors
R. Hughes	Aramberri Army Percus	AYA	Boito
Aaarms	Arcus	Baby Bretton	Borfica
ADP	Aries	Baikal	Boughton
Air	Armed	Bareda	Brazil
AK 47	Armelegant	Bayard	Breda
AKM	Armi Galesi	Belgique	Bren Arms
Aksa	Arminius	Benelli	Brescia
AL Berk	Arm Scor	Beretta	Bretton
America	Aserma	Bernardelli	Brevette
Browning	Astra	Bersa	Brno
Bryco Arms	Cednic	DAL	Emphis Bulldog
BSA	Centuary Arms	Dan Wesson	Enfield
BUL	Ceska	Dashprod	ERA
Burgo	Champion	Davis	Erbi
BXP	Charter Arms	Detonics	Erma
C G Bonehill	Cherokee	Diamond Back	Espingarda
Canik	Collath	DM-4	Eusta
Cannas	Colt	Dpms	F.N

Carl Gustaf	Cresgia	Drulov	Fausti
Carrero	CZ	DSA	FEG
Castelli	D.W.M	Elbar	Ferlach
CBC	Daewoo	Emge	FHADO
Fieldman	Gabilondo	Girsan	Hege Waffen
Finat	Galesi	Glock	Helwan
Flintlock	Galil	Grand Power	Hi-Standard
Flobert	Gamonitro	Greener	Hogue
FMK	Gas	Griffon	Hollis & Sons
FNH	Gecado	H & R	Home Made
FOG	Geco	H.S	Hornet
Forehand & Wentworth	Geen/None	Haenel Suhl	Howa

Formula	General Motors	Hammerli	Hunt Group
Franchi	German	Hatsan	Husqvarna
Frerez	Gerstenberger	Hawk	HW
G.T.G	Gevarm	Heckler & Koch	IMI
Ithaca	Kruger Skante	Llama	Manufrance
Iver Johnson	Krupp	Looking Glass	Marlin
IWI	Kuzey Arms	Lorcin	Marocchi
J Blanch	KWC	LPD	Mars
Jackak	Kynoch	Luger	Martini Henry
Jeffrey	Lampulyar	Luigi	Mauser
Jennings	Lauffs Stahl	Lynx	Maverick
Jericho	Laurona	M 1 Carbine	Mayer & Sohn
John Donaghy	Leather Neck	MAB	MCU
JP Sauer & Son	Lee Enfield	Magtech	mega
Kommando	Lee Metford	Makarov	Melior
Krac Atmaca Magnum	Lefauchaux	Manhurin	Miami
Kral	Leone Mauser	Mannl Schoenauer	Mikos
Krico	Liege	Mannlicher	Miroku
Mossberg	perfecta	Retay Arms	SCCY
Muir & Duiker	Pietta	RG	Schmeisser
Musgrave	Playfair	Rhoner	Scholefield
Musler	Pointer	Rohm	Sig Sauer
MW	PPSH	Rosenthal	Simson & Co
nar podnik strakonice	Protecta	Rossi	Sites
New Worcester	Pucara	RS	Slazenger
Norinco	R Muller	RSA	SMH
North American Arms	Rambo	Rubi	Smith & Beecham
Norwin	Ramos	Ruby	Smith & Wesson
NP17	RAP 401	Ruger	Snider
Olympic Arms	Rawbone	Sabatti	Springfield Armory
ORF	Reck	Sable	Springfield Arms
P.Webley & Son	Red Willow	Saiga	ST Ettiene
P14	Regent	Sako	Star
PAF	Remington Arms	Santa Barbra	Sterling
Para-Ordanance	Remo	SAR	Stern and Ragel
Parker-Hale	Remora	Sarsilmaz	Stevens
Patern	Republic Arms	Sauer & Sohn	Steyl
Pepper-Box	Resolver	Savage	Steyr
Percussion	Tokarev	Voere	Titan
Stoeger Arms	Topper Herrington	Vzor	Thompson

Striker	Tower	Walther	Tikka
Suhl	Tressuti	Wambler	Tisas
Sundance	Trident	Ward & Son	Vektor
Super	Trudor	Weatherby	Vest Pocket
SUR	Truvelo	Webley & Scott	Vickers
Swiss Arm	TZ99	Weirauch	Zephyr
Tanamar	Uberti	Westley Richards	Zigana
Tanfoglio	Union	Winchester	Zoraki
Tanner	Unique	XTouch	The Arms and Ammunition Company
Targa	USP HK	Young American Arms	Thomas Turner
Taurus	UZI	Z AUT	Vanguard
Tegano	Uzkon	Zabala	Varan
Zastava			

(ii)

Argentina	Hungary	Switzerland	Finland
Austria	India	Taiwan	France
Belgium	Israel	Turkey	Germany
Brazil	Italy	UAE	South Korea
Bulgaria	Japan	UK	Spain
Canada	Pakistan	Unknown	Sweden
China	Portugal	USA	Russia
Czechoslovakia	Egypt	South Africa	

(iii) *Note: It is not possible to indicate specific suburbs, therefore policing precincts are indicated.

STATION	AMOUNT	STATION	AMOUNT
Albertinia	13	Lutzville	14
Ashton	16	Lwandle	139
Athlone	206	Macassar	80
Atlantis	183	Maitland	62
Barrydale	10	Malmesbury	99

STATION	AMOUNT	STATION	AMOUNT
Beaufort West	86	Manenberg	414
Belhar	205	Mbekweni	70
Bellville	310	McGregor	3
Bellville South	47	Melkbosstrand	28
Bishop Lavis	547	Mfuleni	414

Bonnievale	27	Milnerton	253
Bothasig	30	Mitchells Plain	673
Brackenfell	165	Montagu	21
Bredasdorp	54	Moorreesburg	18
Caledon	53	Mossel Bay	15
Calitzdorp	24	Mowbray	22
Camps Bay	16	Muizenberg	173
Cape Town Central	318	Murraysburg	2
Ceres	40	Napier	10
Citrusdal	45	Nuwerus	1
Clanwilliam	23	Nyanga	623
Claremont	71	Ocean View	114
Cloetesville	75	Oudtshoorn	310
Conville	44	Paarl	150
Da Gamaskop	82	Paarl East	63
Darling	28	Pacaltsdorp	34
De Doorns	31	Parow	170
De Rust	12	Philadelphia	36
Delft	537	Philippi	310
Dieprivier	138	Philippi East	306
Doring Bay	11	Piketberg	13
Durbanville	157	Pinelands	42
Dysselsdorp	29	Plettenberg Bay	48
Eendekuil	5	Porterville	23
Elands Bay	4	Prince Albert	8
Elsies River	394	Prince Alfred Hamlet	19
Fish Hoek	45	Ravensmead	273
Franschhoek	12	Rawsonville	17
Gans Bay	56	Redelinghuys	4
Genadendal	31	Riebeek West	22
George	151	Riversdale	32
Goodwood	259	Riviersonderend	7
Gordons Bay	76	Robertson	20
Graafwater	10	Rondebosch	16
Grabouw	60	Saldanha	45
Grassy Park	213	Samora Machel	56
Groot Brakrivier	63	Saron	4
Groot-Drakenstein	13	Sea Point	45
Gugulethu	292	Simons Town	25
Harare	434	Somerset West	153

STATION	AMOUNT	STATION	AMOUNT
Heidelberg	19	St Helena Bay	24
Hermanus	131	Stanford	8
Hopefield	19	Steenberg	203
Hout Bay	81	Stellenbosch	186
Kensington	108	Still Bay	16
Khayelitsha	580	Strand	225
Kirstenhof	53	Strandfontein	41
Klapmuts	36	Struisbaai	23
Klawer	15	Suurbraak	4
Kleinmond	54	Swellendam	28
Kleinvlei	296	Table Bay Harbour	18
Knysna	111	Table View	220
Kraaifontein	701	Thembalethu	51
Kuilsrivier	214	Touws River	34
Kwanokuthula	14	Tulbagh	25
Kwanonqaba	49	Uniondale	13
Laaiplek	30	Vanrhynsdorp	6
Ladismith	28	Villiersdorp	18
Laingsburg	12	Vredenburg	126
Lambertsbaai	8	Vredendal	64
Langa	170	Wellington	65
Langebaan	21	Wolseley	33
Lansdowne	109	Woodstock	99
Leeu-Gamka	7	Worcester	269
Lentegeur	349	Wynberg	77
Lingeletu-West	263		

- (iv) Yes.
- (v) Firearms are safeguarded in police custody until disposed of.
- (vi) 24 272 firearms were destroyed from January 2022 to date. To obtain the information regarding how many of each make were destroyed, would be extremely time consuming given the amount of firearms. This necessitates the redeployment of personnel to carry out a task which would not only place an extra burden on limited resources but would further be to the detriment of other essential duties or service delivery to the community.
- (vii) 19 (18 from Bellville South and 1 from Villiersdorp).
- (c) This question should be directed at National Head Office.
- (d) 89.32% (Conviction rate = Guilty/ Guilty + Not Guilty).

*Libraries: budget allocation***3. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:**

- (a) What is the budget allocated to libraries in the Western Cape and
- (b) how many people have used each library over the last 12 months?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

- 3. (a) The total budget allocated to libraries in the Western Cape for 2022/2023 is R279 652 000 broken down as follows:
 - Municipal Replacement Fund: R85 600 000
 - Community Libraries Conditional Grant : R183 222 000
 - Metro Library Grant: R5 492 000
 - Metro Periodicals Fund: R5 338 000 million
- (b) The active library membership for each public library from April 2021 until March 2022 is attached as Annexure A.

STREEK / REGION: Beaufort West

BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA: Eden Central Karoo

PERIODE / PERIOD: April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Beaufort West Municipality					
Beaufort West		2968	1114	28	4110
KwaMandlenkosi		242	184	259	685
Merweville		254	128	1	383
Mimosa		1192	1460	5	2657
Murraysburg		319	274	21	614
Nelspoort		200	85	15	300
Laingsburg Municipality					
Goldnerville		23	37	0	60
Laingsburg		707	551	85	1343
Matjiesfontein		114	79	0	193
Vleiland		49	35	0	84
Prince Albert Municipality					
Klaarstroom		78	76	0	154
Leeu-Gamka		279	391	0	670
Prince Albert		1236	839	22	2097
Prince Albert Thusong		85	114	0	199
TOTAAL / TOTAL 14		7746	5367	436	13549
DEPOTS 0		0	0	0	0
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL 14		7746	5367	436	13549

STREEK / REGION: George

BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL AREA: Eden Central Karoo

PERIODE / PERIOD: April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
George Municipality					
Blanco		953	1017	33	2003
Conville		1789	2884	33	4706
George		22497	12542	100	35139
Pacaltsdorp		1266	2002	12	3280
Thembalethu		767	1508	119	2394
Touwsranten		351	396	5	752
Waboomskraal		81	133	0	214
Knysna Municipality					
Brackenhill		95	65	0	160
Fairview		64	109	0	173
Hornlee		1859	2727	163	4749
Karatara		304	82	9	395
Khayaalethu		530	1291	6	1827
Knysna		6024	4663	593	11280
Leisure Isle		416	74	0	490
Masifunde		592	1209	241	2042
Rheenendal		548	898	12	1458
Rudolf Balie Memorial		342	1134	45	1521
Sedgefield		3430	504	8	3942
Smutsville		266	524	0	790
Bitou Municipality					
Green Valley		349	173	130	652
Kranshoek		805	1068	118	1991
Kurland		912	303	451	1666
KwaNokuthula		1467	1359	206	3032
New Horizons		1090	782	396	2268
Plettenberg Bay		4310	1421	906	6637
TOTAAL / TOTAL 25		51107	38868	3586	93561
Bergplaas		22	19	2	43
Buffelsnek		23	24	0	47
Hoekwil		50	0	0	50
DEPOTS 3		95	43	2	140
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL 28		51202	38911	3588	93701

STREEK / REGION:
BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA:
PERIODE / PERIOD:

Mossel Bay
Eden Central Karoo
April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Hessequa Municipality					
Albertinia		719	164	6	889
Brakfontein		3	62	2	67
Duivenhoks		535	1269	18	1822
Gouritsmond		825	149	2	976
Heidelberg		1014	343	19	1376
Melkhoutfontein		371	338	30	739
Molenrivier		18	41	0	59
Protea		843	694	26	1563
Riversdal		2238	1366	30	3634
Slangrivier		398	528	13	939
Still Bay		2743	225	1	2969
Vermaaklikheid		41	37	0	78
Vondeling		70	135	0	205
Mossel Bay Municipality					
Brandwag		91	150	43	284
Buisplaas		25	28	3	56
D'Almeida		956	1280	2091	4327
Denneprag		0	0	0	0
Ellen van Rensburg		2245	382	12	2639
Friemersheim		199	205	57	461
Greenhaven		586	1017	234	1837
Hartenbos		3992	482	18	4492
Herbertsdale		184	83	2	269
Jonkersberg		39	12	0	51
KwaNonqaba		1553	1840	602	3995
Mossel Bay		7612	1117	402	9131
Sonskyn Vallei		50	82	4	136
Toekoms		76	10	0	86
Ruitersbos		21	53	0	74
TOTAAL / TOTAL 28		27447	12092	3615	43154
DEPOTS 0					
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL 28		27447	12092	3615	43154

STREEK / REGION: Oudtshoorn

BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA: Eden Central Karoo

PERIODE / PERIOD: April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwasseenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Kannaland Municipality					
Calitzdorp		360	127	0	487
Hoeko		28	62	0	90
Ladismith		2150	1278	55	3483
Vanwyksdorp		66	16	0	82
Zoar		209	170	27	406
Oudtshoorn Municipality					
Bongolethu		333	699	32	1064
Bridgton		719	1017	8	1744
CJ Langenhoven		5412	3266	74	8752
De Rust		566	248	40	854
Dysselsdorp		461	437	20	918
Volmoed		49	79	0	128
George Municipality					
Avontuur		78	206	3	287
Haarlem		364	451	12	827
Noll		34	30	0	64
Uniondale		627	293	2	922
TOTAAL / TOTAL 15		11456	8379	273	20108
DEPOTS 0		0	0	0	0
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL 15		11456	8379	273	20108

STREEK / REGION: Blaauwberg

BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA: Metropole

PERIODE / PERIOD: April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Avondale		528	391	0	919
Bloubergstrand		336	105	0	441
Brooklyn		583	172	0	755
Du Noon		933	550	0	1483
Koeberg		1195	377	0	1572
Mamre		665	409	0	1074
Milnerton		2099	522	0	2621
Table View		3246	881	0	4127
Wesfleur		1238	787	0	2025
TOTAAL / TOTAL 9		10823	4194	0	15017
DEPOTS 0		0	0	0	0
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL 9		10823	4194	0	15017

STREEK / REGION:
BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA:
PERIODE / PERIOD:

Cape Town
Metropole
April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Athlone		1517	567	0	2084
Bridgetown		542	403	0	945
Brown's Farm		553	264	0	817
Camps Bay		605	320	0	925
Central		4867	469	0	5336
Claremont		2464	784	0	3248
Crossroads		557	155	0	712
Guguletu		839	229	0	1068
Hanover Park		1057	939	0	1996
Heideveld		643	391	0	1034
Kensington		746	542	0	1288
Kloof Street		566	124	0	690
Langa		457	251	0	708
Lansdowne		989	634	0	1623
Lentegeur		1172	937	0	2109
Maitland		270	93	0	363
Manenberg		670	687	0	1357
Mitchell's Plain Town Centre		1957	1104	0	3061
Mowbray		367	76	0	443
Nyanga		378	210	0	588
Observatory		387	125	0	512
Philippi East		574	355	0	929
Pinelands		2063	833	0	2896
Rocklands		712	454	0	1166
Rondebosch		1551	496	0	2047
Rylands		1313	619	0	1932
Colin Eglin (Sea Point)		1505	275	0	1780
Strandfontein		785	462	0	1247
Tafelsig		474	303	0	777
Vredehoek		428	152	0	580
Weltevreden		1157	293	0	1450
Westridge		1237	701	0	1938
Woodstock		393	160	0	553
TOTAAL / TOTAL	33	33795	14407	0	48202
DEPOTS	0	0	0	0	0
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL	33	33795	14407	0	48202

STREEK / REGION: False Bay

BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA: Metropole

PERIODE / PERIOD: April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwasseenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Brackenfell		3724	1414	0	5138
Eerste River		1271	771	0	2042
Eikendal		1183	296	0	1479
Gordon's Bay		1021	240	0	1261
Kraaifontein		2159	586	0	2745
Kuils River		859	824	0	1683
Lwandle (Hector Peterson)		379	273	0	652
Macassar		815	455	0	1270
Melton Rose		1139	634	0	1773
P D Paulse		602	327	0	929
Scottsdene		647	371	0	1018
Sir Lowry's Pass		395	250	0	645
Somerset West		2008	1334	0	3342
Strand		2788	700	0	3488
Suider-Strand		0	0	0	0
TOTAAL / TOTAL 15		18990	8475	0	27465
Jan Kriel		168	565	0	733
DEPOTS 1		168	565	0	733
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL 16		19158	9040	0	28198

STREEK / REGION: Southern
 BEHEERENHEID /
 CONTROL AREA: Metropole
 PERIODE / PERIOD: April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Fish Hoek		3050	548	0	3598
Grassy Park		1381	576	0	1957
Hangberg		260	258	0	518
Hout Bay		1175	290	0	1465
Kommetjie		430	134	0	564
Lotus River		544	690	0	1234
Masiphumele		209	82	0	291
Meadowridge		1907	962	0	2869
Mobiles		0	0	0	0
Muizenberg		927	194	0	1121
Ocean View		896	661	0	1557
Ottery		266	184	0	450
Pelican Park		136	310	0	446
Plumstead		720	187	0	907
Retreat		1328	716	0	2044
Simon's Town		480	58	0	538
Southfield		1264	336	0	1600
Tokai		1573	451	0	2024
Wynberg		623	396	0	1019
TOTAAL / TOTAL	19	17169	7033	0	24202
Da Gama Park *		215	440	0	655
Silvermine Village *		250	0	0	250
DEPOTS	2	465	440	0	905
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL	21	17634	7473	0	25107

* Depots- no
 circulation 2021/2022
 Membership
 2019/2020

*Mobiles closed on 30
 April 2021

STREEK / REGION: Tygerberg
 BEHEERENHEID /
 CONTROL AREA: Metropole
 PERIODE / PERIOD: April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY					
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Adriaanse		1130	628	0	1758
Belhar		645	375	0	1020
Bellville		4282	732	0	5014
Bellville South		849	422	0	1271
Bishop Lavis		1049	824	0	1873
Bonteheuwel		1173	800	0	1973
Bothasig		1496	386	0	1882
Delft		1362	764	0	2126
Delft South		581	273	0	854
Durbanville		4343	1597	0	5940
Edgemead		2378	806	0	3184
Elsies River		836	622	0	1458
Fisantekraal		416	312	0	728
Goodwood		1855	396	0	2251
Harare Square		995	444	0	1439
Huguenot Square		774	475	0	1249
Khayelitsha		697	302	0	999
Kulani		368	272	0	640
Kuyasa		1049	401	0	1450
Leonsdale		310	255	0	565
Masakhane		553	229	0	782
Mfuleni		930	268	0	1198
Moses Mabhida		759	330	0	1089
Nazeema Isaacs		392	187	0	579
Parow		810	607	0	1417
Ravensmead		833	620	0	1453
Tyger Valley		3041	878	0	3919
Valhalla Park		509	373	0	882
TOTAAL / TOTAL	28	34415	14578	0	48993
Hospital Street		367	0	0	367
DEPOTS	1	367	0	0	367
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL	29	34782	14578	0	49360

STREEK / REGION:
BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA:
PERIODE / PERIOD:

Swellendam
Cape Winelands and Overberg
April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Langeberg Municipality					
Ashbury		337	467	20	824
Ashton		721	702	24	1447
Bonnievale		928	448	48	1424
Happy Valley		419	509	114	1042
Klaasvoogds		86	215	0	301
Le Chasseur (Wandsbeck)		72	153	0	225
McGregor		349	268	3	620
Middelrivier		68	126	0	194
Montagu		1214	254	26	1494
Mountainview		1327	2375	8	3710
Nkqubela		172	154	9	335
Robertson		3449	1712	85	5246
Sunnyside		367	484	104	955
Wakkerstroom Oos		64	42	0	106
Wakkerstroom Wes		201	243	0	444
Zolani		54	40	1	95
Cape Agulhas Municipality					
Bredasdorp		3395	1478	118	4991
Elim		514	137	0	651
Klipdale		78	133	0	211
Napier		430	115	52	597
Nuwerus		131	160	13	304
Protem		96	101	0	197
Struisbaai		1281	482	0	1763
Waenhuiskrans		193	119	37	349
Welverdiend		695	1204	41	1940
Swellendam Municipality					
Barrydale		867	770	0	1637
Buffeljags River		193	255	253	701
Railton		761	862	104	1727
Suurbraak		713	624	35	1372
Swellendam		2391	1225	26	3642
Vleiplaas		20	37	0	57
TOTAAL / TOTAL	31	21586	15894	1121	38601
DEPOTS	0	0	0	0	0
GROOTTOTAAL					
GRAND TOTAL	31	21586	15894	1121	38601

STREEK / REGION:
BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA:
PERIODE / PERIOD:

Worcester
Cape Winelands and Overberg
April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Breede Valley Municipality:					
Avian Park		841	490	548	1879
De Doorns		1804	1368	446	3618
Esselen		1971	178	180	2329
Goudini		792	414	294	1500
Steenvliet		1027	272	299	1598
Touwsrivier		1346	157	163	1666
Worcester		5846	3132	1285	10263
Zweletemba		1291	773	324	2388
Fairhills		340	24	0	364
Hexvallei		435	52	1	488
Overhex		65	5	0	70
Sandhills		536	288	4	828
Slanghoek		297	4	5	306
Witzenberg Municipality:					
Bella Vista		1669	2848	0	4517
Ceres		0	0	0	0
Montana		1905	1888	92	3885
Nduli		0	0	0	0
Rietvallei		799	1274	0	2073
Tulbagh		2218	2331	7	4556
Witzenville		429	597	0	1026
Wolseley		1117	1022	7	2146
Op die Berg		713	855	4	1572
Prins Alfred Hamlet		946	354	521	1821
Laaste Drift		33	194	0	227
Witzen Valley		65	155	0	220
TOTAAL / TOTAL 25		26485	18675	4180	49340
Brandvlei Max Cor.Ser.		107	0	0	107
Brandvlei Med Cor.Ser.		276	0	0	276
Brandvlei Youth Cor.Ser.		101	0	0	101
De la Bat		86	175	0	261
Obiqua Cor. Ser		59	0	0	59
Pionier Braille		374	280	0	654
DEPOTS 6		1003	455	0	1458
GROOTTOTAAL					
GRAND TOTAL 31		27488	19130	4180	50798

STREEK / REGION:

Saldanha

BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA:

West Coast

PERIODE / PERIOD:

April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Bergivier Municipality					
Aurora		145	85	3	233
Bettie Julius		306	587	13	906
Dwarskersbos		158	13	0	171
Eendekuil		171	201	0	372
Goedverwacht		287	236	0	523
L.B. Wernich		795	888	176	1859
Noordhoek *		414	832	8	1254
Piketberg		1954	1227	52	3233
Porterville		1054	654	57	1765
Redelinghuys		48	24	4	76
Veldrif		1605	367	2	1974
Berghoff		58	56	0	114
Wittewater		82	103	2	187
Versveld		45	169	0	214
Saldanha Bay Municipality					
Diazville *		881	1103	977	2961
Harold Krumm		187	341	1	529
Hopefield		744	1043	72	1859
Laingville		501	781	434	1716
Langebaan		2130	630	108	2868
Paternoster		182	137	8	327
Saldanha		1957	1264	1019	4240
St. Helena Bay		751	134	23	908
Vredenburg		2737	2421	250	5408
Swartland Municipality					
Abbotsdale		430	652	0	1082
Chatsworth		323	353	0	676
Darling		473	146	9	628
Darling-Noord		441	618	0	1059
Malmesbury		1719	826	0	2545
Moorreesburg		1590	742	0	2332
Riebeeck-Kasteel		359	171	0	530
Riebeeck-Wes		440	594	14	1048
Wesbank		1272	710	17	1999
TOTAAL / TOTAL 32		24239	18108	3249	45596

Langebaanweg *		0	0	0	0
DEPOTS 1		0	0	0	0
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL 33		24239	18108	3249	45596

*Diazville and Noordhoek
temp. closed

*Langebaanweg closed

STREEK / REGION:

Stellenbosch

BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA:

West Coast

PERIODE / PERIOD:

April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Drakenstein Municipality					
Bergendal		32	509	0	541
Bergrivier		31	149	0	180
Chicago		116	427	92	635
Drakenstein		8306	10272	4	18582
Gouda		903	1198	0	2101
Groenberg		45	297	0	342
Groenheuwel		3361	5724	0	9085
Hermon		148	292	2	442
KD -Klein Drakenstein		129	487	1	617
Mbekweni		2545	6245	8	8798
Nieuwe Drift		29	631	0	660
Paarl		17309	10051	345	27705
Ronwe		46	247	0	293
Saron		1872	2335	0	4207
Simondium		444	966	3	1413
Wagenmakers Valley		103	548	4	655
Wellington		9225	5053	272	14550
Wellington Readers		2198	2383	143	4724
Windmeul		13	339	0	352
Stellenbosch Municipality					
Cloetesville		3033	1290	95	4418
Franschhoek		7	2	0	9
Groendal		4	11	0	15
Idasvallei / Valley		9	14	8	31
Jamestown		480	335	25	840
Kayamandi		2342	319	295	2956
Klapmuts		2211	1139	0	3350
Koelenhof		28	290	0	318
Pniel		321	25	96	442
Stellenbosch		6149	1717	669	8535
TOTAAL / TOTAL 29		61439	53295	2062	116796
Drakenstein Maximum		177	0	0	177
Drakenstein Medium A		78	0	0	78
Drakenstein Medium B		712	0	0	712

Hawequa		20	5	0	25
Nagenoeg		21	15	0	36
Paardeberg		102	0	0	102
Pebbles		0	353	0	353
Voorberg Medium A		78	0	0	78
Voorberg Medium B		0	0	0	0
Voorberg Staff		11	82	0	93
DEPOTS	10	1199	455	0	1654
GROOTTOTAAL					
GRAND TOTAL	39	62638	53750	2062	118450

*Voorberg staff forms part of
Voorberg Medium A

STREEK / REGION:

Vanrhynsdorp

BEHEERENHEID / CONTROL
AREA:

West Coast

PERIODE / PERIOD:

April 2021 to March 2022

BIBLIOTEEK LIBRARY		LEDETAL MEMBERSHIP			
					Totaal Total
		Volwassenes Adults	Kinders Children	Slegs ICT ICT Only	
Cederberg Municipality					
Citrusdal		678	450	210	1338
Clanwilliam		811	485	37	1333
Elandsbaai		143	105	47	295
Graafwater		344	565	24	933
Lambertsbaai / Bay		489	423	63	975
Algeria		71	60	0	131
Matzikama Municipality					
Bitterfontein		63	7	0	70
Doringbaai		112	74	0	186
Ebenhaeser		149	88	0	237
Eureka		766	800	16	1582
Klawer		250	175	2	427
Koekenaap		0	0	0	0
Lutzville		1044	212	22	1278
Nuwerus		39	57	0	96
Rietpoort		61	17	0	78
Troe Troe		191	322	10	523
Uitkyk		188	49	2	239
Vanrhynsdorp		349	123	10	482
Vredendal		879	434	9	1322
Kliprand		37	37	0	74
Molsvlei		14	0	0	14
Stofkraal Mini		18	15	0	33
TOTAAL / TOTAL 22		6696	4498	452	11646
Wuppertal		146	221	0	367
DEPOTS 1		146	221	0	367
GROOTTOTAAL GRAND TOTAL 23		6842	4719	452	12013

*CEMIS and SA-SAMS data systems***4. Ms D M Baartman asked the Minister of Education:**

In relation to the WCED's CEMIS and the national Department's SA-SAMS data systems:

- (1) Whether there have been any instances where discrepancies with the national Department have resulted in lower equitable share allocations to the WCED; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what changes to the SA-SAMS must be incorporated in order to ensure its harmonisation with the output of the CEMIS?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

4. My department has informed of the following:

- (1) This question should be directed to the Provincial Treasury.
- (2) The Council for Education Ministers (CEM) approved the Learner Unit Records Information Tracking System (LURITS) as the single source of information for the education sector as from 1 May 2016.

This decision requires Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) to collate their provincial learner and teacher data (collected via the provincial data collection tool e.g. SA-SAMS or CEMIS) into a Provincial Data Warehouse (PDW). From the PDW, the data is processed and uploaded to the national LURITS.

The intent was for PEDs to execute on 4 quarterly uploads per annum. Unfortunately, due to various technical issues, including misalignment between LURITS and the PDW, PEDs have not been able to successfully execute on 4 uploads per annum and only managed 2.

Consequently, not all learner records were able to be uploaded into LURITS by the due date, and a manual verification process is therefore facilitated by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) in order to validate each PED's learner and teacher records before they are signed off and approved by the respective Heads of Department for DBE consolidation and sharing with National Treasury (NT).

*Foot-and-mouth disease***5. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (a) What steps has his Department taken to mitigate the risk of foot-and-mouth disease in the province and (b) how can the support of the South African Police Service for the ban on the movement of cloven-hoofed animals be increased?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

5. (a) Officials from the Programme Veterinary Services of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture have been attending roadblocks to inspect vehicles with livestock to check whether the animals are healthy and to check that the correct animal identification documents are present. A training session was arranged to update their knowledge and discuss investigations of suspect cases of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD). They are on high alert to investigate any reports of possible FMD infection and put the necessary controls in place where needed. They are also ensuring that auctions in the area are regularly visited to inspect animals and check on bio-security arrangements. The FMD contingency plans have been reviewed and updated. Subsequent to the movement standstill on livestock, officials have been busy with management and implementation of these restrictions. They are also working with other provinces, the National Director of Animal Health and stakeholders on a livestock movement policy to assist with maintaining FMD free areas. Weekly update meetings with all Provinces, and organised by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), are attended by officials to ensure that we are aware of the latest developments and staff members are then updated accordingly.
- (a) Officials from the Programme Veterinary Services have been engaging with law enforcement officials providing information on what the task entails, and what must be put in place to ensure adherence to movement restriction measures. Publication of regulations governing livestock movement assisted in providing certainties, empowering police, and other law enforcement bodies to intervene with force when transgressions are encountered.

Mining activity

6. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

In what respects is his Department involved during the application process for (a) prospecting rights, (b) mining rights, (c) the determination of conditions to protect the environment and (d) the management of environmental restoration during and after mining activities?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

6. (a and b) It must be noted that the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy ("DMRE") is the competent authority in terms of section 24C(2A) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") for listed or specified activities that are directly related to the prospecting or exploration of a mineral or petroleum resource, or the extraction and primary processing of a mineral or petroleum resource.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) and CapeNature are commenting authorities in terms of section 24O of NEMA, 1998 to provide comments on environmental impact assessment ("EIA") applications for listed or specific activities pertaining to prospecting right and mining approval applications. It is important to note that these comments are guided by strategic provincial information in terms of the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan and Coastal Risk information. Once the authorities are notified by either the environmental assessment practitioner or another organ of state of an application for environmental authorisation pertaining to listed or specified activities for a prospecting right, mining permit or mining right, the DEA&DP and CapeNature would participate in the EIA process by providing comments on the relevant EIA report.

The DEA&DP is also responsible for exercising the constitutional mandate for Provincial Planning which can be divided into a Spatial Planning role and a Land Use Management role. In terms of Spatial Planning or forward planning, the role is to compile province wide planning policy which we mainly do through the Provincial Spatial Development Framework. With respect to mining, the aim is to identify province wide where mining resources are to be found, to plan for the sustainable protection of the resource and to ensure that the extraction does not adversely impact on other land uses, including the conservation of priority biodiversity and ecosystems.

The second part of Provincial Planning involves Provincial Land Use Management. The Western Cape has legislated in the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act, 2014 (Act No. 3 of 2014) ("WC LUPA") that certain activities such as shale gas extraction and normal mines larger than certain areas also trigger a Provincial Land Use management process and which therefore also (over and above a municipal and approvals in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002)) require an approval from the Provincial Minister.

The DEA&DP also has a further mandate in respect of Municipal Planning. In terms of section 156(7) of the Constitution, the Western Cape Government has the role of capacitating, support, monitoring and regulating the exercise by municipalities of the municipal planning function. The DEA&DP therefore has compiled the WC LUPA, assists municipalities with their by-laws, zoning schemes which makes provision for mining rights, and the approval processes to obtain the land use rights. The DEA&DP also provides technical support specifically to the Matzikama Municipality in dealing with mining applications and where necessary, also provide capacity to deal with backlogs and bottlenecks. The DEA&DP monitor the performance of the municipalities in dealing with applications and provide necessary support where needed.

- (c) The DEA&DP and CapeNature are only commenting authorities for applications for environmental authorisation directly related to the prospecting or exploration of a mineral or petroleum resource, or the extraction and primary processing of a mineral or petroleum resource.

The DEA&DP and CapeNature would however indicate in its comments on an EIA application pertaining to a prospecting right, mining permit or mining right, if it objects to such an application. The DEA&DP would further provide recommendations for consideration by the DMRE during its decision-making process.

- (d) Every environmental authorisation must, as a minimum, ensure that adequate provision is made for the ongoing management and monitoring of the impacts of the activity on the environment throughout the lifecycle of the activity. The management of environmental restoration during and after mining activities falls outside the legislative mandate of the DEA&DP. The management of environmental restoration during and after mining activities is the responsibility of the holder of the environmental authorisation granted for the prospecting right, mining permit or mining right, as well as that of the DMRE. The Minister responsible for mineral resources may designate a person as an environmental mineral resource inspector for the compliance monitoring and enforcement of the provisions of the NEMA, or a specific environmental management Act in respect of which powers are conferred on him or her. The Minister responsible for environmental affairs may, with the concurrence of the Minister responsible for mineral resources, if the environmental mineral resource inspectors are unable or not adequately able to fulfil the compliance monitoring and enforcement functions, designate environmental management inspectors to implement these functions in terms of this Act or a specific environmental management Act in respect of which powers have been conferred on the Minister responsible for mineral resources.

Seismological exploration at sea

7. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (a) How well established is the scientific knowledge regarding the impact on the environment of seismological studies at sea and (b)(i) to what extent does seismological exploration at sea cause environmental damage and (ii) how can this damage be mitigated?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

7. (a) The scientific knowledge or resulting conclusive outcomes regarding the environmental impacts of seismological studies is highly contested. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("DEA&DP") and CapeNature do not have in-house scientific research capacity regarding the environmental impact(s) of seismological studies at sea.

However, seismic testing is the process used for mapping the ocean floor to determine where oil and gas is located so that the seabed can then be drilled, and the resources extracted.

The process involves seismic air guns sending compressed air streams or focused sonic waves – in simple language, loud booms - towards the ocean floor to gauge the depth, location and structure of the oil or gas resources. Sound travels more easily under water than through the air and the noise from a single seismic survey can travel tens of thousands of square kilometers.

An article in the Canadian Journal of Zoology reports that seismic surveys increase noise levels to twice the normal level, and impact marine life. Such surveys disturb the communication, navigation and eating habits essential to the survival of marine wildlife. These sonic waves can also damage fish with air bladders, destroy marine wildlife eggs and larvae, and cause fish and other marine species to temporarily migrate away from the affected area. However, the conclusiveness of scientific knowledge is currently being contested, as considered in the Western Cape High court judgement in the *Christian John Adam & Others v Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy & Others* (case number: 1306/22) where applicants in this matter presented the argument that cumulative impacts of seismic surveys have not been studied in South Africa and that the impact on fish assemblages was difficult to interpret. In addition, there was a lack of research on confounding effects and multiple stressors were a key concern. It was also argued that there is limited knowledge on the impact on zooplankton which support fish nursery areas, this is particularly important along the West Coast of South Africa. In the North Atlantic, zooplankton, which is essential for the health and productivity of global marine ecosystems have suffered significant mortality and the impact has been observed at a range of 1.2 km from the blasting sites.

- (b) (i) The DEA&DP largely depends on the specialist studies undertaken by independent specialists for applications for environmental authorisation for seismic studies, which describe the potential impacts to the environment (biophysical, socio-economic, and cultural historic), and which propose appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures that can be implemented.

In terms of the specialist input supporting prospecting applications that include seismic activities which were received and commented on by the DEA&DP in terms of section 24O of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") (as explained in response to the parliamentary query 6), the impacts on various aspects of the marine environment are generally presented as very low to low negative (as it relates to significance and consequence) before mitigation measures are implemented and very low negative to insignificant (significance and consequence) after the implementation of mitigation measures. The forecasts on marine environment impacts provided by the relevant specialists are typically provided with a high degree of confidence.

One of the few aspects where impacts are forecast with a medium degree of confidence, pertains to marine mammal species (as it relates to significance and consequence).

Scientists argue that the effect of these seismic blasts of sound on marine life is disturbing and can have catastrophic results: seals have been found to display dramatic avoidance behaviour, a slower heart rate, ceasing feeding and hauling out of the ocean. Turtles have shown reduced hearing sensitivity at a distance of 1km from the blasts. There has been damage to fish ears at distances of 500m to several kilometres, a reduction of 40 – 80% of catch rates in the North Atlantic and increased embryonic mortality. Impacts include temporary and permanent hearing loss, abandonment of habitat, disruption of mating and feeding, and even beach strandings and death. For whales and dolphins, which rely on their hearing to find food, communicate, and reproduce, being able to hear is a life-or-death matter. Whales simply stop “talking” to each other.

Portlands Primary School: fence, status of

8. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) What is the status of the fence at the Portlands Primary School in Mitchells Plain and (b) when will the fence be installed;
- (2) whether there are any delays; if so, what are the reasons;
- (3) whether a contractor has been appointed by the school or his Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the contractor in (3) has been appointed for the fencing of other schools in Mitchells Plain; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether there was a binding memorandum of understanding between the school and his Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) what was the allocated budget for the fence;
- (7) whether there has been a deviation from this budget; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (8) what is the cost for the fences for all schools in the province in accordance his Department’s norms and standards;
- (9) whether the exact same process for fencing has been followed at all the schools in the province; if not, why not;
- (10) how many schools in the province have been upgraded between the 2018/19 and 2021/22 financial years?

8. My department has informed me of the following:
- (1) (a) The Department transferred funding directly to the school in March 2022 to enable the erection of a new perimeter fence.
 - (b) Due to the transfer payment, the school is to appoint appropriate, suitable, professionally-registered persons to plan and manage the implementation of this project. The Department will provide oversight and render support.
 - (2) The Department transferred funding directly to the school in March 2022. The school is to ensure that the relevant processes are followed.
 - (3) No contractor has been appointed as yet.
 - (4) See answer to (3) above.
 - (5) Yes.
 - (6) R1.5 million
 - (7) We have yet to receive a final quote on the costs and whether deviation would be necessary.
 - (8) In the current 2022/23 financial year a budget of R80 million is allocated.
 - (9) Yes.
 - (10) 114

Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) qualification

9. Mr C M Fry asked the Premier:

- (a) How many people in the province have been enrolled in the new solar photovoltaic (SPV) qualification and (b) how much did the Premier's Council on Skills spend on the implementation of this pilot project?

The PREMIER:

9. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism informed that:
- (a) The Department is not able to report on the number of learners enrolled in the new solar photovoltaic (SPV) qualification. The Department supported the development of the solar photovoltaic (SPV) qualification, as the absence of a qualification created the risk of a slower and costlier advancement of the photovoltaic economy and uptake. The development of the qualification was supported by feedback from industry and academia.

The Department has been informed that the West Coast College and various firms are currently recruiting learners who will be trained in the qualification and undergo experiential learning at participating firms.

- (b) The Premier's Council on Skills has not spent funding on the pilot project. The Department however spent R1,456,000 on the development, learning material and digitisation of the qualification.

Community child-rights workshops

10. Mr C Fry asked the Premier:

- (a) How many community child-rights workshops have been conducted by the Office of the Children's Commissioner, (b) in which municipalities have they taken place between January 2020 and August 2022, (c) how have these community child rights workshops benefited children and (d)(i) how many child government monitors have been appointed in the province and (ii) what programmes have the monitors initiated or been part of between January 2020 and August 2022 and (e) what support have the child government monitors received from the Western Cape Government?

The PREMIER:

10. I am informed by the Office of the Children Commissioner:

- (a) The Office of the Children's Commissioner has held workshops with 25 communities since its inception in 2020.
- (b) The Western Cape Commissioner for Children (WCCC) was appointed into office on 1 June 2020. Between October 2020 and March 2022 the workshops were held in the following municipalities:

Matzikama : 29 Oct – 2 November 2020

Bergvliet : 8 – 12 November 2020

Hessequa : 23 – 31 March 2021

George : 17-19 October 2021

Bitou : 19 – 23 October 2021

Prince Albert : 2 – 6 November 2021

Beaufort West : 7 – 11 March 2022

- (c) In July 2022, the WCCC conducted the first round of feedback to children in the Matzikama municipality based on the West Coast's report. The Commissioner hosted a meeting with child representatives from the areas in Matzikama to deliver the responses from the Departments of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Health, Education, and Social Development.

The Commissioner will continue with feedback reporting to children until all municipalities visited thus far receive responses from the relevant WCG departments.

- (d) (i) Since the WCCC took office in June 2020 to date, 169 child government monitors (CGMs) have been appointed.
- (ii) Since the WCCC took office in June 2020 to date, the child government monitors have been part of many projects, as highlighted in the table below:

2020	2021	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission to United Nations on the list of issues prior to reporting • Submission on the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement • Cancel the rewrite campaign • Submission to the African Union Peer Review Mechanism comprising of four position statements on education as a youth development strategy • Submission for the Children's Amendment Bill • Attended European Network of Ombudspersons for Children Annual Conference virtually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented at National Parliament at the closed hearing session for children and vulnerable youth. • Embarked on Strategic litigation project with the University of Pretoria and University of Nottingham • Submission to Provincial Parliament focusing on the suitability of public representatives, case study Kannaland Mayor • Officers in the office presented the CGM submission above at the public hearings of Children's Amendment Bill in Khayelitsha. • Attended virtual European Network of Ombudspersons for Children Annual Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning camp between the WCCC and CGM • Submission to Provincial Parliament on the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill • Completed a public budget monitoring training from a child's rights approach, hosted by the WCCC • CGM presentation at the pre-session meeting to inform Universal Periodic Review on Human Rights by the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland

- (e) The Western Cape Children's Commissioner (including the child government monitors) are supported by the provincial fiscus. The Commissioner acts independently but is administratively supported by the Department of the Premier with the Director-General as the Accounting Officer.

*Overberg District Municipality: high-mast lighting project***11. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

It was revealed during an oversight by the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on 20 June 2022 that the Overberg District Municipality will be undertaking a high-mast lighting project to protect the safety of residents in informal settlements in the Grabouw area:

- (1) Whether the Overberg District Municipality has implemented the project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) when is this project be expected to be completed and (b) what are the (i) specifics and (ii) projected outcomes thereof;
- (3) how will the project help to guarantee the safety of residents in informal settlements?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

11. (1) Whether the Overberg District Municipality has implemented the project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

The Joint District and Metro Approach (JDMA) is a geographical district and team based, citizen focused approach, with a single implementation plan that provide developmental initiatives and government services to the people. The Overberg JDMA Implementation plan, led by the Overberg District, identified catalytic priorities in the Overberg Region to be addressed through the JDMA process.

One such priority was the installation of High Mast Lights in informal settlements in the Grabouw area. This project was prioritized due to the positive social impact it will have on the safety of communities in the Grabouw informal settlement.

- (2) (a) A total of 5 by 20m and 5 by 30m masts lighting were installed. The project was completed on 31 March 2021.

The total spending on the project was R2 490 417.69 inclusive of VAT.

The high mast lights were installed in the following informal settlements in Theewaterskloof Municipality:

Name of Informal Settlement	Amount and size of high masts lighting installed
Siyazenzela	3 x 30m
Kutsong	2 x 30m
Irak	1 x 20m
Beverley Hills	2 x 20m
Rooidakke	2 x 20m

(3) The following outcomes were achieved by this project:

- Adequate area lighting within the area improving safety of the community throughout the night.
- Job opportunities.
- Improvement of the lives and dignity of citizens in the community.

Statistics received from the South African Police Services (SAPS) shows the following improvements in safety identified for the period from 1 April 2021 till March 2022 as a result of the High Mast Lightning Project:

- Property Related Crimes - decreased with -2.24%;
- Crimes Dependant on Police Action for detection - favourable increase with +74.6%;
- Robbery Aggravated - decreased by -18.18%.

Water infrastructure: support to municipalities

12. Mr D America asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) Whether his Department provides support to municipalities in the province to (a) expand and (b) maintain existing water infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how much of his Department's budget is allocated to the maintenance of water infrastructure?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

12. (1) Yes to both (a) and (b).

The Department of Local Government (DLG) support municipalities to strengthen and improve municipal service delivery and capacity building to enable municipalities to manage their own affairs, to exercise their own powers and to perform their functions as prescribed by local government legislation.

DLG has been designated as the lead Department for managing the Provincial Water Risk, which includes coordinating the drought response, short- and long-term water resilience planning in the Western Cape. International best practice dictates that drought planning and prioritisation of water resources development and management projects (measures/interventions) continue, even during years when drought seems unlikely. In response to the 2015-2019 drought period, the Province proposed to compile a water security and drought resilience plan to mitigate in the event of future water shortages caused by drought.

Thus far the Department of Local Government (DLG) has provided either for grants or coordinated funding from other public entities to expand or maintain existing water and water-related infrastructure.

Given the magnitude and complexity associated with the total water ecosystem, the Department has adopted a holistic and integrated approach which are either being addressed or will be addressed by the following strategies:

Bi-annual drought assessments are conducted in order to determine the extent and impact of the drought; drought risk categorization, based on the findings of the assessments; and development and implementation of drought response action plans.

Notwithstanding the above, **a mind-set change is required with regards to how long-term planning** is conducted, which necessitates a strategic shift towards water resilience planning rather than only focusing on a drought response action plan. To this extent, DLG embarked on the development of Provincial Water Resilience Plan, to ensure that municipalities are better prepared for future drought occurrences.

DLG is currently finalizing the **15-Year Provincial Water Resilience Plan**, which aims to provide for the timeous planning and implementation of interventions to ensure water security and water resilience for the Western Cape, as well as ensuring an integrated and coordinated Provincial response to the impact of the drought.

DLG adopted a collaborative strategy in response to the challenges with regards to the lack of technical resource capacity and capability as well as the necessary financial resources comprising of the following:

- Solicited the participation of partners/stakeholders such as the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and the Department of Agriculture as well as the National Department of Water and Sanitation, Water Boards, Water Catchment management agencies and irrigation boards, among others;
- Appointment of a dedicated team of technical specialists in the Department, which provided technical advisory services to municipalities and assisted with the roll-out of the drought response plan and the Provincial Water Resilience Plan;

- Subsequent to the bi-annual drought assessment and development of drought response action plans, the **Department of Local Government (DLG) provided funding for the execution of these action plans as well as deployment of Engineers to provide hands-on support to municipalities** with the development of business plans and implementation of drought relief projects as well as development of standard operating procedures in overall water management and the transfer of skills.

Below is a list of some of the projects supported by DLG over the recent financial years. Some of the projects with actual budgets are:

a. These projects meant for infrastructure expansion

- Drilling, testing, equipping and connection of boreholes
- Ladismith Deep Borehole Development
- Upgrades of Water Treatment Works
- Construction of Reservoirs
- Inter-connection of reservoirs
- Waste Water Treatment Works Re-use
- Supply and Installation of standby generators at Water Treatment Works and Pumpstations
- Construction of booster pump and pressure towers

b. These projects meant for infrastructure maintenance.

- Leak Detection and Repairs
- Equipping and boreholes and installation/ replacement of water meters
- Installation of Smart Water Meters and Leak Detection
- Installation of Borehole Monitoring equipment
- Communication Campaigns
- Water Pressure Management
- Installation of water management devices
- Borehole monitoring equipment and security enclosures Telemetry System
- Refurbish Iron Removal Plant
- Refurbishment of Water Treatment Works

- (2) DLG's budget allocated to the maintenance of water infrastructure in Municipalities over the financial years 2018/19 – 2021/22.

FINANCIAL YEAR	ALLOCATION (R)
2018 - 2019	R 8 408 000
2019 - 2020	R 43 556 000
2020 - 2021	R 12 518 000
2021 - 2022	R 2 850 000
Total (2018 – 2022)	R 67 332 000

Appointed Geohydrologist to assist with the following:

- a) Hydro-census investigations
- b) Borehole yield and quality tests
- c) Development of Sustainable ground water abstraction plans
- d) Water Use Licence applications (WULA)
- e) Ground Water Management skills transfer

FINANCIAL YEAR	ALLOCATION (R)
2019/20	R 8 200 000
2020/21	R 4 000 000
2021/22	R 7 200 000
Total (2019 – 2022)	R 19 400 000

*Disaster readiness***13. Mr D America asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

With regard to the province's disaster readiness:

Whether there are any plans in place to manage flooding in the province's municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

13. Planning plays a pivotal role in ensuring a rapid, effective, and coordinated response to any major emergency/incident that occurs. The Western Cape Disaster Management Centre (WCDMC) co-ordinates the planning efforts between provincial departments and municipalities in the Western Cape province.

The Western Cape Disaster Management Centre does have a Preparedness, Response and Recovery Plan which speaks to generic responses to incidents and emergencies which includes a flood response. The National Department of Water Affairs and Forestry bears primary responsibility in the case of riverine floods and dam management.

Preparedness and response to urban flooding is the responsibility of local municipalities therefore the City of Cape Town and Municipalities have the necessary flood contingency plans in place either forming part of their winter readiness planning and / or incorporated into their disaster management plan.

The Department also assists municipalities with the update and development of roads and stormwater master plans which assist municipalities to pro-actively plan for upgrading or installation of stormwater infrastructure based on changes in land-use and associated increase in surface water run-off.

In some cases, this also necessitates the construction of retention or attenuation ponds. Through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) Programme, the department also ensure incorporation of adequate stormwater drainage infrastructure (for 1:10 and 1:50 return year design floods) and stormwater management (post development stormwater run-off and stormwater retention) provision in the design of road and associated stormwater drainage networks.

The Department furthermore allocates financial assistance to municipalities experiencing high risk of stormwater damage.

Homeless people: muggings and robberies at shelters

14. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:

With regard to reports that homeless people have been the victims of muggings and robberies at shelters in the Western Cape:

Whether there is any provision in place to ensure the physical security of homeless-shelter occupants and to protect them from muggings and other violent crimes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

14. The Western Cape Department of Social Development (WCDSD) has a long-term vision and commitment to partner with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) / Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) and related institutions to care for people who find themselves homeless.

WCDSD does not directly operate shelters, it contracts with NGOs to provide these services through Transfer Payment Agreements (TPA).

Funded shelters do have security measures in place through means of alarm systems, rules on locking doors at a certain time of the night and having private security companies on call in cases of emergency.

Internally the shelters also have house rules to protect individuals with regards to the protection of their property and personal safety. Night managers/supervisors are on duty to deal with any matter to the safety and well-being of residence. Any person that is under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the shelter and placing other residence safety at risk, will be evicted as per the House rules and criminal charges laid by SAPS.

Kleinvlei: new police station

15. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With respect to the Kleinvlei Police Station:

- (1) Whether there are any plans to build a new police station in Kleinvlei; if not, why not; if so, what is the timeline;

- (2) (a) what is the current staffing structure, (b) how many vacancies exist at the station, (c) which government department is responsible for the maintenance of the station, (d) what is the current detective-to-population ratio, (e) how many residents does the police station serve and (f) what are the top five crimes in the area;
- (3) (a)(i) with which internet connection services is the station equipped and (ii) what challenges have been experienced in this regard, (b) how many calls have been logged with SETA and TMS with reference to the (i) fingerprinting devices and (ii) machines for the scanning of dockets and (c) how many firearms are assigned to the station?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

15. (1) A new police station for Kleinville is on the Capital Works Priority List. The project is currently in the site clearance phase (site identification and eventual acquisition). The project is managed by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI). A number of sites have been identified for the new police station. SAPS is in the process of evaluating the different sites. No timeline is available.

- (2) (a)

Station Commander	1
Visible Policing	122
Detectives	37
Support Services	32
Total	192

- (b) 26 vacancies

- (c) SAPS is responsible for all minor day-to-day maintenance at the station while the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is responsible for all major repairs and maintenance.

- (d) 1: 3 221

- (e) 119 202

- (f) According to the statistics for the 2021/2022 financial year (April 2021 to 31 March 2022) and the 1st Quarter 2022/2023 (April to June 2022) periods separately, the top 5 crimes according to the volumes are assault common, theft general, malicious damage to property, burglary at residential premises and robbery with aggravating circumstances for both mentioned periods.

- (3) (a) (i) Kleinvlei SAPS is equipped with a 2Mbps data line.
- (ii) No challenges are experienced. In the last six months one (1) fault was logged on 2022-08-29 when it was discovered that the connection was down.
- (b) (i) 0
- (ii) In the past 6 months one fault has been logged for each of the scanners.
- c) Sufficient firearms are assigned to the station. (The exact number is confidential and disclosing this poses a security risk)

Red Tape Reduction Unit

16. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In relation to the Red Tape Reduction Unit:

- (a) How many of the businesses assisted by the Red Tape Reduction Unit in the past three financial years are (i) women-owned, (ii) black-owned and (iii) owned by members of previously marginalised groups and (b) what steps has her Department taken to make sure the services of the Red Tape Reduction Unit are accessible to these businesses?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

16. (a) (i) The Case Management System (CMS) is a software platform which enables the Red Tape Reduction Unit (RTRU) to allocate cases and enquiries made by businesses to officials within the Department for investigation and resolution. The CMS further acts as a knowledge management platform storing rich data and information related to enquiries by businesses in the Western Cape. In August 2021, the RTRU implemented enhancements to the CMS, with a field for gender introduced. Therefore, as of August 2021, to date, we can report that 126 cases were logged as 'Female' on the Case Management System. Of these 126 cases logged as 'Female' within the Gender category, 56 businesses were assisted with information related to business support, 11 businesses were assisted with information related to permits and licences, 31 businesses were assisted with the Temporary Employer / Employee Relief Scheme (TERS), while 6 businesses were assisted with information related to tenders and procurement. The remainder of categories related to the green economy, skills development, business infrastructure and land use management. However, it is not possible to distinguish from this data if the cases were logged by female owners or employees.

- (ii) Data not available through the Case Management System. Moving forward, the RTRU will be investigating future system enhancements to the CMS to enable more rich analysis of data.
- (iii) Data not available through the Case Management System. See above.
- (b) The RTRU has a Business Support Helpline Service with a dedicated website, contact form and contacts e-mail available to the public across the entire Western Cape. The Business Support Helpline Service receives requests from business via various sources, which includes the Premier of the Western Cape and the office of the Head of the Department for Economic Development and Tourism.

The RTRU has marketed the services of the Business Support Helpline Service through various forums such as Youth Café with the Department of Social Development, The Department of Community Safety's Chrysallis Academy, the Department of Local Government's Provincial Communicators Technical Forum, and the I-CAN Centre in Elsie's River on the Cape Flats. The RTRU has also made use of social media promotion to citizens and businesses around the available service.

Furthermore, the RTRU also engaged various forums on request where the services of the Business Support Helpline Service were marketed and shared with businesses.

The RTRU has also updated its marketing collateral, translated into Afrikaans and isiXhosa. This will be placed at various grassroots structures in townships and business incubators in marginalised communities. The RTRU has also formed a partnership with the Department of Local Government's Thusong Centre Programme and will be sharing the marketing collateral for businesses in rural areas in November 2022.

Western Cape technology sector

17. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In relation to her Department's support for the Western Cape technology sector:

What steps has her Department taken to make the technology sector in the province more inclusive of women and previously disadvantaged groups?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

17. The Strategic Economic Accelerators and Drivers (SEAD) Branch within the Department tackles critical inhibitors to economic growth and initiatives which capitalise on economic opportunities that arise due to market forces or technological advances and stimulates investment into the province.

Within SEAD, the Chief Directorate: Digital Economy strives to improve the competitiveness of businesses and the livelihoods of citizens across the following themes: Connected Leadership, Connected Business and Connected Citizens.

Some examples of tech-focussed initiatives previously supported by the Department include:

Khayelitsha Bandwidth Barn

The Khayelitsha Bandwidth Barn is a township entrepreneurial and innovation tech incubator. This facility is managed by the Cape Innovation and Technology Initiative (CiTi), providing connectivity infrastructure and an integrated set of enterprise development interventions to assist entrepreneurs through ICT enablement, and to build, grow and scale sustainable businesses. The facility also provides youth and school learners with opportunities to develop coding skills and attend career expos for early exposure to ICT related vocation possibilities. The City of Cape Town is a co-funder.

The Women in Business (WIB) programme is an online business development offering for women owned business in the Khayelitsha and surrounding areas. From 2019 through to March 2022, 122 owners of women owned businesses completed this programme.

The Youth in Business (YIB) programme is aimed at providing youth-owned businesses with an in-depth, hands-on and experiential learning experience of the tech tools available to aid in the growth and development of their businesses. This was funded through the DEDAT SMME Booster Fund in the 2019/20 financial year and 100 participants completed this programme.

A total of 261 informal traders attended the Incubation Workshops and Smartech training programme in the 2021/22 financial year. Of this group, 64% were women.

A total of 1 118 businesses have been supported/ assisted by the Khayelitsha Bandwidth Barn from the 2019/20 to 2021/2022 financial years inclusive.

I-CAN Elsies River Centre

The I-CAN Elsies River Centre is a public access facility which serves as a community-based ICT access and knowledge centre.

It aims to help communities to learn, study, create and play by leveraging the online environment through physical infrastructure, the use of high-speed affordable broadband, digital technology and various education and skills development programmes. The centre is run by the Genesis Community IT Initiative NPO.

The beneficiaries of the Centre (the citizens) are mainly residents of Elsie's River and surrounding suburbs, but also stem from other previously disadvantaged communities within the wider Cape Metro. Of the 3461 registered members, 1936 (56%) are female.

The Centre offers a combination of free, partially subsidised, and fully funded services to the community. Valuable corporate partnerships forged since the Centre's inception have enabled expansion of training opportunities, vendor certification and free broadband access for beneficiaries of the Centre's initiatives.

A total of 11,239 training opportunities were taken up from 2015 to 2021.

The Western Cape Government is currently working on a new economic growth strategy for the province, which includes in its framework the need for horizontal enablement of the economy through digital transformation and technology. We will provide the member with an update on initiatives in the tech space when the strategy and plan are completed. This strategy is expected to be finalised by the end of the current financial year.

Building sites: extortion rackets and syndicates

18. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to his recent utterance that extortion rackets are intimidating and attacking contractors on some of its building sites:

- (1) (a) What are the details of projects that were affected in the period from 2019 to 2022 to date and (b) what intervention did his Department implement;
- (2) whether he produced evidence of these alleged extortions, hijackings and illegal occupations by these gangsters and syndicates to the SAPS and to the City of Cape Town's Law Enforcement Unit; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he applied for an eviction court order to evict the gangsters and syndicates who are allegedly hijacking and illegally occupying these social housing developments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

18. There are two areas where contractors were intimidated and/ or attacked on building sites, the following projects in Eerste River and Gugulethu were affected:

Eerste River: Forest Village, Ithemba and Our Pride

- (1) (a) Temporary delays due to strikes and disturbance by Business Forums, Beneficiary Groupings, etc. A contractor suffered physical harm and the business suffered financially. When demands were not met, the contractor's employees were violently attacked sustaining bodily fractures, and they were locked up in a site container. Further extensive damage was done to a motor vehicle. Several Emerging Contractors regularly reported interference from the business forums.
- (b) My department's Stakeholder and Communications Directorate have been very proactive in engaging with the entities interfering with construction contracts. Through this mechanism there has seemingly been a reduction in interference. My Department also deployed additional security and obtained court interdicts against perpetrators. The courts were approached for the following legal interventions in the abovementioned ownership-based projects:
- Interdict against the Ward 16 Business Forum in September 2020;
 - Eviction order against the illegal occupiers of units in Forest Village; and
 - Interdict against Janine Solomons and Social Liberals in December 2021.

Gugulethu: Airport Infills Project (Comprise 5 sites: Luyolo, Tambo Village, Lusaka Infills, Gxagxa and New Rest): 729 housing opportunities

- (1) (a) The construction works of Civil and Electrical engineering infrastructure services could not be implemented as result of two separate shooting incidents at Tambo Village and Luyolo sites. The shooting incidents are believed to be related to racketeering and intimidation attempts by construction mafia on the contractor. Fortunately, there were no fatalities although these incidents left two workers in a serious health condition.
- (b) My Department engaged the community leadership (Project Steering Committee, Councillor and Sub-Council Manager) and Contractor to assist to identify the perpetrators and report them to the police. My Department also improved security on site. The Contractor acquired specialised security services to reinforce security on sites to ensure safe and conducive working conditions for all the workers. The shooting incidents has left the sites exposed to land invasion as the Contractor halted work and they are in the process of terminating the Contract. However, the Contractor has agreed to complete the outstanding infrastructure services subject that they receive approval of specialised security services to complete the anticipated 4 months of work.

- (2) The matters were reported to SAPS. There are cases of shooting incidents and threats of intimidation that have been reported to SAPS. Where applicable, the Contractor has also provided police with all the necessary information to assist the investigation.
- (3) There are no records of any hijacking or illegal occupation of Social Housing units. It should be noted that Social Housing is a rental or co-operative housing option where projects are managed by accredited Social Housing Institutions. It is usually ownership-based projects that are targeted by extortion rings.

Pick n Pay Store Market Project

19. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the Pick n Pay Store Market Project:

- (1) Whether any due diligence was done before the inception of this project to determine the financial suitability of the stores and/or store owners; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what was the financial status of the stores and/or store owners and (c) can a copy of the report that proves due diligence was done be made available;
- (2) (a) what is the debt of each of the store owners and (b) how was it accumulated from the inception of the project to date?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

19. I am advised of the following details:

- (1) (a)
 - The Market Store Programme is owned and implemented by Pick n Pay. A due diligence exercise was conducted by the Pick n Pay Market Store Project Team which entailed factors such as viability of the location and site. In addition to this, a background check was carried out on the owner / operator. The Pick n Pay Market Store Project Team together with the Market Store owner then drafted a business plan which was submitted to an array of funders which included Masisizane, the National Empowerment Fund (NEF), the Small Enterprise Finance Agency (Sefa), and the retail banks. A due diligence was carried out by each of the funders prior to them approving or declining the funding application.
 - Once the funding application was approved, the Department received an approval letter (approving the Market Store site and the Market Store owner) from Pick n Pay.

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- The Departmental grant funding was then allocated towards the approved Market Store(s) to assist the business owner in the refurbishment of the store and set up costs.
 - (b) The Department did not conduct financial due diligence or credit checks on the stores or owners. See 1(a).
 - (c) This information should be requested from Pick n Pay and the relevant credit providers.
- (2)
- (a) This information should be requested from Pick n Pay and the relevant credit providers.
 - (b) This information should be requested from Pick n Pay and the relevant credit providers.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Detainees escaping from police custody

1. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the reply to question 7 of 27 May:

- (1) (a) How many detainees have escaped from (i) police vehicles in each cluster, (ii) holding cells at each police station and (iii) physical police detention facilities between 2018/19 and 2022/23, (b) how many of the aforementioned escapees have been rearrested, (c) how many SAPS members have been found negligent or responsible for these escapees, (d) with respect to (c) above, how many (i) internal disciplinary cases are ongoing, (ii) SAPS members have been suspended and (iii) of the individuals have been dismissed and (e) what is the seniority of the SAPS members involved in each of the aforementioned cases;
- (2) whether any external persons have been involved in each of these cases; if so, have they been (a) charged, (b) found guilty and (c) prosecuted;
- (3) how many convicts have escaped from their transport to their respective prison facilities after being convicted?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

1. (1) (a) (i)

YEAR	CLUSTER	ESCAPEES
2018-2019	Mitchells Plain	2
	Tygerberg	1
	Khayelitsha	1
	Wynberg	2
	Overberg	2
	Da Gamaskop	1
	Nyanga	1
2019-2020	Milnerton	1
	Tygerberg	1
	Khayelitsha	1
	Eden	1
	Wynberg	2
2020-2021	Eden	1
	Mitchells Plain	1
	Vredenburg	2

YEAR	CLUSTER	ESCAPEES
2021-2022	Nyanga	3
	Cape Town	1
	Da Gamaskop	3
	Eden	2
2022-2023	City of Cape Town District	3

(ii)

YEAR	STATION	ESCAPEES
2018-2019	George	1
	Worcester	1
	Paarl	1
	Hout Bay	1
2019-2020	Cape Town Central	1
2020-2021	Prince Albert	1
	Durbanville	1
	Vredendal	1
	Kraaifontein	2
2021-2022	Suurbraak	1
	Macassar	1
	Woodstock	1
	Vredendal	1
	Sea Point	1
2022-2023	Wolseley	1
	Porterville	1

(iii)

YEAR	AMOUNT
2018-2019	12
2019-2020	19
2020-2021	13
2021-2022	10
2022-2023	7

(b) 43

(c) 213

(d) (i) 0

(ii) 1

(iii) 2

(e)

RANK	AMOUNT
Lt Colonel	1
Captain	1

RANK	AMOUNT
Warrant Officer	42
Sergeant	87
Constable	79
Reservist Constable	3

(2) Yes

(a) 16 Persons were charged.

(b) 1 person was found guilty.

(c) 16 people were prosecuted.

(3) The SAPS does not transport convicts, only trial awaiting prisoners.

*Traffic lights: maintenance and fixing of***2. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Mobility:**

With regard to the maintenance and fixing of traffic lights:

- (1) (a) Which sphere of government is responsible for fixing and maintaining the R300 traffic lights in the City of Cape and (b) which sphere of government is responsible for fixing and maintaining traffic lights at national and regional intersections in the City of Cape Town;
- (2) whether there is a (a) process and (b) timeline for fixing traffic lights at national and regional intersections in the City of Cape Town; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

2. (1) (a) National Government, through the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL), is responsible for fixing and maintaining the R300 traffic lights on the section between the N1 (Stellenberg Interchange) and the N2 (Swartklip Interchange). The Western Cape Government, through the Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW), is responsible for the section of the R300 between the N2 (Swartklip Interchange) and the M7 (Jakes Gerwel Drive).
- (b) The respective spheres of government are responsible for the maintenance of their assets which are recorded in their asset registers. In the case of an intersection between roads that respectively belong to two spheres of government, the sphere of government of the higher order road is normally responsible for the maintenance of the traffic signals at the intersection.
- (2) (a) Yes, there is process for the repairing of traffic signals at intersections on national and regional roads. The sphere of government responsible for the maintenance of that intersection must initiate a repair order within the applicable specifications and procurement regulations.
- (b) Yes, there are timelines for the repairing of traffic signals at intersections on national and regional roads. The timelines are dependent on the extent and type of damage recorded at the installation, and the specifications and procurement processes that must be followed to repair.

*Foot-and-mouth disease***3. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) (a) How important is it for stock farmers to be regularly updated on the presence of identified cases of foot-and-mouth disease in South Africa and in neighbouring countries and (b)(i) where can stock farmers access such data and (ii) how often is this information updated;
- (2) whether there are early indications that the recently announced ban on the movement of cattle has been effective in stemming the spread of foot-and-mouth disease in South Africa; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the Western Cape is still free from cases of foot-and-mouth disease; if not, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

3. (1) (a) It is very important for livestock farmers to be aware of current and new foot-and-mouth (FMD) cases. This way, they can make informed decisions when it comes to purchasing livestock by avoiding infected areas. They can also take precautionary measures early on in order to prevent their farms from being infected if the disease is in their area.

(b) Information about new foot and mouth disease cases can be found on the National Animal Health Forum Website <https://nahf.co.za> / ("Update Report: Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak"). (ii) These are reports issued by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) approximately weekly. Information on outbreaks reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health can be accessed on the World Animal Health Information System website (wahis.woah.org).
- (2) Since the incubation period of the disease can be up to 14 days, it is difficult to say whether the shutdown is effective. In theory, this should slow the spread of the disease as the disease has, so far, been mainly spread by the movement of cattle. There have been outbreaks detected in other provinces since the start of the movement ban, but this is not unexpected, given the incubation period.
- (3) There are currently no cases of foot-and-mouth disease reported in the Northern, Western and Eastern Cape provinces. In the Western Cape, animal health technicians visit farms every day and investigate any reports of FMD-like signs.

*Brandvlei Dam: construction to increase the capacity of the feeder canal***4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) (a) When was the construction work to increase the capacity of the feeder canal to the Brandvlei Dam completed, (b) to what extent has the volume of water that can be diverted to the Brandvlei Dam already benefited from the construction work, (c) what was the level of the Brandvlei Dam as a percentage of the dam's capacity as at the end of August 2022 and (d) what is the condition of the water pumps at the major pump station;
- (2) whether maintenance work is done according to schedule; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there have been any disruptions, apart from load-shedding, in the volume of water pumped; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

4. (1) (a) The construction works of the raising of the feeder canal is still in progress. It's on 50.7% to date, according to the Department of Water and Sanitation.
- (b) The issuing of the licence process has started. The first call was advertised.
- (c) The Brandvlei dam capacity is at 63% to date. This time last year it was at 72%.
- (d) The condition of pumps are operational and pumping.
- (2) My Department had been advised that the maintenance work is done according to the maintenance programme.
- (3) There has been no disruptions, apart from load-shedding, in the volume of water pumping.

It must be noted that the management of the Brandvlei Dam falls within the mandate of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), and in this regard the answers above have been provided by the DWS.

*Computer laboratories at schools***5. Ms D M Baartman asked the Minister of Education:**

With respect to computer laboratories at schools in the province:

- (1) Of all the public schools in the province, how many are equipped with computer laboratories;

- (2) whether there are any plans to equip or upgrade the current facilities further; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how much would this cost?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

5. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) Two types of ICT suites (computer labs) are installed at schools – subject-specific labs where Computer Applications Technology (CAT), Information Technology, or Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD) that require base technology for the subject to be offered, or more general use labs (“Slim Labs”) as a shared resource across multiple grades and subjects.

In the subject-specific case, the Department has a 3-4 year refresh cycle as part of its operating procedures to evaluate the technology at the schools offering the subjects, and/or to consider curriculum extensions at schools for this purpose. All 255 schools offering these subjects are provisioned with the required base technology.

1 320 schools have been provisioned with Slim Labs.

- (2) On average, 80 schools are provisioned with requisite technologies for CAT, IT and EGD annually, at a cost of roughly R26 million per year.

The Slim Labs provisioning for 2022/2023 would see 179 schools receiving mobile suites of technology, at a cost of roughly R18.5 million.

“Rent to own” and “rent for life”: options

6. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

- (1) Whether the concept of “rent to own” is an option open to the public; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the rental option of “rent for life” without the option of ownership is an option open to the public; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

6. (1) The deferred ownership, or “Rent-to-Own” concept, is being piloted by Cape Agulhas Municipality in the Mill Park development in Bredasdorp. The project is open to the public, however potential beneficiaries for the project are required to reside in the Cape Agulhas Municipal area as the project is being developed by the Cape Agulhas Municipality.

The project is part of the Help Me Buy a Home programme where households with an income between R3 501 to R22 000 per month may qualify for the FLISP subsidy if they meet the relevant criteria.

If a prospective purchaser is considered creditworthy, they will be assisted to apply for a mortgage bond and a FLISP subsidy to buy their first home. If they are not able to qualify for a mortgage bond due to their credit score, they can register for the "Rent-to-Own" option. This will allow them, as a prospective homebuyer, to rent a new house for 24 months, after which they will have the option to purchase the property. If their credit score is too low, they may not qualify immediately and first have the opportunity to improve their credit score and affordability.

The "Rent-to-Own" option includes a support programme that will support purchasers to improve their creditworthiness during the rental period. Once their credit score has improved adequately, they will be assisted to apply for a mortgage bond and a FLISP subsidy for purchasing their new home.

- (2) There is no concept, or rental option, called "rent for life". Programmes which cater to permanent rental (which will not translate to ownership) are the Social Housing Programme and the Community Residential Units Programme.

AARTO system

7. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Mobility:

- (1) Whether the AARTO system is effective in reducing traffic violations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are recorded incidents where drivers have lost their drivers licences due to cumulative demerit points against them; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

7. (1) The Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act (AARTO Act 46 of 1998, "AARTO") was promulgated in September 1998.

The implementation of the AARTO pilot project, which excluded the points demerit system, was co-ordinated by the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) which is a state-owned entity of the National Department of Transport, along with the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), in the jurisdictions of the Johannesburg and Tshwane Metropolitan Municipalities from 2008 to 2010. AARTO was set to be implemented nationwide from 1 April 2012.

This did not materialise due to the absence of administrative and operational readiness throughout the country, and challenges that were not adequately dealt with by the RTIA.

Various requests were made by provincial representatives at the established AARTO forum, which was set up after the pilot period phase, to table the outcome report of the pilot project to determine the feasibility and impact but to no avail. No official record exists which makes a determination of the effectiveness of the AARTO pilot in reducing traffic violations, a difficult task.

As of 13th January 2022, AARTO is subject to a Pretoria High Court ruling which found it unconstitutional and invalid. The Pretoria High Court found that AARTO intruded on the executive and legislative powers of provincial and local governments. The matter is currently the subject of various actions filed in the Constitutional Court by, *inter alia*, the Minister of Transport, the RTIA and the RTMC.

- (2) As a result of the AARTO pilot project not including the designed demerit point system which would allow for the withdrawal/suspension of a driving licence, no such incidents have taken place.

Women-owned businesses

8. Mr S N August asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With reference to the Western Cape Provincial Supplier Database:

- (1) How many women-owned businesses are (a) listed on the database and (b) contracted for supplier services by the provincial government;
- (2) how many women-owned businesses trade with the provincial government in (a) construction, (b) agriculture, (c) logistics and (d) mining;
- (3) what is the provincial government doing to ensure that (a) more women-owned businesses are established, (b) red-tape is reduced for women-owned business to have equal access to tenders and (c) more women-led enterprises trade with the provincial government?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

8. I am advised of the following:

- (1) (a) There are 5864 majority woman owned companies registered on the Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank (WCSEB).

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- (b) Contract registers are maintained by departments and kept outside of the financial systems. The information should therefore be obtained from departments directly.
- (2) (a) The information on the WCSEB is not delineated in the format requested in the question. We are only in a position to confirm which commodities women-owned enterprises are registered for which is a universal commodity description. Legacy Financial Systems are configured against commodity descriptions as defined in the Standard Chart of Accounts (SCOA) at an item level 3 economic classification. We therefore are not in a position to link this classification to the industries as requested.
- (b) See response to 2 (a).
- (c) See response to 2 (a).
- (d) See response to 2 (a).
- (3) (a) Programme 2 of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism supported 674 women owned businesses since the 2019/2020 financial year through several support programmes and projects. The SMME Booster Fund (the Fund), for example, is a programme that provides financial support to organisations that implement business development support projects and programmes aimed at developing and growing Western Cape based SMMEs. The support provided by the Fund will enable the qualifying organisations to enhance and/or expand their projects and programmes. The Fund utilises a co-funding implementation model, thereby encouraging collaboration and partnerships. One of the categories of support offered to organisations included Businesses Development Support programmes with a focus on assisting SMMEs that, are owned by youth, women and people living with disabilities (including social enterprises). The Fund provides financial support to enhance and/or expand programmes and projects that offer a holistic approach to business development support. Business development support would include, but is not limited to, mentorship, coaching, marketing, operational support, capacity building, business support training to SMMEs etc. Programmes or projects only focused on providing training and capacity building will not be considered. The SMME Booster Fund 2021 supported 274 businesses of which 151 (55%) are women owned.
- (b) The Provincial Treasury's e-Procurement Solution (ePS and the Procurement Client Centre (PCC)) are initiatives that focus on the ease of doing business and the support to SMMEs in the broader sense when they engage in procurement with the Western Cape Government. Whilst not specifically focused on women, it focuses on all suppliers who engage with the Western Cape Government (WCG), in order that the WCG meets its primary objective in respect of public procurement i.e., service delivery.

- (c) The Department of Economic Development and Tourism partners with the Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) through their Public Sector Supplier Development Programme / Contractor Information Sessions which involves other provincial Departments and agencies offering support to contractors and/or suppliers to government. The Contractor Information Sessions of the DTPW provides an interactive workshop on public sector business opportunities and pitfalls experienced by small businesses and how to manage these challenges.

Appointment of principals and senior management at schools

9. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

With regard to the appointment of principals and other senior management teams (SMTs) at schools in the province from 2019 to 2022 to date:

- (1) (a) What are the details of the schools that have (i) acting principals, (ii) acting deputy principals and (iii) other acting SMT members, (b) for how long have these persons been acting, (c)(i) when did the vacancies become available and (ii) what are reasons thereof and (d)(i) what plans are in place to fill these vacancies and (ii) when will they be filled;
- (2) (a) what are the details of the vacancies for (i) principals and (ii) deputy principals that have been advertised each year during the specified period and (b) how many have been filled and (c)(i) how many remain vacant per (aa) school and (bb) district and (ii) what are the reasons thereof?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

9. My department has informed me of the following (data as at 19 September 2022):

- (1) (a) See attachment.
- (b) The annual vacancy rate for Principal and Deputy Principal posts is 10%. The Employment of Educators Act, and the Personnel Administrative Measures, allow for acting appointments to ensure that School Management Team (SMT) posts are filled with zero impact on teaching and learning. The acting appointments also allow for succession development in the higher posts.
- (c) Posts become vacant due to natural attrition, which includes, resignations, retirement, ill-health and death, as well as promotions.
- (d) (i) Posts are advertised in the scheduled vacancy lists, the dates are below:

Vacancy Lists	2019	2020	2021	2022
Vacancy List 1	15/02/2019	17/02/2020	15/02/2021	14/02/2022
Vacancy List 2	03/06/2019	01/06/2020	07/06/2021	06/06/2022
Vacancy List 3	02/09/2019	07/09/2020	06/09/2021	05/09/2022

In addition to the scheduled vacancy lists, Principal posts are advertised on demand (i.e. as required by District Offices and/or school).

- (ii) School Governing Bodies (SGBs) are responsible for the recruitment and selection process, and the submission of nominations for appointment. On average the recruitment and selection process take up to four months to the approval of a nomination. To ensure stability at schools, appointments are confirmed for the start of a new term only.
- (2) (a) The table below provides a summary update of posts advertised vs posts filled in respect of Vacancy List 1/2019 – Vacancy List 3/2019:

Vacancy Indicator	Rank Name	Total Advertised	Total Concluded	Total Not Concluded
VI1/2019-VI3/2019	Principal	186	158	28
VI1/2019-VI3/2019	Deputy Principal	280	223	57
Totals		466	381	85

The table below provides a summary update of posts advertised vs posts filled in respect of Vacancy Lists 1/2020 – Vacancy List 3/2020:

Vacancy Indicator	Rank Name	Total Advertised	Total Concluded	Total Not Concluded
VI1/2020-VI3/2020	Principal	190	176	14
VI1/2020-VI3/2020	Deputy Principal	213	183	30
Totals		403	359	44

The table below provides a summary update of posts advertised vs posts filled in respect of Vacancy Lists 1/2021 – Vacancy List 3/2021:

Vacancy Indicator	Rank Name	Total Advertised	Total Concluded	Total Not Concluded
VI1/2021-VI3/2021	Principal	312	214	98
VI1/2021-VI3/2021	Deputy Principal	314	165	149
Totals		626	379	247

The table below provides a summary update of posts advertised vs posts filled in respect of Vacancy Lists 1/2022 – Vacancy List 3/2022:

Vacancy Indicator	Rank Name	Total Advertised	Total Concluded	Total Not Concluded
VI1/2022-VI3/2022	Principal	160	14	146
VI1/2022-VI3/2022	Deputy Rincipal	220	8	212
Totals		380	22	358

- (b) These processes are being finalised between the SGBs and the Department, as some of the due dates for submission of nominations by SGBs are still in the future.

The following is a reflection of vacancies as at 19 September 2022. Note that there are three Vacancy Lists for the advertising of promotion posts per annum, and some of the vacancies might occur after the date of the publication of the relevant Vacancy List. These are either being addressed through Special Vacancy List, or the vacancies reflected are part of those already advertised and in the process of being filled according to the process.

Principals (as of 19 Sept 2022)

District	Posts vacant
Cape Winelands	72
Eden & Central Karoo	47
Metro Central	25
Metro East	33
Metro North	57
Metro South	35
Overberg	23
West Coast	31
Total	323

Deputy Principals (as of 19 Sept 2022)

District	Posts Vacant
Cape Winelands	57
Eden & Central Karoo	41
Metro Central	57
Metro East	81
Metro North	98
Metro South	92
Overberg	18
West Coast	37
Total	481

It must be noted that the posts are ordinarily filled with an acting appointment from existing staff at the school, or through a curator principal.

- (c) Posts become vacant mainly due to natural attrition.

The Recruitment and Selection process is managed by the SGBs as mandated in terms of the South African Schools Act.

The Department provides guidance on the due dates for the finalisation of process, but this is subject to the availability of SGBs to conclude said recruitment processes within the specified timeframes.

Link to attachment: <https://www.wcpp.gov.za/questions-and-answers>

District and circuit managers: vacancies

10. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) What are the details of the vacancies for (i) district managers and (ii) circuit managers that have been advertised in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021 and (dd) 2022 to date, (b) how many have been filled and (c)(i) how many remain vacant per (aa) district and (bb) circuit and (ii) what are the reasons thereof;
- (2) what is the detailed breakdown of the vacancies that exist in districts and circuits currently;
- (3) (a) what are the details of the districts and circuits that have acting personnel in senior management positions, including the (i) details of the acting appointments and (ii) impact of not employing permanent staff in these positions?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

10. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) (a) The annual vacancy rate for District Directors and Circuit Managers is low (less than 10%).

2019	Vacant posts	
Education District	Director	Circuit Manager
Metro Central		2
Metro North		1
Metro South		1
Overberg	1	
West Coast		2
Grand Total	1	6

2020	Vacant posts	
Education District	Director	Circuit Manager
Cape Winelands		1
Eden & Central Karoo	1	
Metro Central		1
Metro East		3
Metro North		2
Metro South		1
Overberg	1	1
West Coast		1
Grand Total	2	10

2021	Vacant posts	
Education District	Director	Circuit Manager
Cape Winelands		4
Eden & Central Karoo		3
Metro Central	1	2
Metro East		3
Metro North		4
Metro South	1	3
Overberg	1	2
West Coast		1
Grand Total	3	22

2022	Vacant posts	
Education District	Director	Circuit Manager
Cape Winelands		4
Eden & Central Karoo		3
Metro Central		2
Metro East		2
Metro North		1
Metro South	1	2
Overberg	1	
West Coast		2
Grand Total	2	16

Please note that the District Directors for Overberg and Metro South Education Districts have been appointed as 1 October 2022.

The following District Director posts were advertised and are now filled:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Advertised	1	2	1	2
Filled	1	2	1	2

The following Circuit Manager posts were advertised and filled with the 2022 posts in the process of being filled:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Advertised	6	7	13	13
Filled	6	7	9	0

Data per circuit is attached (as of 29 September 2022).

- (b) Posts become vacant due to natural attrition which includes resignations, retirements, ill-health and death as well as promotion appointments.
- (2) See above and attached.
- (3) Where posts become vacant, these vacancies are filled with acting/secondment appointments whilst the recruitment processes are being finalised. (Vacancy figures provided above.)

In respect of planned retirements, the posts are advertised timeously for permanent filling on exit.

Acting appointments and secondments are in place whilst the vacant posts are advertised for permanent filling.

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Police-recorded crime statistics

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

With regard to the release of the police-recorded crime statistics for the first quarter of 2022/23 financial year:

- (1) (a) What is the breakdown of these crimes by police station in the province, (b) what factors contributed to the 0,2% increase in the murder rate and (c) what is the breakdown of murders by police station in the province;
- (2) (a) what is the breakdown of murder cases by (i) age, (ii) race and (iii) gender, (b) what is the breakdown of the multiple murders by police station and (c) what were the motives in each case?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

- 11. (1) (a) The breakdown of the crime statistics are attached as per Annexure A.

- (b) The reported crime statistics as released for the period April to June 2022 was compared to the data for the same period during 2021. During the period April to June 2021 the country experienced the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

The National State of Disaster was lifted on 5 April 2022. The comparison of the reported crime for the periods April to June 2021 and 2022 is therefore skewed due to the mentioned factors.

An analysis of the causative factor contribution to the overall murder figured for the April to June 2021 and 2022 periods was conducted and revealed that there were increases in murders that are due to arguments that are not domestic related and also showed an increase in murders that are acts of vigilantism/mob justice.

- (c) The breakdown of the murder statistics are attached as per Annexure B.

(2) (a) (i)

	AMOUNT
Children (0 – 17 years)	29
Adults (18 years +)	967

(ii)

RACE	AMOUNT
Asian	1
African	569
Coloured	348
White	6
Not specified	41
Foreign nationals (race not specified)	31

(iii)

GENDER	AMOUNT
Male	898
Female	81
Not specified	17

(b)

Station	Total no. of Victims	Total no. of Cases	Count of Victims per case			
			2	3	4	6
Delft	10	4	2	2	0	0
George	2	1	1	0	0	0
Grassy Park	2	1	1	0	0	0
Gugulethu	3	1	0	1	0	0
Harare	13	6	5	1	0	0
Khayelitsha	12	3	1	0	1	1

Kleinvlei	2	1	1	0	0	0
Kraaifontein	6	3	3	0	0	0
Kuilsrivier	2	1	1	0	0	0
Langa	4	2	2	0	0	0
Lingeletu-West	5	2	1	1	0	0
Lwandle	4	2	2	0	0	0
Mbekweni	2	1	1	0	0	0
Mfuleni	4	2	2	0	0	0
Mitchells Plain	5	2	1	1	0	0
Nyanga	5	2	1	1	0	0
Philippi East	2	1	1	0	0	0
Samora Machel	4	2	2	0	0	0
Sea Point	3	1	0	1	0	0
Steenberg	2	1	1	0	0	0
Tulbagh	4	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	96	40	29	8	2	1

(c)

Station	Total no. of Cases	Motives per Case
Delft	4	Gang related x 2, Vigilantism/ Mob justice x 1, Not specified x 1
George	1	Not specified x 1
Grassy Park	1	Gang related x 1
Gugulethu	1	Not specified x 1
Harare	6	Retaliation/ Revenge x 3, Vigilantism/ Mob justice x 1, Elimination of witness x 1, Not specified x 1
Khayelitsha	3	Extortion x 1, Retaliation/ Revenge x 2
Kleinvlei	1	Gang related x 1
Kraaifontein	3	Taxi related x 1, Robbery related x 1, Argument x 1
Kuilsrivier	1	Robbery related x 1
Langa	2	Retaliation/ Revenge x 1, Not specified x 1
Lingeletu-West	2	Hit/ Assassination x 1, Vigilantism/ Mob justice x 1
Lwandle	2	Argument x 1, Extortion x 1
Mbekweni	1	Not specified x 1
Mfuleni	2	Robbery related x 1, Not specified x 1
Mitchells Plain	2	Gang related x 1, Not specified x 1
Nyanga	2	Hit/ Assassination x 1, Not specified x 1
Philippi East	1	Not specified x 1
Samora Machel	2	Retaliation/ Revenge x 1, Not specified x 1
Sea Point	1	Argument x 2, In line of Duty x 1*
Steenberg	1	Gang related x 1
Tulbagh	1	Retaliation/ Revenge x 1

Link to annexures: <https://www.wcpp.gov.za/node/13623>

*Sexual offences: decrease in***12. Ms N G BakuBaku-Vos asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

- (a) (i) What factors contributed to the 6,6% decrease in sexual offences and (ii) what is the breakdown of these crimes by police station in the province and (b)(i) what factors contributed to the 4% decrease in rape and (ii) what is the breakdown of this crime by police station in the province?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

12. (a) (i) After the repealing of the regulations relating to the Disaster Management Act a greater number of cases relating to sexual offences were placed on court rolls Province. The resulted in more cases being finalised with an increase in convictions. These convictions are being covered in the media, which is a deterrent to would-be perpetrators.

The implementation of GBV Desks at all Police Station in the Province and the embarking on monthly awareness campaigns specifically focusing on sexual offences have created awareness of the dangers and risks surrounding these crimes.

- (ii) The breakdown of sexual crimes by police station is attached as per Annexure A.

- (b) (i) After the repealing of the Regulations relating to the Disaster Management Act a greater number of cases relating to rape were placed on court rolls in the Province. This resulted in more cases being finalised with an increase in convictions. These convictions are being covered in the media, which is a deterrent to would-be perpetrators.

- (ii) The implementation of GBV Desks at all Police Station in the Province and the embarking on monthly awareness campaigns specifically focusing on sexual offences, including rape have created awareness of the dangers and risks surrounding these crimes.

STATION	APRIL TO JUNE 2022
Albertinia	1
Ashton	1
Athlone	7
Atlantis	17
Barrydale	5
Beaufort West	4
Belhar	10
Bellville	10
Bellville South	2
Bishop Lavis	11
Bonnievale	4
Bothasig	3
Brackenfell	8
Bredasdorp	5
Caledon	8
Calitzdorp	2
Camps Bay	0
Cape Town Central	16
Ceres	2
Citrusdal	4
Clanwilliam	7
Claremont	2
Cloetesville	2
Conville	20
Da Gamaskop	0
Darling	1
De Doorns	6
De Rust	0
Delft	60
Dieprivier	0
Doring Bay	1
Durbanville	8
Dysselsdorp	2
Eendekuil	0
Elands Bay	1
Elsies River	10
Fish Hoek	3
Franschhoek	4
Gans Bay	3
Genadendal	1
George	11
Goodwood	5
Gordons Bay	3

Graafwater	0
Grabouw	13
Grassy Park	9
Groot Brakrivier	3
Groot-Drakenstein	2
Gugulethu	39
Harare	39
Heidelberg(C)	2
Hermanus	6
Hopefield	0
Hout Bay	9
Kensington	2
Khayelitsha	32
Kirstenhof	8
Klapmuts	6
Klawer	5
Kleinmond	4
Kleinvlei	7
Knysna	19
Kraaifontein	29
Kuilsrivier	7
Kwanokuthula	4
Kwanonqaba	8
Laaiplek	0
Ladismith	2
Laingsburg	0
Lambertsbaai	1
Langa	15
Langebaan	2
Lansdowne	4
Leeu Gamka	0
Lentegeur	11
Lingeletu-West	29
Lutzville	5
Lwandle	22
Macassar	5
Maitland	4
Malmesbury	19
Manenberg	15
Mbekweni	10
McGregor	1
Melkbosstrand	1
Mfuleni	35
Milnerton	19
Mitchells Plain	25

Montagu	3
Moorreesburg	2
Mossel Bay	0
Mowbray	1
Muizenberg	8
Murraysburg	0
Napier	0
Nuwerus	2
Nyanga	31
Ocean View	12
Oudtshoorn	18
Paarl	9
Paarl East	11
Pacaltsdorp	7
Parow	13
Philadelphia	1
Philippi	8
Philippi East	34
Piketberg	0
Pinelands	0
Plettenberg Bay	6
Porterville	0
Prince Albert	2
Prince Alfred Hamlet	3
Ravensmead	6
Rawsonville	3
Redelinghuys	3
Riebeek West	2
Riversdale	1
Riviersonderend	2
Robertson	7
Rondebosch	0
Saldanha	0
Samora Machel	17
Saron	1
Sea Point	7
Simon's Town	1
Somerset West	9
St Helena Bay	1
Stanford	1
Steenberg	10
Stellenbosch	13
Still Bay	0
Strand	7
Strandfontein	4

Struisbaai	0
Suurbraak	0
Swellendam	6
Table Bay Harbour	1
Table View	10
Thembaletu	18
Touws River	2
Tulbagh	2
Uniondale	0
Vanrhynsdorp	1
Villiersdorp	3
Vredenburg	11
Vredendal	6
Wellington	6
Wolseley	1
Woodstock	7
Worcester	19
Wynberg	8

Link to Annexure A: <https://www.wcpp.gov.za/node/13624>

INTERPELLATIONS*Unplaced learners***1. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:**

- (a) How did it occur that 36 learners are still unplaced at schools in July 2022 and (b) what are the plans to ensure that all these learners are placed before the end of the year?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Speaker. I obviously rise following the tribute after the passing of the hon Lorraine Botha, and I wish to acknowledge and thank the hon members for their beautiful speeches on, of course, both sides of the House. I wish to obviously thank the member for putting the question, which is the subject of our interpellation today.

My response, Speaker, is we must, of course, accept that at any given time throughout the school year, there will be learners seeking a place in our schools almost always as a result of migration, from within or indeed outside the Western Cape, and, in fact, it is not unusual to see an increase in these types of late applications for a placement in our schools after the school holidays, as learners migrate to other provinces or indeed towns for a whole range of reasons, looking to start the new school term afresh.

The 36 learners in question have already been placed, but of course, given the fluidity of the system and the natural movement of learners, the number of learners requiring a place in our school changes all the time so, for example, on 10 August 2022 there were 10 applicants seeking a place in our schools. They, of course, have all been placed.

Also on 30 August 2022 there were eight new learners seeking a place in our schools, and, of course, we are currently dealing with those placements. The reality is that children move during the school year, and there is a period during which their application is being processed according to their specific needs, and so it is simply wrong to suggest that learners who are transferring as a result of migration from either inside or outside the province are necessarily unplaced. As with the 36 learners in July, and of course, the 10 learners in August, and of course the applications of the eight learners, all will be processed on a case-by-case basis according to their unique circumstances.

We can of course only place learners when their parents apply, and to do so parents must take responsibility and apply for a place in school, of course, in a timeous manner. If any member is aware of any parent who has not applied to the Department for a place in a school for the current academic year, please urge them to approach the District Office immediately so that we can assist and so that we can place the learner. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, in a written reply to my question the MEC Maynier confirmed the following and I quote:

“In 2019/2020 25 learners were not placed in schools for the entire academic year. 2020 to 2021 two learners did not attend school for the whole academic year.”

As of 25 July 2022 as the MEC indicated, 36 learners were not placed in schools in the province. This is a crisis. Despite what the MEC is saying about migration, that is the old-age DA excuse about in-migration. It proves a lack of planning. We have even now for the 2023 academic year, as I was sitting here, there are emails that I am going through from parents consistently, parents having applied at multiple schools and they do go to the district. They do come to us. We refer it to the Department so those records are all there. It is not that we should be blaming parents for this. The Department and the MEC are in direct contravention of the South African Schools Act and the South African Constitution, the Constitution that the DA claims to love so much, which places an obligation on the MEC and his Department to ensure that every learner of school-going age is placed in schools, regardless of the excuses that they come up with. This is why this Department has been taken to court more than once in the past two years for its failure to place learners in schools. The Department was actually ordered by the Western Cape High Court to place seven learners in schools in the Metro East District by 10 June 2022, as has been alluded to by the MEC. The ANC demands a progress report on this. We want to know how many learners exactly are yet to be placed in schools for the 2022 as well as 2023 academic year. The MEC must not run away from accountability in this regard, and make excuses. The MEC must stop hiding behind also, and I want to repeat, the *sub judice* principle, to avoid accountability.

The DA is even undermining the authority of you, hon Speaker. Speaker made a firm ruling on the abuse of *sub judice* by committees. Yet the meeting where the Department was meant to brief us on the 2022 unplaced learners and the 2023 enrolments is yet to be rescheduled. As the ANC we demand that MEC Maynier and its Department appear before the Committee as a matter of urgency so that we can devise strategies to avoid the crisis of unplaced learners in January 2023. This must happen even if we need to subpoena them. This is the future of our children, the future leaders and we cannot allow the Democratic Alliance to gamble with it. Thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order! I now recognise the Chair of the Committee, hon Baartman. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I want her to explain why she does not want to look through the case ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, I welcome the interpellation as many parents across our province feel anxiety when they are faced with their child not having been placed in a school. It is a feeling I cannot possibly imagine. [Interjection.]

Regarding the scheduling of the Committee meeting, having accepted the fact that the recent Court matter is a challenge the Minister previously indicated that he wishes to brief the Committee on this matter as well as committed to submit a written report in this regard. Having listened to the previous guidance given by the Speaker in the draft Hansard, and having read the draft Hansard indicating that the Speaker was satisfied with the Minister's response on this matter, we then furthermore in the Committee meeting of 16 August unanimously agreed to request the specific documentation to ascertain the relevant Court date and await written report from the Minister and to subsequently then schedule the respective briefing in this regard.

The Democratic Alliance, ACDP and ANC were represented in this meeting and, in fact, I specifically paused to ask member Kama at this stage whether he was satisfied with the approach, to which they agreed. This was then reiterated again in the Committee meeting of 23 August, where we repeated the respective approach, where again no objections to the above were received, and in that meeting again members Kama and Sayed were also present.

Moving forward, the Committee looks forward to receiving the respective written report and scheduling the respective briefing. As the Committee, we have also started implementing a follow-up procedure, so that we are able to receive feedback on the matters that we send to the Minister respectively, so that we are able to ensure that no person is left behind.

Minister, I would like to ask through you, Speaker, whether you could indicate to us the process for the unplaced learner compared to someone who is transferring from a school within and outside the Western Cape, because many families do move from one area to the next and would require a temporary placement when transferring. Further, Speaker, I would like to inquire from the Minister, what the Department is doing to ensure there are enough spaces in schools for our learners. I thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Speaker. Speaker. I have mentioned it before and we know that we have approximately 18 to 22 000 learners every year migrating to the province. The question I want to ask the Minister is do we have enough road-shows' awareness because although we speak to parents, some of the parents are just reluctant to enrol their children. So are there enough road-shows, is there enough awareness and what is the Department doing better to tell our parents, "listen, register on time"?

Another question I want to ask, if a child registers on time will that child be placed in the next academic year? That is an important question and maybe the last question I want to ask, I know that the registration date for learners to apply has moved forward to make people aware. Is there also a provision where learners do not come back. You know, we have a situation where you drive and you see youngsters have dropped out of school. I talk about primary-school youngsters. Is there some sort of idea that the Minister can give us, what is happening to these youngsters that stand at the robot and from primary school, that are not in school. Thank you, Chair, thank you, Speaker.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and my thanks to the hon Chair and the hon Christians also for their questions. In fact those types of questions that they have posed point further to the fact that that Standing Committee meeting needs to sit. It is well overdue. These are the kinds of issues that should actually be aired out and engaged on in the Standing Committee. I am not saying that we should not be raising them here, but those are specific matters, which will really help practically.

Hon Speaker, Professor Jonathan Jansen and Samantha Kriger in their recently released book, "Who gets in and why? Race, class and aspiration in South Africa's Elite Schools", said, and I quote:

"What the schools of the southern suburbs..."

The southern suburbs in Cape Town:

"...have perfected is how to talk about race in admissions, without having to bring it up."

Until we address the weaponisation of admissions and language policies to gate-keep and discriminate against black children, African, Coloured and Indian, this problem will remain unresolved. This issue is now used for political expediency by the DA and other races formations, who are mobilising their constituencies who in the main are beneficiaries of racist unjust policies to reject the amendments introduced in the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill.

School admissions remain an albatross, because we have heard about parents being anxious, but school admissions remain an albatross around the neck of this DA Provincial Government, and a thorny issue that requires us to work together towards a common goal of equal and quality education for all children in this province, not just in the leafy suburbs. This crisis is causing emotional distress to thousands of parents whose children have not yet been placed in the 2023 academic year. Education remains our apex priority hence as the ANC we will never seek to play cheap politics with this matter. Our request for an urgent Committee meeting, yes, despite all the things that were said, our request for this meeting to discuss admissions was purely to understand the WCED's preparedness and to find meaningful solutions to avert another admissions-crisis next year. Why is the MEC and the Department with the full cooperation of the DA running away from accountability? What have they got to hide?

There are many challenges with a colour conscience application system, which simply rejects applications without even providing reasons. I am sitting here now with an application around an issue with SACS where an employee who works even in the Department, but the child is denied admission to SACS after having applied a long time ago. He works in the Department of the Premier. We need to discuss such challenges as a matter of urgency.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): We need to discuss the issue of public schools that are underutilised with only 20 learners in a class while we are faced with persistent learner placement challenges. The MEC and the Department must account. Thank you. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections, speaking simultaneously.] Order, hon members. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Who said so?

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, we have a long sitting. Alright, I now recognise the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Speaker. I wish to obviously thank the hon member for putting the question to the House on late applications, which of course is an important issue, and I want to reiterate that such late applications are not uncommon especially around the time of school holidays as learners migrate to other provinces or towns and seek to start the new school term afresh. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please take your seat. There is a point of order. I will pause the timer.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, Speaker. On a point of order we cannot continue when our number 1, the Premier says we are speaking rubbish and we continue as if it is nothing. Can that be taken into note and please make a ruling on that. Thank you, Chair. It is unparliamentary.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. Thank you hon Bans. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. Alright, hon Premier, did you say the hon member is talking rubbish?

The PREMIER: I did, hon Speaker, because he was speaking rubbish. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, withdraw. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

Ms A P BANS: And you are doing rubbish!

The SPEAKER: I do know that we are all hon members here in the House and we cannot certainly refer to the hon members in that way. Will you please withdraw that? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Hon Speaker, I withdraw the word "rubbish" and replace it with "nonsense." [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, no!

An HON MEMBER: You run away!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. [Interjections, speaking simultaneously.] Order, hon members.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): That is why you cannot address unplaced learners!

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, we have a convention. Some of the rulings... [Interjections.]

Ms A P BANS: You are saying nonsense!

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, I want your cooperation. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. I need your cooperation. The Premier has withdrawn the word "rubbish". [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And replaced it with "nonsense".

The SPEAKER: Now with him with the hon Premier replacing it with nonsense, I will not make that ruling right now. Remember, we have a Ruling Digest. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. Order, hon members. I want to draw your attention. There is only one Presiding Officer and I am trying to do just that, to preside, okay. So there is a Ruling Digest that we produce timeously and we do so all the time so what I am requesting is that I will come back to this matter. I have requested the Premier to withdraw a particular word which he did. Now he replaced it with a different word which I am saying I want to look at the previous rulings on the same matter so that this House is not inconsistent in how the rulings are made on a particular matter. Remember, we have the Rules Committee currently busy with the revision of the Rules, because the work is continuous, but I do not want to make these rulings on a knee-jerk reaction. I need to make a substantive ruling on that matter when we sit again and that is my ruling on this matter. I see the hand of the hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I very much welcome your ruling on this matter. May I also request that when you do that ruling please do it so in isiXhosa. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: †Ndiyenze ngesiXhosa? Enkosi Jola. [Should I do it in isiXhosa? Thank you Jola.]

Hon members, there has been a request that I do so in isiXhosa, so we will look at that because ordinarily we do them in all languages. It is in English, isiXhosa, Afrikaans either way, so we do that. So you want me, when I do the ruling, to read the Xhosa version?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes, hon, because nonsense in English might be nonsense, but nonsense in isiXhosa might actually be meaning something else, so please, I would like you to please do that in isiXhosa. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I will endeavour to speak my mother tongue. I see the – thank you, hon Mvimbi. Hon Meyer?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Can we also have it in Nama? [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: And in Korana. Hon Meyer, and in Korana.

†Mnr P J MARAIS: En in Kaaps.

[Mr P J MARAIS: And in *Kaaps*.]

The SPEAKER: And Cape Khoi. [Interjections.] Alright, let me say for the record, I have made this ruling that when we get together in the next sitting I will make this ruling and I will do so in order to ensure that there is no confusion, because there are, as I indicated, there are conventional rulings that have been made, which become the guide in how we deal with this matter. We do not want anyone who sits there make their own ruling as they wish. So otherwise we are going to have a chaotic Parliament in that fashion, so this matter is now put to bed until we do so, as I have indicated, until we come back together again.

Hon members, we have concluded that question. Now I request the Minister to proceed. Hon Minister, you still have your full minutes minus 26 seconds. so that is technically full. You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Speaker. As I was saying before I was rudely interrupted, late applications are not uncommon, especially around the time of school holidays as learners migrate to other provinces or towns and seek to start new term afresh. We will of course assist every one of those learners to find a school as quickly as possible and provide support to them when needed.

Speaker, contrary to what the honourable member alleges, there is no crisis. The member was obviously listening with his mouth and not his ears, because I was very clear that the 36 learners to which he refers and is the subject of this interpellation, those learners have been placed. Of course, the hon member refers to 25 learners in 2019 and 2020 and two learners in 2020/2021. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order, hon members.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: But what he neglects, what he neglects to tell the House is that the 25 learners did not present themselves to the Department or a school in the Western Cape. The two learners that he refers to did also not present themselves to the Department or a school. These are crucial facts, of course, which the hon member ignores.

The PREMIER: Facts are facts!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: That is on the whole question of the report... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Speaker, we have to accept... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Hon Minister, order!

An HON MEMBER: That is nonsense!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Speaker, we have to accept... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is nonsense!

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please take your seat.

An HON MEMBER: That is nonsense.

Ms A P BANS: Nonsense! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order, hon members! Let me, hon members... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Which school?

The SPEAKER: Alright, you may proceed as you wish. I will be watching! Hon members, order! Someone says: "Khanyithule". [Laughter] Please, order! Hon, the Deputy Chief Whip, is that a point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No, I know this was an interpellation, but is the hon MEC willing to take a question given that we do not have him appearing in front of the Committee. Can he take a question?

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon, the Deputy Chief Whip. Hon Minister, are you willing to take a question?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am not, hon Speaker. I think the hon member needs to work on his listening, and I hope he will spend some time doing that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Well, please proceed with your speech, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I wish to remind you, Speaker, that the hon member has not handed in his 100 lines on the whole question of *sub judice*. [Laughter] [Interjections.]

Now on the question, and of course this is National Literacy Week, we hope that the hon member might spend some time reading up on the subject as his contribution to reading in this province. On the whole question of the report, we have to accept, hon Speaker, that this matter is now before the Court and that does present us with a challenge but we want to be as open and transparent and as accountable as possible and so under the circumstances, we have indicated that we are going to provide the Committee, obviously subject to legal advice, with the report and I am delighted to report that that report now has been drafted.

It is with legal services and I look forward to furnishing the Committee with that report in due course. We are also keeping the Committee advised on when this matter is likely to be heard before the Court so that the hearing can be scheduled and certainly I and the Department look forward to appearing before the Committee to brief the Committee on the whole question of admissions 2023.

We have, indeed, to the hon Baartman, we have allocated through largely the generosity of the former Finance Minister, R6,2 additional billion to the Education budget, which has allowed us to increase the affordable basket of posts by 1 143 posts and indeed, it gives us the opportunity to spend R830 million more on infrastructure and we believe that that will go a long way to helping us address the very high demand for school places in the Western Cape.

We have also, to the hon Christians, put in a big effort in for admissions 2023, a much bigger effort than before to assist parents with pop-ups at malls, opportunities at schools and venues throughout the province where the Department has gone beyond what it has done in previous years to assist parents with admissions for 2023.

I wish to close, hon Speaker, by again reminding members that should anybody have any information about learners who need to apply particularly for 2023, please ensure that both parents contact the Department and the District to so that we can do all we can to assist those learners to be placed in our schools in the Western Cape. Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Excellent, well done!

[Debate concluded.]

Political economy of crime

2. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Premier:

- (a) What is the political economy of crime in the Western Cape and
- (b) how has his Safety Plan responded to it?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Speaker, and can I thank the hon Nkondlo very much for the question. The political economy of crime for the purposes of this parliamentary question can also be explained through the socio-ecological model of crime and violence reduction. This model puts forward the risk factors for violent and criminal behaviour, which can be found at four different levels: individual, relationship, community and society.

This is outlined in most others, in the Safety Plan, which the Western Cape Government has launched to reduce crime in our province. Of course, the studies and the influence that go into creating such a plan are based on various inputs and of course, if you analyse the political economy of crime and papers that have been written over time, for example, the Michael Lynch Paper from the Southern Florida University or Robert Rainey from the London University of

Economics or William Chambliss, this is, those first two are pretty recent. William Chambliss of the University of Oslo 1976-paper, and R Penn of Portland State University. Many of these papers, when you analyse it, I think if you have to bring out one of the biggest causalities they all seem to come to the same conclusion, the absence of State enforcement.

Of course, it is also driven by history and our own very history and that is why you will see in our Safety Plan and driven through not only those papers and our own universities, also through international partnerships, like the Bavarian Government or the Institute of Security Studies, who play an important role, not only in the formulation of the plan, but also in monitoring and re-evaluating that plan as we move forward.

The Safety Plan brings in three risk factors of crime and violence. It has three delivery pillars, three enabling pillars and as enforcement by international and local evidence of what works to reduce violence. The first is, of course, the law-enforcement stream, the second being the violence-prevention stream and then of course, the urban-design stream and these are all brought together by evidence which aims to enable that plan to get the law enforcement on the ground, the area based teams that have been put in place across this province, and then violence prevention and it is very interesting, and I really like this question being put by the hon member because it has created a new debate. I spent two days at the beginning of this week with the National Cabinet Lekgotla in Tshwane, and if I had to think about the debate that took the most of my time with an individual minister, it was with Minister Bheki Cele.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Nonsense!

The PREMIER: But it was also interesting to see the difference between what the President is saying and what Minister Bheki Cele is saying. The President is saying: "Yes, I see the change that has been brought about. I see the difference that this plan is making."

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Hon Premier, will you please take your seat. Hon, the Deputy Chief Whip. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Speaker, I thought I heard the member Bakubaku-Vos say the word "nonsense" to the Premier while he was speaking and I just wanted to check... [Interjection.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: I said nonsense to the Premier.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... and I just wanted to check whether you could check the Hansard and come back to us on the same matter as previously. [Interjections, speaking simultaneously.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order, hon members. [Interjections] Hon members, are you going to make this ruling from the floor? Hon Bakubaku-Vos, did you say the Premier – hon Bakubaku-Vos. [Interjections.] Order, hon members.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: I will repeat it, yes, Speaker, in Xhosa †Uthetha ububhanxa. [He is speaking nonsense.]

The PREMIER: 100 times.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. What I have said on this same matter, I have indicated, thank you hon Baartman, for raising that; I have indicated that I will make a determination when we meet in the next session. May I request though, both sides, may I request, nobody should second-guess that determination. That means in this Sitting we do not continue raising a question around the Presiding Officer's determination and ability to do so on this matter, because I have indicated that when we meet in the next round in the next Sitting I will make a ruling on this matter. That means both the right and the left, in isiXhosa.

That was a request by hon Mvimbi. I agreed. [Interjections.]

Now I am requesting, hon members, that let us please for the purposes of this particular sitting not to say somebody is talking nonsense [Interjections.] until I have made that determination because if you do so then you might as well just govern from the floor. [Interjections.] Hon member Fry?

Mr C M FRY: Hon Speaker, I thank you for your guidance, but I also heard hon member Bakubaku-Vos use the word "suka". Could you please rule on that because that is a derogatory term in isiXhosa. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: [Interjections.] No, huh-uh, huh-uh. Hon member Fry [Interjections.], hon member Fry, that – [Interjections.] hon member Fry – order, hon members. [Interjections.] Order, hon members! [Interjections.] I must say you really missed each other because [Interjections.] when you say "suka", I have never heard something like that being out of order.

So it is a Xhosa word that means something, but not derogatory. [Laughs] Ja, ja, so I can say many words in Afrikaans, maybe hon member Meyer or *agb* Marais, but in this particular sitting the one thing that I have made certain, please assist the presiding officers, myself and any other presiding officer after myself for this particular sitting, please do not call each other "nonsense" until I made a ruling on this matter in the next session.

I do not want to, because if you throw it around then it becomes too much of a nonsense. So let us not do that. [Interjections.] May I request the Deputy Chief Whip again from the ANC who has a hand up?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: No-no, thank you very much, hon Speaker, for your guidance as usual. We, as the ANC, will abide by the ruling, unlike the hon member Maynier who has not abided by your ruling on the issue of whether they should appear before the Committee, but that is ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Laughs]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: ... a debate for another day.

The SPEAKER: Thank you ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Thank you, hon Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon the Deputy Chief Whip of the ANC. [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Order. Hon Premier, will you please conclude your speech?

The PREMIER: So as I was saying, and I am not sure which part of either the President part or the Minister Bheki Cele part is the nonsense according to the hon member Bakubaku-Vos, [Interjections.] but it was a very interesting discussion around crime and specifically because it was driven about by the results of the last crime statistics, where in actual fact where the Western Cape Safety Plan is bringing down murder where those interventions are in place and so that is starting a debate at a national level, which I really, really ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The PREMIER: ... am in full support of because that is exactly what we need to happen. Because if you look at the political economy of crime and one of the main drivers is the absence of State enforcement. In other words no management, no plan and no direction from a national level. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. Order, hon members. You know, both Rule 39 and Rule 40 [Interjections.] are important for the House – hon member Marran, †asseblief, agb [please, hon.] You may as a member of this House have some interjections, it is nice to throw them around, especially when we meet in person, but it must not be in such a way that it drowns the hon member that is speaking.

So the hon Premier is here to respond to the question by hon member Nkondlo and it will not be fair that we are not able to get the response that is desirable insofar as the question is concerned, or even misquote or have the risk of not hearing what the Premier says. It becomes a danger to the House itself and we do not want that.

May I please request that we all respect and assist the Presiding Officer in this regard. Hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: †Enkosi Somlomo. [Thank you Speaker]. It is very interesting, hon Premier, in your response as you emphasise on the notion of political economy of crime, on the absence of State enforcement, as a lens that you choose you may well be aware that we come from a history, as you also just passed by, of such State enforcement that has been used on people, particularly black people, with laws that were actually passed and utilising that State enforcement to actually legitimise human injustice and crime.

So I must caution you on your argument about a political economy of crime in the current day, modern South Africa in particular, to only punt the notion of State enforcement because at this point you are able to argue your own political views with the National Government because such may border along the lines that you may want to present yourself as if a notion of State enforcement is actually the solution to deal with challenges of crime in communities. That is why I am raising to you something that actually State enforcement on its own does not necessarily resolve crime and in any way here in this province we have seen the same State enforcement or absence that you are talking about, where such can be biased and varied because interestingly, hon Premier, I am sure you are aware here in the Western Cape, here in the City of Cape Town as an example, that when you talk about enforcement laws in suburbia, here in town, you even have got tourism patrol, you come to Long Street, 24 hours, you can actually be safe in town.

That is not the same and the question is why? Why such a policing, such concerns of safety of patrons, of safety of businesses in commercial spaces are not necessarily applied across.

So I am raising this to say whilst you talk about this it is actually very interesting you mention the notion of your socio-ecological model because this socio-ecological model that you have presented as part of your Safety Plan, what is interesting is that it is actually divorced of the historical facts about the notion of the politics and the economics of crime in this country in particular.

Mr C M FRY: Thank you, hon Speaker and hon members of this House. As we have all seen and heard the Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town have implemented a number of strategies to guarantee that crime is reduced across the board in all of the province [Inaudible.].

This House should be aware that criminality is further aggravated by the ANC's National Government failures. Due to the inadequacies of the ANC administration and the ineffective SAPS in our communities, crime still remains a huge challenge in the province.

Through LEAP officers the Western Cape Government has accomplished more in this province over the past year than SAPS has. The most dangerous township in the country used to be Nyanga. Hon members, thanks to the resources the Western Cape Government has committed to the fight against crime this is no longer the case. This is what happens when municipal and provincial levels of government are given authority as the ANC is incapable of managing the police in this province. I would implore hon member Nkondlo to speak with her national counterparts in the Union Buildings to devolve policing powers.

I would therefore like to ask the Premier [Interjections.]: (1) in what ways have LEAP officers helped the Western Cape Government reduce crime in the City of Cape Town, and (2) does the assistance offered by the LEAP officers suggest that municipal and provincial levels of government should be granted more policing power? Thank you. [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon member Fry, take me take me seriously, I am not a messenger here. I am sure you have got DA members there in Plein Street.

Actually a young girl of 14 years old was kidnapped and raped last week by a 50-year old farmer in Klawer, hon Premier. So where was the Safety Plan? The Safety Plan is also absolutely silent on organised crime in the role that this plays in the incidence of violence, murder and other crimes in our communities.

The Safety Plan omits any discussion on poaching and the connection that poaching of rhino horns, abalone or species of herbs or plants have with the drug trade. There is a complete failure by the Safety Plan to understand the socio-ecological impact that gangsterism and drugs has had on our families and communities.

Gangsterism, which was perpetuated by decades of apartheid regime, is woven into the communal fabric of our townships and locations. Actually the Safety Plan mentions the first top 10 areas, murder areas, and it is interesting that nothing is being said of why these particular areas, why Mfuleni, why Delft, why Gugulethu and all of that. [Interjections.]

What the Safety Plan does it simplifies an enormous complex political economy which involves various actors and which unfortunately is the reality of the vast majority of our communities in that crime has proven to pay.

For example, in linking urban renewal to crime reduction, Tony Samara writes in the *Journal of South African Studies* that in defining street children primarily as a threat to social order, local elites, including the media, police and renewal authorities, are reproducing deeply embedded and recurring notions of a black menace that emerged during times of real or perceived social upheaval and threats to social order.

Samara continues that it is his contention that this panic is indicative of an ongoing struggle over urban public spaces that expresses a deeper conflict regarding changes in the city, which has to do with unresolved contradictions of race and class, and that is something that your Safety Plan is oblivious to. [Interjections.]

As with street children, this Safety Plan simply criminalises poor and the working-class communities. [Interjections.] Yet even more so as Samara points out crime and gangsterism and therefore crime has fundamentally to do with apartheid spatial planning and up until you realise that, hon Premier, and in your endeavours with your evidence-led and data-driven responses, you will need to bring those issues into cognisance so that your infrastructure budget must then speak to those kinds of problems of these particular geographies where you find these challenges of crime.

Apartheid spatial planning to date did not confine crime, but rather it perpetuates it and keeps it alive. It is this apartheid spatial planning that Bonginkosi Madikizela points out in his recent [Inaudible.] when he wrote and I quote:

“An example of this is an area such as Brackengate. About 30 taxis from Khayelitsha and about 30 from Nyanga transport workers there every day, but these taxis are often impounded because ...” ...[Interjection.]

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your time is up, hon member.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ...

“... a route has not been established by the City in this area. How must these people travel to and from these places of work?”

Ask Madikizela. It would seem that suddenly Madikizela ...[Interjection.] after leaving office when he was the MEC responsible for Transport ...[Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... I thank you. [Time expired.]

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. The most interesting thing about the place that we, or the space we find ourselves in in discussing the Safety Plan and crime in our province on a regular basis, is primarily driven by the failure of the ANC in South Africa ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: ... and the ANC have failed when it comes to policing. [Interjections.] Because in actual fact our job, according to the Constitution, is about the policing needs ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... and priorities. The only province that really produces a proper policing needs and priorities document and on Monday I had the opportunity to place it directly in the Minister's hands. I also gave a copy of the PNP to the President at the *lekgotla*, but it is interesting.

So the Safety Plan is a plan that this Province puts in place that goes beyond, or as Minister Reagan Allen says, we paint outside the lines. We are not going to stick to, well, this is what every other province does in the ANC and there is no real change [Interjections.], there is no real change to crime. I mean did you see the reports now in the Eastern Cape? The Eastern Cape is the crime hotspot province of South Africa. It is no longer Nyanga. It is no longer those spaces.

It is quite interesting how the ANC's kneejerk reaction ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Go to Nyanga [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ... on this – yes, go to Nyanga. Which is no longer even in the top 10 because of the deployment of these officers [Interjections.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order!

The PREMIER: And it is interesting because the data does not lie. The data tells us exactly what is going on, and last week in Parliament the President said, I think based on what the Safety Plan of the Western Cape is delivering and how it is changing lives of citizens in this province and in the City of Cape Town, [Interjections.] that there is now a need ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Go in the day.

The PREMIER: There is now a need to have a further discussion on the policing model in South Africa. The very next day Minister Bheki Cele ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The PREMIER: ... says, "Not over my dead body," [Interjections.] but at least the President and half of the ANC are saying actually the ANC is failing the people of this country when it comes to policing. There needs to be much better management to bring about a safer society. [Interjections.] We cannot, we cannot continue where our citizens are feeling so unsafe.

It is interesting that the 1 235 LEAP officers, [Interjections.] 1 235 LEAP officers every month remove more firearms from in this province, every month, than the 20 000 police officers in this province. There is another statistic ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The PREMIER: ... but the hon member then goes on to talk about poaching and about all these other things that are actually the primary job of the police. The police, under the management of the African National Congress [Interjections.] and their failed State policies. They are failing the citizens of South Africa ...[Interjections.] so badly. That is why murder went up by another ...[Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: I cannot be pointed at.

The PREMIER: ... 11% in South Africa.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: The only places that are coming down is where our plan ...[Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Deputy Speaker?

The PREMIER: ... is being put in place.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, please take your seat. What is your point of order, hon member?

Ms N D NKONDLO: What is this thing of pointing when you speak? Really?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon – no-no-no-no.

Ms N D NKONDLO: What is this thing of pointing?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo, you talk to me, please, and not to the Premier. So that is not a point of order. You may proceed, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: So if I can end again, hon Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] the real issue in South Africa is that the ANC is failing the people of this country across the board a failed State, but in policing and safety that is their ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The PREMIER: ... primary goal. The National Minister of Police does not have a Safety Plan, he does not have a clue as to what to do and that is why every single time he stands up to give statistics on crime in South Africa, it keeps going one way: getting worse, more people dying, more gender-based violence, more crime because he does not have a plan. They have failed in every single aspect of keeping citizens safe in this country. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon members, these constant interjections are not allowed. [Interjection.] Hon member Nkondlo, you cannot just go and speak to the Premier when it chooses. Please, can I ask that during this debate and these debates, that we respect the Rules of the House because there will always be a time when ... [Interjections.]

Hon member Nkondlo you are running your own – no – hon member Nkondlo, you would want to have the same respect when you are running your debate coming up. So I would ask that we respect both sides of the House. [Interjection.]

Hon member, I am talking! Hon member, I am talking. Will you keep quiet please so that everybody could – here is the Rule, I preside in this House, not you. [Interjections.] Thank you very much. We will not proceed.

[Debate concluded.]

[Interpellations 3, 4 and 5 withdrawn.]

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

New question to the Premier:

Departments of Infrastructure and Mobility

1. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Premier:

Whether the two new Departments of Infrastructure and Mobility have been fully established and is operating in full; if so, (a) how much is the budget for each and (b) when were these budgets approved?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and to the hon member Nkondlo, thank you very much for the question, although I do note that this question has been asked previously in this Parliament. [Interjections.] The reply is as follows:

1. To the hon member Nkondlo, through you hon Deputy Speaker, planning and the legislative work required towards the establishment of the two departments are at an advanced stage and it is envisaged that the two new departments will be established and fully functional by the start of a new financial year 1 April 2023.

In practice the breaking down of silos is already taking place through the integration of management processes. Budgets for these departments will be concluded through the Western Cape Budget Planning Process which actually starts in the next few weeks. Thank you.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you. The question, hon Premier, because I think we had asked this around 20 May and it continues, the goalposts seem to be moving. One would be interested to know at what point if then these departments are already in place, were there any particular personnel implications in as far as the new departments are concerned, and in terms of programming, were there anything that have changed in terms of programmes in the previous departments as you would have known that we had, what is it, Public Works and Infrastructure?

So are there any new programmes under the new design, similar to the other department?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. As it has always been when you make an announcement there are processes to follow and it has always been that that work has to happen this year so that the new department can start on 1 April next year.

I mean this is just how it is done anywhere in the world and of course in this country, in this country as well, [Interjections.] and of course it has to go through a budget process, it has to have budget allocation, it has to be agreed through consult ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, hon members! Premier, you may proceed.

The PREMIER: It has to be agreed through consultation with the unions. These are called proper due processes and it is exactly the same as the last time I answered this question.

Ms N D NKONDLO: These due processes of yours, hon Premier, they always come after according to your own planning in this Provincial Government because you seem to be pronouncing things and then follow due process thereafter. Is that what you are telling us? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: I do not know how long the hon member has been in politics or even understood how it works. Whether the President makes an announcement or the Premier makes an announcement, that is how government works. You make an announcement, these are your plans for the next year and then they get implemented. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Chairperson, and that you, hon Premier. Hon Premier, I am sure you have listened to the State of the Nation Address, I am sure many people has. Does the President not announce his plans during the State of the Nation Address and then afterwards in the budget debate the Minister announces it and furthermore the departments in April? Now is there no such a process and are you differentiating from that process? Thank you.

The PREMIER: Thank you, hon member, and that is exactly what happens because you make the announcement. Then of course this is a change in department, you have got to engage with the people who ...[Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Where are the jobs? You announce jobs?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, we have to give the Premier – these are questions so we have to give the Premier the opportunity to answer. You may proceed, Premier.

The PREMIER: So you have got to engage with the staff and then once you have engaged with the staff you have got to then put the legal processes in place. There is a formation, you got to apply to the Presidency so you can rename that department. [Interjections.] I do not think the ANC understands how this process works, but let us talk about announcements.

I wonder where the bullet train is; that moves across from Johannesburg to Cape Town and Johannesburg to Durban that was announced by the President how many years ago? Let alone, hon Deputy Speaker, let alone ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The PREMIER: Let alone the announcement of remote working visas and, I mean it just goes on and on. At least when we make announcements then processes happen and change then happens. When the ANC makes announcements nothing happens after that, but if I may and of course I always enjoy interjections and the hon Leader of the Opposition asked about the war room.

So perhaps if I am going to indulge this Parliament, is that the War Room was an initial partnership between Harvard University and this Government. [Interjections.] That War Room work was then concluded in that partnership during the middle of this pandemic and it was embedded into an operation across this Government.

I was in a meeting about four weeks ago where the process was being reported on each of those plans or the new plans that the War Room works on, which is now the embedded system, and it was Oxford University and of course Harvard that have developed the ...[Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: How much did you pay for it?

The PREMIER: Nothing, they gave it for free, [Interjections.] and after on the ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore.

The PREMIER: It was Oxford University that actually made a comment that said there are many countries around the world that are now embracing this new way of problem-driven iterative adaptation, the PDIA process. There is only one government in the world that has taken it even further and embedded it into how you actually fix problems across departments and that is this Government. The only one in the world. That is this Government. [Interjections.] Because the ANC do not have a clue about that kind of stuff. [Interjections.] They do not have a clue.

That is why our country is that failed state because of this political party and what they have done to the citizens of this country. No hope, they have destroyed everything and that is why this province, this province, the Cape ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The PREMIER: And that is why this province, the Cape of Good Hope is actually the Cape of only hope for South Africa because it is the only place that the DA governs and not the ANC. [Interjections.]

Mr C M FRY: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would just like to ask the Premier, just for clarity's sake, because my learned friends across the aisle is not getting this. So what benefits will the new departments have in terms of serving the people of the Western Cape? Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: This is a very [Inaudible.] question.

The PREMIER: So obviously there are two new departments: infrastructure and mobility, and you need to design your government to bring about solutions for your citizens and in South Africa when we talk about infrastructure that is failed. The electricity infrastructure, where is it? Eskom. Loadshedding. That infrastructure, total failure. Tail infrastructure, failed. Water infrastructure. [Interjections.]

How many years does it take to get the Clanwilliam Dam going? We have rebuilt freeways, we have redone everything that needs to happen from our side, and nothing from the National Government. A failed, failed infrastructure. [Interjections.]

So that is the whole idea to say let us actually – and the question is what difference will it make? Well, as a province, if it happens in this province ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Hon Premier, please take your seat. Hon member – you want to take a question? You want to respond? Is a point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Mine is, I have got my hand up for a follow-up question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, it is the final follow-up, unfortunately, it is closed.

The PREMIER: So it is called realigning your government to solve the problems that our citizens face. Infrastructure, a massive problem and primarily as a province driven because of national failure.

So we have to step in and make sure we get the infrastructure right, like we are doing. I mean there is only one city in South Africa that avoids two loadshedding levels.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The PREMIER: It is where the infrastructure is being invested in, where plans are being put in place because of a failure at National Government, a failed state at that level. Rail infrastructure, these things – and you need to be able to respond because of course this Government is responsible for making sure we make a difference to the citizens of this province.

Exactly the same thing about mobility. How do citizens get around? And so the same thing, setting up a vision about mobility and how people can move around. How do we devolve the power of the rail in our country? How do we get it right? It is interesting, you hear all the noise from the ANC here in the Legislature. You go to National, you end up in Gauteng and guess what? I do not know if he is the outgoing Premier in Gauteng, David Makhura, engages with me and his team because they too are saying together we need to make sure we get devolution of rail down to the Gauteng region and down to the province region. Exactly we agree on the same thing. Why? Because National have failed again and that is why we need to have this vision around mobility and how people can get safely from A to B, how they can get efficiently and cost effectively from A to B because the failure at national level costs the citizen in their pockets every single day, and just on those two areas of loadshedding on the one hand, costs us jobs and costs us investment and on the other hand, people cannot get from A to B because of the failure of National Government's ability to move things on rail.

Do you know that the National Government at the moment is spending money on a border post to increase the ability to flow 20 kilometres of trucks in the north of our country so that they can get product out of the Namibian port – out of the Mozambican port? We are spending extra money to make sure that our products gets through an efficient port in the next door country.

Our current trains that are supposed to be running between Durban and Gauteng, they used to be running at 20 trains a day. We are not even getting to five trains a day at the moment, and so what are we doing? We are not fixing the trains out of the Durban port to Gauteng, we are rebuilding the border post so we can get more products out of Mozambique. It does not make any sense to me at all. Again total failure at the National Government level, and that is why we are saying we need to redesign government to actually take bigger responsibility, further than our normal mandate, which I do not want to do.

I would not need to do it if we had a successful National Government, but we need to do it because we need mobility. We need safe, secure public transport systems. We need infrastructure that enables economic growth and job creation. That is why we are putting these departments in place.

Questions standing over from Thursday, 18 August 2022, as agreed to by the House:

Pupils: abuse of by teachers

2. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Education:

With reference to the *Cape Times* article titled “Bella Vista teacher removed over allegation of hitting pupils with plank”:

Whether his Department has steps in place to prevent a reoccurrence of similar incidents at other schools; 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 Ferlon Christians for putting this question, which of course concerns discipline in our schools.

I think, but before I reply to the question, I do think I should raise an issue based on a comment made by the hon member Khalid Sayed, who seems to have, hon Deputy Speaker, a curious relationship with the facts. [Interjections.]

Again, again, yes, again, he referred to, as hon members will be aware, the Speaker’s statement which was made in this House on 11 August 2022, and I wish to remind the member that the Speaker in that statement said the following, and I am now reading from Hansard:

“I think ...”

I know the truth hurts, hon Deputy Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, if you can take ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I know the truth hurts ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can you take your seat, please? There is a point of order. Hon member Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Chair, on a point of order. This what the MEC is now speaking about has absolutely no relevance to the question that was posed by the hon member Christians. It is actually an abuse towards the hon member Christians and towards learners who are being beaten up at schools, for him to now use this opportunity to speak about that matter and we all know it is going to be far from the truth, but still he should be responding to the questions, not running away. He is used to running away from responsibility. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Sayed, I cannot police the Minister's response. I am sure the Minister is going to get to the question and I am sure hon member Christians will hold him to account to answer the questions. So I am going to hand it over back – sorry, hon member Dugmore?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: [Interjections.] Hon Deputy Speaker, I am arising on a point of order in regard to relevance again.

Now you sometimes, hon Deputy Speaker, wonder why this side of the House thinks that you are partial, this is exactly why, because it is very clear that that is not relevant.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, please quote the Rule into which you are ...[Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, I am saying ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... stating I am being selective.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: There is relevance. [Interjections.] There is – I am on a point of order. The fact that you just interrupt me is another example of bias.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sure, sure.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Is another example of your bias. This is not relevant. The question has been asked by hon member Christians. The fact that you want to tolerate what the MEC is saying is a clear indication of your bias. Could you please be fair to this House? Thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore. That was not a point of order. [Interjections.]

Hon Minister Maynier, you may proceed. Hon member Christians, as I will repeat for the record, will have the opportunity to hold the Minister to account for his question and I am sure he is able to speak for himself. Hon Minister Maynier, [Interjections.] you may proceed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: On a point of order Chair. Chair on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Sayed, what is your point of order on terms of the Rules?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Chair, you are completely out of order. We are all members in this House. [Interjections.] It is not hon member Christians's responsibility around his question. He is responding to hon member Christians question, but accounting to the entire House. It cannot be put in hon Christians's place to say no, he must hold the MEC accountable.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Sayed ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: The MEC has to speak to all of us.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I understand, but I cannot as yet determine whether the Minister is answering the question as yet or not. It is not for me to determine that as yet. [Interjections.]

So I – once again we do not know, he has not finished speaking, hon member. He has the time to respond. Once he sits down we will determine whether there is relevance, but at the moment you have all interrupted him and he has not been able to determine its own relevance. [Interjections.] Hon member, what is your point of order? Sorry, hon member Bans.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I am rising in terms of Rule 44.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Because you seem to be always interested when this side asks a point ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... in issue you always ask them on which ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct, thank you.

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... section, but then when the question comes from that side you never ask them on which Rule, but I am rising in terms of Rule 44, which is irrelevance or repetition.

Now I would like you, as hon member Sayed Muhammad has asked the issue of the relevance on the question of the Minister. If you may please rule on that subject [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So thank you, hon member. Thank you for quoting the Rule. The Rule states very clearly:

“When a member persists in irrelevance, persists in irrelevance or repetition of arguments, the Presiding Officer can call attention to the conduct of the member.”

Now firstly the Minister has just begun his response. There is no persistence in irrelevance and there is no repetition of argument. I have to allow, in terms of Rule 44, the Minister to complete his response and then we can see if he has persisted and whether he has been repeated in his argument.

Now, hon members, I trust now that that is my ruling in terms of Rule 44, that we allow the Minister and we will then see whether he has broken Rule 44. That is my argument and that is my final ruling. The ruling stands. May I please ask Minister Maynier to proceed. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and I wish to thank the hon member Ferlon Christians, who has got a smile on his face, and I think if he would just please bear with me.

Of course, Deputy Speaker, this matter is relevant. It relates broadly to discipline. In this case the discipline of [Interjections.] the hon member Khalid Sayed. [Interjections.]

Now I was referring before again I was interrupted to the Speaker's statement on 11 August 2022 and I wish to quote from that statement. The Speaker in that statement, and I am quoting here, Deputy Speaker, from the Hansard. The Speaker said:

"I think the Minister dealt with the matter and dispensed with it in the manner in which, in my view was, satisfactory."

Now the hon member Khalid Sayed completely ignores that fact.

Now what does satisfactory mean? And for that, I think we should turn to the *Oxford Dictionary of English* [Interjections.], the world's most reliable dictionary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon member Sayed, I hope that is a point of order.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Hon Chair, this is a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, alright.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: On the same basis that comrade, I mean that hon member Lulama rose [Laughs] – apologies. It is now, and based on what you have said, he is now repeating, it is repetitive, he is repeating his irrelevance and turning this Chamber into a circus as he has done previously when responding to issues of the interpellation. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: We have a question on Bella Vista. Can the MEC please respond? The parents of Bella Vista are listening.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Sayed. Hon Minister, I hope now you will proceed to answering the question, thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Hon Deputy Speaker, I will get to the matter, but I just wanted to turn again to what “satisfactory” means. “Satisfactory” in the *Oxford English Dictionary* means:

“Fulfilling expectations, acceptable.”

Now I asked, hon Deputy Speaker, a few weeks ago that the hon member be allocated 100 lines on the whole question of *sub judice*, and I wonder, hon Deputy Speaker, if you would consider composing an essay given the fact that it is National Literacy – composing an essay of no more than 100 lines on the meaning of “satisfactory”. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is that your answer? Thank you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Hon Deputy Speaker, then let me turn to the question put by the hon member Ferlon Christians and let me thank him in ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... advance for – for bearance and good humour in this matter. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: You have lost our respect, that is all. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I have just asked the Minister to proceed. Please allow the Minister to finish.

An HON MEMBER: It is not relevant.

An HON MEMBER: He is [Inaudible] the question ...[Interjections.]

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please proceed.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] I wish to thank the hon member for his question, which as the other hon member suggests is on the whole question of discipline and on Bella Vista School.

We must, hon Deputy Speaker, have of course, a zero tolerance approach with regard to assault and corporal punishment, and all such allegations of course are regarded in a very serious light. We all know, hon Deputy Speaker, that in terms of Chapter 2, Section 28(2) of the Constitution that the child's best interest is of course of paramount importance in every matter concerning the child.

So Section 10 of the South African Schools Act states that, and I quote:

“No person may administer corporal punishment at a school to a learner and that any person who does so is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a sentence which could be imposed for assault.”

Now there are several policies and circulars that are relevant here and let me take the House through them. I can see the hon member Kama is listening very attentively, unlike the hon Khalid Sayed who is distracted by his telephone. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... first policy is the Abuse No More protocol, which I am sure the hon member is familiar with, but of course Circular 12 of 2019 on the prohibition of corporal punishment is also relevant and Circular 11 of 2019 which traverses the whole question of guidelines for principals on the role in reporting and managing alleged misconduct and disciplinary hearings and unfair dismissal disputes. [Interjections.]

Corporal punishment of course is defined in the Abuse No More protocol, and I quote as:

“Any deliberate act of a child that inflicts pain or physical discomfort used to punish or contain him or her. This includes, but of course is not limited to spanking, slapping, pinching, paddling or hitting a child with a hand or with an object; denying or restricting a child's use of a toilet; denying meals, drink, heat and shelter; pushing or pulling a child by force or indeed, forcing a child to do exercise.”

The Abuse No More protocol to which I have referred, spells out in detail, in great detail, hon Deputy Speaker, the roles and responsibilities of all parties in dealing with a case of abuse. It prescribes an approach for employees of the Department to identify, to intervene, to report and to provide support in cases of child abuse, deliberate neglect to children who are victims of various offenses.

The Department presents various training and of course induction sessions at district school and head office level that raise awareness on abuse and the consequences thereof.

It is very important that victims, not just of course of corporal punishment, but also of any other kinds of abuse know that there is help available for them. The Abuse No More protocol outlines in detail the process to be followed when a learner reports any kind of abuse, providing advice on reporting procedures, how to support victims and how to deal with perpetrators.

We, hon Deputy Speaker, have a very strong pathway in place to ensure that learners receive the help they need from our district specialist support staff, counsellors and social workers, non-governmental organisations and other departments in the Western Cape Government.

Now, hon Deputy Speaker, some hon members would be aware that we have 64 circuits and indeed in each circuit we have allocated a social worker and a psychologist for a total of about 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 to the Department of Social Development.

We are also in the process of appointing social auxiliary workers to capacitate the districts more. In this first phase we have appointed one per district. We have also appointed 160 care and support assistants in our high risk schools. In other words schools with a great need for psychosocial supports. The CSAs of course work closely with the circuit social workers.

Some schools also have their own social workers or counsellors appointed by the school governing bodies. The Department works with the Department of Social Development and various NGOs to assist us dealing with certain issues.

An incident involving abuse at schools can be reported to our toll free Safe Schools call centre, which can be contacted on 0800 45 46 47 and callers of course can get advice and support to victims of abuse. Of course the Employee Health and Wellness Programme also provides support to staff members who have been assaulted.

While these mechanisms to report such abuse are integral to this process the Department can only institute disciplinary steps after reliable evidence has been found for charges of misconduct.

In terms of the Bella Vista Primary School, the Department initiated an investigation. There was some initial hesitancy, I am advised by parents, to give consent, but after consulting with them on the process the necessary forms were provided to the Department. Also psychological support was provided to learners on an ongoing basis. I wish to assure the hon member that disciplinary charges have been brought against the teacher in this matter and the hearing, we expect, will take place a little bit later this month. We have also asked the teacher to provide reasons why she should not be suspended.

We urge of course any learner who has experienced corporal punishment, assault or indeed any other type of abuse in our schools, to come forward so that we so that we can help and I appeal to members that they too have a duty to speak up immediately if they become aware of a case of abuse that has gone unreported.

We must all, I think, work together to stamp out any abuse of any kind in our schools and I certainly look forward to your support in doing so. Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Minister, for the response. [Interjections.] Hon Minister, a couple of questions. You know, the teacher also threatened the children to say, "Go call your parents because I have got lawyers." Why is this, this is a very difficult case because it took so long for the Department to act because it has not happened to one learner, one learner wet the bed, they went to school and ran away. I know that they receive psychosocial support and it is being investigated, but according to one of the NGOs in the area said it took a long time to remove this educator from the school.

So if we have all these policies in place, why does it take so long to remove an educator and the educator is still teaching. I want to hear from you is the educator – because she is not suspended, is she still teaching? And is she still a danger to our learners because they are terrified and children do not want to talk about it.

So, you know, learners are already struggling at home and come to school for a safe place and being abused at school. It is a big, big problem. Thank you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon member. I again wish to assure the member that we have taken action, that disciplinary charges have been preferred and we do expect a hearing and of course this teacher has been asked to provide reasons why she has not been suspended.

I will obviously look into the reasons why this matter may have taken so long to deal with, but I can assure the hon member I am advised the teacher in question was in fact on sick leave, also on the question of support to the learners. Support, I am advised, was provided and sociopsychological support was provided to the victims at Bella Vista Primary.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Hon Chair, I thank the hon MEC for finally responding to the question. In a 2017 written reply on sanctions against teachers found guilty of corporal punishment the former MEC stated that the Department does not have jurisdiction over school governing body employees and that goes beyond just the issue of corporal punishment, and accordingly does not have information in that regard.

I just wanted to ask the MEC as to how corporal punishment cases, in particular against SGB, against those who are employed by the SBS, SGB staff, are handled in schools and whether any of these have been reported this year. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you for the question, hon member. Again I want to assure the hon member that we are going to take the whole matter of corporal punishment and indeed any other kind of abuse seriously in our schools and as I said in my reply, there will be a zero tolerance approach.

I am obviously not familiar with the reply in 2017 which of course was provided to the House by my predecessor. I will certainly look into this whole matter and I will revert to the hon member. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, often with disciplinary processes those are processes that you put in place in reaction to something and I would like to ask in terms of discipline in the schools in a proactive regard, what measures are there thus to improve disciplines in school given that corporal punishment is illegal? Thank you.

Mr P F MARAIS: That is a good question.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon member. I have said that we want to take a zero tolerance approach and of course we must take a zero tolerance approach, particularly to those kinds of offenses which in the Act are defined as serious misconduct, and those kinds of offenses include, and not all hon members will know this of course, those learners who may have used or had in their possession or selling or distributing dangerous objects, alcoholic

liquor or indeed illegal drugs; learners who commit an act of bullying or assault or theft or arson or malicious damage to property; learners who commit an act of gross insubordination, learners in possession of unauthorised copies, for example, of tests or examinations; learners who attempt to bribe any person; learners who try to gain an unfair advantage; learners who, for example, engage in public indecency; learners who are, for example, found guilty of transgressing the learners' code of conduct.

We do need to ensure that of course there is discipline in our schools and of course the key issue here, hon member, is that school governing bodies must enforce their school's code of conduct and take disciplinary action in the case of any infringements of this code and we of course, and this relates to the question put by the hon member, we provide training to schools on how to do this.

In addition we also provide training to teachers on how to identify and manage problem behaviour among learners, as well as classroom management and methods of maintaining discipline that do not involve physical violence.

It is crucial that we of course identify and intervene in anti-social behaviour as early as possible and help of course is available from the Department.

We also, as the hon member may know, have positive behavioural interventions in our schools, such as our Positive Behaviour Programme and indeed the Transform To Perform Strategy.

When we look at behaviour like I have described, I think we must also be honest, hon member, we also have to ask ourselves what are these kids learning at home from their parents? Parents need to be clear with their children, that they must respect their teachers, respect their classmates and abide by the code of conduct for learners in the Western Cape. Thank you.

Mr P F MARAIS: Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you very much, and thank you to the hon Minister for the response. Just as a follow-up and this is relating to behaviour of teachers. I just wanted to know whether it has been brought to the MEC's attention the incident at Diazville High School in Saldanha Bay, where learners are allegedly, and particularly African learners, it is a trend, where African learners, when there is any allegation of misconduct, they are then asked by teachers to clean the windows and also the other thing that tends to happen is when female learners, there is an allegation that when female learners at this particular high school are in the toilet, you have certain male teachers, male educators, who are alleged to be videoing those learners. This has come to light when I have gone to visit the area and engaged with parents.

I just wanted to know whether the Department, through the district, coming from the circuit manager, has brought the matter to the MEC's attention because the matters were raised with the District and with the circuit manager. If the matter has not come I am more than welcome to actually submit them to the MEC once the parent sends the issues to me. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you to the hon member for drawing my attention ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: By the way I did not wait, I just got it last night ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Sayed. [Interjections.] Hon members, order.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like to thank the hon member for bringing this matter to my attention. I was not aware of the matter and of course it is deeply concerning. I will obviously immediately take up this matter with the Department, but I wonder whether the hon member would in any event please furnish me with any particulars that he may have so that the Department can take action. I will not tolerate this kind of behaviour in schools in the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Schools: plans to close down

5. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

Whether his Department has any plans to close down schools in the province during the 2022/23 MTEF period; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what informs this decision?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. You can see that I am certainly ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are busy today.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... working hard this afternoon and earning my salary.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: There is no need [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Well, now that the hon member has raised the question of leaving ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please, hon Minister, keep to the question.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... from what I read in the newspaper, the only person in this House that is leaving is the hon member himself. Leaving as the Leader of the Opposition and of his party here in the Western Cape, although that is what we hear, I cannot confirm it. [Interjections.] I believe that the hon member Khalid ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, Rule 44, please, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... Sayed will know much more ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Maynier, Rule 44, please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... on this subject. There have been discussions, I believe, hon Deputy Speaker, among the three branches who are active here in the City of Cape Town. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Maynier, Rule 44, please.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Deputy Speaker, point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: The point of order is that I want to ask whether it is correct for the hon member Maynier to mislead the House whereas in fact there are 250 branches with over 100 members.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Dugmore, for that clarification.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. Except, hon Deputy Speaker, I really do apologise for misleading the House ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please, can I have you focus on the question.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... however, I note that the hon member does not deny that he is leaving. I wonder if he could confirm whether in that respect I might have been misleading the House. Otherwise we would have to draw the conclusion ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Maynier, we will be ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... that in fact he is leaving.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: This hot seat is really overheating now.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Hon Deputy Speaker, perhaps ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can you focus on the question.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... I am better informed than the hon member about his future.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Over to you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, can we focus back on Question 5.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Now hon member Nkondlo asks what has happened since I have got to Education and why do I not go back to Finance. I think I should answer, I need to answer that question. I have got new purpose and new energy in this portfolio. I am sure that the Minister ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Stand up if you want to put a point of order, hon member. There you may, what is your point of order?

An HON MEMBER: My point of order, when we are saying these things, we are told that it is not right, it is unparliamentary ...

An HON MEMBER: Right!

An HON MEMBER: ... and then when the MEC decides he wants to entertain conversations, he has conversations and just speaks haphazardly. That is fine, the Deputy Speaker does not rule on that. I do not know what the joke is but there must be consistency here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sure, and maybe you listened to Hansard, and I said three times Rule 44, so the Minister is on a fine line, he knows that. He is pushing the boundaries. Hon Marais, what is your point of order? Hon members I cannot hear hon Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: I wish to appeal to members; this is not the 'fun house'.

An HON MEMBER: Seriously, be honest.

Mr P J MARAIS: It has become so bad in this House that I do not think it is worthwhile for members to even turn up for these sessions. It is becoming a joke and I want you to make sure that those members who want to listen, to participate in constructive debate and get the facts which they need to do their job, get a chance to listen. But there is just laughter and giggling and interjections as though that is the role of Parliament. I want to make an appeal to all members and to the Chair to re-establish order in this House please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, thank you very much. Hon Minister Maynier, can you proceed please to Question 5.

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, I will ignore the interjections from the hon members and I take the point which is made by the hon member. I do wish to thank the hon member for his question, and his question of course traverses the whole question of school closures.

The simple answer to the hon Khalid Sayed's question is this:

5. No, I decided to place a moratorium on all school closures because we are not convinced by the National Department's framework for closing schools, which of course essentially says that if a school is a micro-school and has multi-grade teaching, we should close it.

According to the standard parameters for closure and merger of micro-public schools, dated 25 March 2017, which of course is a policy of the Department of Basic Education, the National Government, the rate of implementation of the closure and merger of micro-schools under the school rationalisation and realignment process is affecting the progress made towards ensuring that schools meet the provisions of the minimum norms and standards for school infrastructure.

Now the process for closure contained in the Department of Basic Education's guidelines for rationalisation and realignment of public schools is a holistic approach which was dated 7 December 2017. According to the DBE, the publishing of these two documents of course is intended to facilitate school rationalisation and realignment of schools, but the DBE then further states that schools that are classified as micro-schools, according to the regulations relating to minimum uniform norms and standards for public school infrastructure, which was also published in a Government Gazette on 29 November 2013 should be considered for closure or merger.

This refers of course to primary schools with learner enrolment figures of fewer than 135 and secondary schools with learner enrolment figures of fewer than 200. We are just simply not sure that this is the best way to approach the unique circumstances of each school and we want to develop our own data-driven policy in line with our vision before proceeding. And it is for this reason, hon member that I have placed a moratorium on school closures pending a review of our approach and my answer to your question is no.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Let me firstly welcome the announcement of this particular moratorium. It is a positive step in the right direction following the kind of pressure we had to exert on the former MEC and the recalcitrance in that regard, so we want to welcome this move from the current MEC. We differ at times, but this is where we will agree.

Just linked to that, in the MEC's reply to my question in July 2022, on the planned closure of the Kleinfontein Primary school in the Overberg, near Swellendam, he outlined the process that will be followed to arrive at a decision to close this particular school. I wanted to just get a sense, would this school also fall under this moratorium number one, but linked more importantly, I want to ask the MEC to provide an update and place on record, because he has spoken about the moratorium but whether this school falls in that category and given that there is the moratorium then, what is going to happen then in that instance because there is an argument that is being made by the Department that there are far too few learners in that particular school and there is another school nearby and there needs to be a merger.

So I just want to get a sense as to what will be happening in that particular regard? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you hon member for putting the question. I am not sufficiently familiar with the particulars of the case to which you refer, and I wonder if you would put a written question so that I could provide you with those particulars. But I have decided to place a moratorium on all school closures and there are no exceptions. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, in many of our rural areas we often have schools that have a very small amount of learners in them, so they are often affected by this national framework regarding school closures and I wanted to therefore welcome this announcement by the Minister and ask what led to this decision and whether there might be some backlash with National? Are we going to then fight that backlash if any? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you for the question, hon member. I obviously cannot anticipate the response of National Government, which would obviously be in the hands of our National Minister. I must say I want to be in the business of opening schools, not in the business of closing schools in our province and I do not think that simply because a school is small and simply because a school is a multi-grade school, it should necessarily be closed. And it is precisely for that reason that I want to review our approach.

As I have said we have a data-driven policy that is in line with our vision so that we can proceed in a way that is rational and data-driven, not just simply driven by a guideline ... [interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is sensible.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... and sensible and says that because a school is necessarily small and employs multi-grade teaching, that it should ipso facto, be closed. Thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you so much, Speaker. I am covered by what the hon member Baartman asked, especially as it affects farm schools and I am sure the official Opposition will agree with me that the children of farmworkers might be the first to be affected if numbers determine whether a school is closed or not and they are the people who need education, perhaps mostly.

I also want the Minister, and I do not want him to respond, but in his future vision for this, what will happen to those schools; whether he must consider that in the events when schools close down for whatever reason, they are still made use of for educational purposes of a different type. Our youth have become delinquents and children do not have proper teaching, perhaps, or discipline at home. Could those schools become a place of assisting in the process of readjusting young people that have become wayward in terms of the law?

Instead of letting these schools become the target of people who destroy them, I have seen many schools in Elsies River totally destroyed, the buildings have been destroyed. Could we perhaps utilise schools?

I know it is a different question and I do not expect an answer now. I just want the Minister to look at the possibility of saving the building and putting better use to it in an educational way.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you hon member. I want to thank you for your contribution. On the whole question of farm schools which are often as you say micro schools with relatively few [Inaudible.] youth learners, it is precisely for that reason that I have decided to place this moratorium on school closures. Of course I said to the House that I have done so pending a review of our approach and I think your proposal of carefully considering how we use existing infrastructure and whether that infrastructure can be repurposed is a very sensible suggestion and I will certainly take it on board as we review our approach to school closures here in the Western Cape. Thank you.

Pick n Pay Market Store Project

8. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

What (a) challenges have been encountered in the Pick n Pay Market Store Project and (b) lessons have been learned from it?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. The reply is as follows:

8. Small businesses in townships and rural areas are faced with many obstacles in achieving business growth. Obstacles include constraints that are common to most start-ups, such as an absence of affordable finance, market competition, external risks including crime and high regulatory barriers. Access to markets is the most limiting factor for businesses and despite the presence of finance, businesses require access to markets to manage and sustain their operations.

The Pick 'n Pay Market Store project was an attempt to address some of these challenges, through the conversion of existing spaza shops or suitably located sites within townships into independently owned mini supermarkets in townships. The initiative involved improving the infrastructure, building, machinery and equipment in the township retail sector.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism provided R3,6 million financial assistance to qualifying beneficiaries in the form of grant funding to facilitate the refurbishment of market stores. Part of our approach in this regard is a commitment to partner with the private sector, which of course includes the private sector in townships, while innovating and trying new things so that we can keep on pushing ourselves to do better.

In this context, the Pick 'n Pay Market Store project was an innovative collaboration which involved the conversion of existing spaza shops within townships into independently owned mini supermarkets.

Six of the eight stores that were opened in the Western Cape through this collaboration remain operational. Employment pre-conversion across all stores was 24 jobs. Unemployment as at 30 June 2021 was 151 jobs.

Part of attempting new approaches is to learn lessons from them and in this respect, I appreciate the spirit of the member's question on the challenges encountered and the lessons learned. Some of the challenges faced relate to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related restrictions. Further, high set-up costs, the impact of crime, finding a suitable location for the stores and store managers were some of the challenges faced.

We have also seen how regulatory processes can impact small and micro enterprises, in particular. During the course of this programme the Department has learnt that more intensive training for business owners is needed over a longer period of time and that store owners must be actively involved in the daily operations of the business for it to be successful and to thrive.

This should include regular onsite mentorship. We also need to ensure that we fast-track regulatory processes in the beginning stages of the programme to avoid it becoming a barrier later.

Going forward, Madam Deputy Speaker, we will certainly leverage lessons learnt from this project as we focus on delivering an enabling environment for the private sector in communities' right across the Western Cape.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Perhaps the Minister can clarify, because she said six out of eight and if my arithmetic serves me well, she means only two failed. According to the information I have, I have got no [Inaudible.] NY that has closed, was disfranchised, Thembi in Langa, the ones that the Committee visited and the two ladies in Delft, that is the third one and one is in Stellenbosch. So, is the Minister not aware of these other shops that also were part of the initiative and actually their businesses did not do well?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you to the hon member for the question. As far as the information I have available and have been briefed on, six of the stores are still operational and two have closed down. I do not have any further information about other shops having closed down, however, if the member has information that I am not in possession of, I would be very grateful for that to reach my office.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister I just want to ask whether these spaza shops that were assisted by the Provincial Government via Pick 'n Pay, were existing spaza shops or did they start from fresh? If they were existing, why was the money not given directly to them as spaza shops because that is what we do with other businesses that the Provincial Government, via the Department, funds like some of them we visited, the Provincial Government does give money directly to those businesses B&Bs, be it other small businesses in the white areas. So why could this money not be given directly to the spaza shops?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Thank you to the hon member for the question. As far as I am informed two of the participants had trading histories while the remaining six did not. Then just to clarify the Department of Economic Development and Tourism provided grant funding to the store owners directly and we did this to assist the store owners because we understand that challenges exist in opening businesses. The funding that was provided was specifically to assist the store owners with infrastructure and that was not loan funding, that was grant funding for things such as air-conditioning units, refrigeration, security systems, uniforms for staff members and that was provided directly to the store owners themselves.

Ms C A T MURRAY: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker, my question is what other support does the Western Cape Government provide to SMMEs?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member for the question. What support do we provide to other SMMEs as Provincial Government: obviously creating the right conditions that will help SMMEs to start and expand which is very important to us. So we do this by trying to create an enabling environment and removing barriers that might stand in the way of small businesses.

For example, one of the key barriers is funding and so we have recently launched in 2022 the iteration of the SMME booster fund which aims to enhance the sustainability of rural, urban, township-based youth and people with disabilities as well as women-owned SMMEs, specifically. R16 million will be distributed to selected organisations that help deliver training on business development support as well as access to markets for SMMEs.

Since the first iteration of this fund in 2019, I am informed it has allocated just under R60 million in funding and supported 730 SMMEs in the province. So far, this fund has supported 386 township-based businesses from areas such as Mbekweni, Idas Valley, Khayelitsha, Gugulethu, Dunoon, Macassar, Philippi, Delft, Kwanokuthula and Zwelitshwa to name a few. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic hitting small businesses in particular, and the Western Cape Government's COVID-19 Supplier Development Programme was another intervention that worked to increase the capacity and ability of micro enterprises that manufactured cloth masks and sanitisers and other related products.

Businesses were supported through this programme which sustained 71 jobs including in areas such as Mitchells Plain, Diazville and Seawinds. Furthermore, as the member will see reflected in the 2022 Main Budget, the Western Cape Government has allocated the following amounts over the 2022 MTEF: R78,5 million for enterprise development; R18 million for regional and local economic development; R67 million for red tape reduction and red tape reduction is of course very important because by removing red tape businesses can be assisted even further. At the moment this unit has been able to maintain a successful case resolution rate of 93% for the last financial year and we look forward and I am trying very hard to improve this record for the year ahead.

[Question time expired.]

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Questions and replies as received from departments

ORAL QUESTIONS

For written reply:

New questions:

Women-owned businesses: public-procurement spending

2. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

How much public-procurement spending in the Western Cape is being set aside for women-owned businesses in the current MTEF?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

2. When an organ of state contracts for goods or services, it must do so in accordance with a system that is fair, equitable, transparent, and cost effective. Section 217(2) and 217(3) of the Constitution provides the requirement of national legislation to craft a framework for preferencing policies and the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act caters for preferencing in the allocation of contracts via a point scoring system.

Being mindful of the National Treasury Practice note 2 of 2006 prohibiting set-asides, women owned business engages freely in any tender process within the Western Cape Government and are allocated preference points as per the applicable regulations.

In the 2021/22 financial year, R2, 890 billion was procured from women-owned businesses.

Red-tape reduction

3. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

- (1) What work has been done about red-tape reduction for ease-of-doing business in municipalities, as committed to in the 2022 budget;
- (2) (a) what was the total value of the provincial government's procurement in the last financial year (both operating expenditure and capital expenditure) and (b) how much of it went to (i) 100% women-owned businesses and (ii) businesses owned by blacks, (c) in which sectors or industries are these businesses and (d) whether their domicilium is inside or outside the province?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

3. (1) The growth of the private sector is dependent on a local environment which is conducive and enabling. It is for this reason that the Red Tape Reduction unit has focused much of its efforts on supporting non-metro municipalities with the rollout of red tape reduction initiatives across the province.

1.1. Ease of Doing Business Fund

Our flagship project is the R10 million Municipal Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Fund, that was established with the following criteria, 1) regulatory reform, 2) processes improvements to business facing government services, and 3) enhanced and effective communication with business. The fund seeks to foremost reduce the cost of doing business with government, attract investment into localities and lastly create a culture of EoDB through widespread red tape reduction institutionalisation.

1.2. Improved Film and Events Permitting

A Film and Event Permitting Policy and model by-law has been developed and is currently at consultation phase with industry and other bodies. Once adopted, the by-law will lead to hastier turnaround times for permits and knock-on economic effects of investor confidence and tourism promotion in these localities.

1.3 Partnerships with SALGA and the Department of Local Government

The unit has forged a solid partnership with SALGA and the Provincial Department of Local Government to co-present at forums, so as to promote red tape reduction, provide guidance and support on red tape reduction issues, and share best practices thereby raising awareness of EoDB and its linkages to economic growth.

1.4 Blueprint to Reduce Red Tape within Municipalities

Presently, the unit is developing a *Blueprint to Reduce Red Tape in Municipalities*. The Blueprint is anticipated to provide municipalities with a clear, step-by-step guideline on how to undertake red tape reduction interventions in the realms of regulatory reform, business process improvements, communication, case management, as well as culture and change management. The unit will finalise the draft blueprint during this financial year, ahead of consultation and pilot with a municipality

- (2) (a) The total expenditure to suppliers registered on the Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank was R11, 494 billion over the 2021/22 financial year.

- (b) (i) R1, 415 billion, with R2, 890 billion being procured from women-owned businesses.
(ii) R6,5 billion.

(c) Information is not available by sector. It can however be broken down as follows: Buildings and Other Fixed Structures, COVID-19 expenditure, Goods and Services, Machinery and Equipment, and Software and Intangible Assets.

(d) R7, 02 billion domiciled in the Western Cape.

Illegal land invasions

4. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to illegal land invasions:

Whether his Department has drafted a strategy to combat the issue of organised land grabs and shack farming; if not, why not; if so, what does the strategy entail?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

4. With all the role-players, including the Department of Local Government, SALGA and SAPS, a process is in place to draft an integrated strategy that will address this scourge across the province.

Off the back of last week's PCF, both the municipalities and this government agreed to develop a renewed and integrated focus on challenges posed by the unlawful occupation of land. The land invasion approach will provide the necessary strategic direction and alignment that is needed for the participation by all spheres of government.

To date, the following processes are currently underway to give expression to the strategy:

- Updating the Procedural Manual dealing with the Unlawful Occupation of Land;
- Finalisation of a draft Municipal Draft By-Law to provide for the prevention of, and response, to unlawful occupation of land;
- The establishment of a Provincial nerve centre that will focus on the co-ordination of all matters pertaining to the unlawful occupation of land within the province and
- Legal clarity on a host of matters affecting the issues at hand, including the extent that Province may promulgate legislation that will assist in combating the unlawful occupation of land.

Given the obvious criminal element to these invasions, some solutions will not be publicly announced as it may undermine the credibility of our interventions.

While we are still formulating the strategy, we could not do nothing. And that is why we have spent more than R215 Million on security provisioning in key projects.

While this is noble and necessary, it has also come at a hefty price, as we have had to top-slice our already constrained delivery budget to ensure the security of our sites. This is money that could have been put to better use and could have easily delivered more than 1061 housing opportunities.

Finally, the issue of shack farming has been prevalent for a number of years, and we are seeing a clear correlation with the emergence of the construction mafia, land grabs and invasions.

Public healthcare facilities: operational or financial mismanagement

5. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:

In relation to situations in which accusations relating to alleged incidents of operational or financial mismanagement have been raised at any public healthcare facility:

- (1) What is her Department's process of intervention to (a) investigate and/or (b) remedy the situation if such irregularities do exist;
- (2) whether her Department knows whether such processes of intervention exist in the health departments in other provinces; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

5. (1) Fraud and corruption represent significant potential risks to the Department's assets and can negatively impact on service delivery efficiency and the Department's reputation. The Western Cape Government (WCG) adopted an Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy which confirms the Province's zero-tolerance stance towards fraud, theft and corruption. In line with this strategy the Department is committed to zero-tolerance with regard to corrupt, fraudulent or any other criminal activities, whether internal or external and vigorously pursues and prosecutes by all legal means available, any parties who engage in such practices or attempt to do so. The Department has an approved Fraud and Corruption Prevention Plan and a concomitant Implementation Plan which gives effect to the Prevention Plan.

Various channels for reporting allegations of fraud, theft and corruption exist and these are described in detail in the Provincial Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy, the WCG Whistle-blowing Policy and the Departmental Fraud and Corruption Prevention Plan. Each allegation received by the Provincial Forensic Services (PFS) Unit is recorded in a Case Management System which is used as a management tool to report on progress made with cases relating to the Department and to generate statistics for the WCG and the Department.

Employees and workers who blow the whistle on suspicions of fraud, corruption and theft are protected if the disclosure is a protected disclosure (i.e., meets statutory requirements of the Protected Disclosures Act, No. 26 of 2000 e.g., if the disclosure was made in good faith). The WCG Whistle-blowing Policy provides guidelines to employees and workers on how to raise concerns with the appropriate line management, specific designated persons in the WCG or external institutions, where they have reasonable grounds for believing that offences or improprieties have been or are being perpetrated in the WCG. The opportunity to remain anonymous is afforded to any person who would like to report acts of fraud, theft and corruption and, should they do so in person, their identities are kept confidential by the person to whom they are reporting. If, after investigation, fraud, theft or corruption is confirmed, the employee who participated in such acts is subjected to a disciplinary hearing. The WCG representative initiating the disciplinary proceedings is required to recommend dismissal of the employee concerned. Where *prima facie* evidence of criminal conduct is detected, a criminal matter is reported to the South African Police Services.

The Department established an Ethics Committee in line with Chapter 2, Part 3 of the Public Service Regulations of 2016 and the role of the Ethics Committee is to provide oversight on ethics management in the Department. The Ethics Committee concluded an Ethics and Integrity Management Strategy and Ethics Management Implementation Plan which was approved by the Head of Department. The Ethics Management Implementation Plan outline steps to be followed by the Department in promoting ethical conduct.

All Public Servants occupy a position of trust. With this trust comes a high level of responsibility which is The Public Service Regulations issued in 2016 expects all employees to comply with its standards. Chapter 2, Part 1 addresses the employee behaviour in the workplace, encourages the employee to report any maladministration and corrupt activities and it promotes the department's determination to uphold the strong ethics and integrity, the eradication of corruption as part of the governance framework, which is fundamental to good organisational performance. The primary purpose of the Code of Conduct is to promote exemplary conduct and avert unacceptable conduct.

- (2) The Accounting Officer's System and Supply Chain Management(SCM) Delegations of Powers constitute the Department's SCM Handbook. The constitution of Bid Specification, Evaluation & Adjudication Committees (BSC, BEC & BAC, respectively), as well as the Quotation Committees, promotes segregation of duties and serves as a control measure for early/proactive identification of possible irregular actions that could result in irregular expenditure. Increase in the scope of transversal Provincial contracts reduces the administrative workload on Institutional SCM units, thereby mitigating for the risk of incurring irregular expenditure through low-value transactional procurement. The Devolved Internal Control Units (DICUs) perform oversight and maintain adherence to governance and compliance prescripts in terms of the Accounting Officer System, SCM delegations and other legislation through the Internal Assessment(IA) process. The IA is a batch audit instrument mainly used for evaluating compliance of transactions to relevant procurement prescripts. The instrument consists of a number of tests to determine whether the procurement process which was followed is regular, as well as whether the batch is complete and audit ready. A sample of payments are selected monthly using an application that generates a predetermined quantity from a number of expenditure items, which were selected based on the probable risk associated with the specific item. These items are re-assessed every year to ensure that changing risk profiles are addressed. Non-compliance in respect of any of the tests relating to the procurement process may result in Irregular Expenditure.

SGB members facing corruption charges

6. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Education:

Whether any schools in the province have current and former school governing body members facing corruption chargers for their roles while serving on SGBs; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) which schools are involved and (c) what is the Department doing to avoid this from occurring again?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

6. Yes, we aware that some governing body members of the Western Cape Sport School have current court appearances relating to the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 12 of 2004.

The prosecutor of the case indicated that any person who would like the charge sheet should write to the National Prosecuting Authority in Cape Town.

Our prevention strategy is in line with the broader Western Cape Government's anti-fraud and corruption strategy, which focuses on specific objectives. These include:

- Creating an ethical culture;
- Zero tolerance stance against fraud corruption and theft;
- Prevention, detection and deterrence measures;
- Response mechanisms to fraud, corruption and theft; and
- Effective remedial action.

The education district offices, via their school finance and records officers (SFROs), assist the schools' administrative components with the development of financial administration processes and practices in line with policies, prescripts, norms and standards. They also assist and conduct training on the development and implementation plan, to ensure improvement regarding sound financial administration. They conduct school assessments and evaluations on financial management, and support and follow-up on all required corrective actions. The Management and Governance component is also responsible to ensure that governing bodies are capacitated to fulfil their various functions in line with relevant provincial and national legislation.

The Compliance Unit at education district offices function is to facilitate, administer and evaluate the Annual Financial Statement, their approved budget, and the bi-annual financial reports of public schools. Their role also includes administering Pre-Forensic Investigations and investigate all specified financial-related allegations and irregularities reported at schools and send reports to Provincial Forensic Services.

The department has also trained all newly elected school governing body members on fraud and corruption awareness between May and November 2021. This training, conducted by the Provincial Forensic Services, in all three languages, focussed on the following:

- How to prevent fraud and corruption and setting the tone at the top for ethical behaviour at schools and to ensure that proper due diligence and vetting procedures are conducted in the procurement of and payment for goods and services;
- Enhanced internal control environment which will prevent or detect when internal controls are contravened;
- The detection of fraud and by ensuring that regular checks, audit and reconciliations are done at schools. Ensuring continuous improvement of internal systems and controls to enhance fraud prevention and aid detection; and
- Ensuring governing bodies understand the various elements of fraud, corruption, theft and gratification in order to detect and report it at schools.

Other training conducted with governing bodies includes:

- The SGB's role and that of the principal;
- Financial management in schools, in line with the relevant provincial and national legislation;
- The whistle-blowing policy of the Western Cape Government; and

- Procurement in line with the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act 3 of 2000).

I'd like to also highlight the importance of whistle-blowing in helping us tackle corruption in schools.

As the members 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).

We urge anyone who has information about corrupt activities to come forward and report this to the Department.

Department of Education staff members over retirement age

7. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Education:

(a) How many staff members currently working for his Department are over the retirement age and (b) which posts are occupied by these employees?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

7. As of 31 August 2022, 52 staff members are aged 65 and over, which represents just 0.1% of the Department's workforce.

15 of these staff members are permanent. 2 are office-based, in the positions of Deputy Director-General and Senior Education Specialist respectively. A further 13 are institution-based, in roles ranging from principals to administration clerks.

The majority of these officials reached compulsory retirement age between February and August 2022. Due to legislative provisions, teachers at ex-House of Assembly schools may retire at the end of the term or year in which they reach compulsory retirement age. The termination dates are all set for 31 December 2022, with the exception of the Deputy Director-General, who will exit on 31 October 2022.

An additional 37 contract staff are aged 65 and over, of which 6 are office-based and 31 are institution-based. The majority of these are teaching posts.

Contract office-based staff are being appointed due to recruitment processes that are still to be finalised.

The institution-based appointments relate to short term contracts for the finalisation of permanent appointments and curator principals.

All legislative provisions have been followed and adhered to.

I also want to assure members that around 600 Funza Lushaka bursary holders graduate and seek employment in our province each year, so we have a solid supply of new, young teachers available in our province. We engage with universities in the Western Cape as to what the areas of specialisation are where we have a need for teachers.

During our visit to Eden and Central Karoo Education District last week, I had the opportunity to meet some young teachers at Jonga High School, who are making an outstanding contribution to our learners' education. It is truly wonderful to see young people with such passion and dedication to the children of this province, and I am excited to see how the school's first class of matrics performs at the end of the year.

We have a pool of school assistants who have been making such a difference in our schools over the past two years. I am pleased to report that in a survey we did with our assistants, many expressed their desire to join the teaching profession. These are the kinds of comments they made about their time as an assistant:

- It has inspired me to study teaching.
- It is motivating me and giving me hope. I am hoping I will get a post when I graduate.
- It has inspired me to follow my teaching dream because I love working with kids.
- Teaching is a field I would love to work in.
- I like helping the teacher and being with the children every day, it makes me excited to be at school. I am thankful for the program as it is giving me a chance to explore my options while learning the ins and outs of being a teacher.

The Department receives an allocation of 66 Funza Lushaka bursaries, termed as Community or District-based bursaries, for which we can nominate candidates without them having to go through the national process. We are advocating these to our assistants, and the opportunity has garnered considerable interest. We are currently verifying which of the assistants can meet the criteria for the bursary and be nominated accordingly.

We should not forget that attracting candidates to the profession is not where the work ends. I recently visited our Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute, where the training programme includes 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.

Something that I have learned in my first few months as Education Minister is that our human resources are our Department's greatest asset. Our teachers are always willing and able to share their experience and knowledge with newcomers to the profession, so I have no doubt that we will continue to see the excellence in teaching that our province is well known for.

Permanent:

RANK	Total
OFFICE BASED	2
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL	1
EDU SPEC SR (OFFICE)	1
INSTITUTION BASED	13
PRINCIPAL P3	1
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	1
DEPARTMENTAL HEAD	4
ADMIN CLERK.	2
SENIOR HOUSEK SUPERVISOR	1
TEACHER	4
Grand Total	15

Contract

Rank	Grand Total
OFFICE BASED	6
DIRECTOR	1
EDU SPEC CHIEF(OFF)	1
EDU SPEC DEP CH OFF	1
LEARNER SUPPORT TEACHER	2
SNR EDU PSYCHOL OFF	1
INSTITUTION BASED	31
PRINCIPAL P4	1
PRINCIPAL P3	1
PROF NURSE	1
ADMIN CLERK.	1
GENERAL FOREMAN.	1
TEACHER	26
Grand Total	37

*Heathfield High School***8. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

Why were law enforcement officers called out to the Heathfield High School on 16 August 2022?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the Cape Town Metro Police Department:

8. There is a Memorandum of Agreement between the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) and the City of Cape Town Law Enforcement Department whereby Law Enforcement deploy School Resource Officers (SROs) at schools identified by the Department.

THE MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY TO REPLY:

As this is an agreement between a different Provincial Department and a local sphere of Government, the Member should engage the WCED and or the City of Cape Town to obtain further information.

Heathfield High School: former school principal

9. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Education:

With regard to the ongoing situation regarding Wesley Neumann, the former school principal:

What steps has his Department taken to conclude the matter?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

9. The matter has been concluded by the Department. He was offered a second chance on appeal, which he rejected, and thus was dismissed.

We are now focused on ensuring that teaching and learning at Heathfield High School continues in the best interest of its learners, in a safe environment without disruption.

There is much to celebrate about this school and the people that want to see it succeed. Progress has been made in various areas, including:

- The appointment of permanent staff, as there was a critical shortage of posts at the school, with important senior management posts vacant and the majority of post level 1 teachers appointed on contract;

- Training the SGB on financial and recruitment issues, motivation sessions for learners, conflict resolution programmes and parental engagement;
- Addressing some of the behavioural challenges such as trespassing, discipline and substance abuse on the school grounds, and law enforcement continues to assist us in access control and safety;
- Curriculum interventions such as additional afternoon classes for matrics, weekend Maths and Science classes, and the hosting of a very successful winter school programme;
- Staff development and training; and
- Success on the sports field with the revised sports programme.

We will continue to support the school and its learners, and will not entertain attempts to disrupt and undermine teaching and learning.

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE:

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker and thank you very much for the opportunity to ask a question to the hon Premier. Hon Premier, my question is related to the Chapter 9's as well as Chapter 10 Institutions and their relevance and how you actually hold them in higher regard. As the Head of the Executive in the Western Cape and as the custodian of the Constitution and particularly constitutional matters. Does the Premier respect and uphold Chapter 9 and 10 Institutions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon Mvimbi for the question and the answer is yes.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Premier for that response. If you do respect and uphold these institutions and given that you have decided to protect a certain MEC, MEC Bredell, could you give us an update on the progress of the review application and the Public Protector's response in respect of the Public Protector's report, implicating yourself as well as the MEC, in the cover-up of maladministration, corruption and fraud in Oudtshoorn, which was released a year ago and also the Public Protector's report released earlier this year on MEC Bredell's improper conduct on instructing the DA caucus members of the appointment of a senior official in George?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon Mvimbi for that follow-up and I know that it was yesterday at 9 o' clock I signed off the legal papers because as I think the hon member does know that we were granted leave to appeal and in actual fact the legal team that is going to court on the appeal application, those forms were actually signed with the State Attorneys yesterday at 8:30, 9 o' clock.

Mr L L MVIMBI: The interesting thing then, on the same Minister, I am going to ask because you seem to have acted differently on just mere allegations against other Ministers in the past.

For example, hon Madikizela is out based on issues that were raised; hon Fritz is out based again on allegations but on this one there were actual factual reasons. Actually, if you consider the decision of the Public Protector as binding in terms of the remedial action that you process, I would have expected that you would have acted on that but in the cases of Madikizela and Fritz they were just mere allegations and you removed them. On this one there are facts on the table that he has been found to have actually flouted the laws. Questions have now been raised on the appointment of the HOD in MEC Bredell's Department and an interview panel on which the Premier was listed as an observer. The Chairperson of the interview panel was MEC Bredell. The person proposed for appointment is alleged to be a family member of the MEC's head of office. Now will the Premier abide by the findings of the Chapter 9 or 10 Institutions should such a Constitutional entity find the appointment to have been a case of nepotism.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much and obviously there were like three questions in one there so let us deal with the first part. The hon member took three separate Ministers in this Government and then tried to crowd them into one space and a decision. He must understand that how the Rule of Law works and then in actual fact every time any allegation is made, it has to be investigated and of course whatever that investigation comes out ... [interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: ... with you have to then apply your mind to the outcome of that investigation. You cannot have one ruling that just applies to everything, blanket, then his understanding of the Rule of Law is limited. You cannot do that first of all. Secondly, obviously you know, let us see what happens through an investigation. He did note HODs and that I act as an observer in appointments of HODs. I am pretty certain that the hon member knows that when it comes to appointment of Heads of Department, it is the Premier that appoints Heads of Department and so what I do in order to enable myself to make sure that panel have applied their minds when it comes to me, I sit in on the interviews and I have done since the beginning of this term, so that I can hear what the applicants are saying and what they are putting forward.

Every single time when it comes to the end of the interview, I excuse myself, so I am never part of any deliberation that the interview panel has and every single interview, as it starts, it is pointed out to every candidate that this is the interview panel and over there is the Premier who is just going to observe, he only has observer status.

I have done that in every single case and of course then what happens is after their deliberation they make their finding and then they send it to me for signing off. Of course, if I wanted to, I could be part of the interview panel, seeing as I am the one who needs to appoint but I prefer to do it at an arm's length and only observe and then allow the interview panel and then they send it to me because I believe it is an extra layer of oversight.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Premier, in light of your frequent calls on the National Government to devolve powers over police to the Western Cape in terms of Chapter 6, Article 99 and Article 146(2) (a) and (b) of the Constitution of the Republic and your party's declared policies supporting subsidiarity and federalism and your own wish of redesigning government like you just said, what are the powers except police, that you would similarly want to be devolved to the Western Cape and how soon?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member for that question. Absolutely, I mean I think first of all policing powers and devolution, and I think I have said earlier today that if I look at crime statistics across South Africa, we have to try something else, we have to do something else. We cannot just keep on doing the same thing and hope for a different or better outcome.

So I am really encouraged as of the last two days and last week's questions in the National Assembly to the President that he has now said that we will have a look at and at least have that discussion, so for me that is one major step forward that there is a recognition that in actual fact crime is out of control and we need to have a second, a different look at how we deal with it.

The second area I think it is commonly said and that is one of rail, devolution of the management of our passenger rail service and again there, as I think as I said earlier today, also an encouraging discussion in the first two days of this week where at least with the Gauteng Government and the Western Cape Government there is *ad idem* that this is something that needs to take place and the National Minister is already indicating that he is looking at 2026 as a possible date for the devolution of that power.

I think that there is always the tendency in everything that happens to say when something does not work that I would love to take that over. I also think that as a province you cannot just take over everything so the list could be unending.

I do not usually use the protocol lounge at the airport, and I came through it the other day and it was terrible. I wanted to phone international relations and say I want to take over the protocol lounge because it is an embarrassment. I mean they had a President coming from another country and no-one even knew where the carpet was at the entrance, and it was a total disaster. Then your automatic instinct is, well, here is another area that we need to take over but of course we cannot take over everything.

So I think that as our new democracy evolves that we need to see areas that perhaps are failing or areas where in the founding principles of our Constitution it says when a local government or a provincial government, which is closer to the people, have the ability to deliver that service, that that should be devolved.

So I think it should just be seen as a common principle that in actual fact closer to the citizens is where decision making, and power should be and that a National Government has much more step-in clauses when there is failure instead of the other way around which it is at the moment.

I mean there is a very big discussion happening right now around powers of provinces when it comes to Section 139 of the Constitution and local governments and there is *ad idem* across all of our provinces that local governments do not have sufficient powers in oversight when it comes to local government.

A lot of discussion also happening this week around how do we change those powers; how do we get to intervene before it is a disaster and a failure because the disaster and the failure happens and at the end of the day the citizens suffer because everything has fallen to pieces and the citizens are not getting the service.

So I think that is another area, policing, rail and probably local government oversight. The Local Government Extended Cabinet, about a month ago, sent an extended document to the Presidency based on what we think should change with regards to the oversight model of local government and the powers of provinces to intervene when failure happens. But I think in principle it should be devolution closer to the people at local government level and provincial level and that oversight happens at national. Thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank so much Premier for your well-structured response. But I want to ask what progress has been made and which processes have you initiated since 2019 to achieve any of these objectives which you have just mentioned to us? Can you just take us into your confidence?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much hon member. First of all, with regards to policing powers, we established a committee of constitutional law advisors, we established a committee of people from our universities, criminologists, on looking at what would the structure look like and how could we get devolution of policing. Those documents were all put together in part of a framework of the application.

Then I want to say, as I have just said, that it is either a constitutional change which has its own processes or what we are pushing for is an assignment change, which is Section 99 of the Constitution. Although in my discussions on Tuesday specifically with Minister Bheki Cele, he does not agree with me that it could be a Section 99 but those are further discussion that we have agreed that we will have, so our same committee will now be looking at further discussions that we can enable through legal, it will start with legal and then – Monday and Tuesday was in Pretoria - on Wednesday morning, also in discussion with our own legal team, we are now revising our first initial documents they sent through. Our legal team, along with senior council, have actually got some other ideas which we are going to – they are going to come back to me to say perhaps we can try a further discussion around Section 99 or as we have also been saying, Section 206 and that is around that the National Government can write policy and through that policy, enable different decision making.

At the moment with policing powers, we do have a system where we have a Provincial Police Commissioner and we do have a Joint Operations Commander, JOC, which does have representation of Local Government, Provincial Government but unfortunately when it comes to real decision making then that moves to one level higher and then we do not play a role anymore.

So we are trying all sorts of angles to say how do we get to a stage where we actually rethink and reinvent, specifically around the policing model.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Premier, very concise to the point and encouraging but my next question: a process must be put in place, how do you get to the final instalment? So I want to ask you, does the provincial referendum of consulting [inaudible.] form part of your plans and will Opposition parties be part of the processes to determine the way forward and the nature of the questions to be asked in such a referendum, because as you know, Mr Premier, the result of a referendum depends largely on the nature of the question asked.

I want to ask you; did you have it in mind to go it alone on the formulation of a question or will you be prepared to get together a committee made up of the official Opposition and other smaller parties to determine what is to be asked before we progress further on this road?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much for that, actually a very important question. So a province within the Constitution can call a referendum, it is written in the Constitution, a Premier can do it. Unfortunately, the regulation which has to be written within that constitutional mandate has not been formulated. That has to be formulated by National Government. In actual fact my predecessor, Premier Zille, engaged with the previous President to say please we need to have the regulations written to create the environment in which a referendum can be called. We have reiterated that again to say to the current President you need to be able to write those regulations to enable a referendum to be called.

So first of all, I know a lot of people talk about referendums, unfortunately even though it is mentioned in the Constitution, it is not a possibility within our current regulatory environment. Those regulations still have to be written, number one. Number two, of course a question in a referendum has to be properly thought through. The most interesting thing I find are these people that talk about Cape exit, and they want to have a referendum on Cape exit, and they want to ask the Western Cape citizens the question. If you want to say, you have to ask all citizens of South Africa, not just the citizens of the province. You cannot just ask the one party the question, you have to ask both parties the question because it is about tax, it is about national pride, it is about our economy, it is about all sorts of things. The logic does not make any sense to me whatsoever. So the question has to be critical, and you have got to find the right question, I absolutely agree. And if you look at the results of different referenda around the world, if that question is not put properly the consequences could be dire and really have long-term effects on your citizens.

I want to say when it comes to a referendum, in actual fact there is a referendum in our province every five years. That referendum says, 'citizens of this province here is a manifesto, here is a question, here is a plan, do you support it, yes or no' and the voters decide. That is a referendum and in actual fact that should be the ultimate referendum because that is how democracies work.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Fire season

1. Mr D America asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) What is the state of the Western Cape's preparedness for the upcoming veld and mountain fire season, (b) what funds are allocated to the prevention and mitigation of veld and mountain fires and (c) what assistance does the Department of Local Government provide to municipalities to ensure their readiness for fires?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

1. (a) The Western Cape has a comprehensive Integrated Fire Management Strategy which includes response, awareness, and advocacy programs. This Strategy is the culmination of a coordinated year-round planning process which includes all major role-players. Statutory bodies exist at all spheres of government to ensure proper coordination and implementation at all levels.
- (b) The Western Cape Government through the Department of Local Government ensures budgetary provision for Integrated Fire Management amounting to R13, 833,000.00. This excludes the budgets of the various municipal fire services.
- (c) The Department of Local Government has in place a three-year aerial firefighting arrangement which ensures access to twenty-four aircraft during the fire season. These resources are strategically placed to ensure equitable distribution in all Districts. The Department also contracts specialised ground support which are available to all municipalities.

Theatres and museums: building and maintenance of

2. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

How much does her Department spend annually on the building maintenance of (a) theatres and (b) museums in the province?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

2. (a) The Department annually makes a transfer payment to Artscape for daily maintenance. This year R204 000 will be transferred.

- (b) The Western Cape Museums Ordinance Amendment Act No. 2 of 2021 provides for three categories of museums assisted by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. They are: 1) Provincial Museums, 2) Province-aided Museums, and 3) Local Museums.

Provincial Museums are housed in provincial government owned buildings. The Department of Transport and Public Works are responsible for the maintenance and repairs of these buildings. A large-scale renovation at George Museum to ensure that the museum complies with health and safety regulations are currently in progress. The Bartolomeu Dias Museum in Mossel Bay is scheduled to undergone similar renovations starting later this year.

Province-aided Museums are governed by Board of Trustees who must ensure that museum collections are housed in suitable buildings. Some of these buildings are owned by Board of Trustees, others are owned by third parties such as municipalities who are responsible for the maintenance of buildings. The Department provides an annual subsidy to Province-aided Museums. This subsidy is for operational expenses and may be used for minor maintenance and repair works at these museums. The Department allocated subsidies totalling R 6,328,313.00 (2021/2022) and R 6,606,762.00 (2022/2023) to these museums.

Local Museums are governed by Control Boards who must ensure that museum collections are housed in suitable buildings. These buildings are normally owned by third parties such as municipalities who are responsible for the maintenance. The Department provides a grant-in-aid to Local Museums. This grant-in-aid is for operational expenses and may be used for minor maintenance and repairs at these museums. The Department allocated grant-in-aid totalling R 242,979.00 (2021/2022) and R 242,979.00 (2022/2023) to these museums.

Sassa office: Berg River facility

3. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the reply to question 8 of 19 August 2022:

- (a) On what date is maintenance due to commence at the Berg River facility shared between Sassa and her Department and (b) when is the maintenance due to be completed?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

3. (a) By the end of November 2022
(b) By the end of August 2023

*-CapeNature: Access Week***4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

- (a) What has been the response, in terms of the number of day visitors, to previous promotion initiatives by CapeNature, such as Access Week, (b) what are the aims of Access Week and (c) against what parameters will the success of this initiative be measured?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

4. (a)

Access Week Figures	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of people	7 578	7 600	*3 744	*4 781

*Drop in visitor numbers during the 2020 and 2021 financial years are attributed to the COVID-19 outbreak and regulations enforced at the time.

- (b) Access Week provides free access to all members of the public to participate in recreational activities that a protected area has on offer from picnicking, birding, hiking or mountain biking just to mention a few. CapeNature also uses this opportunity to facilitate a variety of organised educational programmes for different community groups at several of its reserves during this period.
- (c) The success of the Access Week campaign will be measured by awareness drives and promotional marketing tactics.
- The number of visitors to the reserves.
 - The number of environmental education initiatives on reserve.
 - Social media and digital engagement
 - Earned media through press release distribution.
 - Paid media through advertising reach.

*Farming: input costs***5. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) Whether there is factual evidence that the complaints by farmers that the increase in their input cost is currently by far exceeding the inflation rate; if so, (a) what are the main drivers of the increases in input costs and (b) to what extent have the prices changed over the last 12 months;

- (2) what will the effects of a continued increase in input costs be on the (a) cost of food, (b) economic viability of farming and (c) liquidation of farming operations;
- (3) whether there are already signs of the expected changes in the prices of food products; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

5. (1) The agricultural input costs have increased quite significantly driven by the rising cost of raw materials, increased demand, logistics constraints and high freight rates. The situation was further exacerbated by extreme weather conditions, Covid-19-related impacts and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. In the second quarter of 2022, the agricultural industry expenditure on intermediate goods such as fuel, electricity and fertilizer combined was around R12.8 billion and showed a 14% increase when compared to the same quarter in 2021. Expenditure on fuel went up by 16%, electricity by 7% and fertilizers by 15% based on data from the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD). In a broader context, the energy supply challenges are also influenced by the move to renewable energy which has direct effects on the prices of biodiesel and vegetable oils used for their manufacturing. Coupled with the Russian-Ukrainian war, the prices of crude oil and other gases are negatively affected.
- (2) The cost of inputs is one of the factors driving the increase in the prices of commodities. South Africa's annual consumer price inflation was at 7.8% in July 2022 compared to 7.4% in June 2022 (StatsSA, 2022). Furthermore, on a month-to-month basis, the consumer price increased by 1.5% in July 2022. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are among the main items driving this increase. The increases in fertilizer and fuel prices have an adverse impact on the economic viability of farming, and as consequence, depending on the exposure of the farming enterprise, this will also influence the farming operation. The department has been proactive in working closely with the sector to identify constraints so that the agricultural sector remains viable. However, it is important to recognise that the challenges experienced by agriculture are due to macro-economic factors.
- (3) The current data shows that the national annual consumer price inflation reached 7.8% in July 2022 from 7.4% in June 2022. In both cases, the consumer price inflation is significantly high and driving this growth is the prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages among other items. The Western Cape average consumer price inflation for all items was 7.1% in June 2022 (on year-on-year basis), which was slightly lower than the headline inflation recorded at national (7.4%) observed during the same month. The observed price changes on a month-to-month basis showed a decline for fruit (-6.4%), other foods (-0.2%), wine (-0.2%) and an increase in the case of vegetables (-0.4%), bread and cereals (1.8%), meat (1.3%), and sugar (0.5%) in June.

Road transport is crucial to the agricultural value chain, hence the increase in fuel prices is a major concern from a food security point of view. The recent lowering of fuel prices is welcomed as this contributes to the reduction in production costs at the farm level. However, the Russia-Ukraine war continues to pose a major threat since RSA and Western Cape are dependent on imports of inputs (e.g. fertilizers, seeds) from those countries. Evidently, in June 2022 (month-on-month) the observed change in the Western Cape average food prices was driven by bread and cereals (1.8%), meat (1.3%), and sugar (0.5%). The underpinning factors for such increase in the Western Cape food items can be associated with limited wheat supply at the global market due to the Russia-Ukraine war, increasing global commodity prices as well the general increase in global input prices amongst other things.

Diep River directive

6. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to the Diep River directive:

- (1) Whether the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), does allow the provincial Minister to impose administrative fines or penalties as listed in the Diep River directive; if not, whose responsibility is it to impose the listed penalties for non-compliance with the directive;
- (2) what action has been taken by his Department in the absence of strategic stormwater outlets being installed to trap general waste by 30 November 2021, as specified in point 4.2.7 of the amended directive;
- (3) what (a) steps and (b) associated timelines have been put in place by his Department to ensure that the Estuary Rehabilitation Plan, as specified in point 5.5.132.3 of the amended directive, is implemented;
- (4) whether his Department will continue to conduct quarterly engagements with the (a) Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (OUTA), (b) Milnerton Central Residents Association, (c) national Department of Water and Sanitation and (d) national Department of the Environment, Forestry and Fisheries; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

6. (1) The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 ("NEMA") does not provide for administrative fines or penalties. The penalties stipulated within the modified Directive relates to criminal offences in the event of non-compliance with the modified Directive and/or the relevant provisions within NEMA.

Only a court may impose such penalties, upon a successful conviction through a criminal enforcement process. Currently, the matter is in the Administrative Enforcement process.

- (2) The reason provided by the City for the delay in the installation of the nets at some of the stormwater outlets is due to the City's Supply Chain Management challenges as the tender process was subject to an appeal, thus causing delays in the appointment of a service provider. However, my Department through their quarterly engagements with the City, has instructed the City to conduct regular clean-ups of the relevant stormwater outlets (in the absence of nets) and to provide the Department with such updates as part of the City's monthly progress reports that are submitted to the Department.
- (3) It is assumed that question refers to point 5.5.132.3. which deals with the Estuary Management Plan. Point 5.5.132.3 forms part of the "Reasons for this Appeal Decision" under Section 5 and is not part of the Instructions/Conditions of the modified Directive under Section 4, which must be complied with.

However, insofar as the Estuary Management Plan ("EMP") the national Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment is the competent authority for approving the EMP, and thus enforces compliance with the EMP.

- (4) My Department continues to conduct and participate in the quarterly engagements with national Department of Water & Sanitation, the national Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, and the City. However, in terms of engagements with OUTA and the Milnerton Central Residents Association, the City coordinates these engagements, of which my Department forms part of.

Tender processes

7. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to his announcement at the Women in Construction Engagement on 31 August 2022 of an app to streamline tender processes:

- (1) What are the precise plans for the development of this app and (b) when will the app be launched;
- (2) whether his Department has implemented any measures to reduce the amount of documentation needed for the tender application process, given the concerns raised by attendees at the engagement; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

7. (1) (b) (2) The development of such an application is being explored within my Department and is still in design phase.

Precise plans are not available at this stage as the development of this application is going to take some time, as there are many role players involved in this process that must be consulted.

Healthfield High School

8. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

With regard to the developments at the Heathfield High School and the provincial government's expenditure on the Wesley Neumann matter:

- (1) (a) What is the total breakdown of the expenditure incurred by the provincial government and the WCED on the Wesley Neumann matter and (b) what (i) are the details of the expenditure items, (ii) is the cost per item from the beginning of the matter to date and (iii) are the details and cost of any outstanding payments;
- (2) what is the (a) total breakdown of the legal costs for the appeal to be finalised and (b) detailed breakdown of costs incurred for arbitration thus far;
- (3) whether his Department approved ad-hoc posts outside the official staff establishment for the Heathfield High School; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the total cost and/or amount allocated for this;
- (4) whether the Municipal Act and/or South African Schools Act allow the deployment of law enforcement officers at schools to instil discipline; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) which laws were applied for the deployment of law enforcement officers at the school;
- (5) what is the total cost for the deployment of law enforcement officers at the Heathfield High School to date?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

8. My department has informed me of the following:

(1) and (2)

Breakdown	Expenditure Item	Cost	Outstanding amount
Disciplinary Hearing	Legal Representation	R1 189 979.25	None
	Presiding Officer	R85 525.00	None
Legal Costs	(a) Appeal	R357 494.75	None
	(b) Arbitration	R235 870.75	None
	Total	R1 868 869.75	

- (3) To support teaching and learning at Heathfield High School, the Department allocated three additional teaching posts to the school, at the request from the district office, to employ three teachers to offer Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy, and Life Orientation.

The three additional posts were retained for the 2023 academic year and resulted in the creation of an extra Departmental Head and two post level 1 educator posts.

The additional posts were allocated within the affordable basket of posts for the 2022 academic year as declared in consultations with unions and School Governing Body associations.

No additional costs were therefore incurred.

- (4) A Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the City of Cape Town is in place regarding the deployment of School Resource Officers (SROs) to our schools.

SROs perform various roles, including the provision of law enforcement services such as access control, search and seizure, and patrols; identifying and addressing, in collaboration with the principal and safety committee, the underlying problems at schools which might lead to disorder and crime; early identification of illegal activities by youth at risk; working to prevent juvenile delinquency, including truancy; and other supportive roles.

I note that the member has previously commended the programme, and called for the deployment of SROs to more schools, recognising the valuable role they play.

- (5) There is no additional cost to the Department for this specific school, as the deployment falls under the SRO Project.

Pick n Pay Market Store Project

9. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

- (1) What are the details of (a) how the Pick n Pay Market Store Project was conceived, (b) the agreements made and targets set, (c) the evaluation reports that have been conducted now that her Department has exited the project;
- (2) whether her Department can make available the (a) concept document and/or business case that were presented to it by Pick n Pay on this collaboration, (b) agreement signed by her Department and Pick n Pay outlining the partnership and the expectations of all the parties in the agreement and (c) close-out report?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

9. (1) (a) I am advised that:

- In 2016, Pick n Pay approached the Department to support its Market Store Programme, that was rolled out in Gauteng with the support of the Gauteng Department of Economic Development.

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- After engaging with four other retailers and evaluating their responses, the Department decided to support the Pick n Pay Market Store Programme.
 - In 2017, the Department supported two Market Stores through its partnership with the National Empowerment Fund (the Department first entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Empowerment Fund in 2012 to establish an Enterprise Development Fund for Western Cape businesses).
 - In 2018, the Department through a direct agreement with the owner, co-funded a third Market Store.
 - In 2019, an agreement was entered into between the Department and Pick n Pay for the support of up to 9 stores as part of the Pick n Pay Market Store programme.
- (b) See 1 (a). I am advised that the Department signed an agreement with Pick n Pay which entailed the activation of up to 9 Market Stores in 2019. The Department provided grant funding, managed by Pick n Pay, to assist with the establishment of the stores, including equipment and infrastructure. Reporting requirements in terms of the agreement included: a signed agreement for each business funded; list of businesses funded; amount of funds disbursed; interventions funded; utilisation of funds and balance of funds at the end of each quarter; bank statements.
- (c) I am advised that a final evaluation report is being drafted by the Department which is engaging Pick 'n Pay and the Market Stores to gather information.
- (2) (a) I am advised that the document contains proprietary information linked to the Market Stores and cannot be shared by the Department. A direct request should be made to Pick n Pay to acquire this information.
- (b) I am advised that the proposal for support contains proprietary and personal information and given POPIA the full document cannot be made available by the Department. However, details outlining the partnership and expectations of all the parties, that do not violate POPIA, can be made available.
- (c) I am advised that the close-out / final evaluation report is in process and therefore not yet available but can be made available once completed.

*Van Rheede Primary School: Grade 7 Learners high school placements***10. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Education:**

(a) What is the number of Grade 7 learners from the Van Rheede Primary School who have applied for placement at the Oudtshoorn High School for the 2023 academic year, (b)(i) how many have been accepted and admitted and (ii) what is the breakdown by (aa) race, (bb) age and (cc) gender and (d)(i) how many are on the waiting list, (ii) how many have not been accepted and (iii) what is the breakdown by (aa) race, (bb) age and (cc) gender?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

10. My department has informed me of the following:

88 learners from Van Reede Primary School applied to Oudtshoorn High School:

Number of learners accepted - 61				
	White	Coloured	Black	Indian
Successful	5	35	19	2
Age 12	1	5	8	0
13	2	29	10	1
14	2	1	1	1
Gender M	2	8	7	0
F	3	27	12	2

Number of learners not accepted - 27				
	White	Coloured	Black	Indian
Waiting list	0	0	0	0
Unsuccessful (oversubscribed)	1	13	13	0
Age 12	1	2	4	0
13	2	29	10	1
14	0	2	3	0
15	0	1	0	0
Gender M	0	9	7	0
F	1	4	6	0

*Van Rheede Primary School: Oudtshoorn High School placements***11. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Education:**

How many black learners (ie African, coloured and Indian) from the Van Rheede Primary School have been (a) admitted, (b) rejected for admission at the Oudtshoorn High School in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date and (c) what are the reasons thereof?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

11. My department has informed me of the following:

Application year – 2019

Race	Application status	Withdrawn reason	Total
Black/African	Successful		18
Black/African	Withdrawn		2
Coloured	Successful		33
Coloured	Pending		1
Coloured	Withdrawn		8
Indian/Asian	Successful		1
White	Successful		10
White	Withdrawn		1
Total			74

- 2019 was done on SAMI (not online admissions).
- The reason for unsuccessful applications in 2019 is not available, as the statuses were only expanded in 2020.
- Not all applications were necessarily captured by the school onto SAMI.
- Not all outcomes were necessarily captured (or updated).
- For earlier years (2019, 2020), there was much less drive on the schools to capture all applications and to work off only the online system, so this information may not be complete
- Many learners arrived in the January at schools and were directly transferred into CEMIS (especially in the earlier years). *These are not reflected in the numbers below.* (i.e. It is possible that they had an unsuccessful application but were in fact accepted later/transferred in at the school.)

Application year – 2020

Race	Application status	Withdrawn reason	Total
Black/African	Successful		13
Black/African	Unsuccessful: school is oversubscribed		2
Black/African	Withdrawn	Confirmed by district	1
Coloured	Successful		50
Coloured	Withdrawn		1
White	Successful		12
Total			79

Application year – 2021

Race	Application status	Withdrawn reason	Total
Black/African	Successful		21
Black/African	Unsuccessful: school is oversubscribed		6
Coloured	Successful		45
Coloured	Unsuccessful: school is oversubscribed		9
Coloured	Withdrawn	Confirmed by district	2
Coloured	Withdrawn	Enrolled at another school	1
White	Successful		13
Total			97

Application year – 2022

Race	Application status	Withdrawn reason	Total
Black/African	Successful		15
Black/African	Unsuccessful: school is oversubscribed		3
Black/African	Withdrawn		11
Coloured	Successful		23
Coloured	Unsuccessful: school is oversubscribed		10
Coloured	Withdrawn	Enrolled at another school	1
Coloured	Withdrawn		20
White	Successful		3
White	Unsuccessful: school is oversubscribed		2
Total			88

Bhongoletu Primary School and Fezekile High School: fencing

12. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Education:

With regard to the poor state of the fencing at the Bhongoletu Primary School and the Fezekile High School in Oudtshoorn:

What are the plans of his Department to replace the vandalised fences at these schools?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

12. My department has informed me of the following: the two schools are not on our fencing replacement programme that is currently underway. As the member is aware, the Department is currently implementing an aggressive fencing programme.

I do, however, note your comment regarding the poor condition of the fences and have informed my Department. They have indicated that these schools will be considered should the fencing replacement programme be extended.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Closure of schools: moratorium on

1. **Ms D M Baartman asked the Minister of Education:**

In relation to the Department's decision to place a moratorium on the closure of schools:

(a) How many (i) primary schools and (ii) secondary schools would stay open as a result of the moratorium, (b) for how long does his Department expect the moratorium to be in place and (c) by when would the Department expect to have their own data-led policy formulated in this regard?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

1. My department has informed me of the following:

(a) (i) According to the national department's framework for closing schools, which essentially says that if a school is a micro school and has multi-grade teaching, we must close it. This refers to primary schools with Learner Enrolment Figures (LEF) of fewer than 135 and secondary schools with LEF of fewer than 200. In the Western Cape, there are 130 micro primary schools with Learner Enrolment Figures of less than 135 learners. However, it must be stated that the Department did not have any plan in place to close all 130 schools before the moratorium was placed.

(ii) The Department of Basic Education (DBE) advised provincial education departments to close micro secondary schools. These are secondary schools with learner enrolment figures of less than 200. The Western Cape Education Department does not have any secondary schools with learner enrolment figures of less than 200. By implication, no secondary schools were closed before and/or after the moratorium was placed.

(b) & (c) The Department has not yet determined the timeline has not yet been determined.

Municipal Energy Resilience (MER) initiative

2. **Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

(1) What were the (a) commitments made, (b) outcomes achieved to date and (c) associated timelines related to the implementation of the Municipal Energy Resilience (MER) initiative;

- (2) whether her Department is taking any further steps to push for a just energy transition and to combat the energy crisis?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

I am advised of the following:

2. (1) (a) The commitment made was for 500MW of lower carbon energy to be produced in the Western Cape by 2025. This is through a programme comprising several components: municipal procurement, private sector enablement, enabling infrastructure, enabling systems, strategic development and management.
- (b) The outcomes achieved are against the above commitment of 500MW:
- **Small scale embedded generation (SSEG):** 102 MW has been installed and registered in Western Cape municipalities since December 2020. These are the latest registered figures from municipalities. The City of Cape Town has estimated that only 50% of PV systems are registered (it has registered 87.5 MW since December 2020) and so the figures are likely substantially higher.
 - **Municipal own renewable energy generation since December 2020:** 1 MW (Stellenbosch, Hessequa and George).
 - **Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) projects in the Western Cape:** Excelsior Wind Energy Facility and Perdekraal East Wind Farm that were operationalised in 2020, with a total of 139.7 MW.
 - **REIPPPP preferred bidder projects from bid window 5 (BW5)** that are based in the Western Cape total 785 MW. These have yet to reach financial close.
 - **Three very large private sector renewable energy projects are underway** (approx. 300MW in total). The information is currently confidential. It is unclear at this stage what proportion of these projects will be implemented in the Western Cape.
 - **The municipal IPP procurement work underway** is advancing into the implementation phase, with Stellenbosch Municipality being the first municipality to be provided with transaction advisory support for municipal procurement of up to 50MW (which is aiming to be operationalised by late 2025). The City of Cape Town is also well underway with their IPP procurement programme for 200 MW of energy (by end 2025).
- (c) With reference to the commitment of 500MW:

- **Municipal procurement:** 200 MW in the City and up to 50 MW in Stellenbosch Municipality, with first power expected by the end of 2025.
 - **Private sector enablement:** If the REIPPPP BW5 projects in the Western Cape reach financial close by the end of the October 2023 national IPP office deadline, they are estimated to reach commercial operation 18-24 months thereafter.
 - It isn't possible to provide definitive timelines for delivery for **SSEG and wheeling**. The national Integrated Resource Plan currently only allows for 593MW of energy generation from distributed generation and it is unclear at this stage whether this limit will be raised.
- (2) The Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy (WCCCRS) and accompanying implementation plan is coordinated within the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. Further details on this programme should be requested from this department.

DEDAT, representing the Western Cape Government (WCG), partnered with the Manufacturing, Engineering and Related SETA (merSETA) and South African Renewable Energy Technology Centre (SARETEC), in collaboration with public TVET Colleges in the Western Cape, on the development of a new three-part occupational qualification, which also introduces a new dual vocational and innovative training modality pilot rollout of the Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Technician qualification.

MerSETA has been the main funder and strategic partner driving this strategic initiative to support skills development in the green economy by developing in partnership with SARETEC the first Solar Energy Training Centre at West Coast College. DEDAT's contribution was via the learning material funding support and other key partners as part of a national drive to support the establishment of such centres to pilot the new Solar Photovoltaic (PV) technician qualification and address future skills offerings to support skills for the green mobility, renewable energy manufacturing, repair and service of equipment.

This skills development initiative identifies and addresses sufficient, appropriately qualified technical & vocational skilled people to meet the needs of prioritised economic growth areas in the Western Cape. The Solar PV Technician qualification is aligned to key skills required within the Solar PV industry that supports the broader energy resilience strategy for the green economy, which will positively contribute to economic growth and jobs in the Province and country.

The qualification was launched in August 2022 and is ready for its first pilot implementation to commence during 2022 and 2023 at the respective public TVET Colleges in the Province.

Positive pledges have been received from companies to explore the workplace exposure for youth participating in this project, coupled with the project rollout. This willingness to form part of the pilot project to implement the new Solar PV qualification indicates the adoption of the new qualification roll-out by industry. It also suggests that the new qualification will address immediate critical skills to drive localization, competitiveness, and upscaling of the renewable energy industry.

SASSA offices: contact crime

3. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) (a) How many instances of contact crime at Sassa offices in the province have been reported to the SAPS over the last three financial years, (b) how many arrests have been made in relation to these incidents and (c) how many convictions have resulted from these arrests;
- (2) how many crimes targeting Sassa clients have been reported to each SAPS station in the Western Cape in the last three years?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

3. (1) - (2) Crimes reported to the South African Police Service are recorded on the Crime Administration System (CAS) according to an allocated Daily Summary of Serious Crime (DSSC) code and not according to specific crime incidents, such as incidents occurring at SASSA offices. The requested data is therefore not available.

High-mast lights in informal settlements

4. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to the reply to question 11 of 26 August 2022:

Whether there are any ongoing (a) plans or (b) projects to install more high-mast lights in informal settlements; if so, in which municipalities have high-mast lights been installed most recently?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

4. (a) The Joint District and Metro Approach (JDMA) is a geographical district and team based, citizen focused approach, with a single implementation plan that provide developmental initiatives and government services to the people.

The Western Cape District JDMAs Implementation plan, led by the respective District Municipalities, identified catalytic priorities in the Regions to be addressed through the JDMA process.

The Department of Local Government (DLG) is currently undertaking a series of consultations with the District Municipalities in order to develop a safety plan. Various safety needs are being identified.

The need for improved lighting has been identified in several areas, but the biggest needs were identified in the informal settlement areas where heinous crimes including murder are prevalent.

Following the successful outcomes of the recently completed projects, the Department of Local Government is engaging with the Department of Community Safety and the SAPS to obtain current trends with regards to crime statistics. Based on this information, projects will be prioritised and once funding is available these projects will be expedited to ensure the burdens of crime are mitigated so that the citizens are safe, and in particular those in the informal settlement.

- (b) Some of the recently completed projects are depicted in the table below:

Recently Completed Projects

District	Municipality	Area most in need of lighting	Year Completed
Cape Winelands	Breede Valley	Avian Park (informal settlement portion)	2020/21
		River View Flats area	2020/21
	Drakenstein	Recreational Parks	2019/20
Overberg	Theewaterskloof	Grabouw, Siyazenzela,	2019/20
		Kutsong, Irak, Beverley Hills, Rooidakke	2020/21

Psychiatric hospitals

5. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:

With respect to psychiatric hospitals in the Western Cape:

- (1) Whether there is any national legislation that has an impact on the capacity pressures at these institutions; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are any state patients from other national departments who are absorbed by the Department of Health; if so, what is their contribution towards these patients?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

5. (1) The Mental health Care Act 2002 is in its 17th year of implementation.
- This has required an extension of mental health treatment and assessment capacity at district and regional health service level and over the past 17 years there has been a significant investment in this by the Provincial Department of Health.
 - This has allowed for specialist psychiatric hospitals to focus on what they are most skilled to do – the treatment of acute and severe mental health disorders.
 - The challenge has been the significant increase in health problems and particularly mental health problems. Poor lifestyle choices, social and economic stressors have increased dramatically and related to this an increase in poor coping choices such as substance use and mental health symptoms and disorders.
 - The legislation does not cause capacity pressures, it ensures that people can access the health care and mental health care that they need, it is the underlying precipitants of acute mental health conditions that cause capacity problems at all health services, including psychiatric hospitals, (as noted above, e.g., substance induced psychosis account for up to 30% of admissions at district/regional hospitals and 23% of admissions at psychiatric hospitals)
 - The Legislation also supports treatment closest to home and with the least restrictions – so it does not result in extended treatment in a psychiatric hospital unless this is necessary, and a number of legal criteria are met.

The legislative framework that determines how those services are accessed, the issue of burden is due to the myriad of issues including socio-economic difficulties and/or consequent substance abuse.

- (2) The courts always admit state patients to specific forensic units within their jurisdiction, state patients from other provinces are not sent to the Western Cape, unless a patient's family has relocated to the Western Cape or the patient is originally from the Western Cape. This only occurs when the family/support system has shown convincing motivation to become the patient's custodian. Very occasionally, state patients are admitted if they have absconded from other provinces, but this is only temporarily, until they are returned to their own province. All the above happens so infrequently that it can't be held responsible for the lack of capacity in our service.

*Caledon district: traffic fines***6. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Minister of Mobility:**

(a) How many traffic fines have been issued by provincial traffic officers in the Caledon district from 1 January 2021 to date, (b) of these fine, how many motorists (i) were issued with summonses to appear in court and (ii) subsequently appeared in court and (c)(i) what was the total amount that could potentially have been paid to the Theewaterskloof (TWK) Municipality and (ii) what was the total value of fines collected and paid over to the TWK Municipality?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

6. (a) Traffic fines issued by provincial traffic officers in the Caledon District include the following municipalities: Theewaterskloof, Overstrand and Cape Agulhas.

28 015 fines were issued to the value of R26 836 500.00

- (b) (i) Provincial traffic officers issued 28 015 section 56 notices which automatically include a court date. This enables a driver to contest the fine in court.
- (ii) Of the 28 015 fines issued, a total of 997 Warrants of Arrest were issued by the court for non-compliance in terms of payment to the value of R844 200.00.
- (c) (i) The potential total value that could have accrued to Theewaterskloof Municipality, through their collection of fines issued within the municipality's boundaries, was R24 854 600.00.
- (ii) The Municipality, which is responsible for the administration of fine collection for fines issued within its boundaries, collected only R28 900.00.

*Bossiegif Qolweni community***7. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Education:**

With regard to the demographics of the community of Bossiegif Qolweni, which is in ward 3 of the Bitou Municipality:

- (1) (a) What is the number of children of schoolgoing age, (b) what is the breakdown by (i) age, (ii) race, (iii) gender and (iv) grade of these children who that reside in that community and (c) what (i) are the details of the nearby schools that are accommodating them and (ii) is the distance that they need to travel to these schools;

- (2) whether his Department has plans to build schools for this community; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) when will building work (i) commence and (ii) be completed?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

7. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) (a) and (b)

The department does not have access to the data requested. This is Census data which must be sourced from StatsSA.

- (c) The following Public Ordinary Primary Schools are in the Bitou Municipality which accommodate the children residing in the Bossiegif, Qolweni and Pinetrees community, including distances between communities and schools.

	Bossiegif	Qolweni	Pinetrees
Kwanokuthula Primary School	5.34 km	4.51 km	4.74 km
Phakamisani Primary School	4.23 km	3.40 km	3.63 km
Plettenberg Bay Primary School	2.43 km	2.73 km	4.27 km
Formosa Primêre Skool	2.55 km	1.60 km	1.34 km
Wittedrif Primêre Skool	12.67 km	12.93 km	14.47 km
The Craggs Primêre Skool	21.21 km	21.46 km	23.0 km
Murray High School	5.53 km	4.71 km	4.92 km
Wittedrif High School	12.40 km	12.75 km	14.23 km
Plettenberg Bay Secondary School	3.33 km	2.52 km	2.74 km
Kranshoek Primary School	13.33 km	13.63 km	14.43 km

We have instituted Learner Transport Schemes from the areas to certain schools and some routes pass the areas closely. Some of these routes can be extended to the nearest schools should the need arise, and some routes have to be instituted to certain schools.

- (2) The need for a new school in Bossiegif/Qolweni area has been identified, however, it is not included in our planning in the current Medium Term Expenditure Framework. No suitable land has been identified as yet. When land is secured, the project will have to be assessed in terms of priority in the Province. Details of the timelines will then become available.

Murray School: Plettenberg Bay

8. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Education

With regard to learner admissions and infrastructure challenges at the Murray School in Plettenberg Bay:

- (1) (a) What is the (i) number of learners who have been enrolled at the school, (ii) breakdown per grade and (iii) number of teachers who are employed at the school per grade in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021 and (dd) 2022, (b) what is the (i) teacher-to-learner population ratio and (ii) average class size at the school for the current academic year and (c) what are the plans of his Department to (i) renovate and/or extend and (ii) rebuild and/or upgrade the school;
- (2) whether there are any plans for additional classrooms and teachers at the school over the 2022 MTEF period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

8. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) (a) (i), (ii)

	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12	Total1
Total	412	382	425	261	228	1 708

- (a)(iii)

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Staff establishment	29	33	33	41
Number of Learners used to determine posts allocations	1 057	1 210	1 448	1 627
Additional post allocated	3	5	8	3
Total educator posts	32	38	41	44

- (b)(i), (ii)

	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12
Class Groups	10	10	10	7	7
Teacher / Learner Ratios	41.2	38.2	42.5	37.28	32.57

- (c) and (2)

Three additional teaching posts were allocated to the school for the 2022 academic year.

6 mobile units have been placed at the school during the course of 2022.

We are currently scheduling public consultations regarding infrastructure options to address the high demand for high school places in the area.

*Truancy policy***9. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Education:**

- (1) Whether his Department has a policy about truancy; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his Department has truant officers in place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

9. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has a Learner Attendance Policy (*Implementation of Policy on Learner Attendance and keeping of attendance records*) which addresses truancy.

The purpose of the Learner Attendance Policy is to:

- (a) promote punctual and regular attendance at public schools; and
- (b) provide public schools and the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) with standard procedures for recording, managing, and monitoring learner attendance.

The document states what the duty of the school is, should a learner be absent for three consecutive days and when it is found that the absence is without valid reasons.

If the learner is absent without valid reason for three consecutive school days, the principal must:

- (a) inform the parent of the importance of regular attendance;
- (b) emphasise the learner's duty to attend punctually and regularly in terms of the school's code of conduct for learners;
- (c) if the learner is of compulsory school-going age, inform the parent of the legal implications of section 3 of SASA;
- (d) inform the parent of the risk of the learner's record in the class register being cancelled for continuous absence;
- (e) request the learner's return to school;
- (f) where necessary, elicit the support of the district office providing evidence of the interventions made by the school; and
- (g) where necessary, elicit intervention from government or non-government social development agencies.

- (2) The WCED Safe Schools Fieldworkers are responsible for addressing truancy through home visits.

Allegations of truancy are reported to the Safe Schools office at Education Districts via the Safe Schools Call Centre of the Directorate Institutional Management and governance, or directly via schools.

A flowchart is followed whereby the school, District Director, Head of Management and Governance, Circuit Manager, Safe Schools Coordinator, Safe Schools Call Centre, or District Based Support Team identifies a learner who is:

- Absent from school for more than 7 days (school needed to do own intervention after 3 days);
- Frequently absent from school;
- Is prone to habitual or chronic truancy; and/or
- At risk of playing truant or dropping out of school.

Truancy cases are then referred to the Safe Schools Fieldworker for investigation. As mentioned, most of these investigations include a home visit. Other contact with parents could be through a telephone consultation, or a meeting with the parent at the school. The aim of the investigation would always be to promote school attendance and to reintegrate the learner into the school system.

If, after the investigation, there is reason to believe that the learner is truant, further assessment will take place with the support of the parent, school psychologist, social worker or district-based support teams. If necessary, other support will be provided either through the WCED or service providers in the area, to provide counseling, debriefing, or a relevant behavioral program.

Whilst the WCED has a role to play in addressing truancy, we also ask that parents help us reduce truancy by instilling order and discipline in their homes. By encouraging every child to go to school every day, on time and prepared to learn, parents will be helping us to achieve our vision.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Agricultural sector: job-creation targets

1. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:

- (a) To what extent has the Western Cape agricultural sector been able to contribute to the job-creation targets set in the National Development Plan, (b) how does the province compare with the other provinces in this regard, (c)(i) to what extent is the country on track to achieve these targets and (ii) what are currently the most important variables that influence the progress being made with achieving the job-creation targets, (d) to what extent can the variables in (c) be influenced by (i) national or provincial policies and (ii) the performance of public entities and (e) what can the Province do to address issues limiting job creation in the agricultural sector?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

1. (a) By comparing the Statistics SA 2nd Quarter Labour Force statistics of 2012 and 2022, the number of employees in the primary Agricultural Sector of the Western Cape Province increased from 117 005 to 187 992. This is a growth of 70 987 (60,7%) over this decade.
- (b) Over the same period the change in Primary Agricultural Employment in the other provinces of South Africa can be summarised as follows:

Province	Change	% Change
Eastern Cape	4 863	7%
Northern Cape	2 490	5%
Free State	3 296	4%
KwaZulu-Natal	9 440	8%
North West	5 141	7%
Gauteng	5 583	10%
Mpumalanga	5 040	6%
Limpopo	4 381	4%

- (c) (i) The National Development Plan set a target of 1 million jobs to be created by the South African Agricultural Sector by 2030. Although the Agricultural Sector shows growth, it will probably not be achieved on time.

- (ii) Growth in the Agricultural Sector is the single most important variable to ensure increases in agricultural employment.
- (d) (i) At the national level the agreement reached by the Agriculture and Agro Processing Master Plan (AAMP) provides a solid foundation for growth in the Agricultural Sector. The AAMP does address matters such as investment confidence, rural safety, biosecurity, infrastructure, under-utilized land and the international interface which will lead to growth in the Sector. At a provincial level the single most limiting factor for agricultural growth is the shortage of water. For this reason interventions such as raising the wall of the Clanwilliam Dam and raising the wall of the inlet canal to the Brandvlei Dam are of the utmost importance.
- (ii) To this end public entities must improve the international competitiveness of the Agricultural Sector. This can be done through efficiency gains (e.g. research leading to new technologies) by the Agricultural Research Council (ARC).
- (e) As indicated above, job creation can only be achieved through an increase in agricultural production at primary and secondary level. For production to grow the volume and value of products trade on the domestic and international markets need to increase, value chains must function effectively (e.g. Port of Cape Town, rail and road transport), limiting constraints removed (e.g. either more water resources or increases in water-use efficiency) and the environment for investment in rural areas improved.

Presidential Employment Stimulus

2. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:

In relation to the Presidential Employment Stimulus:

- (1) (a) What is the reason that the province has the lowest number of beneficiaries of any province and (b) why is the rate at which these vouchers are redeemed in the province so low;
- (2) whether the Department is in a position to support farmers in this regard; if so, what support can his Department provide to ensure that more subsistence farmers benefit from this initiative in the future?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

- 2. (1) (a) It is difficult to say, but applicants who have received the CASP/ Ilima Letsema grants during the previous or current financial year, were not eligible for the PES grants.

Furthermore, this was an online application process driven by the national Department, and where the Department does not have control over the number of applications. The Western Cape Province also has fewer people living in rural areas compared to other provinces, which may indicate the reason for the low number of applications.

(b) There are various reasons for this i.e:

- Applicants thought they are going to receive cash funding;
- During the verification process applicants could not prove any agricultural activities;
- Some applicants did not comply with the criteria i.e South African Citizenship; and
- Farmers were issued with wrong vouchers.

(2) Yes, most enquiries from clients about the PES programme came to Departmental officials or offices as we are seen as the face of Agriculture in the Province. Our officials assisted clients with the completion of the online app and advised on registered available suppliers. We will continue with our advice and support to farmers in terms of completion of applications, link them with officials from DALRRD/PSSC and inform farmers about this nationally driven opportunity for support. Furthermore, we will assist the PSSC with the evaluation and approval process as stipulated in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for this project.

Department of Social Development: shared projects with other departments

3. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:

What projects does her Department currently administer in conjunction with other departments of the Western Cape Government?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

3. The Department is party to a number of project interventions which it administers/managers/or takes the lead on, in conjunction with other departments of the Western Cape Government. The table hereunder is a list of such project interventions:

DSD Programme and/or Sub-programme	Departments: Provincial ¹ and National & Municipalities	Project
1. Youth Development Programme		
	Department of Cultural Affairs & Sport	Intergovernmental Provincial Youth Forum.

¹ All provincial Departments are highlighted

DSD Programme and/or Sub-programme	Departments: Provincial¹ and National & Municipalities	Project
	National Development Agency	Funding to entrepreneurs who completed Youth Cafe training.
	National Department of Social Development	Accredited business development training and policy direction.
	National Youth Development Agency	In process of establishing a formal relationship.
	Department of Infrastructure	Pursuing relationships to get access to accredited training.
	Department of Labour/ South African Local Government Association	Pursuing a relationship to get access to course materials.
	Department of Agriculture	Pursuing a relationship to get exit opportunities and training materials.
2. Partnership/Stakeholder Management		
	West Coast District and Local Municipalities. Department of Health, Department of Justice, West Coast Tourism; South African Police Services. SASSA, Department of Agriculture, Department of Home Affairs. Red Cross	West Coast District Community Safety Advisory Forum & Disaster Management Meeting
	Municipalities	Total of twenty (20) Implementation Protocols/MOUs with District and Local Municipalities. Strategic and Operational. Two (2) Social Development Coordinating Forums established – Overberg and West Coast Districts. Gender Based Violence are mainstreamed through both districts forums.
	Department of Local Government, WECD, Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS)	Citizen Interphase Program – Matzikama Municipality (Ward 8) – Program, nutritional support to ECD Playgroups. Multi-stakeholder approach
	Department of Community Safety	Coordinate, co-fund and support the Chrysalis Programme
3. Child Protection – all sub-programmes that form part of this system		
	Department of Health and WCED	Right to Education Court Task Team for children with intellectual disabilities

DSD Programme and/or Sub-programme	Departments: Provincial ¹ and National & Municipalities	Project
	Department of the Premier	Evidenced based Families at risk project
	Department of Health	Task team on oversight of the implementation of violence prevention unit Pilot project on Older Persons with Dementia/ Alzheimer's
	WCED	After School Care programme
	Department of Health WCED Department of Community Safety Department of Justice Department of Home Affairs SAPS	Regional Child Protection Forums
	National Department of Justice, NPA, SAPS, WCED	Child Justice Forum
	Provincial Joints Committee – Justice, SAPS, SANDF, State Security Agency, Correctional Services Provincial Department of Community Safety	Deal with various issues: anti-gang strategy such as gangsterism, schools; crime and social ills, murder rate reduction and collaborate on interventions
	Department of Health, NPA, WCED	Child Death Review Panels
	SASSA, Department of Justice	Canalisation Forum
4. Victim Empowerment		
	All provincial government departments	The implementation of the provincial GBV plan under the stewardship of Minister S Fernandes
	All provincial government departments and National Departments such as SAPS, Justice, NPA	Victim Empowerment Forum
	Department of Health and NPA	Thuthuzela Care Centres
5. Social Crime Prevention		
	WCED, Departments of Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport, Health and Agriculture	Safety Social Cluster task team Area Based Teams projects in the 16 hot spot areas
	SAPS, Justice, Department of Community Safety	Case flow meeting – West Coast Community Safety Forum – West Coast
6. Services to Persons with Disabilities		
	Department of Health	Co-funding of 53 residential facilities for persons with intellectual

DSD Programme and/or Sub-programme	Departments: Provincial ¹ and National & Municipalities	Project
		disabilities and the administration of Transfer Payment Agreements West Coast Disability Forum
7. Substance Abuse Prevention, Rehabilitation and Treatment		
	WCED	Local Drug Advisory Committee – West Coast
8. Services to Older Persons		
	Department of Health	Pilot project on Older Persons with Dementia/Alzheimer's
	Department of Cultural affairs and Sport	Active Ageing programme/project
9. Services to Families		
	City of Cape Town and various rural municipalities	Co-funding and administration of shelters for the homeless.
	Department of the Premier	Development and piloting of evidence-based parenting programs.

Provincial Disaster Management Centre

4. Mr D America asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) What plan does the Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC) have in place to ensure service delivery in the event of load-shedding at stage 8 or higher, (b) how does the PDMC monitor the impact of load-shedding on critical infrastructure and (c) what support is being provided to municipalities to mitigate the effects of load-shedding?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

4. (a) The Provincial Disaster Management Centre has an Integrated Contingency Plan for Major Electricity Disruption which provides for a standardised multi-disciplinary response framework to the impacts of a national or regional electricity blackout. The plan establishes mechanisms to ensure an integrated response to manage the activities of government which will ensure on-going essential services in the province and minimize disruption caused by this emergency.

Further to the above, the Provincial Disaster Management Centre and municipal disaster management centres are always in a state of readiness and can be activated on short notice to ensure disaster coordination relevant to disaster mitigation, risk reduction, preparedness, response and recovery.

- (b) The Provincial Disaster Management Centre activates a Joint Operational Committee (JoC) as was the case in the previous loadshedding stages 4 & 6 during July and again from 18 - 22 September 2022 which included a low centre activation.

The daily JoC meetings are attended by all stakeholders namely, Eskom, municipalities, provincial and national departments where the impacts of loadshedding are addressed specifically relating to critical infrastructure.

- (c) The Provincial Disaster Management Centre held a workshop with municipalities and provincial departments on 21 September 2022 to provide guidance on planning for a major electricity disruption. In addition, the Centre has established a Technical Communication Task Team to address the challenges around communications during a major blackout.

Further to this, the PDMC developed an intervention plan which provides guidance to municipalities and departments regarding their short-, medium- and long-term planning priorities.

Priority healthcare facilities: backup rollout plan

5. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:

In relation to her Department's strategy to ensure that an applicable backup rollout plan takes place at priority primary healthcare facilities and other facilities:

Whether progress is being made with the feasibility plan; if not, at which point will a feasibility study begin with respect to this plan; if so, (a) which priority primary healthcare facilities have been identified, (b) what is the projected cost of this plan and (c) what is the projected timeline for its completion?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

5. Approval has been granted for the implementation of the Rural Primary Health Care (PHC) Energy Savings Company (ESCO) Inverter Turnkey Project for Backup Electricity.
- (a) The project will be implemented at 51 Rural PHC facilities (attached excel spreadsheet) identified by Rural Health Services.
- (b) Budget has been ringfenced in this financial year for the implementation of the project.
- (c) The Task Orders to for implementation of the project are currently in process of being finalized with the ESCO and Sourcing. It is envisaged that the project will be implemented over the next 6 months. The department intends rolling out the project at additional Rural PHC Facilities in the new financial year pending budget availability.

Cyber security: investment in by Western Cape Government

6. Mr C Fry asked the Premier:

(a) How much has the Western Cape Government invested in cyber security between 2020 and 2022 and (b) how has the national government supported the province with regard to cyber security?

The PREMIER:

6. (a) Between 2020 and 2022 the Western Cape Government has invested in cyber security as follows:

20-21 R14,000 Mil

21-22 R21,016 Mil

- (b) Although national government has not supported WCG directly, they have brought policies and guidelines in this regard. SITA has also invested in Cyber Security on their networks and infrastructure that WCG also use.

Rolling blackouts or grid collapse: contingency plans

7. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In relation to the Western Cape Government's contingency plans for rolling blackouts or grid collapse:

- (a) What measures are included in these plans to support entrepreneurs and small businesses, (b) how much money will be allocated to support the implementation of such plans and (c) over what time period would support be provided?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

7. I have been advised of the following:

- (a) The department has offered support to entrepreneurs and small business through facilitating direct queries from businesses. Since the beginning of this financial year (April 2022), 108 queries have been serviced with roughly 30 queries being attended to in September alone. The queries predominantly relate to relief from load shedding. At present there are limited options available outside of the utilisation of petrol and diesel generators, small scale batteries and uninterruptable power supplies for small applications. In the past, DEDAT had embarked on energy savings campaigns as well as campaigns related to the installation of small-scale embedded generation.

- (b) The province has communicated to residents and businesses on how to be prepared for load shedding as well as contingencies that the Department of Local Government, through their Disaster Management Centre, has issued. Currently no funding has been allocated to provide relief to businesses. Funding could be provided under emergency/disaster conditions (should an emergency or disaster declaration be made) however this would be subject to funding being available, as well as strict application criteria.
- (c) See (b).

Rolling blackouts: effect on service delivery

8. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:

With respect to the ongoing effects of rolling blackouts on service delivery:

- (1) Whether any surgeries have been (i) delayed or (ii) postponed as a result of load-shedding since the beginning of this year; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her Department's accelerated backup plan for 2022/23 has been affected by rolling blackouts; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what effect does the blackouts have on her Department's supply of diesel to public healthcare facilities;
- (4) whether the frequency of the blackouts has a negative impact on mortality rates at hospitals; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

- 8. (1) None reported.
- (2) Approval has been granted for the implementation of the Rural Primary Health Care (PHC) Energy Savings Company (ESCO) Inverter Turnkey Project for Backup Electricity. The project will be implemented at 51 Rural PHC facilities identified by Rural Health Services. The Task Orders to for implementation of the project are currently in process of being finalized with the ESCO and Sourcing. It is envisaged that the project will be implemented over the next 6 months. The department intends rolling out the project at additional Rural PHC Facilities in the new financial year pending budget availability.
- (3) With continued loadshedding, the Department needs to ensure sufficient levels of fuel supply is maintained at facilities. Since April 2022, the Department spent R53 196 434 on a range of budget items including fuel, oil and medical gas to keep health care facilities running during power cut.
- (4) None reported.

*Outsourcing of consultancy work***9. Mr S N August asked the Premier:**

With reference to all provincial government departments:

(a) Which government departments have outsourced consultancy work in the past three financial years, (b) what services did these government departments outsource, (c) what is the detailed information about these services per department and (d) what are the costs incurred for these services?

The PREMIER:

9. (a) The information below relates to the Department of the Premier. It is suggested that the Member approach the Departments individually in order to obtain the required information.

(b); (c) and (d) Detailed breakdown of expenditure on consultants for the past three financial years as indicated in the above question, the detail of each business/company, the details of the services rendered, and the amount paid to each business/company are outlined in the tables below:

2019/20

VOTE 1: DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER		
COMPANY	CONSULTANTS: BUSINESS AND ADVISORY SERVICES 2019/20	Amount
Smart Forms	Apprenticeship Game Changer Learner & Teacher Survey	313
SA Medical Research Council	Western Cape Alcohol Reduction Harms Reduction Strategy	300
Mthente Research and Consulting	Evaluation of the MOD Year Beyond Programme on Youth Volunteers and Schools	140
The Green Cape Sector Development	Regional Leaders Forum	150
UCT	Event Impact Assessment Methodology	296
Colorado Seminary	Long Term Quantitative IFS Modelling Support Services for FuturesCape	300
Alexander Forbes	Health Risk Managers	728
Assessing for Success	Candidates Assessments	243
Foreign Barret Value Centre	Barret Survey	957
Various	Organisational research: Ceban, annual subscriptions for certain use of tools	597
Various	Qualification verification	901
FCB Cape Town	COVID-19 - Communication Campaign research	1,376
FCB Cape Town	Media Monitoring Strategy	38
Ernst & Young	Digital Forensic Services	81
Aurecon SA	Risk Management Audit	650
Arc Sakhile Chartered Accountants and Auditors Incorporated	Internal Audit outsourcing	477
Nexus Forensic Services	Forensic Outsourcing	296
Audit Committee Members	Audit Committee member	2,523
Price Waterhouse Coopers	External Quality Assessment for Internal Audit Function	450
Various	Translation used, Premier's sign language interpreter	277
	Other	423
		11,516

2020/21

VOTE 1: DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER		
COMPANY	CONSULTANTS: BUSINESS AND ADVISORY SERVICES 2020/21	Amount
Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation	Needs Assessment of School-based Learner-on-learner Violence in the Cape Town Metropolitan Area	398
Neurozone (PTY) Ltd	Resilience and High Performance journey for DotP leadership	11
Aephoria Partners (PTY) Ltd	Values based Leadership Development Programme	472
Arc Sakhile Chartered Accountants and Auditors Incorporated	Comprehensive corporate secretariat service to 6 audit committees in the Province for the period 15 July 2020 to 31 March 2021	338
Combined Systems	Financial Management Consultant (BAUD System Support)	23
NEXTEC Advisory	Financial Management Consultant (BAUD System Support)	11
Kreston Pretoria	Financial Management Consultant (BAUD System Support)	12
Alexander Forbes Health	Health Risk Managers	1,604
Cebano Consultants	Leadership Development Assessments: DEDAT	267
NKAMS	Organisational design investigation for the biodiversity and coastal management function within the WCG	102
LS Communications	COVID-19 - Telephonic Polling Research across the WC	4,180
FCB Cape Town	COVID-19 - Telephonic Polling Research across the WC	8,483
FCB Cape Town	COVID-19 - AV for use cloth of masks	137
FCB Cape Town	Communication Research	356
TDC Legal	Library Services (Legal)	4
ICAS Southern Africa	Personnel Suitability Checks (Verifications)	1,065
SHL Saville and Holdsworth	Registered Assessment Measures and Job profiling tool	1,849
South African Qualifications Authority	Qualification verification	259
The Assessment Toolbox	SMS Competency Assessments	119
Litha Lethu Management Solutions	SMS Competency Assessments	157
Work Dynamics	SMS Competency Assessments	196
AFMAS Research Solutions	Training Impact Assessment of selected training programmes offered by the Provincial Training Institute	215
And Change	Change Management Practitioner for the implementation of the Enterprise Content Management	646
Assessing for Success	Coaching Services	70
Ernst & Young	Digital Forensic Services	186
KPMG Services Johannesburg	Cyber Forensics services	16
Nexus Forensic Services	Lifestyle Audits and Analysis of business interests of executive council and spouses/life partners and DDG.	448
Audit Committee Members	Audit Committee member claims	2,720
Translations and transcriptions	Translators including the sign language interpreter used by Premier	58
		24,402

2021/22

VOTE 1: DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER		
COMPANY	CONSULTANTS: BUSINESS AND ADVISORY SERVICES 2021/22	Amount (R'000)
Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation	Needs Assessment of School-Based Learner on Learner Violence in Cape Town	100
Ideas 42	To conduct a study to understand the behaviours affecting early childhood development outcomes in the Western Cape using behavioural science.	490
Ideas 42	To conduct a diagnosis study and preliminary ideas for the design of a pilot intervention to understand the behaviours affecting early childhood development outcomes in the Western Cape using behavioural science.	490
Neurozone (Pty) Ltd	Resilience and High Performance journey for DotP leadership	163
Praxis Partners Consulting	Provision of Strategic Consulting & Facilitation to the Western Cape PDIA initiative	856
Douglas Knowledge Partners	To render specialist support in the review, design and alignment of the WCG Macro Organisation Design	449
Barret Value Centre	Barret Value Survey	397
Kreston Pretoria	Financial Management Consultant (BAUD System Support)	9
Alexander Forbes Health	Health Risk Managers	1,358
Bradley Conradie Halton Cheadle	Comprehensive Medical & HMS Incapacity Assessment	55
Citizen Surveys	Service Delivery Index	490
LS Communications	Vaccination Campaign including polling research	4,292
LS Communications	Jobs and Safety polling research	1,062
LS Communications	Stakeholder research perception survey	341
LS Communications	Brand survey	799
LS Communications	Violence Prevention Initiative at Schools	156
Open Space Consultants	To provide facilitation, knowledge management and learning support to identify pathways to scale up evidence-informed family strengthening programmes to reduce violence in the Western Cape.	98
Ernst & Young	Provision of specialist research and advisory services for the reconfiguration of the provincial training institute model	1,000
ICAS Southern Africa	Personnel Suitability Checks (Verifications)	1,191
SHL Saville and Holdsworth	Talent Central Subscription	2,029
The Assessment Toolbox	Competency Assessments	20
Work Dynamics	Competency Assessments	78
Inland Revenue (SARS) Pretoria	VAT Liability on imported goods (SARS)	1,680
Ernst & Young	Digital Forensic Services	328
Audit Committee Members	Audit Committee member claims	2,451
Arc Sakhile Chartered Accountants and Auditors Incorporated	Provision of corporate secretariat services for audit committees.	506
Translations and transcriptions	Translators including the sign language interpreter used by Premier	173
		21,061

*Municipality: outsourcing of consultancy work***10. Mr S N August asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

(a) Which (i) municipalities, (ii) district municipalities and (iii) metropolitan municipality have outsourced consultancy work in the past three financial years, (b) what services did these municipalities outsource, (c) what is the detailed information about these services per municipality and (d) what are the costs incurred for these services?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

10. I have been advised of the following:

- (a) (i) (ii) (iii) The Auditor General reported on the specific use of consultants as they relate to preparing or reviewing the annual financial statements, accounting services, asset management, tax services, and other financial reporting services. Provincial Treasury is therefore able to provide this available information, as set out in Appendix A. For information on consultancy fees beyond these financial reporting services, please request the information from municipalities.
- (b) See response above.
- (c) See response above.
- (d) See response above.

Appendix A:

Number	Auditee	Auditee category	Consultant Costs 2018-19	Consultant Costs 2019-20	Consultant Costs 2020-21
Western Cape					
1	Cape Winelands District Municipality	DM	-	5 005 125	2 610 689
2	Central Karoo District Municipality	DM	1 748 946	1 963 806	981 903
3	City of Cape Town Metro	MET	-	-	-
4	Garden Route District Municipality	DM	2 624 393	1 458 984	2 459 247
5	Overberg District Municipality	DM	529 005	614 234	737 415
6	West Coast District Municipality	DM	1 192 590	-	64 032
7	Drakenstein Municipality	IC	-	-	103 500
8	George Municipality	IC	147 002	1 633 431	1 173 716
9	Stellenbosch Municipality	IC	1 634 743	-	126 785
10	Bergvliet Municipality	LM	4 051 393	2 116 775	1 562 804
11	Beaufort West Municipality	LM	3 937 015	-	-
12	Bitou Municipality	LM	878 423	-	649 673
13	Breede Valley Municipality	LM	550 458	979 237	645 110
14	Cape Agulhas Municipality	LM	1 082 513	797 120	1 003 709
15	Cederberg Municipality	LM	2 768 444	1 286 927	305 678
16	Hessequa Municipality	LM	1 383 441	-	645 716
17	Kannaland Municipality	LM	1 076 178	-	-
18	Knysna Municipality	LM	4 043 455	3 094 004	2 741 016
19	Langeberg	LM	3 503 594	2 142 244	1 721 566
20	Laingsburg Municipality	LM	3 434 381	-	-
21	Matzikama Local Municipality	LM	718 031	-	1 006 773
22	Mossel Bay Municipality	LM	601 372	143 724	1 008 552
23	Oudtshoorn Municipality	LM	3 033 722	2 759 958	2 610 343
24	Overstrand Municipality	LM	-	21 142	436 266
25	Prince Albert Municipality	LM	470 870	680 909	1 191 080
26	Saldanha Bay Municipality	LM	-	1 886 678	1 373 045
27	Swartland Municipality	LM	240 508	1 888 179	4 563 095
28	Swellendam Municipality	LM	1 553 245	1 390 220	1 288 145
29	Theewaterskloof Municipality	LM	1 088 027	746 873	1 385 442
30	Witzenberg Municipality	LM	-	-	-
TOTAL			42 291 748	30 609 569	32 395 300

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Municipalities: implementation of Auditor-General recommendations

11. Mr S N August asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) Which (a) municipalities, (b) district municipalities and (c) metropolitan municipality have implemented (i) the recommendations by the Auditor-General and (ii) stronger controls to measure the spending of public funds in the last three financial years;
- (2) how much public funds were lost over the past three financial years to (a) fruitless and wasteful expenditure, (b) corruption and (c) mismanagement in each municipality;
- (3) how are municipalities decreasing fruitless and wasteful expenditure, corruption and the mismanagement of public funds;
- (4) how many instances of (a) fruitless and wasteful expenditure, (b) corruption and (c) mismanagement of funds have been (i) referred to law enforcement agencies and (ii) followed up with successful convictions?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

11. (1) (a)-(c) Implementation of recommendations by the Auditor-General and implementing stronger controls to measure the spending of public funds for the last three years:

The Department of Local Government (DLG) in collaboration with the Provincial Treasury (PT) have instituted measures to address issues raised by the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA) and provided extensive support to all municipalities in the Western Cape towards strengthening controls and achieving good governance and positive audit outcomes.

All municipalities are implementing recommendations made by the AG (AG) and are putting stronger control measures in place to ensure that public funds are spent in a responsive and sustainable manner.

These measures have resulted in Western Cape municipalities achieving 90% unqualified audit outcomes consistently over the last three financial years.

- (2) The following amounts relates to fruitless and wasteful expenditure, mismanagement of public funds and corruption:

(a) Fruitless and wasteful expenditure:

In the Western Cape, **fruitless and wasteful** expenditure decreased from R101,6 million in 2019/20 to R95,7 million in the 2020/21 financial year. It should be noted that the latter amount makes up 4,9% of the fruitless and wasteful expenditure amount recorded Nationally.

(b) Mismanagement of public funds:

Unauthorised Expenditure for the Western Cape amounted to R244 million or 1,2% of the National recorded amount. Unauthorised expenditure refers to expenditure incurred that is not in accordance with the municipal budget and that have not been condoned by council. It implies that value for money has been received by government.

(c) Irregular Expenditure:

Irregular expenditure for the Western Cape amounted to R1.23 Billion or 5,6 % of the National recorded amount.

It should be noted that matters classified as irregular expenditure may however be misleading and can on face-value be construed as corrupt practices.

However, many cases reported as irregular expenditure are later found to be misreported. For irregular expenditure value for money has been received. Expenditure in relation to corruption is determined when the necessary investigations are completed and findings and recommendations made.

- (3) The following are responses and interventions implemented in municipalities to reduce fruitless and wasteful expenditure, corruption and the mismanagement of public funds:

The Department of Local Government have a standing agreement in place with the Provincial Treasury, by means of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), where Provincial Treasury is required to monitor and drive all financial related matters concerning municipalities and to report these matters to the MEC of Local Government on a regular basis.

To this end, the following support initiatives have been instituted to strengthen financial governance in municipalities and promote good audit outcomes and address issues raised by the auditor general:

- Development of an audit action plan support strategy where municipalities are actively supported to address matters raised by the AG.
- Vetting of all submitted Audit action plans.
- The development of a Consolidated municipal management reports database where like issues are grouped together and made available to all municipalities as a library of audit issues with practical examples of how it has been responded to by municipalities. This has been an ongoing, institutionalized process for the last number of years. Consequently, the issues raised by the AG to our Western Cape municipalities are mostly non-recurring and transversal in nature.
- Collaborative TIME engagements have allowed us to be proactive on transversal issues that spans across various disciplines within relevant government departments, in order to craft transversal support plans to cater for the requests and needs of the municipalities.
- Audit readiness engagements are held regularly where an assessment is done on certain aspects required for audit, amongst other things, to ensure that municipalities are well prepared for their upcoming audits.
- The hosting of an Annual Financial Systems (AFS) consistency workshop. This is where Provincial Treasury presents its position on certain accounting complexities based on its review of the draft AFS, prior year audit findings and a heat map analysis using its consolidated AFS database. This workshop assists in achieving minimal material misstatements across the Western Cape municipal portfolio using a consolidated analysis and drilling down to the root causes of the accounting complexities.

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- Review of Annual Financial Statements prior to submission to the Auditor General with the aim that municipalities may institute corrective measures of any findings before they submit it to the auditors.
 - Weekly Provincial audit steering committee meetings are held during the audit cycle consisting of key provincial departments to assist municipalities to identify and elevate potential transversal issues timeously and getting the right people to engage and assist.
 - Various engagements are hosted throughout the year such as the Chief Risk Officers (CRF) and Chief Audit Executives (CAE) forums, Management Accounting Forum (MAF), Accounting Working Group meetings, Municipal Managers forums, Public Sector Accounting forum, ICT governance forum amongst others, to stay abreast of what is happening in the industry and to alert municipalities of any matters that could potentially impact audit outcomes.
 - The initiation of an Unauthorised, Irregular and Fruitless or Wasteful Expenditure (UIFW) strategy where expenditure is regularly monitored in line with the National Treasury strategy, to curb/curtail incidents of UIFW.
 - Continuous support to municipalities to institutionalise Information and Communication Technology (ICT) governance and to address ICT related Audit findings.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Housing projects

1. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

How (a) many housing projects are currently underway in each municipality in the province, (b) much is spend on each project and (c) much has the national government given the provincial government for the purposes of the ongoing housing projects?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

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(a) Housing projects currently underway	(b) Spent
CITY OF CAPE TOWN	
Delft The Hague	5 724 540
Garden Cities Fisantekraal Ph4 (1019)	33 141 369
Gugulethu Infill (Mau Mau) (1019)	13 365 634
Valhalla Park (777)	2 024 133
Harare Infill	36 556 989
City PHP	27 333 444
PROVINCIAL PROJECTS	
Forest Village (4820 services: 4197 BNG / 122 FLISP)	73 833 119
Silvertown Services	1 676 769
Du Noon	3 457 633
Highbury	5 599 016
Our Pride	6 815 880
Nuwe Begin (IX)	162 778
Boystown	5 063 195
Kosovo Farm 694	53 660 073
Airport Precinct Infill Sites (729 sites/455bng/274high rise)	7 539 061
Penhill/Welmoed Bulks - Civil	80 502 820
WINELANDS DISTRICT	
Breede Valley Municipality	
Worcester Transhex Phase 1 Tops (800)	12 125 725
Drakenstein Municipality	
Paarl Vlakkeland (Ph1.1 218 sites/217 units)	5 820 970
Schoongezicht (347)	2 537 743
Langeberg Municipality	
Robertson (174)	14 079 836
Stellenbosch Municipality	
Vlottenburg Longlands (106 incr to 144) IRDP	7 972 905

OVERBERG DISTRICT	
Overstrand	
Hermanus Mount Pleasant Infills (102 of 215 +102)	6 635 646
Gansbaai Blompark (544) Top structures	35 079 857
Gansbaai Masakhane (1569)	13 854 766
Swellendam Municipality	
Swellendam Railton (950)	26 250 000
GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT	
Bitou Municipality	
Qolweni/Bossiesgif Ph3a (433) Tops Structures	17 720 082
Kwanokuthula (441)	2 391 593
George Municipality	
Syferfontein Asla	3 876 095
Golden Valley	1 047 402
Knysna Municipality	
Vision (459)	384 824
Hlalani (273/165/96)	4 687 970
Ethembeni (180/200/175)	800 027
Witlokasie	109 501
Mossel Bay Municipality	
Mountain View	30 162 037
Yakh'indlu (150)	854 925
NUSP Projects (23 Areas) (total 3493 sites)	24 538 165
Oudtshoorn Municipality	
Dysseldorp (534) (522 residential)	22 841 657
WEST COAST DISTRICT	
Cederberg Municipality	
Citrusdal (162 of 668) IRDP	18 226 431
Lambert's Bay (412 of 596)	1 360 162
Matzikama Municipality	
Vredendal Ph5 (399)	17 995 683
Lutzville (342)	5 465 436
Saldanha Bay Municipality	
Witteklip (1000)	4 242 434
Swartland Municipality	
Malmesbury De Hoop (395 of 4666) Phase 1	21 871 858

- (c) Human Settlement Development Grant allocation: R1,628,418,000
 Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant allocation:
 R 484,638,000

*Illegal alcohol trade***2. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

In relation to the illegal trade in alcohol in the province:

- (1) (a) How many illegal (i) traders and (ii) shebeens were in operation in (aa) 2018/19, (bb) 2019/20, (cc) 2020/21, (dd) 2021/22 and (ee) 2022/23, (b) how many illegal (i) traders and (ii) shebeens has the SAPS investigated during the same period and (c) of those investigate in (b), how many were prosecuted;
- (2) whether the SAPS has any strategy or specialised units to combat the illegal trade in alcohol; 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):

2. (1) No distinction is made between illegal traders and shebeens as both entities are illegally dealing in liquor and the charge/contravention will be the same whether the liquor is sold on or off site for consumption.

(a)

	FINANCIAL YEAR	AMOUNT
(aa)	2018/2019	2 954
(bb)	2019/2020	2 308
(cc)	2020/2021	2 012
(dd)	2021/2022	2 012
(ee)	2022/2023	2 182

(b)

	FINANCIAL YEAR	AMOUNT
(aa)	2018/2019	4 874
(bb)	2019/2020	5 456
(cc)	2020/2021	2 262
(dd)	2021/2022	3 206
(ee)	2022/2023	530

(c) All illegal traders are prosecuted.

- (2) There is no specialised unites to combat illegal trade in alcohol, however at each police station there are appointed Designated Liquor Officers. The Designated Liquor Officers must have a file on each identified illegal liquor trader in their station precinct.

Currently illegal liquor traders are policed in terms of National Crime Combatting Instruction 1 of 2021, also known as “Operation Vhuthu Hawe”.

The reply of the Western Cape Liquor Authority (WCLA):

- (2) The Western Cape Liquor Authority (WCLA) regulates licensed premises. All illegal outlets acquire liquor from legal outlets. Licenced outlets are therefore monitored and inspected to ensure daily thresholds are not exceeded and proper records are kept.

A recent development was the establishment of a Liquor Law Enforcement Forum to respond to liquor related harms in a holistic manner. Partners include South African Police Service (SAPS), WCLA, City Law Enforcement, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, South African Revenue Service (SARS) and the Department of Health.

The forum’s activities will not be limited to illegal trading but enable evidence-based interventions.

SAPS crime intelligence: cases of corruption

3. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (a) How many SAPS members involved in crime intelligence have been involved in cases of corruption in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23, (b)(i) what was the nature of the cases as listed in (a) and (ii) what are all the necessary details about these cases and (c) of those involved in (a), how many have been (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

3. The number of cases, per financial year, in which members of the South African Police Service (SAPS), Division: Crime Intelligence have been involved, is reflected below:

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| (a) (i) | 2018/2019: | Two members, in two cases. |
| (ii) | 2019/2020: | One member, in one case. |
| (iii) | 2020/2021: | Seven members, in four cases. |
| (iv) | 2021/2022: | Two members, in two cases. |
| (v) | 2022/23, up to date: | One member, in one case. (The outcome of this case is still pending) |

- (b) (i)(ii) All 10 cases listed above, in which a total number of 13 members are involved, are corruption cases.

- **2018/2019**

- Case 1: An amount of R40 000,00 was demanded from the family of a victim.
- Case 2: A portion of an informant's remuneration was taken.

- **2019/2020**

- Case 1: A portion of an informant's remuneration was taken.

- **2020/2021**

- Case 1: An amount of R50 000,00 was demanded from a complainant.
- Case 2: An amount of R10 000.00 was demanded from a complainant.
- Case 3: A portion of an informant's remuneration was taken.
- Case 4: A tavern owner was accused of selling liquor during lockdown and an amount of R3 000,00 was demanded.

- **2021/2022**

- Case 1: A portion of an informant's remuneration was taken, making the informant to believe that the money must be shared by the handler.
- Case 2: Foreign nationals, without passports, were approached and money was demanded from them, not to be arrested.

- **2022/23**

- Case 1: A portion of an informant's remuneration was taken.

- (c) (a) Nine disciplinary proceedings, in term of the SAPS Disciplinary Regulations, were instituted.

- (b) Nine guilty verdicts, in terms of the SAPS Disciplinary Regulations, were obtained and the details are as follows:

- Three written warnings.
- Three dismissals.
- One member retired from the SAPS before he could be convicted.
- Suspension without salary for a period of one month.
- Suspension without salary for a period of two months.

*Firearms confiscations and Vispol budget***4. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 22 of 8 July 2022, (a) what are the reasons for the decrease in firearm confiscations between 2018/19 and 2021/22 other than the effects of the COVID-19 lockdown measures and (b) what are the projections of the SAPS for 2022/23;
- (2) with reference to his reply to question 23 of 8 July 2022, (a) what was the Vispol budget for each police station in the Western Cape in (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21, (iv) 2021/22 and (v) 2022/23 and (b) what portion of the Vispol component was spent on the FLASH offices at each station in the same period?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

4. (1) (a) The community is reluctant to provide information as they fear victimization by gang members and the rest of the community.

The amnesty periods between 2019 and January 2021 also resulted in a significant amount of firearms being surrendered voluntarily.

- (b) According to the SAPS Annual Performance Plan 5% more firearms must be confiscated.

(2) (a)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
STATIONS	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Albertina	965 700	946 500	891 700	889 000	886 100
Ashton	1 367 600	1 420 700	1 366 300	1 362 000	1 352 600
Athlone	3 289 100	3 150 500	2 996 800	3 022 400	2 800 800
Atlantis	4 082 500	4 215 800	4 010 500	4 002 700	3 979 700
Barrydale	984 100	1 026 100	983 200	980 800	981 000
Beaufort West	3 532 600	3 654 200	3 476 900	3 454 300	3 440 900
Belhar	1 451 600	1 554 900	1 482 500	1 484 000	1 474 700
Bellville	5 046 100	5 196 700	4 958 200	4 963 800	4 936 400
Bellville South	1 929 700	1 682 200	1 335 400	1 227 000	1 219 400
Bishop Lavis	4 166 400	3 760 000	3 756 200	3 750 400	3 838 700

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STATIONS	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Bonnievale	1 345 300	1 388 000	1 329 000	1 327 100	1 324 600
Bothasig	1 065 100	1 108 100	1 060 400	1 060 500	965 300
Brackenfell	1 431 400	1 475 200	1 410 500	1 411 400	1 403 700
Bredasdorp	2 397 600	2 470 700	2 362 100	2 362 100	2 346 700
Caledon	2 922 100	2 995 100	2 852 600	2 850 600	2 834 800
Calitzdorp	725 500	757 000	731 800	728 600	728 900
Camps Bay	981 100	1 019 600	943 000	942 000	940 900
Cape Town Central	7 824 400	8 105 800	7 790 700	7 791 200	7 750 300
Ceres	2 774 400	2 870 100	2 734 100	2 737 700	2 711 800
Citrusdal	1 716 600	1 774 400	1 692 000	1 694 000	1 687 400
Clanwilliam	1 875 400	1 932 900	1 697 300	1 701 200	1 692 100
Claremont	2 070 200	2 022 700	1 941 700	2 020 500	1 931 400
Cloetesville	1 272 500	1 313 300	1 219 200	1 220 800	1 219 200
Conville	2 063 100	2 092 300	2 011 400	2 005 700	2 011 500
Da Gamaskop	2 936 700	3 029 500	2 889 800	2 895 500	2 871 100
Darling	1 036 200	1 024 800	984 000	982 800	979 400
De Doorns	1 458 200	1 505 700	1 460 500	1 442 600	1 471 700
De Rust	1 054 200	983 000	653 000	653 500	655 700
Delft	4 572 700	4 875 300	4 654 800	4 669 500	4 737 400
Dieprivier	1 341 100	1 280 300	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 013 100
Doringbaai	640 500	669 200	642 600	644 300	644 400
Durbanville	2 511 700	2 583 900	2 541 600	2 539 000	2 225 300
Dysseldorp	991 100	830 300	712 500	712 300	712 100
Eendekuil	968 500	823 200	792 900	806 000	806 100
Elandsbaai	842 600	840 800	738 100	738 800	738 300
Elsies River	2 792 000	2 923 400	2 812 800	2 815 000	2 905 400

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STATIONS	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Fish Hoek	768 400	824 100	817 300	822 200	824 700
Franschhoek	1 049 300	1 089 300	954 700	951 400	942 400
Gans Bay	1 312 500	1 357 300	1 347 200	1 301 600	1 297 000
Genadendal	1 290 800	1 303 900	1 245 900	1 247 000	1 240 100
George	6 520 500	6 708 700	6 106 500	6 091 400	6 058 700
Goodwood	1 845 100	1 928 600	1 849 500	1 878 100	1 875 200
Gordons Bay	882 300	900 100	850 900	851 100	850 500
Graafwater	955 900	991 000	779 300	779 500	778 100
Grabouw	1 782 500	1 825 700	1 746 900	1 750 700	1 743 600
Grassy Park	2 823 000	2 792 000	2 374 900	2 379 400	2 511 300
Great Brakriver	1 419 700	1 470 200	1 284 000	1 283 000	1 277 700
Groot Drakenstein	1 051 500	1 052 700	802 200	804 500	804 100
Gugulethu	3 340 300	3 465 600	3 288 600	3 289 200	3 305 900
Harare	4 424 300	4 526 700	4 485 700	4 503 500	5 055 800
Heidelberg	1 602 500	1 659 100	1 579 700	1 579 900	1 570 900
Hermanus	3 098 000	3 193 700	3 049 600	3 033 300	3 014 800
Hopefield	1 098 500	1 138 000	1 088 000	1 097 100	1 086 400
Hout Bay	1 126 400	1 173 600	1 041 400	1 050 200	1 044 600
Kensington	1 158 800	1 202 700	1 109 400	1 110 700	1 108 200
Khayelitsha	5 490 000	5 585 200	5 406 000	5 446 000	5 386 600
Kirstenhof	847 000	849 700	827 700	824 100	823 100
Klapmuts	966 600	1 011 100	967 600	965 500	963 000
Klawer	1 247 000	1 292 400	1 238 100	1 236 800	1 231 400
Kleinmond	1 290 800	1 129 900	809 600	807 200	809 100
Kleinvlei	2 849 400	2 967 500	2 879 800	2 874 600	2 878 500
Knysna	3 586 900	3 693 400	3 540 700	3 553 500	3 538 900
Kraaifontein	4 893 100	5 059 100	4 973 400	4 948 700	5 406 000

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STATIONS	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Kuilsrivier	3 486 400	3 567 000	3 409 500	3 398 800	3 207 100
Kwanokathula	993 900	1 037 700	998 600	998 100	997 200
Kwanonqaba	2 098 200	1 988 400	1 899 400	1 894 800	1 881 600
Laaiplek	736 100	768 300	737 700	754 900	754 500
Ladismith	2 295 400	2 205 100	2 105 800	2 105 300	2 093 500
Laingsburg	1 598 000	1 653 200	1 583 900	1 581 000	1 573 500
Lamberts Bay	992 100	1 017 700	740 700	742 400	740 500
Langa	1 687 900	1 749 600	1 694 000	1 595 800	1 591 500
Langebaan	795 600	828 800	795 700	796 000	793 500
Lansdown	1 534 600	1 596 000	1 543 100	1 533 000	1 141 300
Leeu Gamka	888 800	924 800	890 300	904 900	901 400
Lentegeur	2 706 200	2 640 300	2 418 600	2 442 800	2 519 200
Lingeletu West	2 398 100	2 453 400	2 341 400	2 341 800	2 396 100
Lutzville	1 137 200	1 180 000	1 129 200	1 157 100	1 154 500
Lwandle	1 717 000	1 724 000	1 650 100	1 643 300	1 649 100
Macassar	1 570 500	1 611 300	1 444 000	1 427 300	1 420 100
Maitland	1 227 900	1 126 300	1 081 600	1 085 200	911 600
Malmesbury	2 445 100	2 520 400	2 416 400	2 417 700	2 398 900
Manenberg	3 727 900	3 657 400	3 412 000	3 348 800	3 318 200
Mbekweni	1 213 000	1 262 000	1 243 300	1 251 600	1 258 800
McGregor	793 200	823 900	793 800	793 700	790 200
Melkbosstrand	1 015 500	1 014 700	973 100	973 100	833 500
Mfuleni	3 995 800	4 149 700	4 008 100	3 996 100	4 199 600
Milnerton	4 223 200	4 257 800	4 084 100	4 051 400	4 065 300
Mitchells Plain	6 177 400	6 098 600	5 888 700	5 887 500	6 049 800
Montagu	1 540 700	1 592 600	1 521 000	1 523 000	1 518 300
Moorreesburg	1 600 000	1 651 800	1 580 800	1 579 000	1 569 700

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STATIONS	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Mossel Bay	2 032 000	2 099 400	2 000 000	1 996 000	1 982 800
Mowbray	1 613 800	1 187 900	933 500	936 700	934 600
Muizenberg	1 952 900	2 023 500	1 958 900	1 959 000	1 977 400
Murraysburg	980 000	1 018 000	976 000	974 700	974 100
Napier	1 241 000	1 287 700	1 228 300	1 229 700	1 227 500
Nuwerus	1 149 800	1 100 100	940 700	941 200	937 900
Nyanga	5 758 500	5 969 700	5 936 500	5 942 100	5 978 600
Ocean View	1 575 100	1 624 000	1 553 400	1 553 300	1 534 800
Oudtshoorn	5 084 700	5 496 700	5 300 100	5 297 100	5 256 200
PA Hamlet	1 921 100	1 986 600	1 893 200	1 895 100	1 883 100
Paarl	4 348 300	4 548 100	4 388 800	4 390 400	4 366 800
Paarl East	2 445 700	2 564 100	2 488 300	2 494 900	2 484 900
Pacaltsdorp	1 504 200	1 438 700	1 376 700	1 370 700	1 367 500
Parow	2 519 400	2 637 400	2 586 600	2 542 400	2 594 900
Philadelphia	1 017 600	987 000	942 200	947 900	941 100
Philippi	2 681 300	2 704 000	2 365 900	2 354 700	2 218 800
Philippi East	2 288 400	2 392 000	2 324 300	2 347 800	2 443 100
Piketberg	1 721 200	1 780 400	1 699 900	1 703 400	1 697 600
Pinelands	790 600	819 100	769 900	757 700	821 100
Plettenberg Bay	2 234 800	2 309 400	2 204 400	2 207 600	2 193 300
Porterville	1 334 500	1 386 700	1 323 600	1 323 100	1 315 900
Prince Albert	1 043 700	1 088 000	908 500	913 600	901 200
Ravensmead	2 166 300	2 180 000	2 008 800	2 010 200	1 817 700
Rawsonville	1 679 600	1 735 400	1 656 800	1 660 500	1 649 400
Redelinghuys	924 800	961 600	721 900	725 500	724 100
Riebeeck West	1 368 700	1 388 700	1 060 500	1 059 000	1 054 700
Riversdal	2 110 700	2 178 300	2 076 000	2 075 600	2 065 700

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STATIONS	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Riviersonderend	1 026 400	1 066 000	1 021 900	1 022 200	1 018 100
Robertson	2 760 100	2 846 700	2 714 300	2 730 300	2 694 900
Rondebosch	1 219 200	1 151 300	910 300	908 200	906 600
Saldanha	1 330 200	1 374 000	1 316 900	1 315 800	1 309 700
Samora Machel	0	734 200	1 375 900	1 485 200	1 567 600
Saron	1 019 700	990 600	947 200	946 200	944 400
Sea Point	1 839 000	1 910 500	1 845 600	1 845 100	1 767 200
Simons Town	985 100	1 007 700	955 500	953 700	950 300
Somerset-Wes	3 728 200	3 833 300	3 667 100	3 693 900	3 639 600
St Helena Bay	820 000	857 300	825 000	825 200	826 500
Stanford	1 041 700	636 400	619 200	613 000	617 800
Steenberg	2 176 500	2 224 900	2 005 200	2 007 600	1 994 800
Stellenbosch	4 036 300	4 228 000	4 091 300	4 030 600	4 030 800
Still Bay	1 155 300	1 199 400	1 144 300	1 144 400	999 200
Strand	3 036 200	2 991 400	2 754 300	2 759 600	2 722 500
Strandfontein	660 600	714 800	682 500	682 300	683 100
Struisbaai	917 800	953 700	908 000	907 300	904 200
Suurbraak	1 036 100	1 073 700	1 033 000	1 031 200	1 028 500
Swellendam	2 209 100	2 291 000	2 176 100	2 178 100	2 161 500
Table Bay	950 400	843 600	744 100	738 100	737 100
Table View	2 296 700	2 408 400	2 320 300	2 374 300	2 424 800
Thembaletu	2 076 000	2 078 400	1 994 900	1 990 000	1 977 900
Touwsrivier	1 240 200	1 209 800	792 100	795 200	792 300
Tulbagh	1 926 900	1 997 700	1 900 500	1 918 000	1 885 300
Uniondale	1 731 300	1 397 600	1 345 100	1 341 400	1 340 700
Van Rhynsdorp	1 085 400	1 130 300	1 080 000	1 080 300	1 080 600
Villiersdorp	1 420 600	1 470 500	1 400 700	1 401 700	1 395 100

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STATIONS	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Vredenburg	3 229 800	3 325 300	3 166 600	3 165 500	3 145 100
Vredendal	2 367 500	2 446 400	2 325 800	2 339 600	2 315 900
Wellington	2 082 600	2 159 900	2 084 000	2 119 400	2 037 600
Wolseley	1 337 400	1 379 400	1 296 100	1 294 500	1 259 100
Woodstock	2 464 400	2 474 900	2 224 000	2 220 500	1 968 500
Worcester	6 641 800	6 828 800	6 500 200	6 496 500	6 503 800
Wynberg	3 638 000	3 733 000	3 539 100	3 529 200	3 506 400

(b) There is no separate budget allocated to the FLASH offices at station level.

Lifestyle choices: causes of death

5. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:

In relation to the leading causes of deaths in the province being linked to lifestyle choices:

- (1) Whether her Department has any programmes or initiatives in place that advocate prevention and healthier lifestyle choices; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there has been an increased prevalence of causes of death relating to lifestyle choices over the past 10 years; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

5. (1) The Western Cape Department of Health is committed to address harmful health outcomes through the implementation of novel healthy lifestyles initiatives aimed at promoting increased physical activity, healthy eating and healthy weight management in order to prevent and reduce the burden of NCDs in the Western Cape. The WesternCape on Wellness (WoW!) healthy lifestyles initiative was developed and tested in 2015/16 (WoW! Phase-1).

WoW! represents a novel transversal and cross-sectoral partnering approach to promote, activate, expand and maintain a healthy lifestyles movement across multiple settings, including: Worksite, Primary Healthcare Facility, School, Community and Public Space settings.

The initiative aims to co-develop, test, evaluate and systematise (institutionalise) a healthy lifestyle initiative that is multi-sectoral ("all of government" and "all of society"), multi-modal (various methods), geographic specific and that follows a person-centred life course

approach (ultimately from pre-pregnancy to senior citizens). The initiative addresses both individual health behavioural and social determinants of wellness to co-create enabling environments in order to prevent, reduce and better manage the burden of NCDs (including obesity) as the first focus. As an expanding wellness-promoting platform for Self-Management and to address the key components of wellness (physical, mental, social, spiritual, intellectual, financial and environmental), future foci of the initiative include, for example, reduction of harmful personal behaviours (including alcohol, drugs and smoking), safe and healthy pregnancies, child rearing, stress and relationship management, budgeting and green living.

WoW! is a Healthy Lifestyles partnership initiative of the Western Cape Government and its valued partners. *WoW!* aims to enable people to make Healthy Lifestyle choices throughout our life course - from planning Pregnancy and Birth to Youth, Adult and Senior Years.

Healthcare 2030's message is quite simple and clear; it is all about moving from curing illnesses to wellness. We have seen that the conventional approach of health services with a focus on curative health care is not sustainable or desirable in the face of the increasing burden of disease. Communities must take part in the health and wellness of their lives; the responsibility lies within them. Wellness cannot be delivered by a health service to people who remain mere recipients of the process. We need a whole society approach to improving wellness as a key pillar of Healthcare 2030 and an important strategic objective of the Western Cape Government.

Since its launch in 2015, *WoW!* expanded from having just 10 partners to currently having over 70 partners. The programme is grounded in practice-based evidence which is ensured by the transdisciplinary *WoW!* Workgroup that fuses WCGDoH Team *WoW!* with representatives from an academic consortium and community groups. Importantly, at the heart of the *WoW!* Programme is a network of volunteer Wellness Champions. These Peer Leaders ensure that *WoW!* remains contextually appropriate, based on the 'lived experience' of its members, and is community responsive and inclusive. The network of *WoW!* trained and supported Wellness Champions expanded from 72 in 2016 to 754 in 2021.

The pandemic has had major socio-economic consequences impacting the social determinants of the health of our people. Mental illness is exacerbated by the abuse of substances like drugs and alcohol.

Besides the adverse effects on one's health, substance abuse has given rise to mental illnesses in the province. There is mounting evidence of the significant negative impact of Covid on the social determinants of mental ill health resulting in increased anxiety, depression and suicides.

(2) The five main causes of ill health in the Western Cape are:

- Infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis
- Mental Health conditions
- Injuries, including road traffic injuries and violence-related injuries
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Childhood diseases

However, the Department remains fully dependent on Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) for population-level mortality data. Stats SA published a report in 2018 on mortality and causes of death in South Africa. We are eagerly awaiting the statistical release for deaths that occurred in 2019 to conduct further analysis. The Department is therefore not able to provide answers to the questions beyond 2018 due to limited access to mortality data.

The 2019 Rapid Review of the Burden of Disease: From 2009 to 2016, the rate of early deaths decreased by 17%. This league table below shows the change in ranking of conditions causing early deaths from 2009 to 2016 overall, and for men and women. The ranking is based on the percent of all early deaths from each condition. In men, intentional injuries have become the leading cause of early death. HIV/AIDS & TB remains the leading cause of early death in women and overall.

Rank	Persons		Men		Women	
	2009	2016	2009	2016	2009	2016
1	HIV/AIDS & TB 24.6	HIV/AIDS & TB 18.6	HIV/AIDS & TB 23.0	Int. injuries 20.5	HIV/AIDS & TB 26.6	HIV/AIDS & TB 20.4
2	Cardiovascular 14.7	Cancers 15.9	Int. injuries 14.4	HIV/AIDS & TB 17.2	Cardiovascular 16.7	Cancers 18.8
3	Cancers 13.9	Other NCDs 14.9	Cardiovascular 13.1	Cancers 13.8	Cancers 15.7	Other NCDs 16.3
4	Other NCDs 12.0	Cardiovascular 14.0	Cancers 12.5	Other NCDs 13.8	Other NCDs 12.3	Cardiovascular 16.3
5	Int. injuries 9.7	Int. injuries 13.5	Other NCDs 11.7	Cardiovascular 12.3	Inf/para 10.1	Diabetes 8.9
6	Inf/para 9.0	Unint. injuries 8.8	Unint. injuries 10.5	Unint. injuries 10.9	Diabetes 5.8	Inf/para 6.0
7	Unint. injuries 8.2	Diabetes 6.2	Inf/para 8.1	Inf/para 4.4	Unint. injuries 5.2	Unint. injuries 6.0
8	Diabetes 4.3	Inf/para 5.1	Mat/Peri/Nutr 3.4	Diabetes 4.3	Mat/Peri/Nutr 4.0	Int. injuries 3.7
9	Mat/Peri/Nutr 3.7	Mat/Peri/Nutr 3.1	Diabetes 3.1	Mat/Peri/Nutr 2.7	Int. injuries 3.5	Mat/Peri/Nutr 3.6

HIV/AIDS & TB:

- About 10% of 15-49 year olds are living with HIV.
- HIV prevalence in women is nearly double that in men (13.4% vs 7.3%).
- Mother to child HIV transmission decreased by nearly 75% in the last 10 years. In 2018, there were ~56,000 new TB cases. New TB cases have decreased ~9% from 2012 vs. 2018.

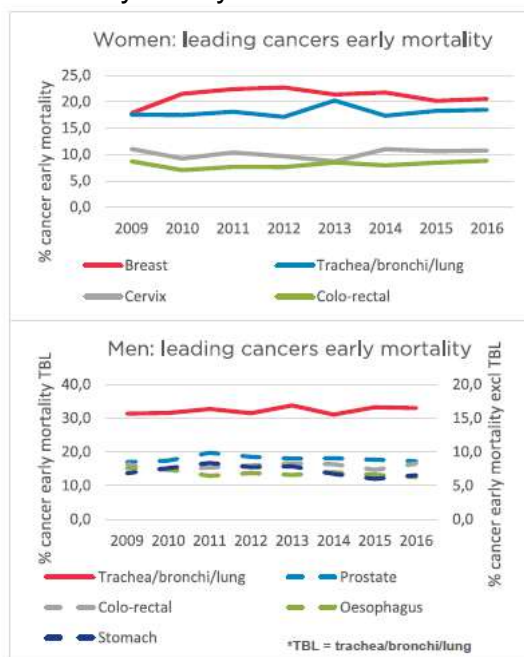
- In 2018: 35% of TB cases were for retreatment, 11.5% were extra-pulmonary TB, ~5% drug-resistant TB, ~40% of TB patients are also PLHIV.

MATERNAL, PERINATAL & CHILD HEALTH

- The under 5 mortality rate dropped by 44% and the absolute number of deaths in children under 5 years by 38% from 2009 to 2016. The biggest drops were in deaths due to HIV/ AIDS, diarrhoea and malnutrition.
- The number of newborn deaths (infants aged 0-27 days) decreased by 29% from 2009 to 2016. Most causes of newborn death reduced by ~30%, while newborn deaths from severe infections dropped by 48%.

NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

- The proportion of early mortality due to cardiovascular diseases, cancers, diabetes and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) has increased by nearly 14% from 2009 to 2016.



- Breast cancer remains the leading cause of early mortality from cancer among women, while for men it is lung cancer.
- Surveys show wide variation in the prevalence of common NCDs, limiting the ability to estimate the true burden of people living with NCDs in the province. Estimates using available data shows that ~18,000 people (60% women) are starting diabetes treatment per year. Most diabetic patients are 40-65 years old (58%); nearly 1/3 are >65 years old.
- Control of diabetes is poor. 70% of patients have an HbA1c > 8% indicating poor disease control.

MENTAL HEALTH

- The Western Cape has the highest 12-month and lifetime prevalence of mental illness in South Africa (39%). Source: 2004 South African Stress and Health Survey
- Estimating the burden of mental health conditions is extremely challenging as mental ill health is associated more with morbidity than with mortality.
- Suicide may be a proxy for mental illness burden as ~90% of people who commit suicide have a mental health condition at the time of death, but suicide grossly underestimates underlying mental disorders. In the Western Cape, suicides were 11% of injury deaths (1.5% all deaths). The age-standardised mortality rate for suicide was 3 times higher in men vs. women, with the age most affected being 20-39 year olds.

VIOLENCE

- From 2010 to 2018 there has been a year-on-year increase in the annual number of homicides in men, mostly gun-related. The rate of homicides due to guns doubled from 2010 to 2016.
- Half of homicide victims tested positive for alcohol; 45% had blood alcohol concentration higher than the legal driving limit (0.05g/100ml).

Slim Lab provisioning to schools

6. Ms D M Baartman asked the Minister of Education:

In relation to the 179 schools receiving mobile suites of technology through the Slim Lab provisioning this financial year:

- (a) What are the names of the schools that are receiving these suites, (b) how many learners stand to benefit at each school and (c) how many of these schools have already received their provisions?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

6. (a) The project details, including the names of the school beneficiaries, is yet to be finalised.
- (b) We are estimating that approximately 27 000 learners will benefit from the project, pending final list of beneficiaries.
- (c) The project is in the procurement stage, and the delivery and completion dates are not yet finalised. Industry and market forces will also determine the actual delivery dates due to the world-wide challenges that may affect delivery timelines.

*Social housing opportunities***7. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

With regard to this announcement during his budget speech earlier this year: "Over the next five years we will also see a number of further social housing opportunities in areas such as Woodstock, Salt River, Goodwood, Heideveld, Elsies River, Mitchells Plain and potentially Oranjezicht. It is important to note that these opportunities are at various stages along the development pipeline."

(a) (i) At what stage is each of these projects and (ii) what is the update about each, (b) how much is budgeted for each project over the 2022 MTEF and (c) what is the detailed breakdown of expenditure per project to date?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

7. (a)(i)(ii)

Woodstock Area	<p>Woodstock Hospital The project can deliver approximately 500 units. A Management Agent was appointed in April 2022 by the City of Cape Town to manage the current facility. The appointment of a developer is envisaged during the latter part of 2023, subject to the legal process of eviction.</p> <p>Woodstock Hospital Park The project can deliver approximately 200 units. The rezoning of the site is anticipated for the third quarter of 2023.</p> <p>Pine Road The project is planned to deliver 243 units. SOHCO Property Investments NPC is the Social Housing Institution (SHI) responsible for the development of the Pine Road Social Housing (SH) Project. SOHCO is currently undertaking the procurement of a contractor for the construction of the development. The challenges of the volatile construction market and significant price escalation due to the macro economic realities is needing to be taken into account. It is envisaged for the award of the contract is to be made by the last quarter of 2022.</p> <p>Dillion Lane The project can deliver approximately 150 units. SOHCO Property Investments NPC, the SHI responsible for the development of the Dillon Lane SH Project, undertook a consultation process in August 2022 with neighbours around the site. SOHCO is required by the City of Cape Town (CoCT) to prepare preliminary designs based on the consultation process held and to prepare a Site Development Plan (SDP) for submission to CoCT in October 2022. Approval of the SDP is envisaged for February 2023.</p>
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Salt River Area	<p>The Salt River Market Site</p> <p>The project is planned to deliver approximately 216 social housing units as part of a broader mixed-use development. Release of land from CoCT to Communicare was approved by CoCT Council in July 2022 for the development of Social Housing. Communicare is required to submit the proposed Site Development Plan (SDP) to CoCT for approval. Communicare was provided with a timeframe of 18 months to package the development and submit an application to the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) for project approval and grant funding.</p>
Goodwood Area	<p>The Goodwood Station Project</p> <p>The project is planned to deliver 1055 units. DCI Holdings is the SHI responsible for the development of the Goodwood SH Project and appointed Tri-Star as the developer. DCI is in the last stages of finalising the required debt funding for the project after being required to source alternative funding for the project. They are currently conducting due diligence in terms of the funding application. Construction is in abeyance until the debt funding has been finalised.</p>
Heideveld Area	<p>The Heideveld Station Project</p> <p>The project is planned to deliver approximately 180 units. DCI Holdings is the SHI responsible for the development of the project. DCI Holdings will embark on this project after all agreements and work are in place for the Goodwood Station Project as referred to above.</p>
Elsies River Area	<p>Elsies River Project</p> <p>The project is planned to deliver approximately 400 units. Urban Status Rentals (USR) is the SHI responsible for the development of the project. The project is currently in the rezoning process. USR submitted the rezoning application to the City of Cape Town in June 2022 which could take approximately 6-7 months for approval.</p>
Mitchells Plain Area	<p>The Mitchells Plain Social Housing Developments are being implemented and managed by Povicom Housing Solutions. The project details are as follows:</p> <p>Regent Villas</p> <p>Practical completion of 104 units was achieved in March 2021 and the project was fully tenanted by October 2021.</p> <p>Regent Villas Ext 1</p> <p>The project will deliver 60 units and is currently under construction, and overall progress on site is at 30%. Project completion is envisaged for December 2022.</p> <p>Regent Villas Ext 2</p> <p>The project is planned to deliver 110 units. The project was supported by the CoCT and the Social Housing Provincial Steering Committee in September 2022. A Letter of Support was provided to the SHI. The project was submitted to the SHRA for detailed assessments and approval of the Consolidated Capital Grant (CCG) to fund the project.</p>
Oranjezicht Area	<p>The area around Mandarin Court flats, is under the ownership of Department of Transport and Public Works.</p>

	<p>Mandarin Court only, is being managed by the Department of Human Settlements (DoHS). The DoHS received a Power of Attorney (POA) from DTPW to undertake studies for the potential redevelopment of the precinct (Oranjezicht area including Mandarin Court), with the intention of densification.</p> <p>Based on an Inner-City Report submitted by DoHS, which includes the Oranjezicht site, Cabinet noted in-principle support for a report on the feasibility of Inner-City projects.</p> <p>To date, no detailed feasibility studies were done in relation to the Oranjezicht precinct, based on the legal obligation on the Department to first obtain clarity from the City of Cape Town (CCT) to transfer old Housing Board rental housing stock (which includes the Mandarin Court flats) to the CCT as per the Housing Act, which was declined by CCT.</p> <p>Decision to be reached on the response by DoHS and the National Department of Human Settlements (NDoHS) to CCT's declination.</p>
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- (b) The below project budget estimates are only in terms of the Consolidated Capital Grant (CCG) which vests with the SHRA. No direct funding from the Provincial Department of Human Settlements is made.

Project Name	Budget
Woodstock	<p>Woodstock Hospital, 500 units No budget provisions can be determined until the land is released to a developer and project proposal received.</p> <p>Woodstock Hospital Park, 200 units No budget provisions can be determined until the land is released to a developer and project proposal received.</p> <p>Pine Road, 243 units 2022-2025: R78,899,670</p> <p>Dillon Lane, 150 units 2023-2025: R45,198,550</p>
Salt River, 216 units	No budget provisions can be determined until such time the SHI submits the proposal.
Goodwood, 1055 units	2024-2026: R 259,201,320
Heideveld, 180 units	2026-2028: R 45,002,347
Elsies River, 402 units	No budget provisions can be determined until such time the SHI submits the proposal. The proposal will be presented to the SHRA upon completion of the rezoning application.
Mitchells Plain	<p>Regent Villas, 104 units 2019/2021: R 27,658,488</p> <p>Regent Villas Ext 1, 60 units 2021/2023: R 17,351,017</p> <p>Regent Villas Ext 2, 110 units 2022-2024: R 30,177,236</p>
Oranjezicht	No funding has been budgeted for the MTSF period, but the high-level estimated project budget is R 19,704,000.

- (c) The below detailed breakdown of expenditure is only based on the Consolidated Capital Grant which vest with the SHRA.

Project Name	Detailed breakdown of expenditure
Woodstock	No expenditure for all Woodstock developments on CCG to date.
Salt River, 216 units	No expenditure on CCG to date.
Goodwood, 1055 units	CCG expenditure to date (2017-2022): R 21,372,764
Heideveld, 180 units	CCG expenditure to date (2017-2018): R 2,868,112
Elsies River, 402 units	No expenditure on CCG to date.
Mitchells Plain	Regent Villas, 104 units CCG expenditure to date (2019-2021): R 27,658,488 Regent Villas Ext 1, 60 units CCG expenditure to date (2021-2022): R 14,666,696 Regent Villas Ext 2, 110 units No expenditure on CCG to date.
Oranjezicht	No expenditure to date.

Informal settlements

8. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to this announcement in his budget speech: "The province currently has 958 informal settlements with 527 of those falling in the City of Cape Town region. All of the remaining 431 settlements across the province have been assessed, categorised, ranked and prioritised per municipality via the Department's Informal Settlements Database."

- (1) (a) What is the (i) number of the population of the province who lives in informal settlements and (ii) breakdown per informal settlement and (b) what are the (i) names, (ii) demographics, (iii) geographical locations and (iv) details of the services delivered to each of these informal settlements;
- (2) whether any of the residents of these informal settlements are on the housing database; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the (i) number and (ii) details of the persons in the housing database?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

8. (1) (a) (i)(ii)

The Department has endeavoured to regularly maintain, track, and update informal settlement-related data on its Informal Settlement Database.

The process for updating the Department's Database relies on municipalities providing the Department with accurate settlement-level data.

The data captured mostly includes informal settlements' names, locations, boundaries, structure count, and may include levels of service provision (including sanitation, water, electricity and waste collection). The capturing and provision of this type of information by municipalities does not rely on the need for physical door-to-door enumerations, which are usually costly and lengthy.

According to the Department's 2021 Database, there are approximately 98 914 structures located across 431 informal settlements within non-metro municipalities. According to data provided to the Department by the City of Cape Town (CoCT), there are currently 269 811 structures located across 806 informal settlements within the metro area.

However, the database does not include the number of persons per structure. The reason being that each informal settlement is different in size and heavily influenced by its context, meaning that densities per settlement vary greatly from one to another. Therefore, an accurate inhabitant count per structure cannot be extrapolated by utilizing an average figure per structure, without conducting physical door-to-door enumerations.

- (b)
 - (i) The names of all the informal settlements within the province are captured on the database, as provided to the Department by municipalities.
 - (ii) Details related to the demographics of each informal settlements are not captured on the Department's database, since physical door-to-door enumerations will have to be conducted in order to obtain demographic details of the inhabitants of each informal settlement. Enumerations such as these are costly and lengthy to conduct.
 - (iii) Geographical locations of informal settlements within the province are captured on the database (spatially referenced and mapped) and cross-referenced against Municipal lists.
 - (iv) Most informal settlements in the non-metro municipalities and the metro have access to basic services (including sanitation, water, electricity, and waste collection). However, these services are predominantly below the minimum services ratio stipulated by the National Department of Human Settlements, due to organic growth and the continued influx of residents to informal settlements. The Department therefore engages with all municipalities on a regular basis to ensure the adequate provision of basic services to all informal settlement residents.

- (2) (a) Yes, residents who reside in informal settlements can and have registered on the Western Cape's Housing Demand Database. The Department and all Western Cape Municipalities actively and continuously encourage all Western Cape citizens to register themselves on the database, irrespective of where they live.
- (b) (i)(ii) According to the Western Cape Housing Demand Database, there are currently 229 166 residents listed in the non-metro municipalities, and 348 881 residents listed in the City of Cape Town (as at May 2022). However, due to the provisions and requirements of the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, the relevant details of those individuals on the Western Cape's Housing Demand Database – including their current place of residence - cannot be shared without the necessary consent.

Mental health and suicide rate

9. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:

With regard to the status of mental health and the soaring suicide rate of in the province:

- (a) What is the detailed breakdown of (i) suicides and (ii) attempted suicides per health subdistrict recorded in each month in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021 and (dd) 2022 to date, (b) what is the breakdown per (i) age, (ii) gender and (iii) race of these victims and (c) what are her Department's (i) programmes and (i) budget to deal with suicide in the province?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

9. (a) The Department can provide data from its Forensic Pathology Services for suicides, but not for attempted suicide. These are not reported or recorded on our data base, rather the diagnosis, e.g., Major Depressive Episode.

Suicides per health subdistrict.

	Cape Metro	Cape Winelands	Central Karoo	Eden	Overberg	West Coast	Grand Total
Row Labels							
2019	447	73	7	83	32	45	68
2020	398	85	11	99	45	52	69
2021	523	87	5	102	49	56	82
2022	421	76	8	88	27	34	65
Grand Total	1789	321	31	372	153	187	285

(b) (i) Per age

	Cape Metro	Cape Winelands	Central Karoo	Eden	Overberg	West Coast	Grand Total
Row Labels							
2019	447	73	7	83	32	45	687
10-14 Years	11		1	1			13
15-19 Years	23	6		2	2	2	35
20-24 Years	57	14	1	9	3	6	90
25-29 Years	73	13	2	8	3	5	104
30-34 Years	66	9	1	9	6	4	95
35-39 Years	55	8	1	12	3	7	86
40-44 Years	44	6		4	1		55
45-49 Years	28	6		12	2	4	52
50-54 Years	27	6		5	4	4	46
55-59 Years	18	1		4	2	6	31
5-9 Years	1	1		1			3
60-64 Years	25		1	3	1	3	33
65-69 Years	5	1		6	4	1	17
70-74 Years	5	1		2	1	2	11
75-79 Years	5	1		2		1	9
80-84 Years	2			1			3
85+ Years	2			2			4
2020	398	85	11	99	45	52	690
10-14 Years	6	3				2	11
15-19 Years	19	9	2	6	1	1	38
20-24 Years	38	9	2	11	6	6	72
25-29 Years	60	9	1	14	10	8	102
30-34 Years	71	11	2	12	7	8	111
35-39 Years	46	6	1	7	2	4	66
40-44 Years	37	8	1	12	2	5	65
45-49 Years	30	7		10	2	4	53
50-54 Years	28	9	2	9	2	3	53
55-59 Years	14	2		6	3	4	29
5-9 Years	1						1
60-64 Years	18	5		1	3		27
65-69 Years	12	3		6	5	1	27
70-74 Years	5	4		3	1	1	14
75-79 Years	7			2	1	3	13

80-84 Years	5					2	7
85+ Years	1						1
2021	523	87	5	102	49	56	822
10-14 Years	5	1		3	2	1	12
15-19 Years	33	5	2	6	1	4	51
20-24 Years	61	12		14	5	6	98
25-29 Years	79	15	1	11	9	9	124
30-34 Years	70	18		16	7	8	119
35-39 Years	69	9	1	17	7	8	111
40-44 Years	62	12		7	5	2	88
45-49 Years	37	7		4	1	5	54
50-54 Years	32	1		10	2	6	51
55-59 Years	24	1		2	3		30
5-9 Years				1			1
60-64 Years	18	2	1	5	1	3	30
65-69 Years	11	2		3	3	1	20
70-74 Years	9	2					11
75-79 Years	3			1	1	2	7
80-84 Years	5				1	1	7
85+ Years	5			2			7
Unknown					1		1
2022	421	76	8	88	27	34	654
10-14 Years	8	3		2		1	14
15-19 Years	26	7		4	1		38
20-24 Years	57	8		9	3	6	83
25-29 Years	58	9	1	7	6	3	84
30-34 Years	61	13	1	13	1	8	97
35-39 Years	50	10	1	15	5	2	83
40-44 Years	43	9		10		2	64
45-49 Years	31	4	1	7	3	3	49
50-54 Years	27	7	3	6	2	2	47
55-59 Years	23	4		1	1	1	30
60-64 Years	8		1	6	3	2	20
65-69 Years	11			3		1	15
70-74 Years	8			2	2	2	14
75-79 Years	4	1		2			7
80-84 Years	4			1		1	6
85+ Years	1						1
Unknown	1	1					2
Grand Total	1789	321	31	372	153	187	2853

(ii) Per gender

Row Labels	Cape Metro	Cape Winelands	Central Karoo	Eden	Overberg	West Coast	Grand Total
2019	447	73	7	83	32	45	687
Female	90	13	1	18	4	12	138
Male	357	60	6	65	28	33	549
2020	398	85	11	99	45	52	690
Female	74	19	4	23	13	7	140
Male	323	66	7	76	32	45	549
Unknown gender	1						1
2021	523	87	5	102	49	56	822
Female	112	11	1	23	5	16	168
Male	411	76	4	79	44	40	654
2022	421	76	8	88	27	34	654
Female	102	17		15	3	5	142
Male	318	59	8	73	24	29	511
Unknown	1						1
Grand Total	1789	321	31	372	153	187	2853

(iii) Per race

Row Labels	Cape Metro	Cape Winelands	Central Karoo	Eden	Overberg	West Coast	Grand Total
2019	447	73	7	83	32	45	687
Asian	3	1					4
Black	204	25	2	20	6	9	266
Coloured	134	37	5	33	11	17	237
Unknown				1			1
White	106	10		29	15	19	179
2020	398	85	11	99	45	52	690
Asian	3						3
Black	167	21	2	23	11	12	236
Coloured	103	36	7	41	17	26	230
Unknown				1			1
White	125	28	2	34	17	14	220
2021	523	87	5	102	49	56	822
Asian	1						1
Black	228	37		25	24	18	332
Coloured	151	33	4	46	13	25	272
White	143	17	1	31	12	13	217
2022	421	76	8	88	27	34	654
Asian	2						2
Black	202	27		22	13	11	275
Coloured	108	39	6	38	8	11	210
Unknown	2	1					3
White	107	9	2	28	6	12	164
Grand Total	1789	321	31	372	153	187	2853

- (c) (i) Mental health is defined as a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community. The public health approach to mental health care principles includes a primary health care approach, promotion, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. Mental health cannot be separated from physical health with an ongoing need for integration of mental health into general health care, and appropriate resource allocations to mental health.

The Mental Health Steering Committee for Mental Health convened with technical support from the Department of the Premier and some Provincial Departments, Health, DSD, DoE, DCAS, to work on a Whole of Society Approach (WoSA) roadmap - a three pronged approach being data led, evidence informed and focus primarily on the youth in geographic areas.

Two pilot sites have been identified (Klipfontein (focusing particularly on Nyanga and Gugulethu) and Witzenberg), to do mental health mapping with key partners, Departments of Education, Social Development, Cultural Affairs and Sport, etc. to promote the Whole of Government Approach and WOSA implementation.

- (ii) There is no stand-alone budget to deal with suicide prevention, but rather a holistic approach to mental health care.

2021 systemic tests

10. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

With regard to the 2021 systematic tests:

- (1) What is the total breakdown of the expenditure for the tests, (b) what are the details of the (i) service provider, (ii) number of staff who were employed and (iii) remuneration from the budget and (c) what is the number and details of Western Cape Education Department staff who supported the work for the 2021 systemic tests;
- (2) whether there are any financial benefits for schools that perform better in the systematic tests; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department has received any concerns and/or complaints about the leaking of systematic tests; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the details of corrective measures that have been taken by the Department to address the matter from 2018 to date;
- (4) whether there are any investigations that have been conducted regarding the leaking of systematic tests by the his Department; if

not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) can a copy of the report or reports be made available;

- (5) what is the impact of the leaking of systematic tests on the validity of the results of the systematic tests?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

10. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) (a) Total breakdown of the expenditure for the tests:

Original Budget for 2021	R54 029 897.00
Additional budget to cover social distancing	R13 668 920.62
Costs of using the CTLI (less)	-R1 519 956.60
Total expenditure for 2021	R66 178 861.02

- (b) (i) University of Cape Town
(ii) Number of staff employed:

Writing

Testing Supervisors	58
Testing Assistant Supervisor	58
Test Administrators	1 041
Total	1 157

Marking

Chief Markers	10
Senior Markers	43
Markers	408
Total	461

In addition to the staff indicated above there are backroom staff members responsible for the planning, analysis, technology and all other necessary activities.

- (iii) Remuneration from the budget = R23.5 million
- (c) 7: 1 Director of Research; 1 Personal Assistant; 4 Research Assistants; and 1 Statistician.
- (2) There are no financial benefits for schools who perform better. No budget has been made available for any incentives.
- (3) (a) In 2018, the Department, from its internal processes, suspected an irregularity in the Cape Winelands Education District following observations that were made by a testing team member.

The Department was also approached by a whistle blower regarding a similar irregularity in Metro Central Education District.

An investigation was conducted into the alleged irregularities. Procedural risks were identified in the investigation. The Department also determined that the two alleged irregularities were connected, with the source of the irregularity found to be an external SGB employee.

In 2022, it was reported to the Department that one paper was left unaccounted for following the administration of the 2022 systemic test at a school in Metro East Education District. Action was immediately taken, with the script being secured by the Department, as per protocol.

- (b) Following the irregularities in 2018, the structural design of the tests was amended which would make possession of previous test papers irrelevant.

In addition, the training of test administrators was closely monitored to ensure that the security and confidentiality aspects were addressed adequately.

- (4) (a) Yes, please see above. However, the process coincided with the remodelling of the testing programme in the light of international best practice to make access to testing items irrelevant in the testing situation.

- (b) The copies of the reports have not been made public.

- (5) See 3(b) above.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Tender S008/22

1. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

With regard to tender S008/22:

- (1) (a)(i) When was this tender advertised, (ii) on which platforms was it advertised, (iii) what is the tender for, (iv) what is its value and (v) what are the tender specifications, (b) what (i) is the name of the company to whom the tender was awarded and (ii) are the details of its directors and (c) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the other companies that bid for the tender and (iii) scoring was awarded to each;
- (2) what are the (a) names and (b) positions of the persons appointed to the (i) Bid Adjudication Committee, (ii) Bid Evaluation Committee and (iii) Bid Specification Committee for this contract;
- (3) whether copies of the reports and minutes of the committees in (2) can be made available?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

1. The tender resides with the Department of Transport and Public Works. The member would need to address the question to the Minister of Infrastructure.

Contract awards

2. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

What are the (a) contract values and (b) details of all the contracts that his Department has awarded to a certain company, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

2. The contract resides with the Department of Transport and Public Works. The member would need to address the question to the Minister of Infrastructure.

Leaking of question papers of systemic tests

3. Mr M K Sayed asked the Premier:

Whether he or his office has received any complaints from whistle-blowers regarding fruitless and wasteful expenditure resulting from the leaking of the question papers of systemic tests; if so, what are the details of the remedial action that he undertook?

The PREMIER:

3. No I have not.

Beaches: Public access points

4. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Given the responsibilities delegated to the Western Cape Government and district councils and municipalities by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), and the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Amendment Act, 2014 (Act 36 of 2014), to designate areas along the coast where there is designated public access to the beach:

Whether any of such access points have been proclaimed in the municipal areas of (a) Matzikama, (b) Cederberg, (c) Berg River, (d) Saldanha, (e) City of Cape Town, (f) Overstrand, (g) Cape Agulhas, (h) Hessequa, (i) Mossel Bay, (j) George, (k) Knysna and (l) Bitou; if not, why not; if so, (i) how many such access points have been proclaimed and (ii) what is the geographical location of each such access point?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

4. To date, no coastal access land has been designated in the Western Cape, nor in the country, in terms of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (Act No. 24 of 2008) ('NEM: ICMA'). Even though the NEM: ICMA specified that municipalities must make a bylaw that designates coastal access land within 4 years from the date of effect of the NEM: ICMA (i.e., by December 2013), municipalities were not sufficiently capacitated to implement Section 18 in terms of the NEM: ICMA.

To address the capacity gap, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ('DEA&DP') undertook an extensive process to develop the Western Cape Provincial Coastal Access Strategy and Plan to provide strategic guidance to municipalities and to determine the status quo with respect public coastal access. The DEA&DP further commissioned coastal access audits per coastal District Municipality to identify historic and current access points, areas where the public desire to access the coast, and where conflict areas exist, and intervention is required. The coastal access audits are available on the DEA&DP website at the following URL:

<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp/about-us/meet-chief-directorates/environmental-sustainability/biodiversity-and-coastal-management>.

In further support of implementation of coastal access mandates of District Municipalities, the DEA&DP developed a suite of draft coastal access bylaws to assist municipalities with the administrative process and technical requirements.

This included the development of templates for the designation, withdrawal, or amendment of coastal access land. As coastal access is already provided for at various points along the coast, the designation of coastal access land in terms of the NEM: ICMA is envisaged to be initiated in conflict areas where coastal access needs to be enabled or re-established across private land.

On 23 May 2022, Minister Bredell issued correspondence to coastal municipalities, DFFE and SALGA informing them of the availability of the WC draft coastal access bylaws and requesting municipalities to submit a plan to proclaim and implement the coastal access bylaws. The DEA&DP is tracking the municipal progress with implementation of the coastal access bylaws and is providing support where required.

Municipal progress thus far:

Municipality	Progress	Additional Comment
City of Cape Town	Does not need to designate coastal access land as public coastal access is provided for in the zoning scheme and the City of Cape Town coastal bylaw provides for the management of such land.	DFFE indicated that CoCT may submit a request to the Minister Creecy for exemption from compliance with S18 of the NEM: ICMA
Matzikama	No progress with the implementation of the coastal access bylaws. The DEA&DP is supporting the municipality with specific cases relating to management of public access and unlawful use of ORVs at Brand se Baai and Gert se Baai.	Where no response is received from the municipality by end November 2022 (after 6 months of issuing correspondence by Minister Bredell, the DEA&DP will follow-up with municipal progress as per instruction from the office of Minister Bredell.
Cederberg	No progress with the implementation of the bylaws.	Where no response is received from the municipality by end November 2022 (after 6 months of issuing correspondence by Minister Bredell, the DEA&DP will follow-up with municipal progress as per instruction from the office of Minister Bredell.
Bergervier	Notice was gazetted in terms of Section 12(3)(b) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) that Bergervier Municipality intends to adopt the proposed Bergervier Municipality: Coastal Access Land By-law. Commenting period for the	The DEA&DP: Coastal Management will comment on the Bergervier Municipality: Coastal Access Land By-law and will provide support where required.

	Bergrivier Coastal Access By-law closes on the 04 November 2022. The DEA&DP is supporting the municipality with facilitating and managing public access to the Bergrivier estuary via various access points.	
Saldanha	No progress with the implementation of the bylaws.	Where no response is received from the municipality by end November 2022 (after 6 months of issuing correspondence by Minister Bredell, the DEA&DP will follow-up with municipal progress as per instruction from the office of Minister Bredell.
Overstrand	The Council decision regarding the way forward with implementation of the coastal access bylaws is pending. Response will be provided to Minister Bredell after the Council decision was made.	The DEA&DP has been supporting the municipality with implementation of the pilot study to facilitate public access to the Bot River Lagoon via Middelvlei (previously known as Sonesta).
Cape Agulhas	No progress with the implementation of the bylaws. The DEA&DP is supporting the municipality with specific cases relating to access at Waenshuiskrans.	Where no response is received from the municipality by end November 2022 (after 6 months of issuing correspondence by Minister Bredell, the DEA&DP will follow-up with municipal progress as per instruction from the office of Minister Bredell.
Hessequa	The Council decision regarding the way forward with implementation of the coastal access bylaws is pending. Response will be provided to Minister Bredell after the Council decision was made. The Department has been supporting the municipality with coastal access challenges between Stilbaai and Gouritzmond.	The DEA&DP: Coastal Management with Support from DEA&DP: Legal Services is in the process of obtaining legal assistance from the DotP: Legal.
Mossel Bay	Through the Garden Route District Municipality, a request for assistance with Municipal Agreements between the district and local municipalities was submitted to the DEA&DP. The	The DEA&DP: Coastal Management with Support from DEA&DP: Legal Services is in the process of obtaining legal assistance from the DotP: Legal.

	Department has been supporting the municipality with coastal access challenges at Groot Brak.	
George	Through the Garden Route District Municipality, a request for assistance with Municipal Agreements between the district and local municipalities was submitted to the DEA&DP. The DEA&DP is supporting the municipality to facilitate public access at Ballots Bay and Pacaltsdorp.	The DEA&DP: Coastal Management with Support from DEA&DP: Legal Services is in the process of obtaining legal assistance from the DotP: Legal.
Knysna	Through the Garden Route District Municipality, a request for assistance with Municipal Agreements between the district and local municipalities was submitted to the DEA&DP.	The DEA&DP: Coastal Management with Support from DEA&DP: Legal Services is in the process of obtaining legal assistance from the DotP: Legal.
Bitou	Through the Garden Route District Municipality, a request for assistance with Municipal Agreements between the district and local municipalities was submitted to the DEA&DP.	The DEA&DP: Coastal Management with Support from DEA&DP: Legal Services is in the process of obtaining legal assistance from the DotP: Legal.

Festive season: road crashes and carnage

5. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Mobility:

What plans does his Department have to prevent road crashes and carnage during the festive season and especially the December holiday period especially on the N1 near De Doorns?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

5. The safe movement of all our road users is of paramount importance throughout the year. It is customary to see a huge influx of motorists into the province and equally so leaving the province at the start of the December holidays. The re-deployment of our officers to critical routes will take place during the festive season which promotes the effective utilisation of resources when and where they are needed most.

Our operations, which include but are not limited to specific interventions, will be focussing on the reduction of fixed-point operations on specific days when high volume traffic movements are expected. Our focus approach will be to deploy the maximum number of our staff from our Parow, Worcester, Laingsburg and Beaufort West Traffic Centres on these routes to promote a presence of high visibility specifically in areas on the N1 where our data sets reflect a high crash rate.

Contributory factors include driver negligence, speeding, distracted driving and dangerous over-taking, notably by public transport operators.

The Safely Home road safety behaviour change campaign functions 365 days a year. In December and January, it will focus on alcohol misuse by both drivers and pedestrians over the period, using a combination of traditional media and targeted social and online media. This Festive Season will also see nightly editions of the Western Cape Highway Patrol reality program on eTV, strategically timed at 22h00 Monday to Thursday. This program aims to change driver behaviour by portraying the reality of the lives of traffic officers on our roads.

Traffic officers: vacancies

6. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Mobility:

- (1) Whether there are any (a) shortages of and (b) vacancies for traffic officers in the province; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what (a) are the details of the vacancies for traffic officers and (b) is the budget for traffic officers (i) per municipalities and (ii) in the province;
- (3) what are his Department's plans to increase the number of traffic officers in the province?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

6. (1) Provincial Traffic Services currently has 430 provincial traffic inspectors appointed based on the current approved staff establishment of 430. However, vehicle and human population increases and the requirements of constant improvement in traffic safety have meant Provincial Traffic is undergoing an organisational development process in order to determine an appropriate increase in the size of the service.

The service is being expanded to meet the province's growing service delivery requirements.

The Department is currently being restructured and therefore additional growth will occur in the context of the establishment of a new Mobility Department. Identification of further growth targets is thus in abeyance.

- (2) (a) See (1) above.
- (b) (i) The safety and security budgets of district and local municipalities are published annually. They vary greatly from authority to authority and include related services other than traffic, such as municipal law enforcement and disaster risk management. The total budget specifically allocated to traffic officers across the 30 municipalities is therefore not known.

- (ii) The total budget for Program 5.4 Law Enforcement in 2022/23 is R442 098 000.

(3) See (1) above.

Minister of Infrastructure: official trips

7. Ms P Z Lekker asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to official trips undertaken by the Minister of Infrastructure (previously the Minister of Human Settlements) between 2016 and 2022:

- (1) What are the details of the official trips undertaken by the Minister during the above-mentioned period;
- (2) whether he has taken any officials or chairpersons of standing committee on visits for oversight purposes; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether reports were submitted to the standing committees; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) can copies of these reports be made available?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

7. (1) Official Local Trips for Period: 2019 – 2022

It should be noted to the Member that I took office in May 2019; therefore, the reporting period is from 2019 to date.

MONTH	AREA	PURPOSE OF TRIP
2019		
June	Saldanha Bay	Municipal engagement and visits to projects
	Swartland	Municipal engagement and visits to projects
	Breede Valley	Municipal engagement and visits to the Transhex site
	Drakenstein	Municipal engagement on DHS projects
	Theewaterskloof	Municipal engagement and visits to projects
	Barrydale	Municipal engagement and Sod turning ceremony
	City of Cape Town	Engagements with Councillors and Project Steering Committee engagement
	Overstrand	Ceremonial handover of housing units in Caledon
July	City of Cape Town	Forest Village and Airport Precinct site visits
		Blue Downs Title Deeds handover
		Forest Village beneficiaries public meeting

		Forest Village Ward 16 & 17 beneficiaries public meeting
		Masiphumelele site visit and engagement with Ward Councillors
	Overstrand	Public meeting with the Paradise Park Residence
		Area F (PHP) Housing handover
	George	Metro Grounds site visit
	Bitou	New Horizons Concerned Residents meeting
August	Knysna	Engagement with farmers on housing opportunities
	Bitou	New Horizon community and Ebenezer
	City of Cape Town	Title Deeds handover in Delft
		Greater Retreat engagement with Councillors and Project Steering Committee on project progress
	Oudsthoorn	Title deeds handover
	Swartland	Riebeeck West Housing project site visit and engagement with the municipality
		Riebeeck Valley crisis committee stakeholders engagement with the Municipality
September	Beaufort West	Site Visits
	Cape Agulhas	Housing handovers
	Matzikama	Bitterfontein site visit
	Matzikama	Ebenezer Title deeds handovers
	Overstrand	Paradise Park public meeting
	Overstrand	Zwelihle Public Meeting
	Overstrand	Mount Pleasant Public meeting
	Overstrand	Stakeholders' forum meeting
	City of Cape Town	Highbury Park unit handover
	City of Cape Town	Steenvilla Committee members engagement
	City of Cape Town	Delft Precinct Title Deeds handovers
	Theewaterskloof	Title deeds handovers
October	Laingsburg	Engagement
	Laingsburg	Site visits
	Bitou	South African Human Right Commission (SAHRC) and Bitou municipal engagement
	City of Cape Town	Ward 19 Alliance engagement

	Saldanha Bay	Middlepos Bongweni project meeting
	Bergrivier	Mayco meeting on housing violent protests
	Langeberg	Municipal visit
	Theewaterskloof	Title deeds handover
	City of Cape Town	Greater Retreat ward 63 meeting
	Cape Winelands	Housing Database Verification and update drive
	Overberg	Housing Database verification and update drive
	City of Cape Town	Forest Village Unit and Title deeds handovers
	West Coast	Housing Database verification update drive
	Garden Route	Housing Database verification drive
	City of Cape Town	Tsunami Public meeting
	City of Cape Town	Thabo Mbeki Public meeting
	City of Cape Town	Taiwan Public Meeting
	City of Cape Town	YB Taiwan Public Meeting
	City of Cape Town	Meeting with the Velddrift Task Team and the Municipality
	City of Cape Town	Ithemba and Penhill engagement
	City of Cape Town	Low – key Ministerial oversight visit on the relocations in Forest Village
	Garden Route	Discussions on possible projects with Minister of Social development and Mayor of the Garden Route Municipality
	City of Cape Town	Delft Title Deeds Handovers
	Overstrand	Hawston Houses Handover
2020		
October	Plettenberg Bay	Community members engagement
	Stellenbosch	Pniel Title Deed Handover
November	Breede Valley	Engagement with Transhex beneficiaries
2021		
February	Garden Route	MOA Press Briefing & Foodbank Engagement
March	Mossel Bay	Human Settlements Summit
	Breede Valley	Transhex Site Inspection

April	Swellendam	Barrydale Housing Handover
	Vredendal	Matzikama Municipal Engagement
	Matzikama	Tronox Mineral Separation Plan, Koekenaap
	Bergrivier	Bergrivier Municipal Engagement and Title Deed Handover
	Saldanha Bay	Saldanha Bay Municipal Engagement and Title Deed Handover
	Malmesbury	Swartland Municipal Engagement & Serviced Sites Handover
	George	Syferfontein Housing Handover
	Garden Route	Premier and Ministerial Outreach in Garden Route
May	Witzenberg	Witzenberg Municipal Engagement
	Langeberg	Langeberg Municipal Engagement
	Drakenstein	Drakenstein Municipal Engagement
	Stellenbosch	Stellenbosch Municipal Engagement
June	Bredasdorp	Cape Agulhas Municipal Engagement
	Overstrand	Overstrand Municipal Engagement
	Theewaterskloof	Theewaterskloof Municipal Engagement
	Kannaland	Kannaland Ministerial Council Engagement
	Oudtshoorn	Oudtshoorn Ministerial Council Engagement
	Knysna	Knysna Ministerial Council Engagement
	George	George Ministerial Council Engagement
	Mossel Bay	Mossel Bay Ministerial Council Engagement
July	Hessequa	Hessequa Ministerial Council Engagement
	Slangrivier	Slangrivier Title deed Handover
	George	Golden Valley Site Visit
	Cederberg	Cederberg Council Engagement
	De Novo	De Novo Rectification Project

August	George	Handover of construction toolkits to learners
September	Lambert's Bay	Lambert's Bay Community meeting
	Gansbaai	Blompark Sod Turning Ceremony
	Swellendam	Railton FLISP Housing project Sod turning
	Melkhoutfontein	Melkhoutfontein Sod turning
	Moorreesburg	Ceremonial opening of Sibanye play park
October	Oudtshoorn	Dysselsdorp Sod turning
	George	Golden Valley Housing Handover
	Plettenberg Bay	Qolweni Site visit
December	Plettenberg Bay	Ebenhaezer Title Deed Handover
	Vredendal	Vredendal Housing Handover
	Cederberg	Lambert's Bay site visit
	Cederberg	Lambert's Bay Housing Handover
2022		
January	Garden Route	Outreach with the National Ministry Plettenberg Bay – Qolweni bricklaying ceremony George – Syferfontein Title Deed handover Grootbrakrivier – Wolwedans walkabout Mossel Bay – Mountain View Project oversight
February	Velddrif	Velddrif Title deeds handover
March	Mamre	Mamre Title deeds handover
April	Plettenberg Bay	Qolweni Site visit Ebenhaezer Community Engagement
	Uniondale	Toolkit handover
	Grootbrakrivier	Wolwedans Site visit
	Hessequa	Melkhoutfontein Project Site visit
June	Plettenberg Bay	Qolweni Housing Handover

July	Vlakkeland	Vlakkeland Housing Project Phases 1.1 &1.3 site handover
August	Malmesbury	De Hoop housing handover
	Garden Route	Social Housing Project Partner launch Infrastructure meeting with Mossel Bay Municipality 1 st Thursdays on a Monday
September	Cape Agulhas	Deferred Ownership Launch in Bredasdorp
	Garden Route District	Melkhoutfontein Project Bricklaying Ebenhaeser Community Engagement Dysselsdorp Housing Handover Syferfontein FLISP Housing Handover Metrogrounds Project SOD turning Garden Road oversight

Minister's International Trips for Period: 2019 - 2022

MONTH	AREA	PURPOSE OF TRIP
2020		
February	Abi Dhabi	Participation in the 10 th session of the World Urban Forum in Abi Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
2022		
June	Poland	Participation in the 11 th session of the World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland

- (2) Yes, it is standard procedure to have Senior Management officials from the Department, as well as key support staff from my office accompany me on outreaches and official trips. Invitations were extended to the Standing Committee through the Chairperson.
- (3) My office is not obligated to report on official trips to the Standing Committee, and therefore no reports were submitted to the Standing Committee. However, reports were submitted to Cabinet for the two international trips undertaken in 2020, and 2022 respectively.

*Panthera tigris: unregistered breeding facilities***8. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

- (1) (a) How many (i) registered and (ii) unregistered breeding facilities for tigers (*Panthera tigris*) are located in the province, (b) what (i) are the names of all the breeding facilities and (ii) is the number of tigers at each of these facilities as at the latest date for which information is available, (c) what controls has his Department implemented to ensure that tiger parts and derivatives are not allowed to enter the illegal trade as prohibited by international treaties;
- (2) noting CITES decision 14.69 that requires that facilities restrict their populations to the extent that they only support the conservation of wild tigers, (a) what proof does the Department require from these facilities to establish whether they indeed contribute to the conservation of tigers and (b)(i) how many of the registered tiger-breeding facilities have been inspected or audited with regard to the controls regarding the breeding of tigers and the trade in tiger parts and derivatives and (ii) what were the findings of these inspections?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

8. (1) (a) (i) There are no registered breeding facilities for tigers in the province.
- (ii) CapeNature has no knowledge of unregistered breeding facilities for tigers in the Western Cape.
- (b) (i) and (ii) There are five facilities in the province which are permitted to keep tigers in captivity; however, the breeding of tigers is prohibited. The names of the facilities with the number of tigers each are:

Jukani Wildlife Ranch	two
George Wildlife Park	two
Panthera Africa	two
Vredenheim	two
Cango Wildlife Ranch	eight
- (c) Tigers are listed as CITES Appendix 1, which means they are categorized as "endangered wild animal species" in terms of the Nature Conservation Ordinance administered by CapeNature. Permits are required for all activities involving tigers (i.e. import, export, transport, hunt, sell, buy, keep in captivity), including the carcass of the animal (which includes any part of the animal, whether dried, smoked, salted, cured or treated in any manner). Any such activity performed without a permit is an offence.

- (2) (a) Facilities which are permitted to keep tigers in captivity in the province must apply for renewal of permits annually. These facilities are subject to scheduled and ad hoc compliance inspections, which include checking the validity of permits and permit conditions. Failure to comply with any permit or permit condition, which includes any trade in tiger parts and derivatives, is an offence
- (b) (i) and (ii) There are no registered tiger-breeding facilities.

Winter-rain crops: prospects

9. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:

- (a) What are the prospects for the current winter-rain crops in the province and (b) how does this compare with the last five years' expectations, (c)(i) to what extent do the complaints about sharp increases in input costs in the agricultural sector in the province ring true and (ii) what typical costs can be cited to illustrate this, (d) what do these sharp increases in input costs mean for (i) the future of agriculture and (ii) future food prices in South Africa and (e) how do these increases in costs for South African farmers compare to cost movements in other countries that South African farmers compete against?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

9. (a) The 2022 rainfall was well below normal distribution. It varied in areas with some 40 to 50% (Swartland) of their annual rainfall, while others ranged between 65 and 85% (more Southern Cape)
- (b) Yields are expected to be down from 2021 and 2020 levels. Year 2019 was a wet season for the Southern Cape, while 2018 for the most part was normal across the Cape although strong winds out of season caused severe crop losses in some Swartland areas.
- (c) (i) The increase in input costs is not a myth. Severe price increases in fertiliser occurred between the end of 2021 and before the 2022 planting season started. If you applied the same amount of the same fertiliser in 2022 as you did in 2021 it would have been at least 60% more expensive.
- (ii) Other input costs such as herbicides also increased sharply. Prices were impacted by the global Covid pandemic in terms of availability that lead to price increases and were further put under pressure by the war in Ukraine, a significant producer of inorganic fertilizers.
- (d) (i) Current and future food security should not be under pressure since current practices still use too much fertiliser and that can be countered if farmers trust in their systems and practice conservation agriculture, the same yields can be obtained with less fertiliser.

- (ii) The future food prices are influenced by macro and microeconomic factors, and some the prices are transitory. The recent BFAP baseline projections for food inflation in 2023 based on several scenarios, projects average food inflation of 3.7% if South African inflation remains firm as the global grain supply shock persists. Whereas, if the prices of global and local grains ease moderately, the projected average food inflation will be at 3.5%. But if the global supply responds to driving prices down, the projected food inflation will be lower at 3%. Other considerations are that the transition between the input costs to retail prices is weak, as consumers buy processed food at manufacturer prices. However, high input costs are a major concern when they led to a reduction in production at the farm level, since this will increase the commodity price resulting in higher prices.
- (e) The rise in fertiliser prices affected the whole world where these are imported. The slow shipping during Covid has also increased shipping costs which had an impact on the increase in input costs. South Africa imports over 70% of its fertilizers, over 90% of its agrochemicals (e.g. herbicides, fungicides) and also imports all of its fuel, which are all critical inputs in agriculture. However, the differences in cost movement in other countries compared to South African farmers are influenced by currency exchange rates against the US dollar and whether the competitor countries are subsidised or not.

Ebenhaeser Irrigation Scheme

10. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:

With regard to the Ebenhaeser Irrigation Scheme:

- (a) What impact has the scheme had on the commercial viability of land-restitution farms, (b) what has been the contribution of his Department to the success of the scheme both (i) financially and (ii) non-financially, (c) how has beneficiaries benefitted from the scheme and (d) how many jobs are supported by the farms that benefit from the scheme?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

10. (a) The Ebenhaezer Irrigation Revitalisation Project was primarily focussed on the 153 irrigation plot holders in the Ebenhaezer community. When the people of Ebenhaezer was dispossessed of their land in 1924, those 153 members of the community who were older than 18, married and male, each received 2 morgen ($\pm 1,68$ hectares) of irrigation land. By 2007, when a delegation from Ebenhaezer came to visit the HOD of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA) in search of assistance, the canal system supporting these plots was in such a state of disrepair that the individual farmers could not receive their water allocation.

Based on this request, the WCDoA investigated the various options and in the end recommended that the canal system should be replaced by a piped system through which the water could be delivered at three Bar pressure to the individual farmers. This project fundamentally changed the viability of farming in the Ebenhaezer community.

- (b) (i) The WCDoA contributed R53 013 000 (excluding Compensation of Employees and direct operational costs) to the revitalisation of the Ebenhaezer irrigation scheme through the various actions listed below. The cost of the bulk irrigation infrastructure, with an initial contract value of R92 506 810, was completed at the final project cost of R78 835 522. This completion cost lower than the contract value can largely be ascribed to the special oversight role funded and provided by the WCDoA.
- (ii) in addition to the initial conceptualisation of the irrigation system, the WCDoA and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) – later amalgamated with other entities to form the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) – agreed to embark on a joint project with DRDLR taking responsibility for funding the bulk irrigation system whilst the WCDoA are responsible for overall project management as well as on-farm development. To this end the WCDoA rendered the following:
- Final design of the irrigation system
 - Engineering oversight.
 - Digitising the boundaries of individual farms.
 - Determining the “ownership” (or user rights) of individual farms.
 - Removal of trees from the farms.
 - Drainage of inundated areas.
 - Breaking the “dorbank” in certain areas with the associated removal of rocks.
 - Soil preparation.
 - Providing on-farm irrigation infrastructure.
 - Supporting individual farmers to establish long term, vegetable and vegetable seed crops.
 - Support 80 farmers to establish lucern as an entry point farming activity.
 - Providing a phased-down water subsidy to the farmers over the first five years.
 - Documenting the whole project; including the important elements of inter-departmental cooperation.
- (c) Although individual farmers had user and water rights to their plots, they could not make use of these rights due to the poor quality of the bulk irrigation infrastructure.

This project enabled and empowered these farmers to use their rights to generate an income from their assets. It is important to note that those plot holders not interested in farming, can now rent their land out to other farmers. Similarly, those in the community, interested in farming but with no access to land, can also rent land. In addition, the sense of self-worth and the value of renewed economic activity in the community should never be underestimated.

- (d) Due to the mix of commodities (e.g. lucern, wine grapes, brassica seed, etc.) produced in Ebenhaezer and the differential employment implications of these commodities, combined with the complex mix of permanent, temporary and family employment opportunities It is very difficult to provide a definitive figure on the number of jobs created. However, one can safely say that at least one permanent employment opportunity was created for each of the 153 irrigation plots.

School of skills: Manenberg

11. Mr S N August asked the Minister of Education:

With reference to the construction of a school of skills in Manenberg:

- (1) (a) Which construction company or companies (i) submitted tenders for this project and (ii) won the tender for this project and (b) what is the total cost of the tender issued;
- (2) whether the budget of this tender has been preliminary increased for the 2022/23 financial year; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any of the companies that tendered for this project are currently engaged in litigation; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the construction at the designated site is currently underway; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

11. The contract resides with the Department of Transport and Public Works. The member would need to address the question to the Minister of Infrastructure.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Head of Office: Human Settlements

1. Ms P Z Lekker asked the Premier:

- (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, served as Head of Office for the Minister of Human Settlements; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) for how long did this person occupy the position;
- (2) whether a request to appoint this person as Head of Office for the Minister of Transport and Public Works in 2019 was denied; if so, (a) on what basis was it denied and (b)(i) who was then appointed as Head of Office and (ii) on what basis was this person appointed?

The PREMIER:

1. (1) Yes. She served as Head of Office for the Minister of Human Settlements for the period of 01/07/2014 up until 30/06/2019.
 - (a) She was appointed in 2014 in terms of Public Service Regulation 66 which provided for the filling of posts within offices of Executive Authorities by way of an appointment (without advertising) or by way of transfer.
 - (b) She served as Head of Office for the Minister of Human Settlements for the period 01/07/2014 up until 30/06/2019.
- (2) In line with new national regulations and directives, the person mentioned could not be considered for the Head of Ministry post.
 - (a) Public Service Regulation, 2016 (as amended) 66 (2) indicates that subject to the appointment criteria, an Executive Authority may fill a post in the Office of the Executive Authority (without advertising). These 2016 regulations are to be read together with the DPSA Directive dated 11 November 2017 which stipulates what the inherent entry requirements are at SMS level (ie. the qualifications required).

These changes came into force in 2017, and do not affect employees who were hired before this time, as this would be prejudicial. They apply to all new appointees, post 2017.

At the 2019 elections, all the contracts of the ministerial staff, including that of the above-mentioned person, ended (they were linked to term, as is the requirement). The recruitment of new ministry staff was commenced after the election.

Due to the above regulation change and new directive, which now applied, the person referred to above could not be considered for the above post as she did not meet the qualification requirements.

- (b) (i) Mr Clive Morgan Roos was appointed to serve as the Head of Office in the Ministry of Transport and Public Works.
- (ii) Mr Clive Morgan Roos was appointed in terms of Public Service Regulation 66 which provides for the filling of posts within offices of Executive Authorities by way of an appointment (without advertising) or by way of transfer.

Water allocation to farmers

2. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:

(a) To what extent has the water allocation to farmers, as managed by the Lower Olifants River Water Users Association (Lorwua), been curbed for this summer season, (b) which entity is responsible for annually determining the percentage of the water quotas that may be used by quota holders and (c) to what extent will the plan to increase the capacity of the Clanwilliam Dam alleviate the challenges and uncertainty for farmers?

The minister OF AGRICULTURE:

- 2. (a) The annual hydrological cycle for the Lower Olifants River Water User Association is from 1 October to 30 September of the following year. However, most of the allocated water will be used during the peak summer irrigation period which commenced on 1 October 2022 and will end towards the end of May 2023 after crops are harvested. Under normal conditions the water allocation for the summer irrigation cycle is in the order of 7000 m³/ha, but due to the far below average rainfall received during the winter of 2022 and the Clanwilliam Dam only reaching 88% of the full storage capacity, the water allocation for the current summer irrigation cycle was set at 4650m³/ha.
- (b) The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is responsible for the management of water resources at the Olifants Doorn River Catchment level and accordingly may impose water restrictions on water users. Within the jurisdiction of LORWUA, the Water User Association is responsible for water distribution and the adjustment of water use allocations for a particular period.
- (c) The raising of the Clanwilliam Dam will enlarge the storage capacity of the dam with the purpose of transformation and to establish resource poor farmers, who will benefit from 75% of additional yield, while the remaining 25% of additional yield will be to improve the assurance of supply to existing water use allocations.

By improving the annual assurance of supply, farmers will have more certainty on the amount of water they receive on a yearly basis. This will enable farmers to, within the crop mix, plant more profitable perennial crops.

Rail safety: improvement of

3. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Mobility:

- (1) Whether the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa or any of the other national rail entities in the past contributed to the costs related to the improvement of rail safety, such as the construction of road bridges over railway lines; if so, what are the details on how these costs were split;
- (2) (a) what percentage of the amounts referred to in (1) was claimed from national state entities responsible for rail transport, (b) from which national state entities were claimed and (c) what amounts are still outstanding;
- (3) (a) what is the age analysis of any outstanding amounts that were claimed and (b) what actions were undertaken to communicate and follow up on these claims;
- (4) what dispute-resolution options are available for provinces (a) that wish to claim for costs incurred on behalf of national state entities and (b) that do not receive feedback about such claims;
- (5) what is the estimated amount spent by the Western Cape Government on improving the safety of railway crossings over the last ten years?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

3. Given that parts of this question relate to infrastructure, your attention is drawn to the fact that Minister Simmers is responsible for the infrastructure portfolio. However, I am informed as follows by the Department of Transport and Public Works:
 - (1) Yes. The cost split on rail elimination works is based on the guidelines outlined in paragraph 2.3 (a) of the document; "Technical requirements for engineering operational standards – Track, civil and electrical infrastructure – Level crossing," (SANS 000-2-2-1-1:2012 Edition 1/RSR 2-2-1-2012 Edition 1). The split can therefore vary from project to project.
 - (2) (a) Refer reply to (1)
(b) Prasa and Transnet
(c) One amount of R51m
 - (3) (a) The amount in (2)(c) is outstanding on C914 of 2015.
(b) Meetings at Executive, Project Steering Committee and Legal Services levels. Various reminder letters have been sent.

- (4) (a) and (b) The provisions of the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, Act 13 of 2005.
- (5) Specific rail safety spending is not classified within larger road projects and is therefore not available.

SMME Booster Fund

4. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the beneficiaries of the SMME Booster Fund:

(a) What support is her Department providing to upskill businesses in the adoption of online payment methods, (b) what benefits has this had for these businesses, (c) what are the number of businesses that have received this support to date and (d) what sort of online payment methods are businesses adopting?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

4. I have been advised as follows:

- (a) The Enterprise Development unit within the Department has since 2019 predominantly assisted Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) through the SMME Booster Fund (the Fund). The Fund follows a demand-led partnership driven collaborative model to assist SMMEs. The Fund supports new and existing SMME focussed projects implemented by organisations. The SMME beneficiaries linked to the various projects undergo a business assessment. The businesses assessment determines the nature and type of interventions that would be most beneficial to the identified SMMEs. In 2021, the RLabs SMME Booster Fund collaboration had as part of its support package, a digitisation component. This component included the development of e-commerce websites and the acquisition of card payment machines (Yoco) for the SMME beneficiaries of the project.
- (b) The benefits attributed to the SMME recipients of these interventions are as follows:
 - Ability to participate at pop-up markets, flea markets and trading events (or similar); and
 - Improvement in safety as it minimises the handling of cash.
- (c) Of the 105 businesses supported by the RLabs SMME Booster Fund collaboration, a total of 16 were assisted with digital payment interventions.
- (d)
 - E-commerce
 - Card machines
 - Snap scan

*Small-scale embedded generation and wheeling***5. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

With regard to small-scale embedded generation (SSEG) and wheeling:

- (1) (a) What support is provided to municipalities, (b) how many SSEGs have been brought online to date, (c) how much electricity is this anticipated to bring into the grid once fully implemented, (d) in which municipalities has it been rolled out to date and (e) what is the current shortfall in electricity in the province;
- (2) whether all the municipalities have submitted their tariff plans; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

5. I have been advised as follows:

- 1 (a) Through the Municipal Energy Resilience (MER) Initiative's private sector enablement component, the following projects are being implemented:
 - i. Profiling the future energy demand of private sector high electricity users in the Western Cape (WC): This project involves the identification of, and engagement with, the highest electricity users in each municipality (5 for each local municipality and 20 for the City of Cape Town) in order to determine their current and future electricity requirements and plans, including the implementation of energy systems and / or the use of wheeling. The project will include recommendations for potential barrier removals. Following the profiling, the intention is to map the information against municipal grid capacity (where available, with five updated municipal electricity masterplans being funded through the WC MER Fund and a further three through the Department of Local Government), feed the data into the municipal revenue impact assessment project below, feed into the Long-Term Energy Plan work being undertaken by WCG, and open channels of communication between businesses and municipalities towards enabling the implementation of energy projects.
 - ii. Municipal wheeling revenue impact assessment: The project will use the data gathered in the project above to develop a model to determine the potential municipal revenue impact of allowing wheeling on specific municipal networks). The model will be used to determine the potential impacts for other municipalities toward supporting their decision-making regarding wheeling.

- iii. Draft framework for Use of Systems agreements for municipal wheeling: This project will provide standardized Use of Systems agreement templates for all municipalities, based on actual mature projects in George Municipality, that can be used to accelerate the deployment of electricity wheeling. These agreements are required by energy developers and municipalities to enter into any wheeling transaction, and by standardizing the documentation we aim to reduce the costs and timeline associated with wheeling transactions.
 - iv. The MER team is further involved in a national wheeling colloquium including members from various municipalities across the country, national entities (including Eskom, SALGA, Presidency, DMRE) and various large energy users. The aim of the colloquium is to propose a standard approach for wheeling.
 - v. The province is also currently underway with collecting and verifying the capacity of registered SSEG systems from local municipalities as well as understanding the challenges registered owners and municipalities are currently experiencing with these systems so that we can better understand how we may be able to assist all.
- (b) To date, the total cumulative capacity of registered SSEG within the Western Cape is 180 MWp. This data is collected quarterly from municipalities and includes all systems that are registered with the municipality. Previous work and engagements with municipalities have indicated that a portion of SSEG systems currently installed may be unregistered and therefore this figure is regarded as being conservative.
- (c) It is the goal of the province and the MER Initiative to have 500 MW of lower carbon electricity produced in the Western Cape by 2025, which will include SSEG and wheeling as well as pioneering projects at municipalities and large-scale REIPPPP projects.
- (d) Currently 23 of the 24 local municipalities within the Western Cape as well as the City of Cape Town allow for SSEG installations, while 20 local municipalities and the City of Cape Town have SSEG feed-in tariffs. See appendix A.
- (e) According to a Meridian Economics paper (June 2022), 5.2 GW (i.e. 5 200 MW) of additional renewable energy would have reduced load shedding by 96% in 2021. During 2022 the shortfall has increased as indicated by the increased load shedding experienced. Typically, the Western Cape accounts for about 10% of the national energy use, which means that the Western Cape conceptually had a shortfall of approximately 520 MW in 2021. However, it is important to note the following:

- Viewing the Western Cape as a separate entity is not possible due to the interconnectedness of the grid and generation capacity.
- The electricity shortfall changes on a very frequent basis – Stage 1 of load shedding means that the country is 1 000 MW short, while stage 6 means a 6 000 MW shortfall.

(2) Municipalities are required to submit their tariff applications to NERSA on an annual basis. This information could be requested from individual municipalities or from NERSA.

Appendix A:

#	Municipality	Allow SSEG	Feed-in tariffs
1	Beaufort West Local	Yes	Yes
2	Bergervier Local	Yes	No
3	Bitou Local	Yes	Yes
4	Breede Valley Local	Yes	Yes
5	Cape Agulhas Local	Yes	Yes
6	Cederberg Local	Yes	Yes
7	City of Cape Town	Yes	Yes
8	Drakenstein Local	Yes	Yes
9	George Local	Yes	Yes
10	Hessequa Local	Yes	Yes
11	Kannaland Local	Yes	No
12	Knysna Local	Yes	Yes
13	Laingsburg Local	Yes	No
14	Langeberg Local	Yes	Yes
15	Matzikama Local	Yes	Yes
16	Mossel Bay Local	Yes	Yes
17	Oudtshoorn Local	Yes	Yes
18	Overstrand Local	Yes	Yes
19	Prince Albert Local	Yes	Yes
20	Saldanha Bay Local	Yes	Yes
21	Stellenbosch Local	Yes	Yes
22	Swartland Local	Yes	Yes
23	Swellendam Local	No	No
24	Theewaterskloof Local	Yes	Yes
25	Witzenberg Local	Yes	Yes

*Problem-driven Iterative Adaptation Programme***6. Mr C Fry asked the Premier:**

How has the Problem-driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA) programme been beneficial for governance in the province, particularly in the field of commuter mobility and safety?

The PREMIER:

6. The Problem-Driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA) approach was introduced to expand the problem-solving methods and tools available to Western Cape Government (WCG). The PDIA approach helps break down problems into their root causes, identify entry points, search for possible solutions, act, reflect upon lessons learned, adapt and then act again. It is a dynamic process with tight feedback loops that allows the building of solutions that fit the local context. PDIA is underpinned by strong governance arrangements that includes supportive top leadership (authorisers) which is critical for achieving the more tangible benefits. PDIA allows for the identification of initial quick wins, agility, and flexibility to mobilise quickly to implement initiatives.

The work of the Commuter Mobility team, which is a collaboration between the WCG Departments, such as Transport and Public Works and the City of Cape Town has been seen as a success. The PDIA has allowed an integrated team to do an in-depth breakdown of a very complex problem to develop bespoke solutions, to deal with both the impact and possible root causes of attacks on buses. A close-knit group was formed to direct and control the actions identified by the group to meet the desired objectives. The PDIA process itself provided the framework and structure for decision making, with the additional structure for accountability and control provided for by the PDIA co-ordinating team members, who played a crucial part of the overall team. By implementing the PDIA methodology, progress on meeting the groups' objectives were regularly monitored and risks (as well as challenges) addressed in an iterative, "learn-by-doing" manner.

Since the implementation of the interventions there has been a marked decrease in robberies on buses and the modus operandi has changed from robbing the passengers, to mostly targeting the cash and valuables of the drivers. There has been several arrests and a conviction, where the perpetrator was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment of which half was suspended for 5 years. The methodology allowed collaboration around a common problem, rapid adaptation when a particular solution no longer met the desired outcomes, and monitoring impact throughout the program to alter solutions if required.

The team also had a strong focus on sustainability of the countermeasures developed to ensure the gains made could be maintained. The introduction of technology on buses has transformed the approach to crime-fighting on public transport and has provided insights to – and has altered – the modus operandi of the perpetrators.

Many lessons learned from this process could in future be applied to other modes of public transport.

The Safety team was broadly constituted with members from all three spheres of government as well as the Institute for Security Studies. The diversity of this team meant the authorising environment had multiple facets. Healthy relationships were established and maintained at a team level and a stated outcome was an improved partnership between the WCG, the National Prosecuting Agency and the South African Police Services.

The team noted many lessons learnt in the process and a key one is managing contextual realities in the application of the PDIA methodology. The Safety team is taking the work forward in applying lessons learnt and PDIA capability to a newly developed/reformulated problem statement. The problem area to focus on will be aligned to and support the safety plan and the area of GBV is one being considered.

Through the application of the PDIA process, teams generated tangible benefits that continue to hold in the operating space of the WCG. Beginning with the collaborative nature of the approach, PDIA teams were able to begin and continue facilitating the process of building networks and partnerships both within the WCG and between WCG and other government and non-government entities. The requirement for transversal collaboration in the crafting of problem statements and identification of interventions meant that departments had insights into their operational processes and developed connections that have the potential to maintain this line-of-sight post following a PDIA approach.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Zwaanswyk High school: dismissal of principal

1. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

With regard to the PSC investigation and subsequent charge and dismissal of the principal of the Zwaanswyk High School, as well as her appeal of the decision: (a) (i) What were the charges and findings against the principal, (ii) how was the decision to dismiss the principal arrived at and (iii) can a copy of the minutes of the hearings be made available and (b)(i) what are the details of the officials who attended the appeal, (ii) what factors were considered and (iii) how did his Department arrive at the decision to reinstate her?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

1. (a) (i) The teacher was charged with seven charges of misconduct on 10 December 2021.

The Presiding Officer found that the teacher was guilty on three of the seven charges, which related to financial management and prescripts.

On 30 April 2022 the presiding officer imposed a sanction of dismissal.

- (ii) An External Presiding Officer was appointed to preside over the matter on 19 January 2022. The disciplinary hearing took place on 24-25 February 2022 and 4 April 2022. Closing arguments were heard on 11 April 2022.

On 19 April 2022, the Presiding Officer ruled that the teacher was guilty of misconduct on three charges. Parties had to submit factors in aggravation and mitigation of sanction on 25 April 2022. On 30 April 2022, the presiding officer imposed a sanction of dismissal.

- (iii) The member can request access to the minutes in terms of the provisions of Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA).

- (b) (i) I considered the appeal as Provincial Minister of Education, as per Section 25 of the Employment of Educators Act.

The teacher appealed the outcome of the hearing to my office on 16 May 2022. On 6 September 2022, I ruled that the dismissal be overturned.

- (ii) Procedural and Substantive Fairness was considered.
- (iii) I upheld the appeal against the finding of the presiding officer in respect of Charges 1 and 2, based on considerations of procedural and substantive fairness.

I dismissed the appeal against the finding of the presiding officer in respect of Charge 3.

I upheld the appeal against the sanction of dismissal. The sanction was changed to a Final Written Warning and a fine, with a recommendation for the provision of financial training for the principal and School Governing Body (SGB).

Hout Bay High school: acting principal

2. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Education:

The acting principal of the Hout Bay High School, whose name has been furnished to his Department, has been recalled after three days in the position: (1) On what grounds was he recalled; (2) whether he was subjected to a hearing before being recalled; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? (723)

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

2. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) The principal post at Hout Bay High School became vacant on 31 January 2022 when the previous principal took early retirement. A retired principal was appointed as curator principal from 1 February to 30 September 2022. Thereafter, the Department struggled to find a suitable candidate to act as curator principal for Term 4.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of senior management experience at the school. However, given the immediate need to appoint someone to manage the school, the School Governing Body (SGB) then agreed that the two departmental heads would each act as principal in Term 4 of 2022 and Term 1 of 2023, respectively.

During the October 2022 school holidays, a letter was sent to the Ministry of Education raising various concerns about the appointment of the departmental head and the current challenges experienced at the school.

After due consideration, the Department, SGB and School Management Team (SMT) unanimously reconsidered their previous decision and supported the option to find an alternative curator principal that had the necessary experience in running the school.

The stability of the school, as well as the possible impact on the heads of department's management at the school during the critical period of National Senior Certificate Examinations was taken into consideration.

The previous ex-principal (who had retired in January 2022), was able to accommodate the request and was appointed.

The departmental head wrote to the Department indicating his support for this decision.

- (2) There was no need for a hearing or an investigation. The decision to recall the departmental head was made in conjunction with the SMT, SGB and district office. The Department is in the process of finalising the appointment of a permanent principal.

SAPS: capital projects

3. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In relation to capital projects of the SAPS in the province: (a) How much does it cost to (i) refurbish and (ii) build a new police station on average, (b) what are the determinants that influence the decision either to refurbish or to build a new station and (c) what is the province's current list of the top 10 capital works priorities for the 2024–2028 financial years?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

3. (a) (i) The cost to refurbish a police station varies from one police station to another. The condition and the size of police station will determine the cost. It will therefore not be advisable to indicate the cost without knowing the work packages of the police stations.
- (ii) The cost of building a new police station varies from one station to another. Factors like the size of the new station, the suitability of the site, i.e topography or slope and the availability of infrastructure services play a role in the cost.
- (b) The determinants that influence the decision to refurbish an old police station or to build a new station, is the informed structural condition and utilisation of the station. The building of a newly established is informed by resolution of the community stakeholder interaction which is due to the crime rate of the area concerned, the growth of the community as well the proximity of the police station.
- (c) The Province's top 10 for the capital works priorities for the 2024 –

2028 financial years are:

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Klapmuts | 6) Kraaifontein North |
| 2) Kwanokuthula | 7) Du Noon |
| 3) Kwanonqaba | 8) Zwelethemba |
| 4) Vrygrond | 9) Khayelitsha |
| 5) Bonteheuwel | 10) Vredenburg |

Department of Infrastructure: Business Continuity Plan

4. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What did his Departmental Business Continuity Plan entail in the 2020/21 financial year and (b) how did the plan help his Department reach its targets? (725)

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

4. (a) The Business Continuity Plan (BCP) incorporates the Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery (PPRR) Framework and is updated annually. The BCP prepares the steps the Department will take to recover systems and how to continue with critical business functions with minimal resources during and after an interruption. The Plan acted as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and was reviewed to facilitate the development and approval of contingency plans in order to cater for the disaster. The review of the plan also ensured that the Department adhered to the State of Disaster Regulations. Additionally, the Department completed ICT Maintenance and Testing of the Online Workbook to discover possible system errors and correct it accordingly.
- (b) The BCP ensured the continued delivery of Department of Human Settlements services to its clients. The various initiatives related to the BCP were executed as mitigating measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan significantly assisted and guided the Department by ensuring that all staff and facilities were fully operational and compliant throughout the hard lockdown. The Plan was implemented with associated Contingency Plans.

The initiatives and interventions raised awareness with staff and visitors visiting our buildings regarding health and safety as well as COVID-19 preventative measures to restrict transmission of the virus.

The BCP empowered Line Functions to set up functional project management teams working remotely but using technology to remain effective at their roles in facilitating the implementation of projects.

The BCP enabled a safe platform from which officials could facilitate recommencement of construction activities on sites guided by the Health and Safety Assessment and recommendations.

Externally appointed Health and Safety professionals played a significant role in easing back construction works in line with the regular government notices that were issued.

The BCP with reference to both the Water shortage crisis as well as the Covid crisis, has been instrumental in assisting this Department to meet targets within the APP. It afforded officials the opportunity to continue working in a safe manner, and to remain effective.

The contractors closed the projects in terms of the Disasters Management Act and the regulations that was issued with COVID. All sites were closed during the hard lockdown when it re-opened, when it was allowed, it was in terms of prescribed health and safety instructions. Strict COVID-19 protocols were implemented, e.g. social distancing, masks, sanitizers, attendance registers, temperature checks etc.

Municipalities: technical support to

5. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

Technical support was provided to 26 municipalities in the 2020/21 financial year: (a) What type of technical support was given to the municipalities and (b) how has this support benefited the municipalities in implementing housing projects?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

5. (a) In line with the Annual Performance Plan, the technical indicator refers to 'dedicated support provided to municipalities to accelerate and unlock planning activities of human settlement projects'.

All 25 local municipalities and one District (Garden Route) was provided with technical support by the Departmental Regional Planners, which can be summarised as (but not limited to) the following:

- **Human Settlement Plans (HSPs):**

- Bitou Municipality appointed a service provider to undertake their HSP. The Western Cape Department of Human Settlements (WCDHS) was part of the PSC thus feeding into the strategy and influencing the human settlements pipeline.

- George and Saldanha Bay Municipalities sourced Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) funds, in order to undertake their HSPs as part of the accreditation process. The Regional Planners formed part of the established PSC, contributed toward data, statistical and knowledge sourcing and inputted into document content. The George HSP has been endorsed by Council, with the support of the WCDHS. The Saldanha Bay HSP is still in process.

➤ The Garden Route District Municipality has initiated the development of an Integrated Human Settlements Plan by the district officials. Through a range of workshops and discussions, the Department enabled the District to formulate the IHSP, through the creation of a workable document for the local municipalities to be consulted on and buy-in to be garnered. This plan will contribute toward the intended Accreditation process.

- **Spatial Development Framework (SDF):**

The Beaufort West and Hessequa Municipalities have undertaken a review of their relevant SDF's. Critical hereto was to ensure land is identified for future human settlement development. Through the PSC and technical discussions, the Department collaborated with DEADP to ensure the municipal human settlement need is addressed and that the human settlements pipeline is responsive to the intentions of the applicable SDF.

- **Municipal Integrated Development Plans (IDP):**

The Department reviewed and commented on the draft IDP of all 25 local municipalities, to ensure provision is made for human settlement development within its content. This was again verified through final IDP review.

➤ The **Joint District & Management Area Programme** was endorsed in year 2021, with a One Plan currently being implemented. This Department is playing a supportive role, in conjunction with other departments and entities, in all 5 districts.

- **Municipal Human Settlements Pipeline (technical support):**

This support entails monthly technical engagements with all 25 Local Municipalities. Progress of individual human settlements projects are tracked, project level funding is monitored, budgets developed, new project identified and planning initiated. The Department also enabled the Municipalities to package projects consistent to the department's strategic objectives/priorities. The result of these technical inputs is that new human settlement projects are being unlocked for implementation.

- (b) Through greater alignment between the sectoral plans (HSPs and SDFs), the Department was able to influence and prioritise human settlement projects into the Municipal IDPs. It is thus enabled that projects were budgeted for in terms of the HSDG and ISUPG. Also, projects that were previously blocked were identified at these technical meetings. Further engagements with relevant stakeholders were then conducted, which ensured that these projects moved from blocked, to planned, to ultimately implementation. Lastly, less capacitated municipalities received assistance from the Department, in order to gain greater understanding of different human settlement programmes and how to package these project applications. The Department also engaged and lobbied with other departments on behalf of the municipalities, in order to unlock statutory processes.

*Tourism Dialogue***6. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

With regard to the Tourism Dialogue hosted on 10 October: (a) (i) What were the salient issues highlighted in terms of tourism readiness and (ii) how is her Department ensuring these issues are addressed timeously and (b)(i) what intervention is required from the national government and (ii) how is the Department engaging with the national government to resolve these issues?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

6. (a) (i) The dialogue addressed three broad areas, namely, accessibility (air and cruise connectivity and South Africa's VISA regime); destination management and marketing (including visitor safety); and workforce readiness (skills needed for the sector to succeed).
- (ii) In each of these focus areas, initiatives are underway to either improve or to address obstacles that exist so as to enable the private sector. These range from work done by the Cape Town Air Access and Cruise Cape Town partnerships to improve accessibility; ongoing engagements with national government regarding the introduction of a remote working VISA, as well as various initiatives to address skills development through learnerships and work placement initiatives. A consolidated season readiness action plan is being finalised to pull the various initiatives together into one single plan.
- (b) (i) Identified interventions include:
- Finalisation of the roll-out of the third phase of the tourism monitors programme by the Department of Tourism
 - Assistance from SANParks to improve safety and visible policing at Table Mountain National Park
 - Support from SAPS to improve tourism safety
 - Stabilisation of jet fuel supply to airports
 - Under the auspices of the Welcome campaign, training of airport and cruise terminal frontline staff such as immigration officials in customer service
 - Addressing VISA issues in key markets such as Nigeria, resolving issues with the eVisa system and accelerating the introduction of the remote work VISA
 - A greater focus on skills required to enable the sector, including "soft skills"
 - CATHSSETA to continue to fund skills development initiatives in the Western Cape industry

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- (ii) Engagements occur on a bilateral basis with specific National Departments such as the Department of Tourism and the Department of Home Affairs. I, for example, travelled to Tshwane to meet with the National Minister of Home Affairs to discuss South Africa's VISA regime, and the need for a remote work VISA. Engagements are also done through established national working groups with Provincial Governments or where the relevant National Departments and their entities such as South African Tourism serve on our steering committees for programmes such as Cruise Cape Town, Cape Town Air Access and the Western Cape Oceans Economy Working Group.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

LEAP officers: deployment of

1. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

How effective has the deployment of LEAP officers in the hotspots of Cape Town been when measured against current crime rates in Cape Town?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY:

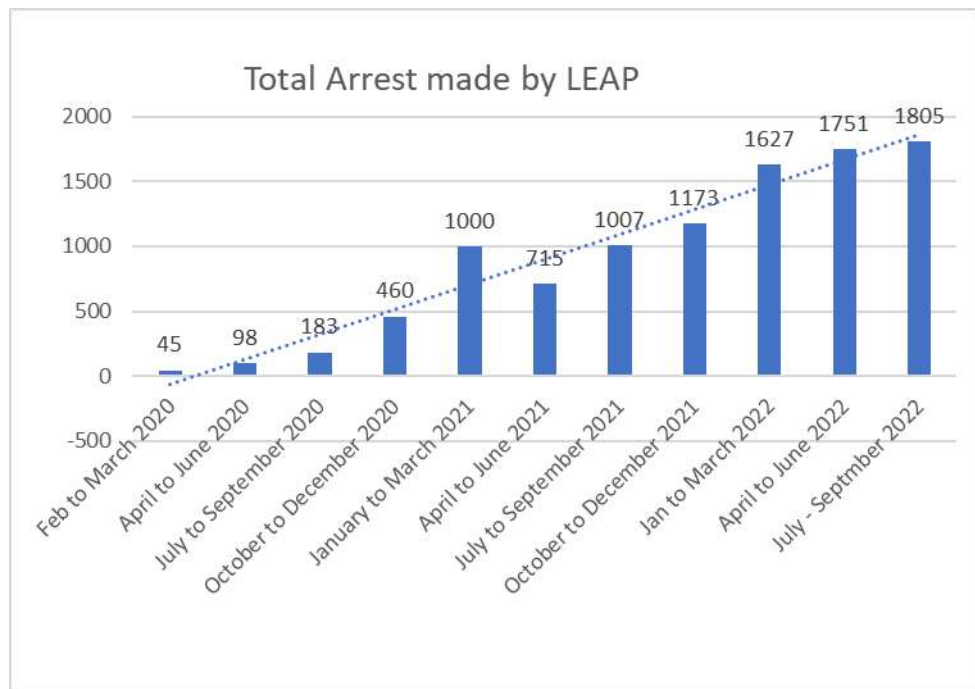
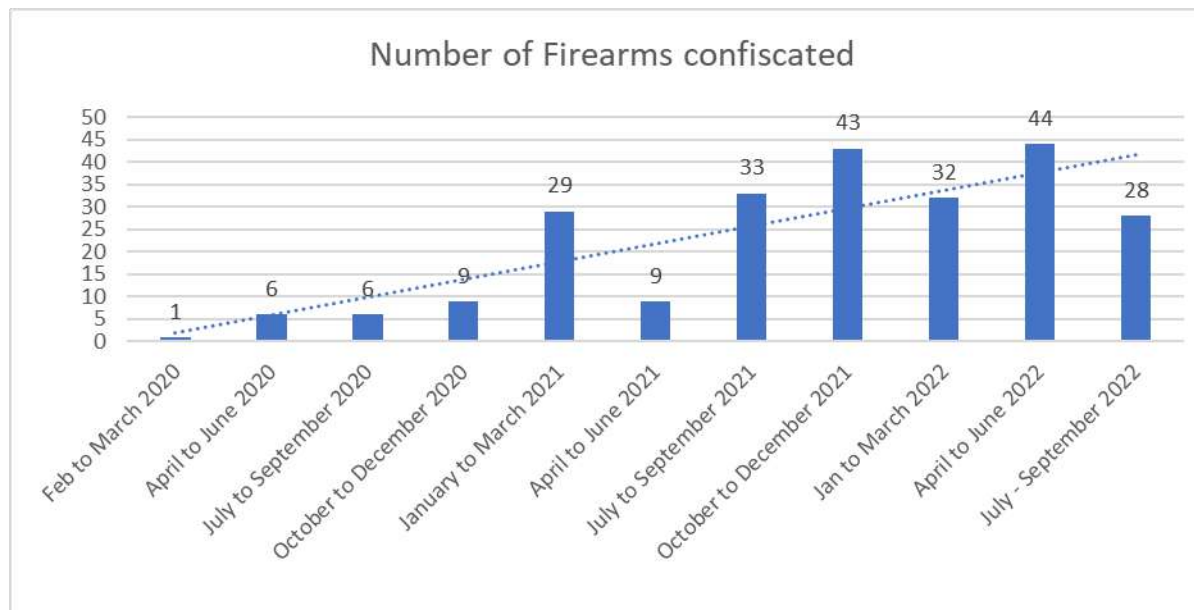
1. The Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) were implemented in two broad phases. Phase one was implemented between June 2020 and September 2020. The LEAP officers were deployed in Bishop Lavis, Delft, Khayelitsha, Philippi and Nyanga areas. In phase two, from July 2021, the LEAP deployments were extended to include Mitchells Plain, Harare, Kraaifontein, Mfuleni, and Gugulethu areas.

The quarterly crime statistics were used to understand whether there is any link between the LEAP deployment and the crime statistics. The period January to June 2019 was compared with the period January to June 2022. The crime statistics for the periods 2020 and 2021 were omitted because crime decreased significantly in that period due to the Covid lockdown.

The LEAP areas were compared with four control sites, namely Lingeletu West, Samora Machel, Philippi East and Manenberg.

During the period under review, murder increased in South Africa by 21%. Murder increased in the Western Cape overall by 4%. The combined areas where LEAP was deployed showed a reduction in murder of 3%, whereas the comparison control sites showed an increase of 31%.

Key activities by LEAP which contribute to a reduction in murder include stop and search of people, search of houses, inspection of licenced and unlicensed liquor outlets, vehicle stop and search and vehicle check points. They conduct these activities through autonomous operations and joint operations with SAPS, Metro Police, Western Cape Liquor Authority (WCLA) and other law enforcement agencies. Since inception, to the end of September 2022, LEAP have made 9 864 arrests (Figure 1), and have confiscated 240 firearms (Figure 2).

Figure 1: Total arrests made by LEAP: February 2020 to September 2022**Figure 2: Number of firearms confiscated by LEAP: February 2020 to September 2022**

These figures suggest a promising link between the deployment of LEAP in the areas and a reduction of murder during the review period.

Engagements with the communities in the City of Cape Town have provided positive feedback on the activities and impact of LEAP, and requests for LEAP deployment to be expanded to other areas in the metro.

Communities and local government in rural areas have also requested the establishment of similar initiatives in the Districts. This is further indication of the impact of LEAP.

Wine industry

2. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:

(a) What have been the export volumes of wine in (i) 2017, (ii) 2018, (iii) 2019, (iv) 2020 and (v) 2021, (b) what are the expected trends for the medium term, (c) to what extent has the wine industry been able to decrease, through sales and/or exports, the record-high volumes of wine on hand as was reported in 2020 when COVID-19 regulations had a negative impact on sales and (d) how has his Department supported wine producers in selling off these high volumes of wine?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

- 2 (a) The South African wine exports in volume (litres) terms, (i) recorded 448.4 million litres in 2017, (ii) 420.2 million litres in 2018, (iii) reaching 319.8 million litres in 2019, (iv) 2020 registering 318 million litres, (v) and 2021 amounting to 388 million litres, an average annual decline of 13% between 2017 and 2021. However, it is positive to see signs of recovery between 2020 and 2021.
- (b) Towards 2027, based on the vine area, over 11 000 hectares are expected to be uprooted without replacement in South Africa, a decline of 12% from 2021 (BFAP, 2022). Grape production is expected to decline significantly in the next two production seasons. From 2021 to 2030, the vine harvest is expected to stabilize at an average of 1.3 million tons (excluding sultanas). The South African wine stock levels and production volumes are expected to decline between 2022 and 2031, whilst wine prices are projected to recover.
- (c) According to the wine industry, record stock levels reported in 2020 has since declined, but projections indicate that there will still be 520 million litres (including 80 million litres uncontracted) of wine at the end of 2022. The surplus was reduced via various mechanisms that included juice for grape concentrate, export of industrial wine, export of bulk and packaged wine, as well as domestic sales. Whilst this is part of the recovery process, it should be noted this improved trade unfortunately has not lead to a profitability improvement yet, due to various challenges such as farm level cost inflation of 15% – 20% year on year, disruption at the Cape Town Port, Eskom load shedding that imply significant cost in terms of fuel for generators to pump water and cooling in wineries and tourism that has not recovered. The surplus stock was also sold at reduced prices which imply cashflow pressure.

- (d) The Department has had various market development interventions to increase exports from the Western Cape to establish, developing and grow markets especially in Europe, Asia and within the African market. Some of those include ethical trade support targeted to access and maintain traditional markets like Europe, export promotion activities to markets like China, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and Angola. Some of these are in collaboration with the various partners within the wine industry. The focus of the market development interventions is to develop relationships with trade i.e. from importers, retailers, sommeliers, media and through to influencers, and including our own Africa social media communication. Even though strong emphasis is on exports, however, the Department also worked with the South African Wine Transformation Unit to assist with Black Owned brands growth in the domestic market through various interventions, e.g. establishment of a home for the brands and development of an e-commerce platform to improve sales.

Table Mountain National Park

3. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) How will the management of the Table Mountain National Park benefit from a transfer of the management responsibility to the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board;
- (2) whether a financial analysis has been done on the potential costs and responsibilities of taking on the management of the Table Mountain National Park; if not, why not; if so, what would the financial and management burdens of such a step be?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

3. (1) There are currently no plans to transfer the management responsibility of the Table Mountain National Park to the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board as the national task team on the rationalisation of nature conservation in South Africa has seen no progress on this matter despite being established more than two years ago.
- (2) No financial analysis has been done on the potential costs and responsibilities of taking on the management of the Table Mountain National Park because there are no plans to transfer the management responsibility of the Table Mountain National Park to the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board as yet.

*CapeNature: reserves managed by***4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

For each of the nature reserves managed by CapeNature that provides accommodation to visitors:

(a) What has been the average occupation rate of the chalets or rooms for the year ended 31 March 2022, (b) what is deemed to be the break-even occupation rate for each reserve, (c) how are the indirect costs allocated to tourism facilities, particularly overnight accommodation, and (d) what other costs are taken into account when calculating the total cost related to tourist accommodation?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

4. (a) The average occupation rate of chalets or rooms was 45% for the year ended 31 March 2022.
- (c) Reserves are consolidated into the four landscapes. The breakeven occupancy is the minimum percentage of accommodation required to cover the fixed costs. Breakeven for Landscape West is low due to the high capacity and low cost at Algeria as it is mainly a camping site with lower fixed costs. The higher breakeven in Landscape South is attributed to the portage costs associated with the Whale Trail at De Hoop.

Landscape	Reserves Included	Breakeven Occupancy
Central	Kogelberg, Limietberg	13%
East	Buffalo Valley, Goukamma, Keurbooms, Robberg, Sedgefield, Gamkaberg, Gamkaskloof	30%
South	De Hoop, Grootvadersbosch, Marloth, Vrolijkheid	39%
West	Algeria, Kliphuis, Rocherpan	5%

- (d) Indirect costs are centralised to the Head Office cost centers.
- (e) Other costs taken into account when calculating the total cost related to tourist accommodation include accommodation consumables, variable employee costs, marketing, public relations, signage, call centre operations and reservation system related costs.

*Broken driving licence card machine***5. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Mobility:**

Regarding the broken driving licence card machine as reported on 18 October 2022:

(a) How many Western Cape drivers were initially affected by the broken machine, (b) how many drivers are waiting to receive driving licence cards and (c) how do traffic officers in the province deal with issues related to the backlog in the issuing of driving licences?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY:

5. (a) I am informed that the driving licence card production machine again broke down during the week of 15 September 2022, although I do not have an exact date. For that reason, I cannot exactly say how many Western Cape drivers were initially affected by the broken machine. However, I am informed that the backlog in the production of driving licence cards for the Western Cape was more than 35,000 in the week ending 21 October 2022.
- (b) As of 30 October 2022, the backlog for the Western Cape is 32 025 driving licence cards.
- (c) In terms of regulation 108 of the National Road Traffic Regulations, the expired driving licence card, together with the receipt issued in respect of payment for a new driving licence card remain valid for a period of 3 months from the date of the application for the new driving licence card. Should drivers be stopped by a traffic officer, and they have the expired card and receipt in their possession, they will not be penalised by the officer.

*Maintenance orders: enforcement of***6. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

In relation to the enforcement of maintenance orders in the Western Cape:

(a) How many warrants of arrest does the SAPS currently have for maintenance orders against defaulting parties, (b)(i) what is the process of executing these warrants of arrest and (ii) have these processes been followed, (c) how many warrants of arrest have been executed in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020 and (iii) 2021 and (d)(i) what were the reasons for not executing warrants of arrest and (ii) 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):

6. (a) 437

(b) (i) All received Warrants of Arrest are recorded in the Process Register and are accounted for with signatures. Immediately after receiving, the Warrant of Arrest the address of the defaulting party is visited and the Warrant of Arrest is executed if the defaulter is available. If not, the workplace will be verified and visited. If the defaulter does not stay at the address and a new address is not available, an affidavit will be submitted and attached to the Warrant of Arrest and taken back to court. The suspect will then be traced and arrested.

(ii) Yes.

(c) (i) 1243

(ii) 823

(iii) 994

(d) (i) Possible reasons for not executing warrants include incorrect addresses, defaulter who moved to an unknown address, defaulter without a physical address and addresses that fall within another police jurisdiction, which are then transferred to the identified police station.

(ii) In cases where the defaulter cannot be traced and found, a warrant for his/her arrest will be issued.

Maintenance orders: enforcement of

7. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In relation to the enforcement of maintenance orders in the Western Cape:

(a) How many criminal summonses have been (i) issued and (ii) executed for maintenance orders against defaulting parties in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020 and (cc) 2021, (b) how many cases are before the maintenance court and (c) what was the average turnaround time at the maintenance court in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020 and (iii) 2021?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

7. Maintenance is dealt with by the following process:

The applicant will apply for maintenance at the maintenance court where after a summons will be issued by the court for both the applicant and respondent to appear in court in order to agree on the amount, the date the maintenance will be paid as well how the money will be paid to the applicant.

A court order is then issued by the court indicating the agreed amount, date and means of payment of the maintenance. A copy of the court order is provided to both the applicant and the respondent. Should the respondent not comply with the court order, a warrant of arrest could be issued.

The payment of maintenance becomes a criminal matter if and when the court order is contravened.

Station Commanders: appointment of

8. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In relation to SAPS station commanders:

(a) What are the criteria used to appoint a station commander, (b) how many station commanders in the Western Cape are due to retire at the end of this financial year and (c)(i) how many station commanders have been moved to other police stations in (aa) 2018/19, (bb) 2019/20, (cc) 2020/21, (dd) 2021/22 and (ee) 2022/23 to date and (ii) what are the relevant details and reasons?

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

8. (a) The criteria utilised to appoint station commanders are due to service terminations, resignations, retirement, promotions, transfers, and new posts in terms of the Fixed Establishment.
- (b) 2
- (c) (i) (aa) 4
(bb) 1
(cc) 0
(dd) 7
(ee) 5
- (ii) (aa) Due to cross-transfers and to enhance service delivery.
(bb) To enhance service delivery.
(cc) Not applicable.
(dd) Transfers in terms of SSSBC Agreement 5/1999 and to enhance service delivery.
(ee) Due to a post that became vacant, the newly established districts, transfer in terms of the SSSBC Agreement 5/1999 and to enhance service delivery.

*Bachelor's degree in Nursing and Midwifery: accreditation of***9. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Health:**

With respect to the accreditation of the bachelor's degree in Nursing and Midwifery as offered by the Western Cape College of Nursing:

- (1) To how many prospective students will placement be offered in the 2023 academic year;
- (2) whether her Department has engaged in any advertising or application campaigns; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether successful graduates of this programme will assist with the current shortage of nurses in our country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

9. (1) The Department has made provision to accommodate fifty (50) students in 2023.
- (2) The announcement was published on the Department's website, social media accounts and on the College of Health Science website as part of its new educational programme.
- (3) Yes, the graduates will assist in addressing the current shortage of nurses in the country in that at the end of the four-year training programme, successful candidates will write the Board Exam with the South African Nursing Council (SANC) to be registered as a Professional Nurse and Midwife. This category of a nurse is skilled and competent to work in hospitals and Primary Health care settings. Currently only three higher educational institutions are accredited to offer B-Nursing as a degree in the province with the total enrolment of 260 students per year. Therefore, the additional enrolment of 50 students at the Western Cape College of Nursing will increase the outputs of this cadre nurse which will contribute towards addressing the shortage of Professional Nurses and Midwives in the country.

*Foster care backlog***10. Mr D Plato asked the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) (a) What is the current status of the Western Cape's foster care backlog, (b) which agencies or entities are mandated to process and clear the backlog and (c) what progress has been made in clearing the backlog since April 2022;
- (2) whether the backlog will be cleared by December 2022; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

10. (1) (a) The current status of the foster care backlog in the Western Cape is 1 455 children's names which reflect on the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA)'s database for October 2022. It is important to note that 972 out of 1455 reports were submitted to children's courts in October 2022. The WCDSO currently awaits the foster care extension orders to be issued by the courts in order to submit them to SASSA.
- (b) The National Department of Social Development and all Provincial DSDs are respondents to the North Gauteng High Court Order under case no. 55477/2020. The WC DSD developed and implemented a Provincial Foster Care Management Plan which emphasizes the mechanisms, structures, and systems that promote inter-sectoral collaboration with its key stakeholders to manage foster care and eradicate the backlog. In doing so, the WCDSO's efforts to eradicate the foster care backlog largely depend on all its stakeholders' support, commitment, and accountability in the foster care management process.

The key role players/entities in the foster care value chain to eradicate the foster care backlog is:

- (1) The WCDSO foster care social workers that specialize in rendering foster care supervision services.
 - (2) Designated Child Protection Organisations (DCPOs) rendering statutory foster care services partnering with the WCDSO.
 - (3) The children's courts, which issue foster care extension orders to children in the alternative care system.
 - (4) The South African Social Security Agency to update and provide accurate data sets of foster care orders that have lapsed.
 - (5) The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) positively supports the WCDSO with proof of school attendance of children in the alternative care system.
 - (6) The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) has a prolonged timeframe for issuing birth certificates to children in the alternative care system.
- (c) The WCDSO in collaboration with DCPOs extended 4 593 foster care orders via the children's courts since April 2022 to date.
- (2) It is important to note that the foster care backlog is a moving target and not possible to be cleared completely. The WCDSO follows a specialized model in foster care which has allowed for the reduction of the foster care backlog successfully to date.

The current foster care database in the Western Cape consists of 38 571 foster children. In addition, cognizance must be given to the constant influx of new foster care cases and renewal of two year orders on a **monthly basis**, which places an enormous strain on the human resources of the WCDSO.

Freeport Saldanha Industrial Development Zone and Sasol: MOU

11. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) How will the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Freeport Saldanha Industrial Development Zone and Sasol contribute to the economy of the (i) Saldanha area and (ii) province as a whole, (b) what are the timelines associated with the MOU and (c) what financial costs are associated with the implementation of this MOU?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

11. I have been advised the following:

(a) The Saldanha Bay area is a strong strategic fit with Sasol's ambition to be a leading driver and contributor to the development of South Africa's green hydrogen economy. To facilitate the development of a green hydrogen hub in Saldanha Bay, Freeport Saldanha has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Sasol, whilst Sasol and ArcelorMittal have signed a joint project development agreement to look at the re-invigoration of the Saldanha steel plant.

(i) The Saldanha area is not quantified in detail yet, as the prefeasibility studies are still in progress and no project value and job estimates are available yet, specifically for the Sasol project. It needs to be considered that these are industrial mega-projects and likely capex investment will be R10bn +. For AMSA the impact is more quantifiable, as AMSA stated earlier that the revitalization of the plant (based on scrap metal inputs) could recover more than 600 of the 1000 direct jobs lost when the plant was placed under care and maintenance in 2020.

(ii) The Western Cape opportunity is still a matter of detailed investigation, however the indications from international studies are that the overall green hydrogen opportunity is very significant. According to the recently published World Bank Country Climate and Development Reports, published early November 2022, promoting green hydrogen exports could add another 6 percent to the South African GDP by 2050. However, the technology is still in its infancy, and promoting the production of green hydrogen will require even more investments in renewable energy. References: <https://www.news24.com/fin24/climate/future/news/sas-growth-rate-would-expand-if-it-moves-away-from-coal-world-bank-20221101>, <https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/country-climate-development-reports>

- (b) The MOU between Sasol and Freeport Saldanha is valid for 5 years.
- (c) I am advised by the Department that no financial obligations are placed on Freeport Saldanha in terms of the MOU.

Water and Sanitation: colony forming units for E.coli

12. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With reference to the directives issued by the Department with reference to the Diep River, Flamingo Vlei, Rietvlei, Milnerton Lagoon and Zoarvlei water bodies:

(a) What are the accepted standards of colony forming units (CFUs) for *E.coli* compared to the Department of Water and Sanitation's threshold for (i) total suspended solids, (ii) chemical oxygen demand, (iii) ammonia, (iv) temperature, (v) salinity, (vi) hypoxic threshold compared to the dissolved oxygen level per mg/l, (vii) pH, (viii) biomass per mg/l compared to the bloom threshold, (ix) fish population, (x) bird population and (xi) macrofauna population, (b) what was the measured number for each indicator when the Department issued its first directive, (c) what improvement has there been for each indicator in each water body to date and (d) where the measured indicator exceeds the accepted standard, what health risk is posed to those who reside near these water bodies?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

12. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) does not perform monitoring of any of the water bodies mentioned. The City of Cape Town conducts regular water quality monitoring in these water bodies and provided these results to the DEA&DP and the national Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation (who are the custodians for managing and protecting of the country's water resources). The data covers the period January 2017 to June 2022. A selected number of points have been used to illustrate the trends in water quality over this period. Note that the responses to (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the question are covered under each indicator.

DEA&DP issued a pre-directive for the Diep River / Milnerton Lagoon on 27 March 2020 and a Directive was issued on 21 September 2020, that was appealed by the City of Cape Town. On appeal, a Modified Directive was issued on 22 January 2022. The Modified Directive contains a range of measures including capital infrastructural works that must still be implemented.

Note that Zoarvlei is no longer connected to the Diep River system and DEA&DP's Modified Directive does not cover this. Zoarvlei is the remnant of a historical connection between the Swart / Black River and Diep estuaries and which isolated Paardeneiland when it was still an island.

For further information, the City of Cape Town can be contacted for their written reports and the water quality data which is available on their open data portal.
(<https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=9045b703b31b4eb7a4c9fd716420c0df>).

- The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE), in collaboration with others, also monitors salinity, turbidity, oxygen, pH, and temperature as well as conducting fish surveys at the Diep River Estuary twice annually and can be approached for further information.

Bacteriological water quality

E. coli is an indicator of faecal pollution, specific to warm blooded mammals. For full contact recreation, values below 500 cfu/100ml are considered fair water quality (<8.5% risk of gastro-intestinal illness) while values above 500 cfu/100ml are considered poor (carrying increasing risk of gastro-intestinal illness). For intermediate contact recreation, such as canoeing, the recommended limit is 2500 cfu/100ml under the Resource Quality Objectives (RQO) set for the upper Diep River by the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Upper Catchment

The data below shows the values at MOS04 (Mosselbank River upstream of the Diep confluence) and RTV01 (Diep River at Blaauwberg Road bridge upstream of Potsdam WWTW) as shown in Figure 1. RTV01 contains run-off from the Dunoon informal settlement area.

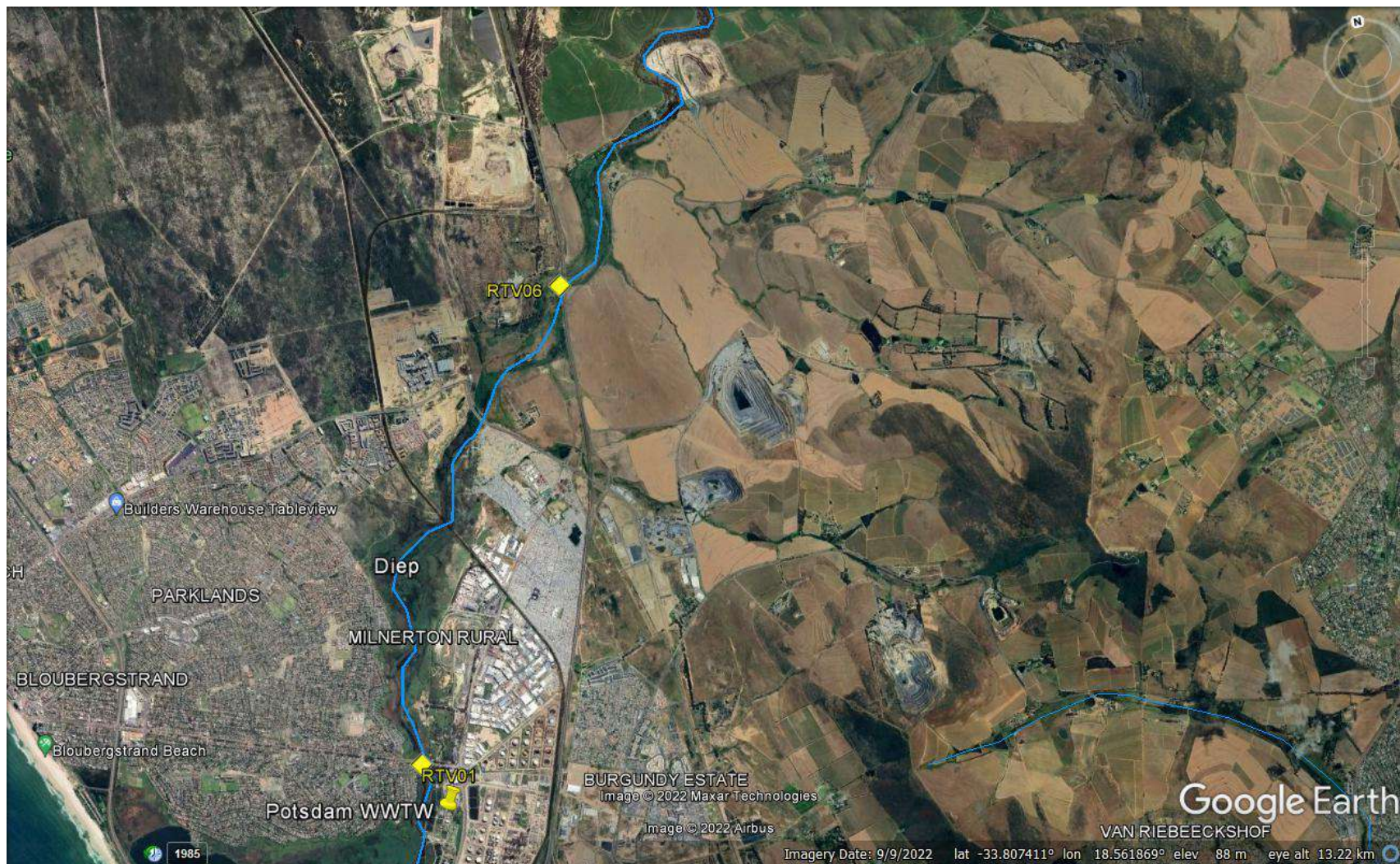
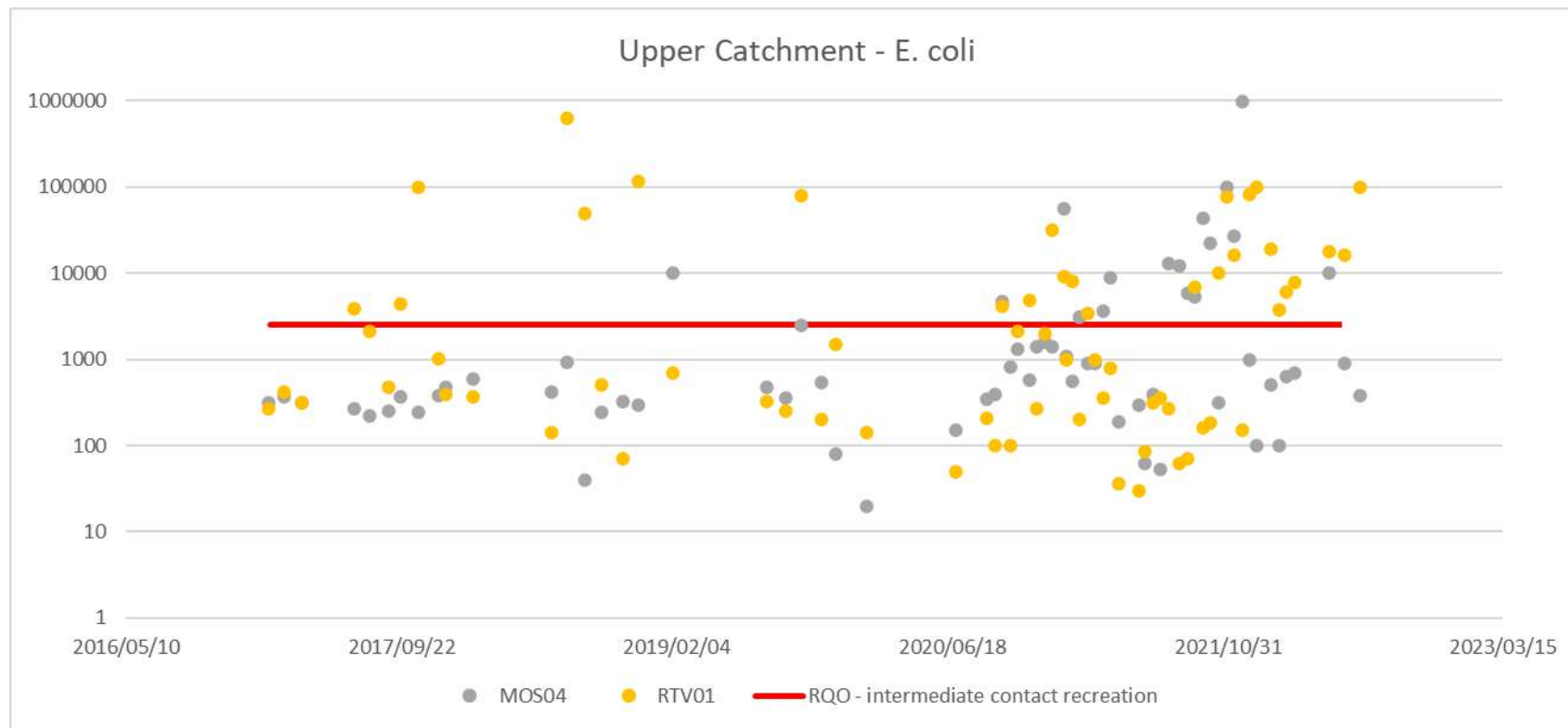


Figure 1: Upstream water quality monitoring points



The *E. coli* data for the upper catchment shows considerable variability. There are no clear trends of improvement in water quality in the upper catchment. This is likely due to seasonal discharges of effluent from dairy farming in the catchment and upstream wastewater treatment discharges.

Middle catchment

The data below shows the values at RTV08 (Duikersvlei stream, upstream of the confluence with the with Theo Marais stormwater canal), RTV03 (Stormwater Canal from Theo Marais Park, Montagu Gardens), and RTV11 (Diep River downstream of Potsdam WWTW) as shown in Figure 2. RTV08 and 03 reflects stormwater quality from the industrial areas and RTV03 also reflects sewage spillages from the Koeberg pump station. RTV11 reflects the discharge from the Potsdam WWTW.

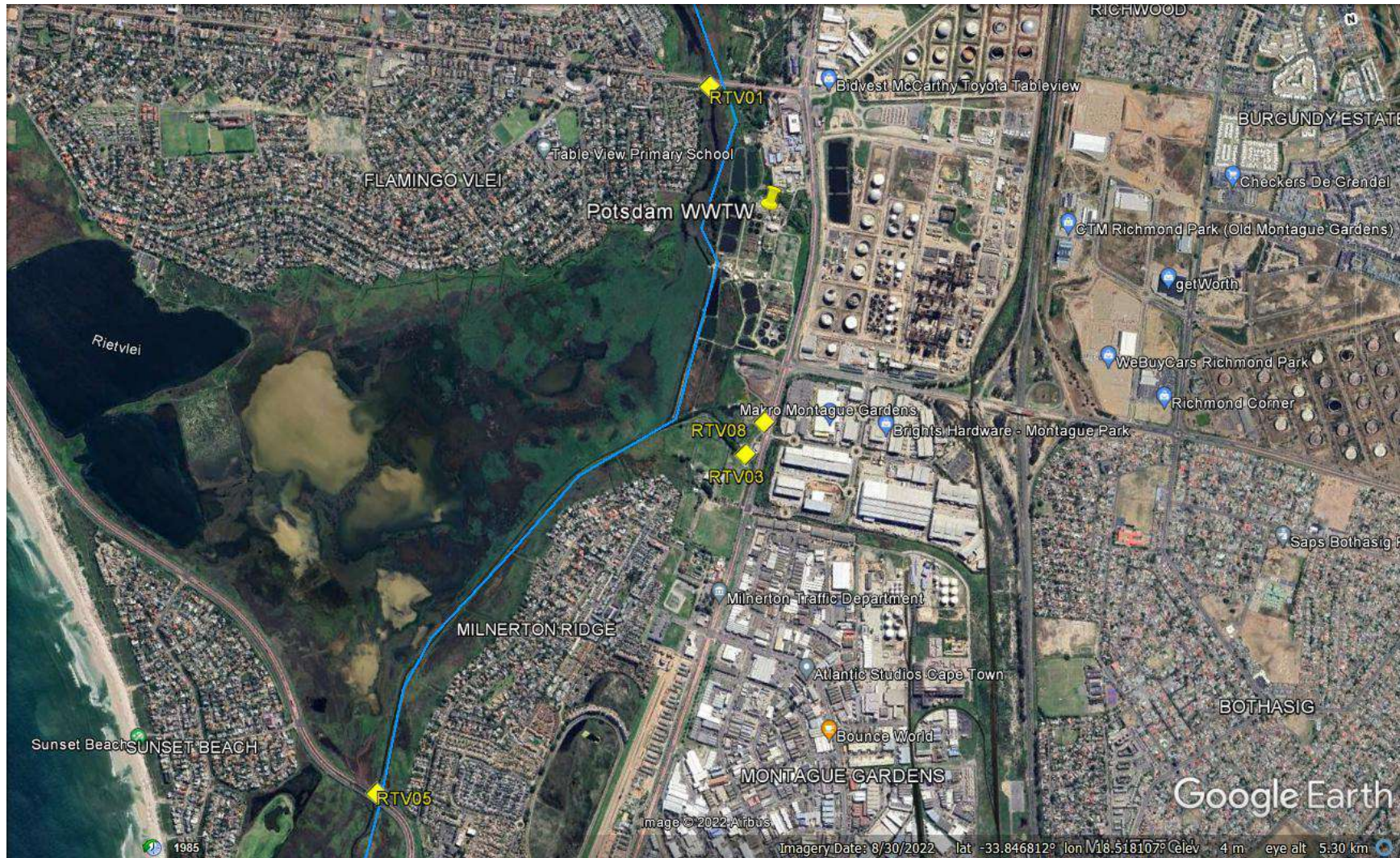
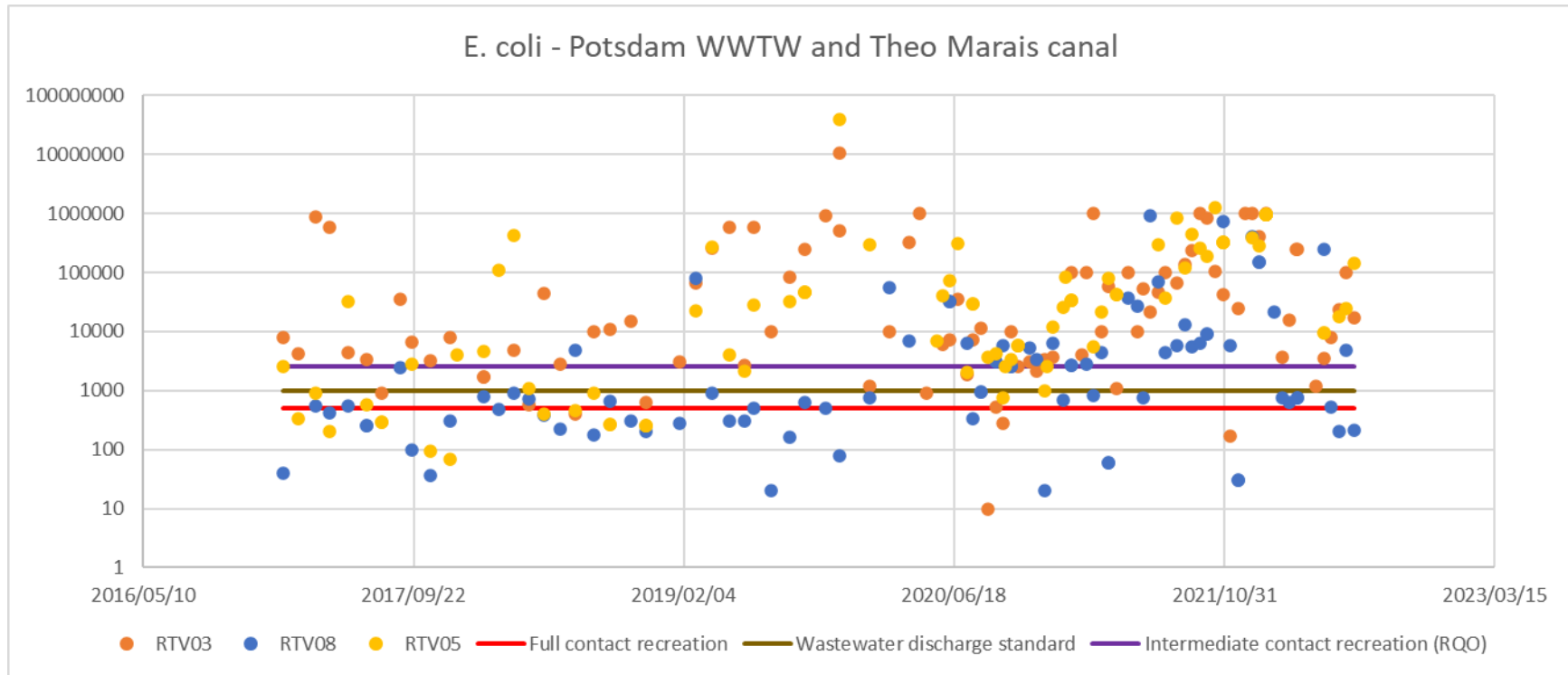


Figure 2: Mid-catchment water quality monitoring points



The monitoring does not show any improvement over time since the directive has been issued. This is to be expected as the interventions to upgrade Potsdam WWTW and Koeberg pump station are still to be completed. Note that the stormwater quality from the industrial area of Montague Gardens (RTV08) is also a contributor to E. coli pollution.

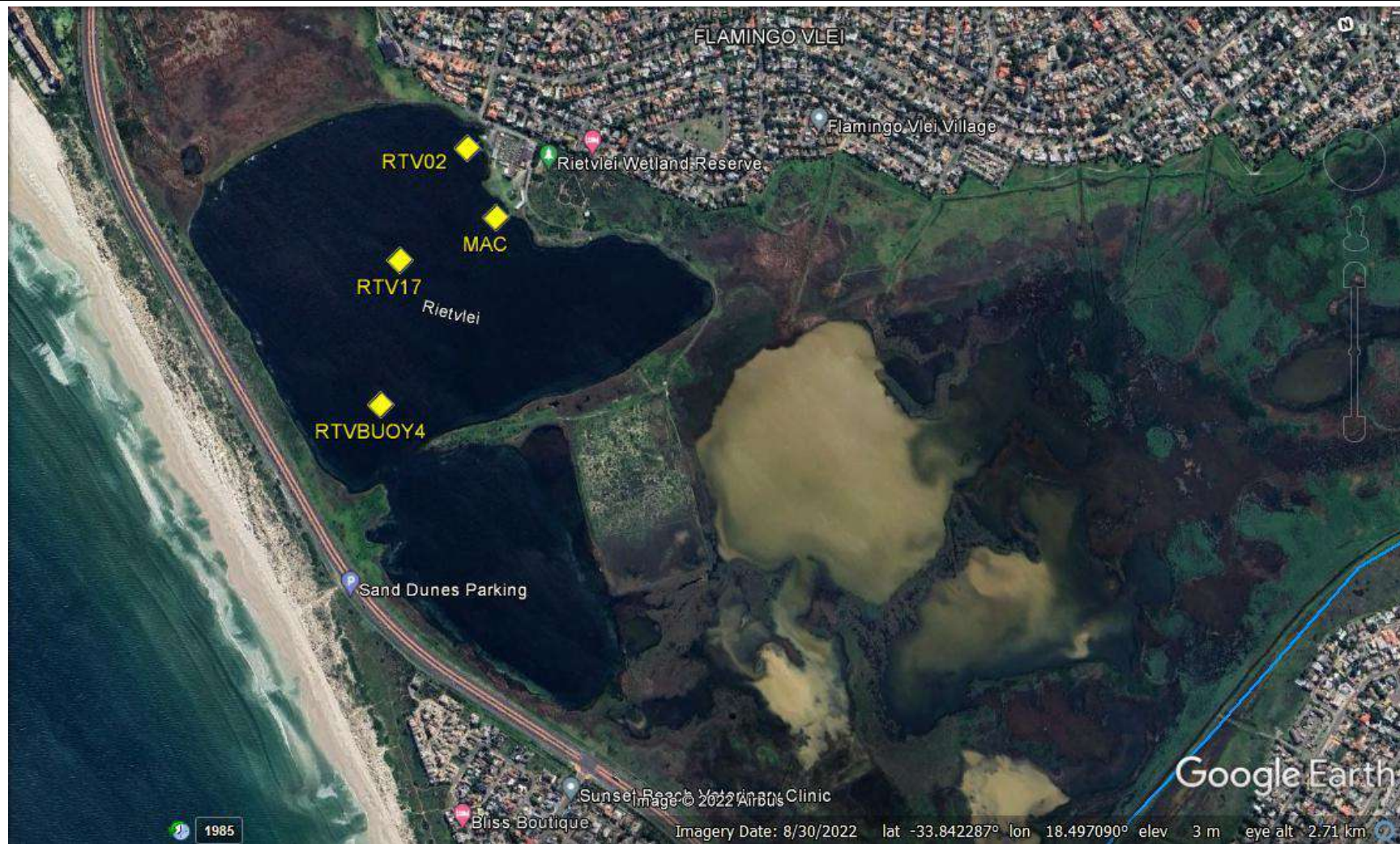
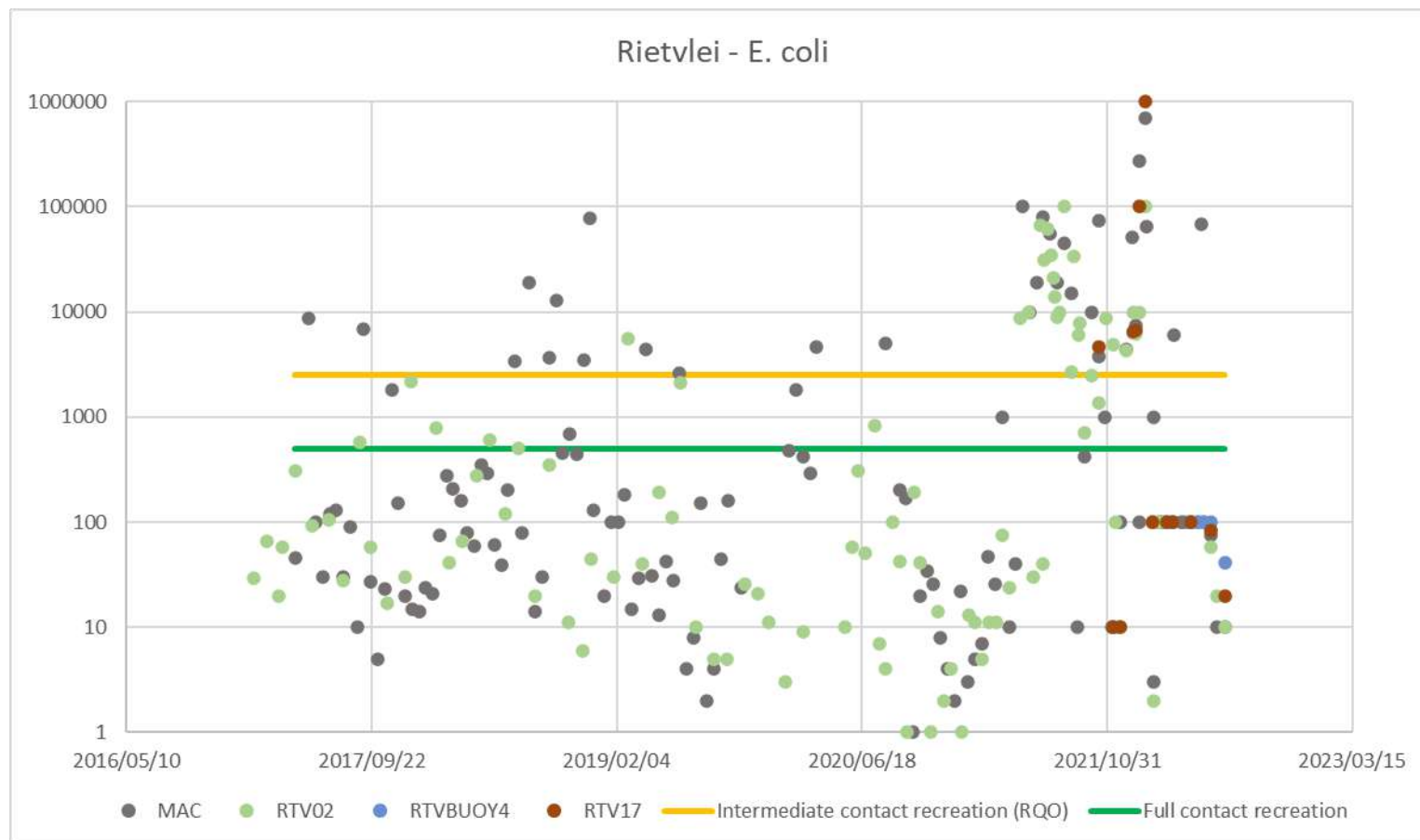


Figure 3: Rietvlei water quality monitoring points

The E. coli results for Rietvlei are shown below for the points in Figure 3. The decline in water quality in the second half of 2021 was investigated after complaints were made to the DEA&DP by the public. The cause was due to sewage pump stations upstream that overflowed during heavy rain as well as blockages in the sewer reticulation causing overflows. It was also discovered, later on, that the E. coli test method was producing incorrect values following this incident, as independent sampling showed a decline in E. coli to acceptable levels, whilst the City's results did not.



Lower Diep River Estuary

The data below shows the values at RTV18 (Diep River estuary opposite Broad Way), RTV09 (Diep River estuary at Woodbridge Island), MCC (Milnerton Canoe Club) and RTV10 (Diep River estuary at mouth) as shown in Figure 3.

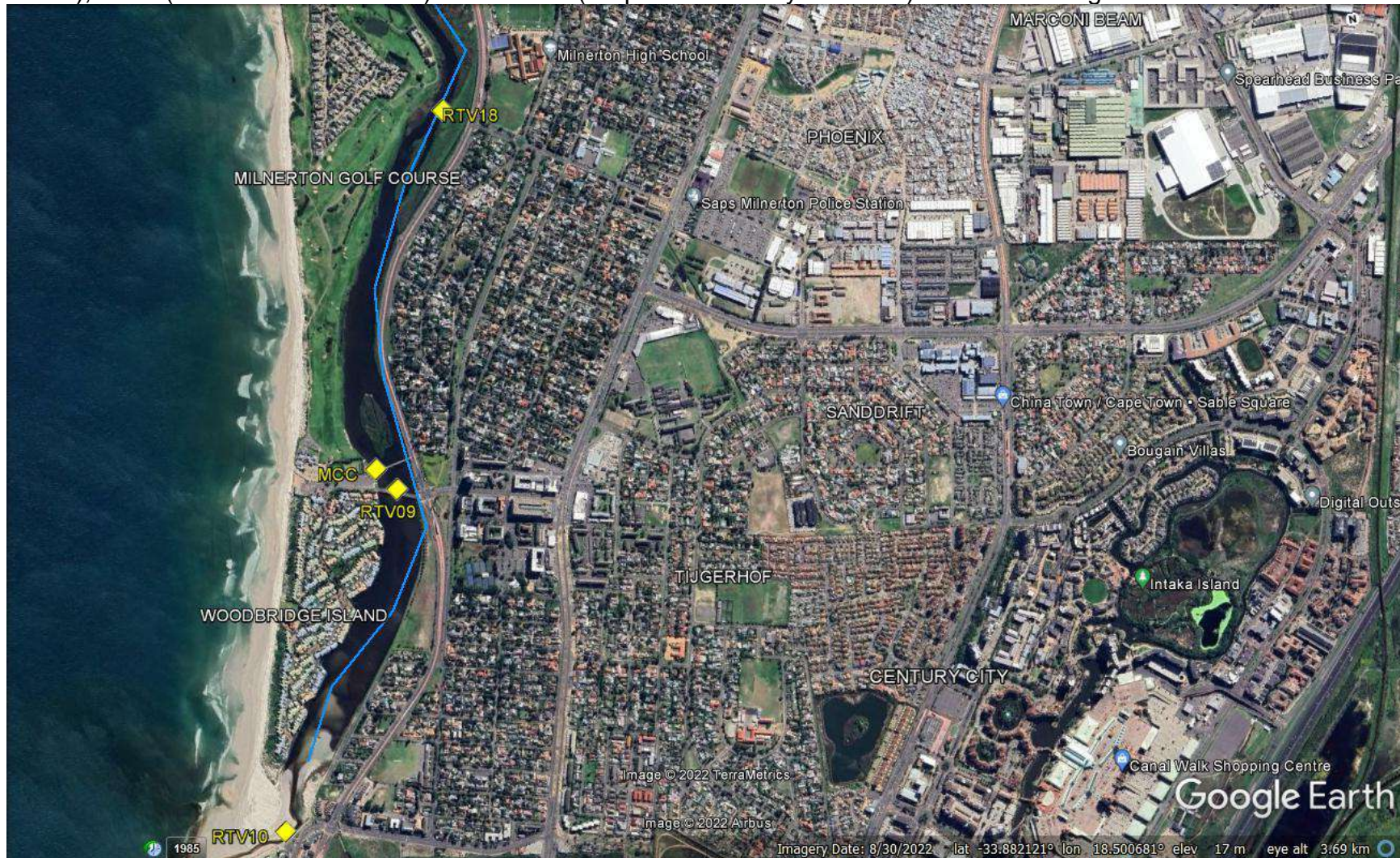
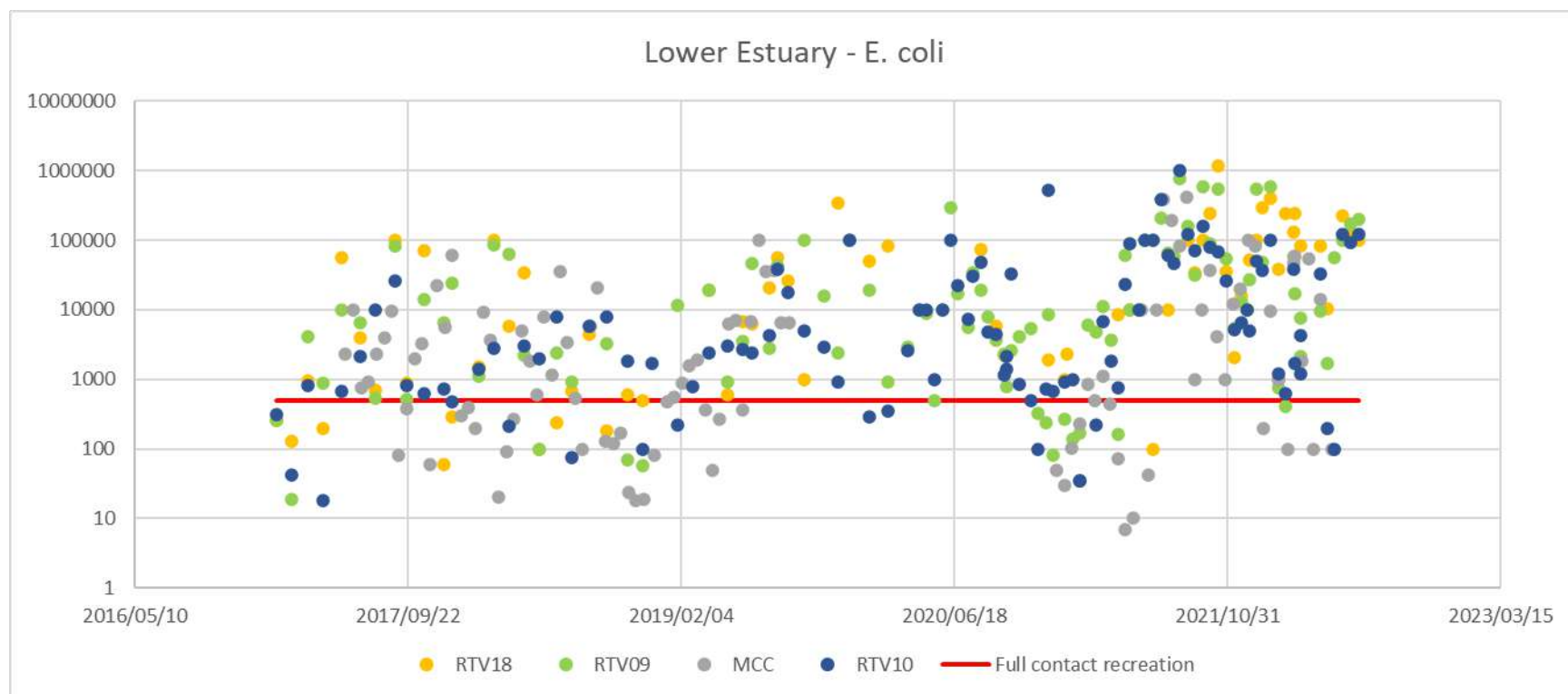


Figure 4: Lower Diep River Estuary monitoring points

RTV18 reflects the stormwater input from Joe Slovo informal area as well as other areas where sewage spills can be a source of pollution. The monitoring does not show a significant improvement over time since the Directive has been issued. This is unsurprising given the challenge of providing adequate sanitation and basic services in Joe Slovo informal settlement (a problem not unique to this catchment) and the fact that a low-flow diversion to sewer for polluted (dry season) stormwater flows has not yet been completed.



Zoarvlei is not connected to the Milnerton Lagoon (although it was historically) and has not been part of the enforcement efforts of DEA&DP. The E. coli results are shown below for information.

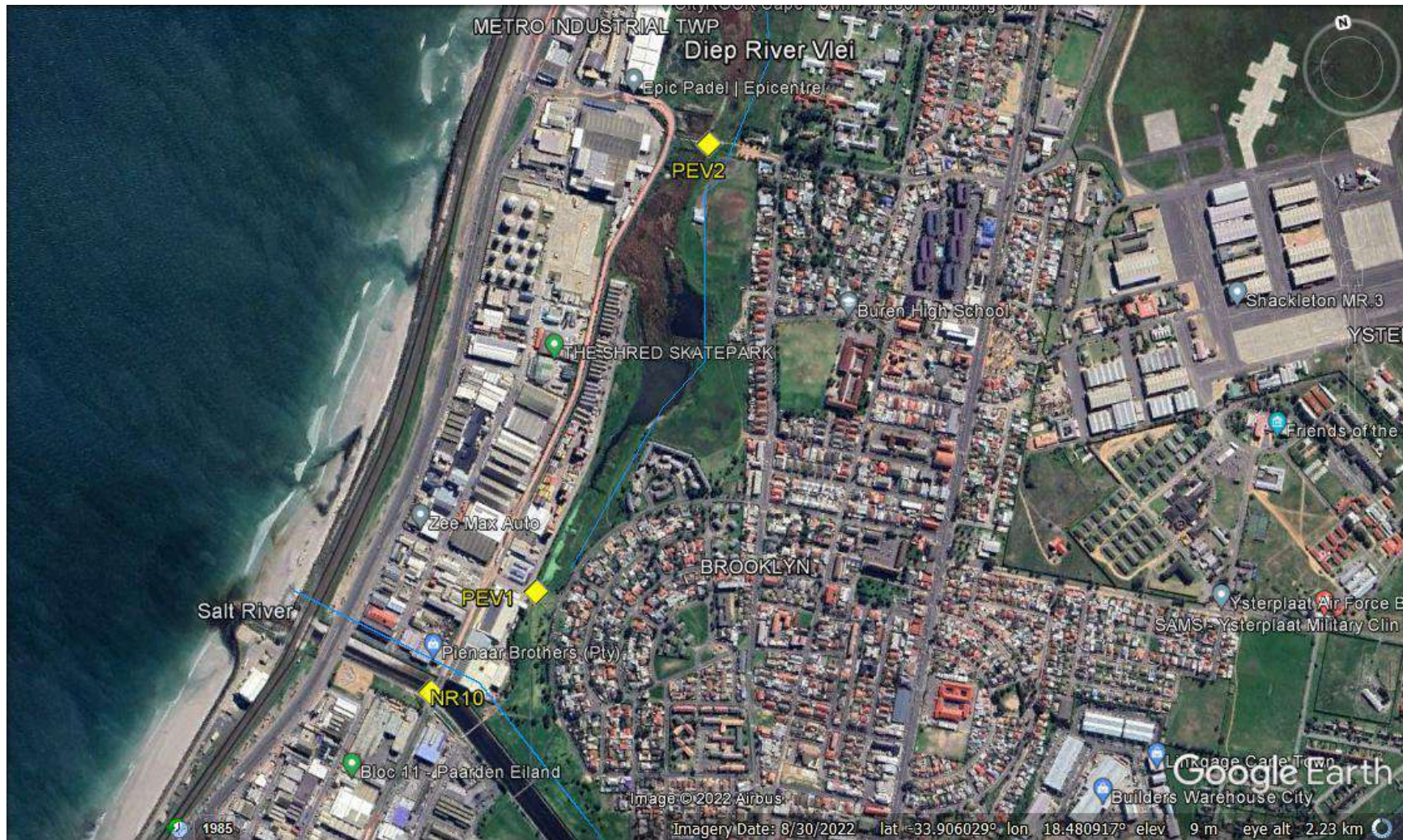
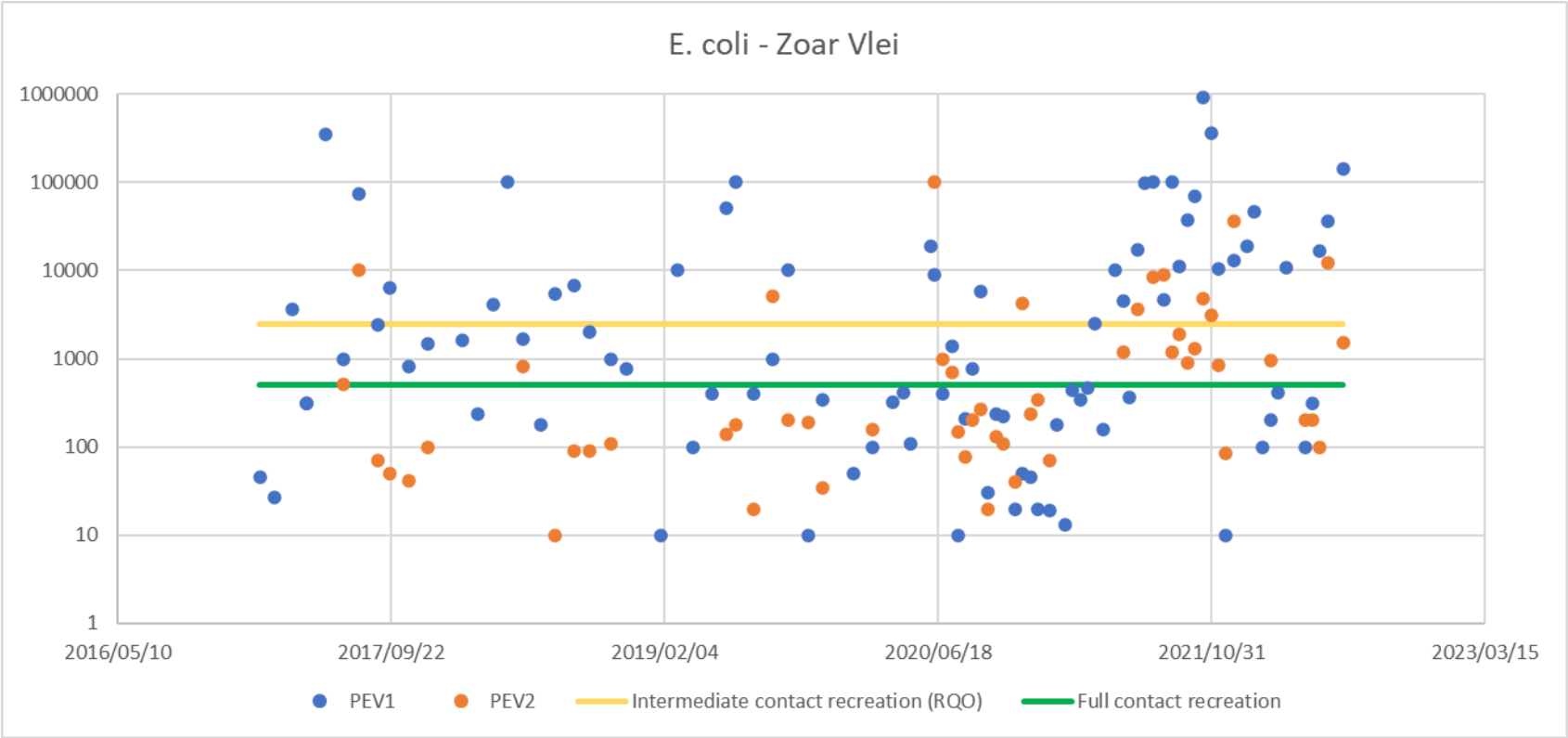
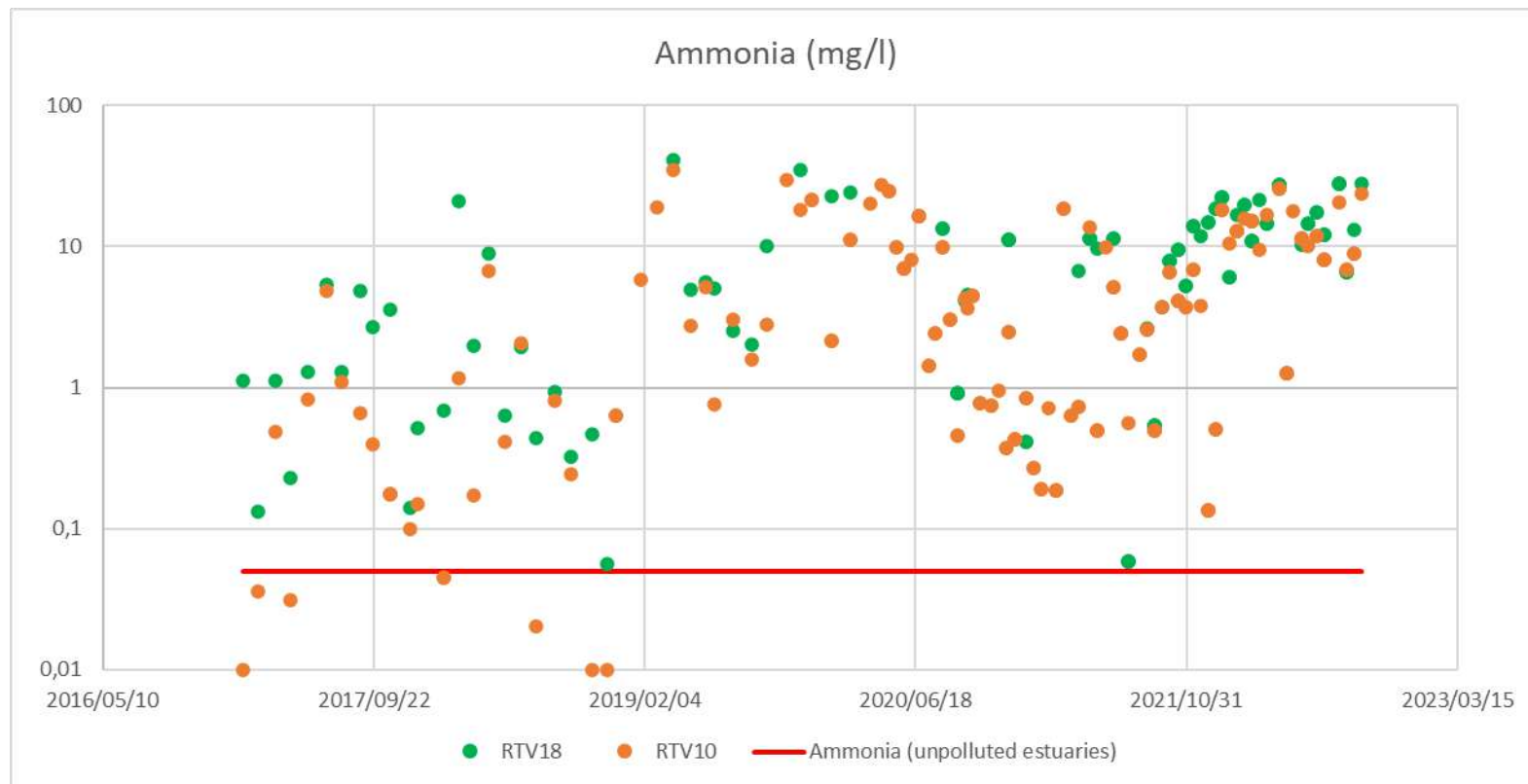


Figure 5: Zoarvlei water quality monitoring points

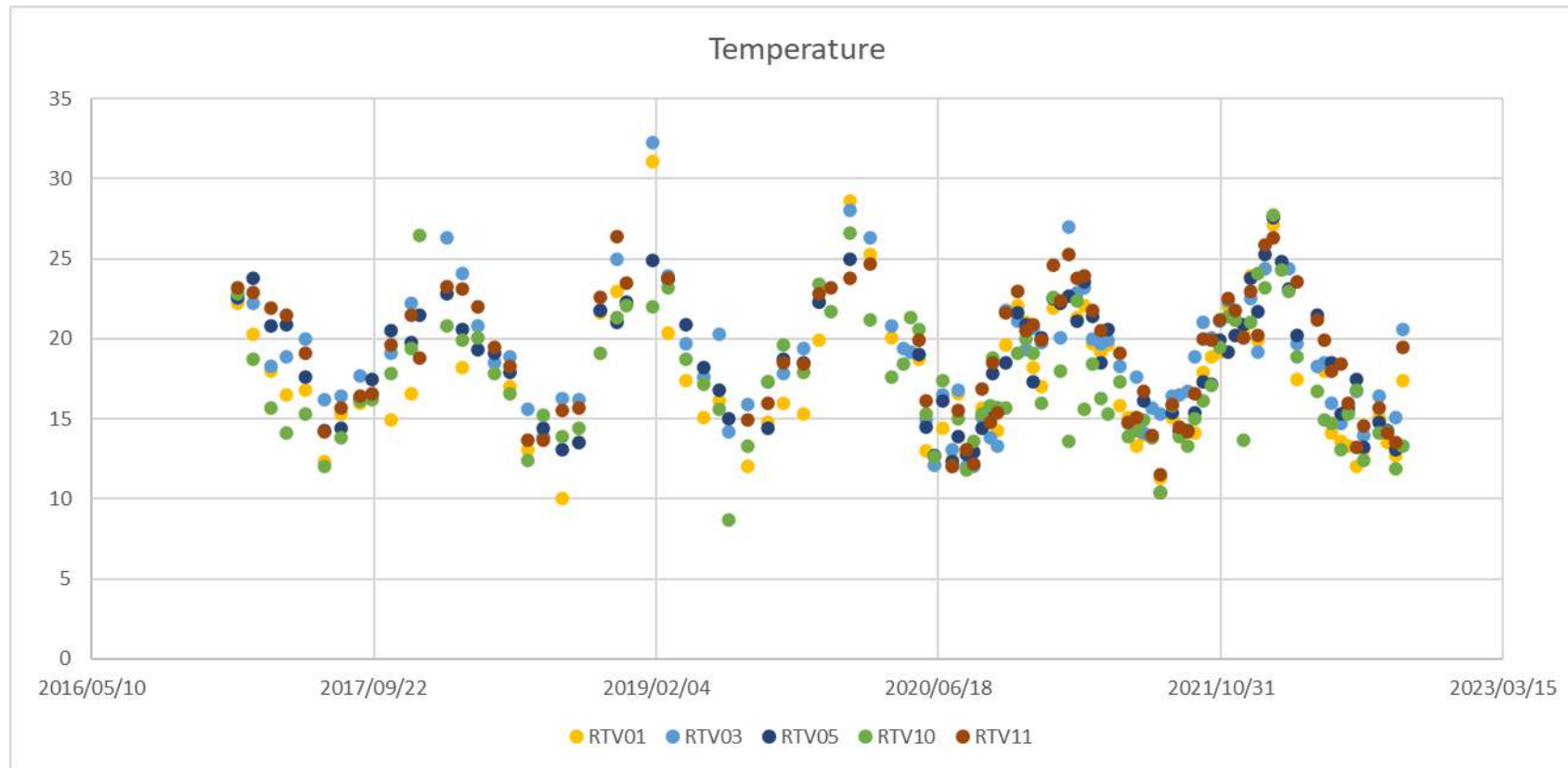


Chemical water quality monitoring shows a similar trend to the above with no trend towards improvement for the same reasons.

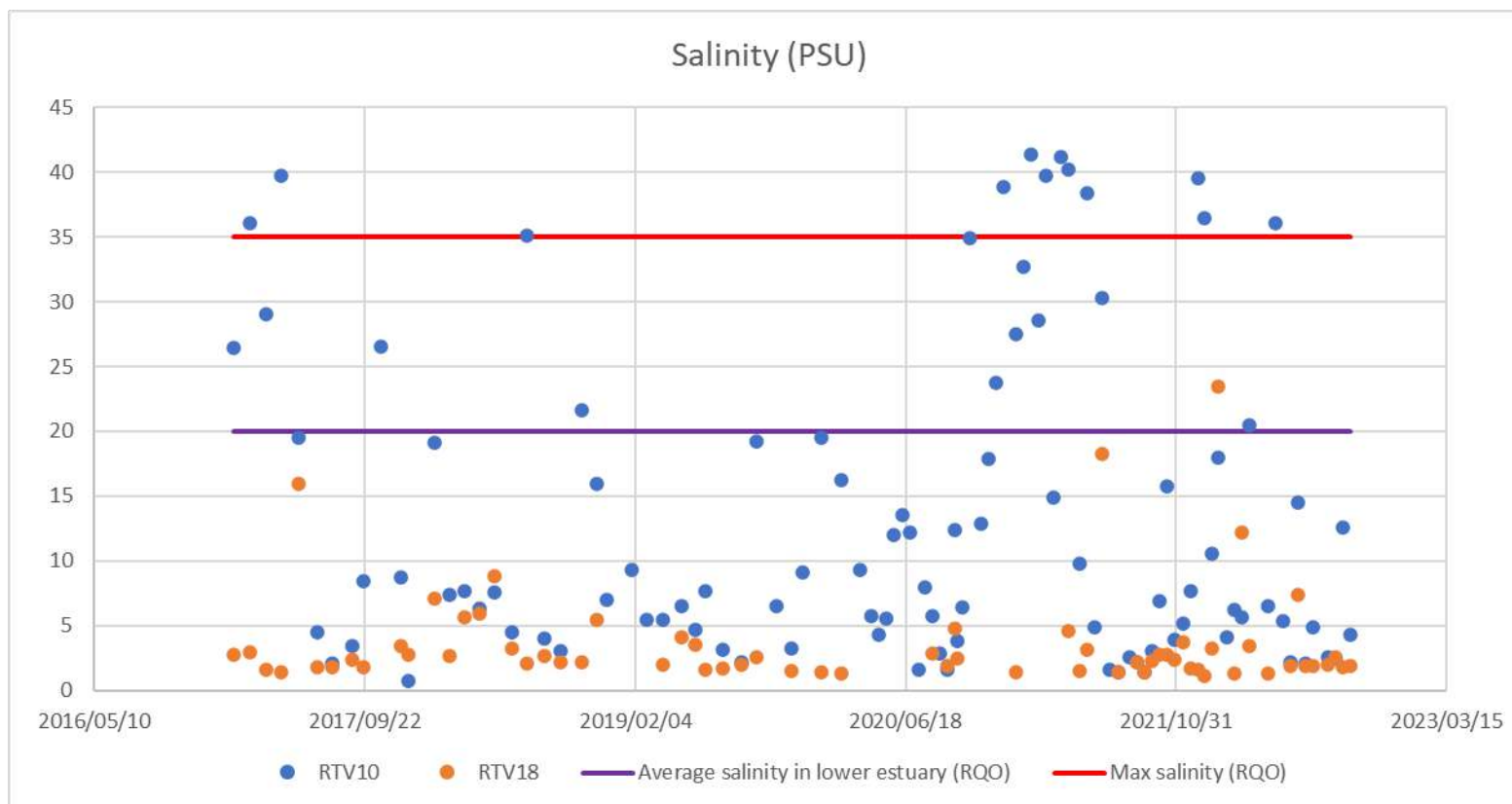
- (i) There are no guidelines for suspended solids owing to the high variability in the marine and estuarine space.
- (ii) Chemical oxygen demand (COD) is not used as an indicator of water quality for the aquatic environment or for recreational use. COD is an indicator of the amount of oxygen which will be consumed by effluent when it is discharged into a receiving water body, as it is broken down. For receiving water quality, dissolved oxygen is a better indicator.
- (iii) Ammonia levels in the estuary are shown below as an indicator of toxicity to aquatic organisms. (Note that salinity has an ameliorating effect on toxicity.)



(iv) Temperature is not generally used as a water quality indicator unless industrial effluents are discharged directly into a water body. The temperature data for the estuary shows a clear summer-winter seasonal fluctuation with two unusually high outliers in January 2019 at the estuary mouth (RTV01) and the stormwater canal at Theo Marais Park (RTV03).



- (v) Salinity values² are shown for the lower estuary against the RQO values. Salinity varies markedly due to changes in the natural inflows from the catchment (due to rainfall, abstraction, discharges and modification of the land use in the catchment) and higher evaporation. Salinity close to the estuary mouth (RTV10) will also be affected by seawater entering during higher tides/spring tides and whether the mouth is closed or open.

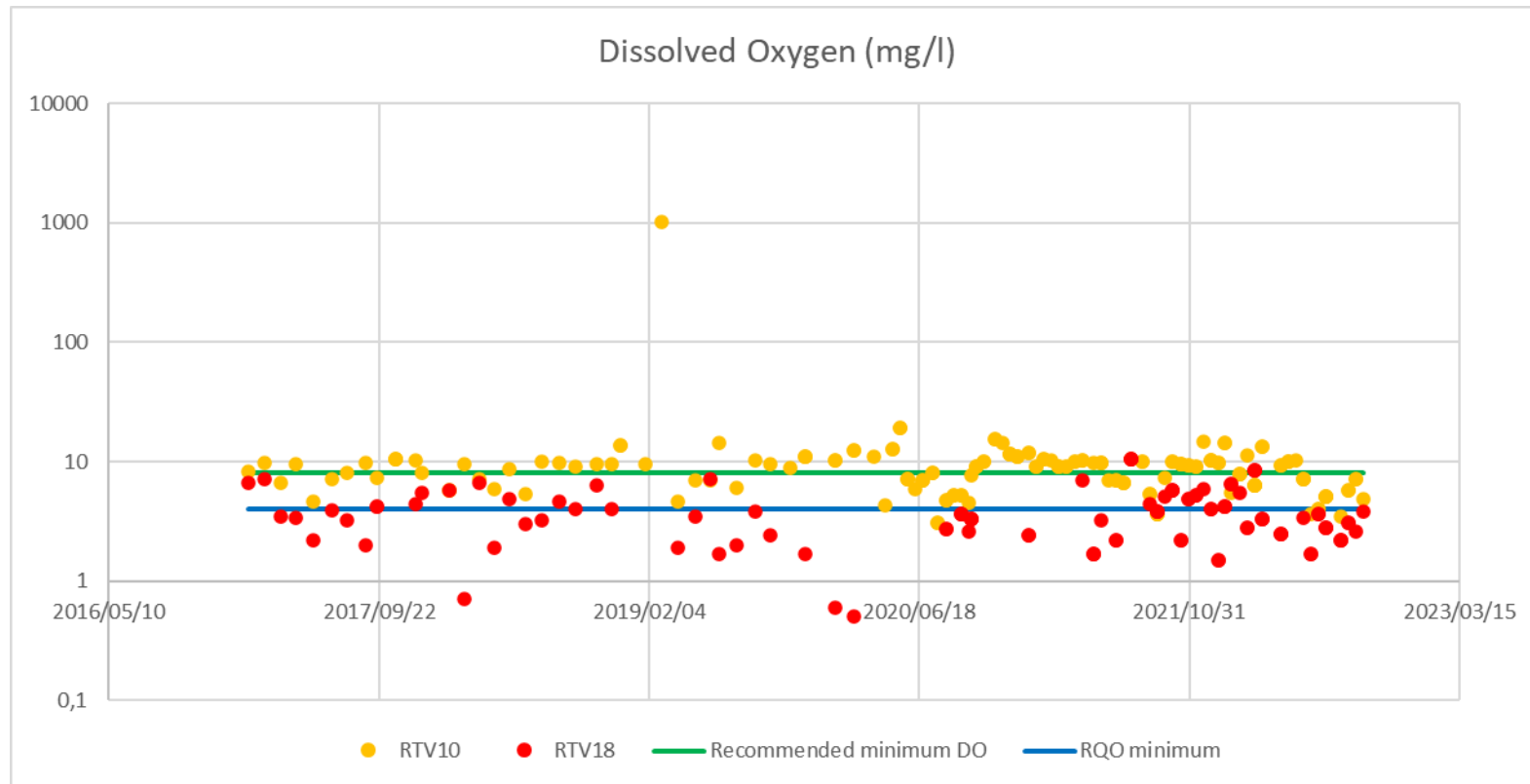


² The salinity was converted from conductivity readings. Due to the complexity of the calculation, the salinity values are not precisely accurate but are a sufficient estimate.

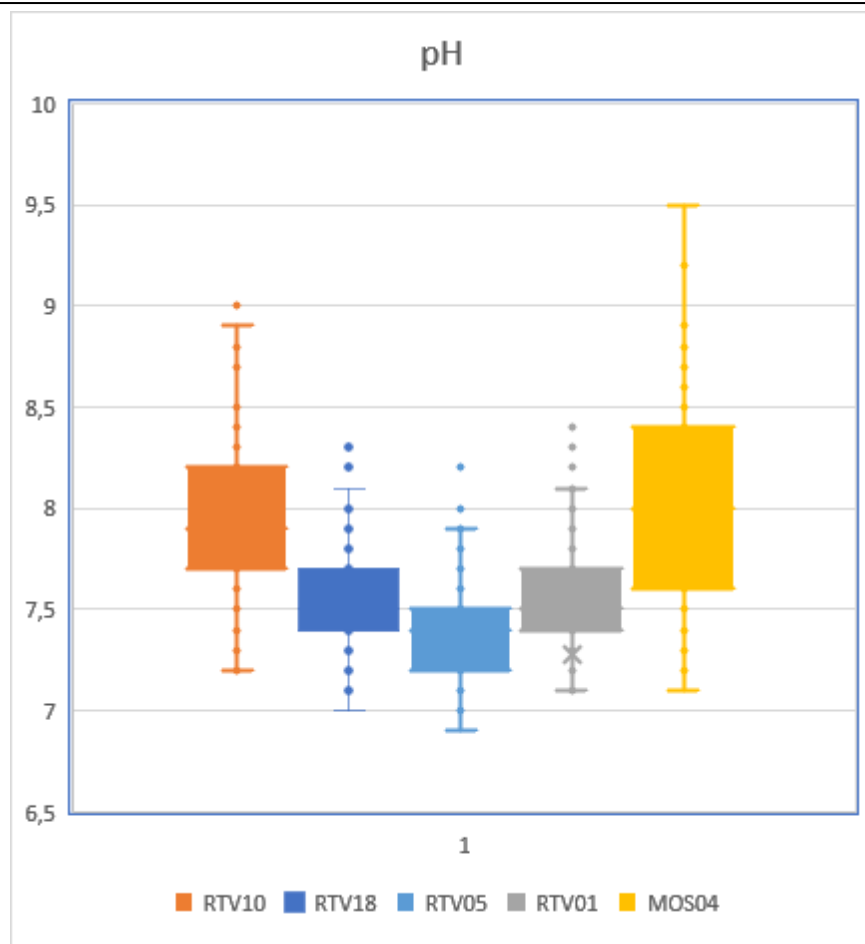
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(vi) Dissolved oxygen levels in the estuary are shown below as an indicator of acute stress to aquatic organisms.

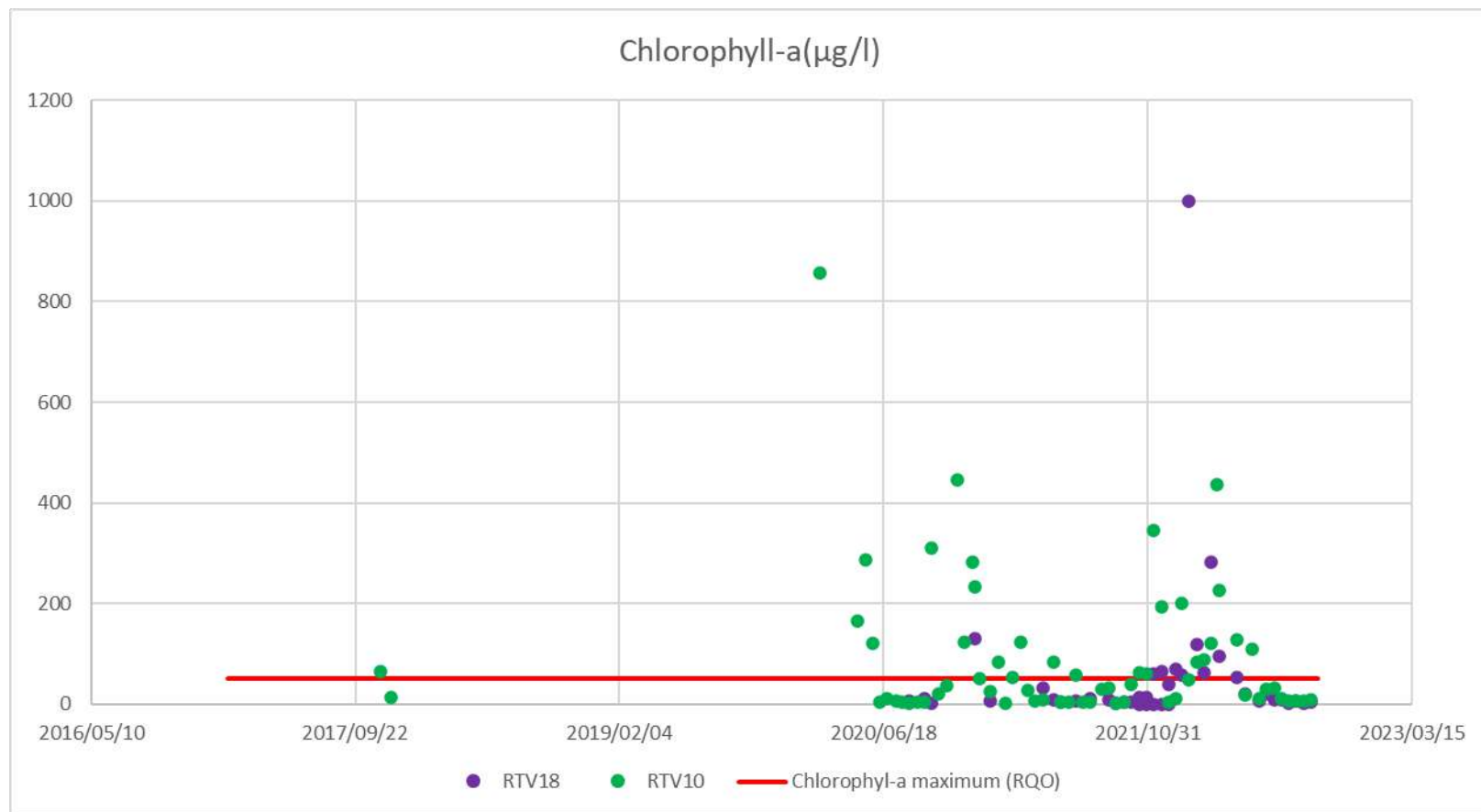


- (vii) The pH is affected by factors such as temperature, the concentrations of inorganic and organic ions, and biological activity. Extreme rates of photosynthesis, such as occur during an algal bloom, commonly result in very high pH values in standing waters during the day (i.e. when photosynthesis is occurring). pH values should not vary from the range of the background pH values for a specific site and time of day, by > 0.5 of a pH unit, or by $> 5\%$ (whichever is the more conservative). However, the background pH values for the Diep River and estuary are not indicated in the RQOs. The pH is typically variable within estuaries. Nevertheless, the data shows that 50% of the data falls within 0.5 of the median pH value at all points although all sites have outliers. The increase in alkalinity in the upper catchment may be due to geological influence as well as effluent discharges from dairies. The pH may affect the availability and toxicity of constituents such as trace metals and non-metallic ions such as ammonium. At pH values greater than 8, the ammonium ions are converted to ammonia which is highly toxic.



(viii) Algal Biomass

Chlorophyll-a is an indicator of microalgae which can cause algal blooms that deplete oxygen and cause fish kills. The excess nutrients in the system (nitrogen and phosphorous) cause algal blooms in warm summer weather conducive to their growth. This is exacerbated by the extensive modification of the catchment by development, which has disrupted normal flows and prevents natural floods from scouring the estuary of nutrient-containing sediments.



(ix) Fish and (x) Bird Populations

The DFFE: Inshore Resources Research has undertaken twice-annual sampling of the fish fauna of the Rietvlei-Diep Estuary since 2000. Their research³ summarises the impacts on fish and bird populations as follows:

“The Diep River estuary, a small estuary in suburban Cape Town, South Africa, has been **subject to disturbance for centuries**. Several earlier studies have documented conditions in the system, providing baselines against which to measure more recent changes. This study: (i) describes major physical and hydrological changes that have occurred within this estuary; (ii) documents faunistic changes subsequent to earlier biological surveys; and (iii) provides an up-to-date faunal list. Salinity measurements and both invertebrate and fish samples were taken at five stations along the estuary in summer and winter 2014. A census of sand prawn *Callichirus kraussi* densities was also undertaken to compare with earlier surveys. **Developments within the Diep River catchment and estuary have resulted in extensive changes in flow and salinity regimes, causing marked reductions in summer salinity levels, changes in frequency of mouth closure, and deteriorations in water quality.** These have resulted in major changes in faunal composition and distribution, including an increase in numbers of non-indigenous species.

Surveys in the early 1950s recorded 47 invertebrate species, whereas only 23 were found in 1974. A total of 23 species were again recorded in 2014, but these included several freshwater forms not previously reported, which had entered the system due to lowered salinity values, as well as new alien introductions. Only six of the 69 taxa recorded were reported by all three surveys. There have been substantial declines in sand prawn abundance, from 40 million in 1998 to just over 12 million in 2014. In all, 12 fish species were recorded in the 1950s, nine in 1974, but only five in 2014, including the newly detected invasive mosquito fish *Gambusia affinis* and the translocated tilapia *Tilapia sparrmanii*. Thus, only three of the original native fish species remain. Contrary to these losses, the present bird fauna appear to be more abundant and diverse than previously. Regular monitoring is recommended to obtain a clearer understanding of ongoing changes, and major management interventions will be needed if further degradation is to be prevented.”

³ M Viskich, CL Griffiths, C Erasmus & S Lamberth (2016): Long-term physical, chemical and biological changes in a small, urban estuary, African Journal of Marine Science

*Bothasig Gardens Housing Development***13. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Infrastructure:**

With regard to the Bothasig Gardens Housing Development:

- (1) (a) How has this project contributed to the broader socio-economic development of the area, (b) what contribution was made by the (i) public and (ii) private sectors and (c) what impact has this project had on property prices in the surrounding areas;
- (2) whether there are further human settlement developments planned in the area; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department anticipates similar successes for the Annandale Housing Project in Richwood; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

13. (1) (a) Social Housing is a key pillar of the Western Cape Government's commitment to delivering more affordable housing projects that are situated in well-located areas and promote greater spatial equity such as Bothasig Gardens. The proximity of the project to Century City and Cape Town's city centre enables access to several amenities, such as public transport, education institutions and healthcare facilities, while enabling proximity to job opportunities.

Bothasig Gardens has added 314 residential apartments to the area and will have approximately 750 to 900 occupants when fully let. 70% of the leaseholders fall into the secondary market, with incomes between R5,500 and R22,000 a month. The leaseholders are economically active and in permanent employment, thereby contributing to the local economy in terms of retail, transport, schools, services, etc.

From a social integration perspective, the development of social housing in established areas has enabled the access of less privileged and previously disadvantaged families to infrastructure and amenities.

- (b) (i)(ii) The final cost of the development was R163 million, including VAT.

The financial contributions included:

- Capital Grants from the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) (Public) - **R90,800,000**
- Debt Capital (Private) - **R33,000,000**

- Communicare Equity Contribution (Private) - **R39,200,000**

- (c) The average house sale price for Bothasig in 2021 was R1,947,500 and the average sale price in 2022 is R1,980,000. It is difficult to attribute the increase in house prices to the Bothasig Gardens project, which is probably a result of economic conditions. There has been no negative impact on property prices in the area since the completion of the Bothasig Gardens project. From a rental perspective, Bothasig Gardens has significantly lower rentals than the surrounding suburb.
- (2) Currently, there are no further human settlement development plans for the Bothasig area.
- (3) The current development proposal for the Annandale Housing Project is a mixed-use development with the inclusion of affordable housing for both ownership and rental tenure. It includes a range of facilities and amenities. The City of Cape Town is the implementing agent and the project is at pre-feasibility stage. The site is currently undergoing rezoning in terms of the Development Management Scheme.

Drakenstein and Witzenberg: Department of Social Development programmes

14. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander asked the Minister of Social Development:

With respect to the Department's programmes in Drakenstein and Witzenberg for the current financial year:

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

14. Reply (a) – (d): The spreadsheets labelled Drakenstein Municipality and Witzenberg Municipality indicate the programmes, the nature thereof, the allocation awarded per programme for the 2022/23 financial year, the town in which these are being implemented as well as the Non-Government Organisations funded per programme.

Drakenstein Local Municipality (Paarl, Wellington, Hermon, Saron, Gouda, Wellington and Simondium)

Town	Programme	Nature of Programme	Total Budget Allocation (Rands): 2022/23	Organisations funded for Programme Implementation
Paarl	After School Care Centers	Safe environments for children with appropriate health and safety measures and learning activities for children once school is dismissed for the day until collected by a parent or guardian.	1 375 704,00	1. Butterfly House Aftercare. 2. Bonokuhle After School Care. 3. Ikamvalethu After School Care. 4. Mamzana Afterschool Care Project. 5. Sinethemba After School Care. 6. Maranatha Academy in Paarl.
	Day Care Center for Persons with Disability	Daytime supervised care, stimulation, structured programmes and activities for adults and children with disabilities.	488 963,00	Drakenstein APD (APD - Western Cape)
	Service Centers for Older Persons	Provide older persons the opportunity to engage in activities and services such as exercise, recreational activities, cultural and spiritual activities, awareness campaigns, educational and skills activities, and lunches	986 144,00	1. ACVV Huis Vergenoegd Dienssentrum 2. Mbekweni Kuyasa Elderly Centre 3. Paarl Service Centre 4. ACVV Oase Service Centre 5. Chicago Society for the Aged
	Shelter for Adults	Overnight sleeping facility, supper, breakfast and family reunification services to homeless adults	1 339 565,00	The Haven Night Shelter Paarl
	Shelter for Women & Children	Residential facilities, psychosocial support and if available, skills training for victims of GBV, Crime and Violence.	1 144 388,00	Athlone House of Strength (AHOS)
	Services to Families	Prevention and early intervention services for children at risk	181 852,00	Drakenstein Palliative Hospice
	Child Care and Protection Services	Cluster Homes for children in foster care	1 204 550,00	Norsa Community Care
	Child Care and Protection Services	Statutory services for children in need of care and protection for example, foster care, adoptions, placement of children in alternative care	3 613 650,00	1. ACVV Paarl 2. ACVV Paarl North 3. Badisa Paarl 4. ACVV Paarl Valley 5. Child Welfare South Africa: Paarl
	Services to Persons with Disabilities	Specialist support to people with disabilities, their families and carers. They provide prevention and early intervention services	444 612,00	AMADO (Provides services in Paarl, Simondium and Wellington)
ALLOCATION TO AREA			10 779 428,00	

Gouda	After School Care Center	Safe environments for children with appropriate health and safety measures and learning activities for children once school is dismissed for the day until collected by a parent or guardian.	185 328,00	Gouda Learning Assistance and Aftercare Centre
	Service Centre for Older Persons	Provide older persons the opportunity to engage in activities and services such as exercise, recreational activities, cultural and spiritual activities, awareness campaigns, educational and skills activities, and lunches	118 190,00	Gouda Dienssentrum
	ALLOCATION TO AREA		303 518,00	
Saron	Protective Workshop for Persons with Disabilities	Develop the skills and abilities of persons with disabilities and provide the necessary support which will allow them to find suitable employment or other forms of income generation	150 000,00	Saron Disabled Association
	Service Centre for Older Persons	Provide older persons the opportunity to engage in activities and services such as exercise, recreational activities, cultural and spiritual activities, awareness campaigns, educational and skills activities, and lunches	46 827,00	Percy Bilton Service Centre - Badisa
	ALLOCATION TO AREA		196 827,00	
Wellington	Victim Empowerment	Provision of psychosocial support services for victims of gender based violence and victims of crime.	523 494,00	Networking for Christ SA
	Social Crime Prevention	Psychosocial support reintegration services to ex-offenders, pre-release inmates and their family members; family members and parents of children in awaiting trial CYCCs, school-based lifeskills and support programmes to children and their parents as well as end of year holiday programme for children.	1 068 157,00	Networking for Christ SA (Focus of the programmes are the Correctional Centres - Allendale; Groot Drakenstein; Haweqwa in the Paarl and Wellington areas)
	Child Care and Protection Services	Statutory services for children in need of care and protection for example, foster care, adoptions, placement of children in alternative care	1 452 220,00	1. ACCV Wellington 2. Badisa Wellington 3. Child Welfare South Africa: Wellington
	Sustainable Livelihoods - Feeding programme	Community Nutrition Development Centres - provide nutritious meals and support to communities affected by food insecurity.	542 457,00	Norsa
	After School Care Centers	Safe environments for children with appropriate health and safety measures and learning activities for children once school is dismissed for the day until collected by a parent or guardian.	356 400,00	1. Rise & Shine Aftercare 2. Wellington After School Centre

Child and Youth Care Centre	Children's Home - Residential facility for children in need of Care and Protection in terms of the Children's Act	7 533 000,00	Huis Andrew Murray Child and Youth Care Centre
Service Centers for Older Persons	Provide older persons the opportunity to engage in activities and services such as exercise, recreational activities, cultural and spiritual activities, awareness campaigns, educational and skills activities, and lunches	461 806,00	1. Gemoedsrus Service Centre 2. ACVV Fyngoud Service Centre 3. Newton Dienssentrum
Residential Facilities for Older Persons	Homes for the Aged - Older persons needing 24-hour care due to their physical and mental condition can receive care and services at a frail care facility	998 941,00	ACVV Silwerkruin
Residential Facilities for Persons with Disabilities	Home for Presons with Disabilities - 24 hour care for persons with disabilities	2 046 300,00	Sunfield Home for the Disabled
ALLOCATION TO AREA		14 982 775,00	

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41 745 668,00

Witzenberg Local Municipality (Ceres, Tulbagh, Wolseley, Op- die- Berg and Prince Alfred's Hamlet)				
Town	Programme Implemented in the Community	Nature of Programme	Total Budget Allocation (R): 2022/23	Organisations funded for Programme Implementation
CERES	Sustainable Livelihoods - Feeding programme	Community Nutrition Development Centres - provide nutritious meals and support to communities affected by food insecurity.	585 229,00	1. Vrolike Vinkies Enrichment & Development Centre. 2. Huis PJ du Plessis Strauss.
	After School Care Centre	Safe environments for children with appropriate health and safety measures and learning activities for children once school is dismissed for the day until collected by a parent or guardian.	49 896,00	Goedgedink Afterschool Care Centre
	Service Centres for Older Persons	Provide older persons the opportunity to engage in activities and services such as exercise, recreational activities, cultural and spiritual activities, awareness campaigns, educational and skills activities, and lunches	275 059,00	1. Badisa Koue Bokkeveld Dienssentrum. 2. Ceres Dienssentrum. 3. Sisonke Ekhaya Labadala - Badisa.
	Day Care Centre for Persons with Disabilities	Daytime supervised care, stimulation, structured programmes and activities for adults and children with disabilities.	337 428,00	Vrolike Vinkies Enrichment and Development Centre(Disability)
	Residential Facilities for Older Persons	Homes for the Aged - Older persons needing 24-hour care due to their physical and mental condition can receive care and services at a frail care facility	3 229 392,00	Huis PJ du Plessis Strauss
	Services to Persons with Disabilities	Specialist support to people with disabilities, their families and carers. They provide prevention and early intervention services	578 184,00	Witzenberg Association for Persons with Disabilities (Operations in Ceres, Tulbagh, Wolseley and Prince Alfred's Hamlet)
	Child Care and Protection	Child care and protection statutory services for example, foster care, adoptions, placement of children in alternative care	1 204 550,00	1. ACVV Ceres 2. BADISA: Koue Bokkeveld
	ALLOCATION TO AREA		6 259 738,00	

Prince Alfred's Hamlet	Residential Facilities for Older Persons - Assisted Living	Assisted Living is the provisioning of affordable, safe and accessible accommodation, with access to support services for active older persons who are independent, with or without assistive devices and who need some form of supervision and assistance regarding their activities of daily	339 832,00	Hamlet Selfsorg - Assisted Living
	ALLOCATION TO AREA		339 832,00	
Tulbagh	Child and Youth Care Centre	Children's Home - Residential facility for children in need of Care and Protection in terms of the Children's Act	6 804 000,00	Steinthal Child and Youth Care Centre (Badisa)
	Service Centre for Older Persons	Provide older persons the opportunity to engage in activities and services such as exercise, recreational activities, cultural and spiritual activities, awareness campaigns, educational and	29 799,00	Emmanuel Society for the Aged
	Residential Services for Older Persons	Homes for the Aged - Older persons needing 24-hour care due to their physical and mental condition can receive care and services at a frail care facility	483 361,00	Tulbagh ACVV Dienstak (Huis Disa)
	Child Care and Protection Services	Statutory services for children in need of care and protection for example, foster care, adoptions, placement of children in alternative care	602 275,00	BADISA: Tulbagh
	ALLOCATION TO AREA		7 919 435,00	
	Service Centre for Older Persons	Provide older persons the opportunity to engage in activities and services such as exercise, recreational activities, cultural and spiritual activities, awareness campaigns, educational and skills activities, and lunches	56 760,00	Badisa Wolseley Service Centre for the Aged

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Wolseley	Residential Facilities for Older Persons - Assisted Living	Assisted Living is the provisioning of affordable, safe and accessible accommodation, with access to support services for active older persons who are independent, with or without assistive devices and who need some form of supervision and assistance regarding their activities of daily living.	78 016,00	Huis Mostertshoek
	Residential Facilities for Older Persons - Old Age Home	Homes for the Aged - Older persons needing 24-hour care due to their physical and mental condition can receive care and services at a frail care facility	917 129,00	Huis Mostertshoek
	Child Care and Protection	Child care and protection statutory services for example, foster care, adoptions, placement of children in alternative care	796 883,00	BADISA Wolseley
	ALLOCATION TO AREA		1 848 788,00	

WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY**26 475 848,00**

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Department of Agriculture: auditing of financial statements

1. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:

(a) What have been the costs associated with auditing the financial statements of (i) his Department and (ii) its entity, Casidra, in (aa) 2017/18, (bb) 2018/19, (cc) 2019/20, (dd) 2020/21 and (ee) 2021/22, (b) what were the year-on-year percentage changes of these costs and (c) what were the year-on-year percentage changes in the net income of his Department in the last five financial years?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

1. (i) Department of Agriculture:

	Financial year	Audit Fee R'000	Percentage change on previous year	Revenue for the year R'000	Percentage change on previous year
(aa)	2017/18	4 005		866 869	
(bb)	2018/19	3 934	-1.8%	1 108 571	27.9%
(cc)	2019/20	4 143	5.3%	928 920	-16.2%
(dd)	2020/21	4 175	0.8%	917 856	-1.2%
(ee)	2021/22	4 132	-1.0%	892 787	-2.7%

(ii) Casidra SOC Ltd:

	Financial year	Audit Fee R'000	Percentage change on previous year	Revenue for the year R'000	Percentage change on previous year
(aa)	2017/18	372		347 755	
(bb)	2018/19	780	109.7%	378 241	8.8%
(cc)	2019/20	837	6.8%	511 738	35.3%
(dd)	2020/21	521	-37.8%	277 363	-45.8%
(ee)	2021/22	729	39.92%	216 492	-22.0%

*Department of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development
Planning: auditing of financial statements*

2. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) What have been the costs associated with auditing the financial statements of (i) his Department and (ii) its entity, CapeNature, in (aa) 2017/18, (bb) 2018/19, (cc) 2019/20, (dd) 2020/21 and (ee) 2021/22, (b) what were the year-on-year percentage changes of these costs and (c) what were the year-on-year percentage changes in the net income of his Department in the last five financial years?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

2. The audit costs incurred with the auditing of the financial statements, inclusive of the predetermined performance information as included of the annual reports of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for the requested financial years are as follows:

Audit Year	Auditing Cost	Year-on-Year cost changes %	Annual Budget	Year-on-Year net income changes %
2017/18	R3 465 251	(12.20)	555 720 000	2.21
2018/19	R3 619 488	4.45	585 536 000	5.37
2019/20	R4 063 017	12.25	634 759 000	8.41
2020/21	R3 771 680	(7.17)	588 532 000	(7.28)
2021/22	R3 969 923	5.26	565 417 000	(3.93)

The information in respect of the entity, CapeNature, are as follows:

Audit Year	Audit cost	Year-on-Year cost changes %
2017/18	R2 918 451	
2018/19	R2 921 190	0.09
2019/20	R2 867 230	(1.85)
2020/21	R2 760 974	(3.71)
2021/22	R3 217 992	16.55

*Nature reserves: bookings***3. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

For each of the nature reserves in the Western Cape:

(a) How many bookings for (i) accommodation and (ii) access for the year 2020/21 were made (aa) on their website, (bb) by email, (cc) by telephone, (dd) by walk-ins and (ee) by other means and (b) what was the total number of people who made bookings during the 2021/22 financial year?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

3. (a)

Reserve	(i) Bookings for accomm.	(ii) Bookings for entrance
ANYSBERG (Reserve was closed)	0	2
ASSEGAIBOSCH (No accommodation)	0	164
BIRD ISLAND (No accommodation)	0	1 263
BUFFALO VALLEY	82	0
CEDERBERG - ALGERIA	1 446	613
CEDERBERG - KLIPHUIS	236	64
DE HOOP – KLIPHUIS/POTBERG	2	1 035
DE MOND (Accommodation was closed)	3	388
GAMKABERG	338	74
GAMKASKLOOF (Partially closed)	277	57
GOUKAMMA	123	130
GROOT WINTERHOEK	133	134
GROOTVADERSBOSCH	708	177
HOTTENTOTS-HOLLAND	5	493
JONKERSHOEK (No accommodation)	0	4287
KEURBOOMS	24	262
KOGELBERG	902	1 062
LIMIETBERG	387	1479
MARLOTH	110	192
MATJIESRIVIER (No accommodation)	0	521
POTBERG	10	
ROBBERG	114	9854
ROCHERPAN	395	172
SEDGEFIELD	36	2
STONY POINT (No accommodation)	0	254
SWARTBERG (No accommodation)	0	15
VROLIJKHEID	100	96
WALKERBAY (No accommodation)	0	458
WHALE TRAIL	121	0
	5 552	23 248

- (aa) 9 822 bookings were made online (on the website)
 - (bb) 2 486 bookings were made via e-mail
 - (cc) 6 368 bookings were made via telephone
 - (dd) 12 385 bookings were made via walk-ins
 - (ee) CapeNature does have third booking agents. The numbers have been included in the bookings made via telephone and via e-mail.
- (b) 28 800 people booked for accommodation and entrance in 2021/22. Please note that cancellations and reserve closures have been excluded as the system removes these from the total number of bookings made.

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: directives

4. Ms C Murray asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With reference to the directives issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) How many directives have been issued, (b) when were they issued, (c) what were the requirements set out by the Department for the City of Cape Town with regard to Milnerton and (d) what successes have been achieved to date with regard to the requirements of the latest directive;
- (2) whether there is a statutory obligation to act when the City is non-compliant with the agreed-upon action plan following a directive; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

4. (1) (a) In respect of the Milnerton Lagoon/Diep River, the Department issued one Directive to the City, as follows:
- a Pre-Directive;
 - a Directive; and
 - a Modified Directive (following an appeal received from the City), by Minister Bredell.
- b) - The Pre-Directive was issued on 26 March 2020;
- The Directive was issued on 21 September 2020; and
 - The Modified Directive was issued on 22 January 2021.

- c) The Directive and Modified Directive contains a range of short- and long-term measures (such as capital infrastructural works that must still be implemented), as follows:
- Expedite the investigation of illicit discharge into the stormwater drainage systems and surrounding water courses, and submit a report of the City's findings and proposed actions to prevent ongoing pollution to the Department within 60 (sixty) calendar days of receipt of the Directive; **(Compliance Status: Compliant)**
 - Submit the revised pollution incident protocols and contingency plans for the Facility, Koeberg and Sanddrift Pump Stations to the Department's Directorate: Pollution and Chemical Management ("D: P&CM") for review and comment, within 30 (thirty) calendar days of receipt of this Directive, to address future incidents which may occur while the upgrade of the aforementioned facilities are in progress. **(Compliance Status: Compliant).**
 - Update to enable the expediting of the upgrade of the Potsdam WWTW Facility, which must be completed by 31 August 2025, in order to prevent/minimise further pollution of the lower Diep River/ Milnerton Lagoon; The DEA&DP must be kept informed of the progress of the implementation of this measure in the monthly reports that are bring submitted by the City **(Compliance Status: Partially compliant – future timeframe)**
 - Update to enable the expediting of the upgrade of the Montague Gardens Bulk Sewer Gravity Reticulation Network and screening system by 30 June 2025, in order to prevent sewer network blockages and spillages into the Theo Marais Canal; The City must indicate to the DEA&DP the measures to be undertaken to reduce the blockages as a result of foreign objects entering the sewer reticulation network within 60 Calendar days of this Appeal Directive. **(Compliance Status: Partially compliant – 60 days submitted, 2025 is future dated)**
 - Update to enable the expediting of the upgrade of the Du Noon and Doornbach Sewer Gravity Reticulation Network (which includes plan, design, and construction of stormwater to sewer diversion/s) by 31 December 2023, in order to prevent sewer network blockages and spillages into the lower Diep River via the stormwater drainage system and the two outflow channels; The DEA&DP must be kept informed of the progress of the implementation of this measure in the monthly reports that are bring submitted by the City. **(Compliance status: Partially compliant)**

- Update to enable the expediting of the upgrade of the Koeberg Road Pump Station (which includes plan, design, and construction of stormwater to sewer diversion/s) to be completed 1 June 2024, in order to prevent/minimise pollution into the lower Diep River/ Milnerton Lagoon via the stormwater drainage system inlets and underground pipes; This measure falls under the Montague Gardens Bulk Sewer Upgrade project to be completed between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2024. Progress reports on the implementation of this measure must be included in the monthly reports submitted to the DEA&DP. **(Compliance Status: Partially compliant)**.
- Submit the sewer pump station audit report to the Department's Directorate: P&CM for review and comment, within 60 (sixty) calendar days of receipt of this Directive **(Compliance Status: Compliant)**.
- Increase frequency of refuse collection and area cleaning - submit a plan to the Department's Directorates Waste Management and D: P&CM for approval, within 30 (thirty) calendar days of receipt of the Directive, to address the littering and solid waste pollution occurring through wind dispersion, illegal dumping and within the stormwater drainage systems (including the lack of proper waste collection services for "back yard dwellings") within Du Noon, Doornbach and Joe Slovo Park. The plan must include clear action deliverables, proposed budgets and adequate timeframes (Compliance Status: Compliant).
- Conduct a thorough clean-up of the sludge within the Diep River at the Final Effluent discharge point of the Facility, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of receipt of this Directive (Compliance Status: Compliant).
- Add an additional sampling point at Final Effluent discharge point of the Facility (at the point of entry into the Diep River), in order to reflect the water quality of the final effluent entering the environment **(This condition has since been relaxed based on motivation from the DWS)**.
- Effectively seal-off all historical outlets and underground pipes leading from the Facility (including the maturation ponds) into the Diep River, within 30 (thirty) calendar days of receipt of this Directive and provide proof to the Department within 7 (seven) calendar days after completion. **(This condition has been relaxed based on the DWS authorising the City to release effluent into**

the reedbeds, as sealing-off of the outlet would detrimentally impact the WwTW).

- The standby generators must immediately come online in the event of a power outage, and not have 15 – 30 mins delays, and provide proof to the Department within 7 (seven) calendar days after completion (Compliance Status: Compliant).
- Implement measures at strategic stormwater outlets to trap all the general waste from flowing into the Diep River and Milnerton Lagoon (e.g. nets at the mouths of stormwater outlets to capture the general waste, as implemented in the Soet River Catchment), within 30 (thirty) calendar days of receipt of this Directive, and provide proof to the Department within 7 (seven) calendar days after completion. These stormwater outlets must be cleaned regularly in order to prevent blockages

(This condition has been non-complaint due the City's procureent processes, thus delaying the installation of the nets. However, the City has recently advised that a service provider has been appointed and that the nets will be installed during the month of November 2022. As such, the Compliance Status is still non-compliant).

- Submit an Estuary Management Plan for the Milnerton Lagoon, which must address improving the estuary water quality, marine and coastal ecosystem functions and the overall management of the Milnerton Lagoon Estuary, to this Department for comment and the DEFF for approval, within 60 (sixty) calendar days of receipt of the Directive **(Compliance Status: Compliant).**
 - Continue to submit to the Department the monthly update reports on the implementation of the Action Plan (Compliance Status: Compliant).
 - Continue to conduct meetings or engagements with affected groups to communicate and inform the communities along the Diep River Catchment of the City's short-, medium and long-term actions contained in the Action Plan, and provide them with copies of the update reports **(Compliance Status: Compliant).**
- (d) The City is compliant with majority of the conditions of the Modified Directive apart from those conditions for which the time frames have future dates, as indicated above.

To summarise, the City is compliant with nine conditions of the Modified Directive, non-compliant with one condition, two conditions have been relaxed based on motivation from the Department of Water and Sanitation, and partially compliant with four conditions. The partially compliant conditions have been classified as such, as the timeframes to meet these conditions are future dated and thus cannot be audited.

- Regular meetings are held with the City and the Departments' Directorates Environmental Law Enforcement and Pollution and Chemical Management to assess the status and progress with the City's Action Plan and the Modified Directive, as well as to monitor the City's actions relating to on-going complaints received.
- The City also has quarterly meetings with OUTA and the Milnerton Central Ratepayers Association (i.e. City/ OUTA/ MCRA/ DEA&DP - Diep River and Milnerton Lagoon quarterly engagement meeting) to encourage open lines of communication between the relevant authorities and interested and affected parties in order to collectively address issues related to the pollution of the Diep River Catchment and Milnerton Lagoon.
- The Premier and Mayor monitors the progress on this matter at Inter-Governmental Co-operation Forum with the Western Cape Government ("WGC") and City of Cape Town.
- As a result of the above interventions and on-going engagements with the City and the relevant stakeholders, the City has: commenced with the procurement process for major sewage infrastructure upgrades (e.g. at the Potsdam Wastewater Treatment Works ("WwTW"), the Du Noon and Doornbach Sewer Gravity Reticulation Network, the Montague Gardens Bulk Sewer Gravity Reticulation Network and screening system); increased their response times in attending to complaints of pollution incidents at the Potsdam WwTW and the various pump stations situated within the lower Diep River Catchment and Milnerton Lagoon; increased the frequency of solid waste clean-ups within the surrounding informal settlements; develop (and updating) Standard Operating Procedures and pollution incident protocols to deal with pump stations failures and blockages which have an impact on the Diep River and Milnerton Lagoon.

- (2) The NEMA does not provide for administrative fines or penalties for failing to comply with a directive issued in terms of it. It is an offence to not comply. Since the City, is in-compliance with the majority of the conditions of the Modified Directive and given that some of the timeframes are future-dated, criminal action is not yet an option.

Kannaland Municipality: Acting Municipal Manager

5. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to the dismissal of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, from the George Municipality in 2020, and noting that this person has recently been appointed as Acting Municipal Manager of the Kannaland Municipality:

- (1) Whether he is aware of the dismissal of this person from the George Municipality; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) can copies of the disciplinary outcomes of this case be provided and (c) what are the details of the (i) charges, (ii) findings and (iii) sanctions imposed on this person;
- (2) what process was followed in the appointment of this person as Acting Municipal Manager;
- (3) whether his dismissal was considered when his appointment was made; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

5. (1) I am aware of the fact that Mr Keith Jordaan was dismissed at George Municipality in 2019, where he held the position of Chief Financial Officer.
- a) The dismissal of Mr Keith Jordaan resulted from cash investments made with Old Mutual. It was alleged that the Mr Jordaan contravened the Municipal Investment Regulations in that Old Mutual was not a registered Bank and that as such the Municipality could not invest monies with Old Mutual. Furthermore, it was also alleged that the Supply Chain Management Policy was contravened to the extent that by appointing Old Mutual as an Investment Manager for George Municipality without any supply chain processes having been followed. On 5 July 2019, the Presiding Officer of the Disciplinary Hearing made his ruling on the charges and sanctions. Subsequently, the matter was referred for Arbitration and on 29 April 2021 the Arbitrator delivered his findings, ruling that on Charge 1, Mr Jordaan was guilty of gross negligence, equally on Charges 2 and 3, the arbitrator found him guilty of gross negligence. In relation to the 4th Charge, Mr Jordaan was

acquitted on such charge and therefore, no ruling was made on this charge. As result of the findings on Charges 1, 2 and 3, the Arbitrator made an award that the dismissal of Mr Keith Jordaan as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of George Municipality was both substantively and procedurally fair and ordered that Mr Jordaan's claim of alleged unfair dismissal is dismissed. The matter is further discussed in greater detail under reply in 6(1)(c)(i), (ii) and (iii) below.

- b) The outcome of the Disciplinary cannot be provided as this is confidential, however one may access the Arbitration Award delivered on 29 April 2021. The latter is publicly available through subscription with various legal databases.
- c) The four charges made against Mr Jordaan was as follows:

- (i) **Charge 1:**

Old Mutual was selected as the winning bidder on 26 July 2017 and 21 November 2017 and George Municipality made subsequent cash investments on 31 July and 21 November 2017 with Old Mutual.

Mr Jordaan was charged with breaching of the Cash and Investment Policy of George Municipality as Old Mutual did not meet the requirements for a qualifying institution as set out in Part 14 of the policy.

As a result of the above-mentioned, Mr Jordaan was charged with making himself guilty of gross misconduct constituting: Gross negligence; and/or negligent conduct; and/or a material breach of his obligations as a senior manager in terms of items 2(a), and/or 2(b) and/or 2(d) of the Code of Conduct for Municipal Staff Members; and/or a breach of Part 14.10 of the Cash Investment Policy; and/or a breach of Part 1.9.2 of the Supply Chain Management Policy; and/or a breach of section 171(2) of the MFMA.

- Charge 2:**

On or about 27 July 2017, an investment agreement between Old Mutual and George Municipality was received by the Municipal Manager of George Municipality. Mr Jordaan informed the office of the Municipal Manager that someone from Old Mutual is awaiting the document and on that basis the Municipal Manager signed the agreement on 27 July 2017. The agreement was signed by Mr Dieter Briechele on behalf of Old Mutual and also co-signed by Mr Jordaan.

Furthermore amendments to this investment agreement were concluded during September 2017 with which Mr Jordaan was directly involved. It was alleged that Mr Jordaan was instrumental in the concluding of an Investment agreement between the parties which effectively resulted in Old Mutual being appointed as an investment manager. This constituted a breach of the Cash and Investment Policy as well as the prescripts of the Supply Chain Management Policy as it did not adhere to the process for the appointment of an investment manager.

As a result of the above-mentioned, Mr Jordaan was charged with making himself guilty of gross misconduct constituting: Gross negligence; and/or negligent conduct; and/or a material breach of his obligations as a senior manager in terms of items 2(a), and/or 2(b) and/or 2(d) of the Code of Conduct for Municipal Staff Members; and/or a breach of Part 14.9.1 and/or 14.10 of the Cash Investment Policy; and/or a breach of Part 1.9.2 of the Supply Chain Management Policy; and/or a breach of section 171(2) of the MFMA.

Charge 3:

It was alleged that the inclusion of Old Mutual in the bid adjudication process, the selection of Old Mutual as the preferred bidder and the subsequent cash investment on 31 July 2017 constituted a breach of the Cash and Investment Policy in that:

- Old Mutual is not a bank registered in terms of the Banks Act (94 of 1990) as stipulated in Part 14.6.5(c) of the Policy.
- Old Mutual does not meet the requirements for any other investment as set out in the other subsections of Part 14.6.5 of the Policy.
- The cash that Old Mutual received from George Municipality was placed in deposit accounts at Investec and Nedbank. These accounts appear to be under the control and ownership of Old Mutual. The Investec account attracted interest at 7.8%, however only 7.44% was repaid to George Municipality.
- The written quotation offered by Old Mutual of 7.44% did not disclose an investment fee of 0.4% and was not evaluated as being net of cost or commission.

- The decision to invest an additional R100 million on call with Old Mutual on 31 July 2017 was obtained from an existing call investment with ABSA.

As a result of the above-mentioned, Mr Jordaan was charged with making himself guilty of gross misconduct constituting: Gross negligence; and/or negligent conduct; and/or a material breach of his obligations as a senior manager in terms of items 2(a), and/or 2(b) and/or 2(d) of the Code of Conduct for Municipal Staff Members; and/or a breach of Part 14 of the Cash Investment Policy; and/or a breach of Part 1.9.2 of the Supply Chain Management Policy; and/or a breach of section 171(2) of the MFMA.

Charge 4:

In relation to Charge 4, it was alleged that the benefit or reward that Old Mutual earned from various investments made during the period 2017 to 2018 on behalf of George Municipality, comprising the difference between the interest earned by Old Mutual and the interest paid to George Municipality was not formally disclosed to George Municipality by Mr Jordaan.

Furthermore, the cash that Old Mutual received from George Municipality that was placed in deposit accounts at Investec and Nedbank accounts appear to be under the control and ownership of Old Mutual, as George Municipality did not receive the full benefit of the interest that was earned on these investments. These funds were also not invested on call terms, as originally indicated in the request for quotations. As a result of these facts, it was alleged that Mr Jordaan made himself guilty of gross misconduct constituting: gross negligence; and/or negligent conduct; and/or a material breach of his obligations as a senior manager in terms of items 2(a), and/or 2(b) and/or 2(d) of the Code of Conduct for Municipal Staff Members; and/or a breach of Part 14 of the Cash Investment Policy; and/or a breach of Part 1.9.2 of the Supply Chain Management Policy; and/or a breach of section 171(2) of the MFMA.

(ii) Findings:

Charge 1: In relation to Charge 1, the Presiding Officer found that Mr Jordaan failed to display the level of care that was required from a person in his position and that this failure amounted to gross negligence on his part and Mr Jordaan was therefore found guilty.

Charge 2: In relation to Charge 2, the Presiding Officer held that the alleged misconduct was indicative of gross negligence and Mr Jordaan was found guilty in relation to this Charge.

Charge 3: In relation to the misconduct under Charge 3, the Presiding Officer held that Mr Jordaan was grossly negligent and he was found guilty.

Charge 4: Mr Jordaan was found not guilty.

(iii) **Sanctions:**

Charge 1: Summary dismissal

Charge 2: Summary dismissal

Charge 3: Summary dismissal

After a conciliation the matter was referred to arbitration. The Arbitrator upheld that the dismissal was substantively and procedurally fair and Mr Jordaan's claim for unfair dismissal was dismissed.

- (2) At the time of the appointment of Mr Jordaan as Acting Municipal Manager at Kannaland Municipality, the Municipal Systems Amendment Act, 7 of 2011 ("the Amendment Act") was constitutionally invalid with effect 9 March 2019. Municipal Managers were therefore not appointed in terms of Section 54A of the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 ("the Systems Act"), as introduced by the Amendment Act, and were instead appointed in terms of Section 82 of the Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998. Section 82 of the Municipal Structures Act provided as follows:

(1) A municipal council must appoint-

- (a) a Municipal Manager who is the head of the administration and also the accounting officer for the municipality; and
- (b) when necessary, an acting municipal manager.

Kannaland Municipal Council tabled an item at a Special Council Meeting on 21 October 2022 to appoint Mr Keith Jordaan as Acting Municipal Manager. The majority of councillors resolved in favour of the appointment of Mr Jordaan for a period of three months.

- (3) It is not within my knowledge whether Kannaland Municipal Council considered Mr Jordaan's dismissal before appointing him as Acting Municipal Manager on 21 October 2022.

I did, however, address correspondence to the Municipality dated 11 November 2022, whereby I informed the Municipality that in light of Mr Jordaan's dismissal at George Municipality he may be prohibited from being re-appointed in a Municipality for a period of 10 years. As the applicable provisions as contained in section 57A was introduced by the Municipal Systems Amendment Act 7 of 2011, which was declared Constitutionally invalid by the Constitutional Court in the case of *South African Mine Workers Union v Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs & Others* 2017 ZACC and possible implications hereof on Regulation 18 of the Regulations on Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers, GN.R 21, published in GG 37245 dated 17 January 2014 (the Appointment Regulations), my Department will be seeking legal advice on the enforcement of Regulation 18 of the Appointment Regulations.

Functional schools: criteria

6. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

(a) What are the criteria for functional schools in the Western Cape, (b) how many schools adhere to and meet these requirements and (c)(i) how many schools do not adhere to these requirements, (ii) what are the details of these schools and (iii) what are the reasons for their non-adherence?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

6. My department has informed me of the following:

(a) The aim of the school "Basic Functionality Tool" is to measure the improvement of school functionality levels over time. Schools that have all the criteria in place are considered as a fully functional school as the indicators impact on the quality of education offered at every school.

There are 10 school functionality criteria identified:

- (1) The school has a permanent principal who is leading a unified School Management Team (SMT).
- (2) All vacancies are filled and/or there are contingency plans for vacant posts.
- (3) A positive school culture is evident - secure, clean and functional school.
- (4) All the necessary timetables, year and term planners are in place and adhered to.
- (5) Staff and learners are present and punctual.
- (6) Clear functional structures and monitoring processes are in place (e.g. curriculum, sport and culture).
- (7) All required policies, registers and records are in place.
- (8) Good relationships are evident and functional (SMT, staff, governing body, parents, etc.)

- (9) Poor performance is dealt with appropriately.
- (10) A variety of afterschool activities are in place.

(b) 1049 schools were sampled in 2021/2022.

415 schools met all the requirements in the 2021/2022 financial year.

(c) (i) 634 schools did not meet all the requirements in the 2021/2022 financial year.

(ii)

Number of criteria met	Number of schools
90%	292
80%	203
70%	58
60%	35
50%	19
40%	11
30%	9
20%	4
10%	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>634</i>

(iii) The majority of the schools had a high level of compliance (70% and above, i.e. meeting 7 or more of the criteria).

It is important to note that the tool is a snapshot of schools at a certain time, and that their compliance may have improved shortly thereafter.

For instance, a school may now have a permanent principal in place now, but on the date of the study, the position was being recruited. This would have affected their score.

Municipal debt: schools

7. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

(a) What are the details of the municipal debt of schools and (b) how much did the Department contribute to the support of schools with municipal debt in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date and (c) what are the details of all the schools that were assisted?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

7. The information is not readily available, as a large amount of data would need to be collated. It will be provided to the member as soon as it has been collated.

*Municipal debt: health facilities***8. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:**

(a) What are the details of the municipal debt of health facilities and (b) how much did the Department contribute to the support of health facilities with municipal debt in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022 to date and (c) what are the details of all the health facilities that were assisted?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

8. (a) Municipal accounts paid by the Department for health facilities:

Item Description	YTD1920	YTD2021	YTD2122	YTD2223
P/P:ELECTRICITY	243 048 250	253 247 166	283 139 687	126 149 970
P/P:SEWERAGE	32 637 291	38 754 568	33 054 994	16 458 586
P/P:WASTE/REFUSE REMOVAL	9 837 120	10 302 494	10 956 007	4 887 511
P/P:WATER	40 995 385	54 109 858	47 434 759	23 085 421
Grand Total	326 518 047	356 414 086	374 585 446	170 1 488

(b) and (c) Municipal account per facility:

Health Facility Type/ Facility	YTD1920	YTD2021	YTD2122	YTD2223
2.2 Community Health Clinics	15 321 842	15 031 675	18 613 128	8 587 230
2.2 Cape Wine (Breede Valley)	1 360 604	1 033 488	1 384 226	503 999
2.2 Cape Wine (Drakenstein)	2 007 278	1 649 636	1 898 097	974 718
2.2 Cape Wine (Langeberg)	692 329	722 663	910 106	351 871
2.2 Cape Wine (Stellenbosch)	1 385 909	1 280 516	1 534 702	860 518
2.2 Cape Wine (Witzenberg)	612 502	617 391	1 408 480	405 089
2.2 Central Karoo	712 244	821 946	1 000 479	553 395
2.2 Garden Route (George)	1 664 599	1 715 934	2 023 236	799 322
2.2 Garden Route (Hessequa)	366 000	400 819	443 592	193 510
2.2 Garden Route (Kannaland)	255 424	244 844	289 725	131 062
2.2 Garden Route (Knysna Bitou)	995 359	1 107 843	1 172 627	497 412
2.2 Garden Route (Mossel Bay)	630 495	672 350	775 934	397 848

2.2 Garden Route (Oudtshoorn)	752 673	766 526	843 413	383 911
2.2 Overberg (Cape Agulhas)	199 374	273 087	323 022	129 559
2.2 Overberg (Overstrand)	541 179	420 544	355 602	146 233
2.2 Overberg (Swellendam)	514 227	471 993	656 008	265 242
2.2 Overberg (Theewaterskloof)	478 721	661 653	778 046	364 894
2.2 West (BergRiver)	185 415	207 698	331 574	111 829
2.2 West (Cederberg)	338 137	320 047	421 992	199 045
2.2 West (Matzikama)	474 136	601 709	649 673	279 427
2.2 West (Saldanha)	553 704	559 488	790 085	756 608
2.2 West (Swartland)	515 697	404 294	530 950	241 480
2.2 West South (Hope str)	85 837	77 207	91 560	40 258
2.3 Community Health Centres	24 958 443	25 256 848	26 794 682	12 322 830
2.3 Cape Wine (Cloetesville)	415 900	407 355	481 208	311 396
2.3 Cape Wine (Mbekweni)	224 101	202 103	229 960	85 360
2.3 Cape Wine (TC Newman)	1 485 709	1 699 151	2 404 946	998 724
2.3 Cape Wine (Wellington CHC)	520 576	495 200	487 595	215 412
2.3 Cape Wine (Worcester CHC)	365 454	356 803	14 022	38 145
2.3 Garden Route	13 358	2 187	-	-
2.3 Garden Route (Knysna)	424 637	495 995	575 053	227 656
2.3 Khay East (Gustrow)	-	-	40 732	239 716
2.3 Khay East (Khayelitsha)	1 683 895	2 417 101	2 405 836	1 133 452
2.3 Khay East (Kleinvelei)	390 194	409 756	631 385	283 935
2.3 Khay East (Macassar)	386 425	498 115	563 704	377 148
2.3 Khay East (Mfuleni)	406 120	367 866	384 351	173 833
2.3 Khay East (Michael M)	993 634	1 501 791	1 409 603	693 044
2.3 Khay East (Nolungile)	25 213	-	-	3 195
2.3 Khay East (Nomzamo)	404 778	504 268	470 510	259 561
2.3 Klip Mplain (Cross Roads)	-	2 900	-	-

2.3 Klip Mplain (Dr Abdur)	604 827	257 663	391 922	144 885
2.3 Klip Mplain (Gugulethu)	676 290	822 399	1 086 288	448 919
2.3 Klip Mplain (Hanover Park)	1 833 384	1 227 493	1 093 550	325 057
2.3 Klip Mplain (Heideveld)	2 309 221	2 045 378	1 420 265	513 378
2.3 Klip Mplain (Inzame)	583 829	406 979	355 612	157 261
2.3 Klip Mplain (MPlain)	2 991 816	1 721 876	1 935 531	752 081
2.3 Klip Mplain (Nyanga)	1 490	-	-	-
2.3 North Tyg (Bishop Lavis)	608 547	706 460	784 136	385 744
2.3 North Tyg (Delft)	1 303 061	1 372 927	1 555 897	743 604
2.3 North Tyg (Elsies River)	789 187	1 019 546	993 896	477 450
2.3 North Tyg (Kraaifontein)	1 113 660	1 430 997	1 542 130	603 864
2.3 North Tyg (Parow)	-	-	-	4 465
2.3 North Tyg (Ravensmead)	-	-	-	4 056
2.3 North Tyg (Ruyterwacht)	128 905	173 753	185 753	66 079
2.3 North Tyg (Symphony Way)	35 802	-	108 553	189 971
2.3 Overberg (Grabouw)	663 401	640 941	814 043	382 086
2.3 Overberg (Hermanus)	377 171	414 133	420 105	169 026
2.3 RHS (Chief Dir) Covid-19	-	7 538	-	-
2.3 West (Swartland)	636 710	480 885	495 670	188 838
2.3 West South (District 6)	49 343	28 665	13 314	1 990
2.3 West South (Du Noon)	-	784 598	375 346	293 223
2.3 West South (Grassy Park)	450 238	379 588	427 238	171 919
2.3 West South (Green Point)	70 852	79 483	88 566	18 900
2.3 West South (Kensington)	206 220	104 252	172 705	76 136
2.3 West South (Lady M)	548 204	554 735	758 754	386 808
2.3 West South (Lotus River)	360 807	272 847	375 346	169 131
2.3 West South (Maitland)	131 106	173 444	194 063	85 819
2.3 West South (Mamre)	2 685	19 442	11 125	2 812
2.3 West South (Retreat)	741 238	770 235	1 095 972	518 751
*2.3 West South (Vanguard)	450	-	-	-

2.9 District Hospitals	71 355 540	75 249 738	91 708 432	36 400 132
2.9 Cape Wine Ceres H	1 601 665	1 903 838	2 136 191	1 019 770
2.9 Cape Wine Montagu H	657 561	592 351	683 867	302 467
2.9 Cape Wine Robertson H	1 048 256	1 063 579	1 322 186	554 200
2.9 Cape Wine Stellenbosch H	3 253 716	2 895 569	4 950 690	2 222 863
2.9 Central Karoo Bwest H	1 940 302	1 756 212	1 480 030	1 128 901
2.9 Central Karoo Laingsburg H	375 101	501 185	622 487	336 857
2.9 Central Karoo Mburg H	20 990	395 176	314 045	151 276
2.9 Central Karoo PAlbert H	679 114	800 536	795 835	317 247
2.9 Garden Route Knysna H	2 650 580	2 714 470	2 843 623	1 365 559
2.9 Garden Route Ladismith H	1 159 409	1 207 099	1 415 872	614 243
2.9 Garden Route Mosselbay H	1 384 372	1 309 086	1 569 124	741 886
2.9 Garden Route Oudtshoorn H	3 714 060	3 473 938	4 295 511	1 794 168
2.9 Garden Route Riversdale H	1 452 487	1 680 113	2 009 822	896 029
2.9 Garden Route Uniondale H	415 434	405 945	563 069	227 833
2.9 Khay East Eerste River H	2 644 971	3 135 685	3 682 447	1 812 385
2.9 Khay East Helderberg H	3 374 229	3 694 941	4 392 183	1 800 949
2.9 Khay East Khayelitsha H	8 307 919	8 679 866	8 880 846	2 438 494
2.9 Klip Mplain Mplain	6 180 414	6 271 636	4 810 626	-
2.9 North Tyg Karl Bremer H	8 941 718	8 165 226	15 444 331	6 614 053
2.9 Overberg Caledon H	2 530 852	2 674 445	2 639 369	1 159 207
2.9 Overberg Hermanus H	1 724 807	1 835 434	2 192 559	969 561
2.9 Overberg Otto du plessis H	800 772	869 806	1 012 115	405 495
2.9 Overberg Swellendam H	1 207 020	1 293 873	1 741 801	677 398
2.9 RHS (Chief Dir) Covid-19	-	-	69 863	4 438
2.9 West Citrusdal H	1 174 768	1 339 508	1 808 632	698 771
2.9 West Clanwilliam H	554 462	523 499	658 143	279 188
2.9 West Lapa Munnik H	477 374	563 603	617 479	283 314
2.9 West Radie Kotze H	511 077	542 020	579 482	251 530

2.9 West Sonstraal Field Hosp	-	747 739	800 000	-
2.9 West South False Bay H	1 615 776	1 335 545	2 227 826	882 263
2.9 West South Victoria H	3 815 052	4 534 653	4 689 259	1 981 036
2.9 West South Wesfleur H	1 097 009	2 088 726	2 326 109	925 770
2.9 West Swartland H	1 053 213	1 288 432	1 919 023	757 515
2.9 West Vredenburg H	3 376 139	3 295 694	4 287 990	1 946 400
2.9 West Vredendal H	1 614 921	1 670 311	1 925 997	839 067
4.1 General Hospitals	38 160 619	44 725 038	43 061 362	22 128 583
4.1 George H	6 466 864	7 356 169	8 220 090	3 748 992
4.1 Mowbray Maternity	4 743 190	5 375 084	5 586 408	2 747 947
4.1 Paarl H	9 764 083	13 120 855	12 044 237	6 960 600
4.1 Somerset H	7 487 057	8 072 647	6 130 669	3 535 474
4.1 Worcester H	9 699 425	10 800 283	11 079 958	5 135 570
4.2 TB Hospitals	10 592 696	12 923 773	14 026 037	6 116 196
4.2 Cape Wine (Brewelskloof)	2 015 378	2 814 456	3 967 181	1 344 758
4.2 Garden Route (Harry Comay)	1 131 098	1 207 581	1 470 287	522 649
4.2 RHS (Chief Dir) Covid-19	-	62 573	-	-
4.2 West (Malmesbury)	353 022	429 969	493 833	171 616
4.2 West (Sonstraal)	745 457	-	641 156	674 110
4.2 West South (Metro TB Hosp)	6 347 740	8 409 193	7 453 580	3 403 062
4.3 Psychiatric/Mental Hospitals	36 368 233	36 897 220	47 063 259	20 230 954
4.3 Alexandra H	4 938 598	5 132 913	6 630 458	2 325 381
4.3 Lentegeur H	16 903 739	15 000 643	23 802 871	11 709 352
4.3 Stikland H	7 418 288	9 174 874	8 490 864	4 609 449
4.3 Valkenberg H	7 107 608	7 588 791	8 139 066	1 586 772
4.4 Chronic Medical Hospitals	2 143 198	2 030 437	892 642	52 291
4.4 Orth Pros	46 743	38 400	97 905	52 291

4.4 Rehab	2 096 455	1 992 037	794 737	-
5.1 Central Hospital Services	111 444 109	123 895 693	111 457 829	55 629 050
5.1 GSH	57 185 003	50 546 260	57 779 230	25 137 430
5.1 GSH Covid-19	-	-	-	232 958
5.1 TBH	54 259 106	73 349 433	53 678 599	30 258 661
5.2 Provincial Tertiary Hospital Services	16 173 368	20 403 663	20 968 076	9 114 222
5.2 RXH	16 173 368	20 403 663	20 968 076	9 114 222
Grand Total	326 518 047	356 414 086	374 585 446	170 581 488

*Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain District Hospitals
challenges and service pressures*

9. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:

With regard to the ongoing challenges and severe service pressures experienced at the Khayelitsha District Hospital, the Mitchells Plain District Hospital and the Ceres Provincial Hospital:

- (1) What are the causes of the challenges and service pressures at these hospitals;
- (2) whether there are any shortage of (a) beds and (b) staff at each of these hospitals; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what are the details of all the interventions that have been put in place at each hospital to address the challenges and service pressures in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022 to date;
- (4) what are the plans that have been put in place to address the challenges and service pressures at each hospital;
- (5) whether her Department will make any additional budget allocations to these hospitals to address the ongoing challenges and service pressures; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

9. (1) The public health system remains under severe pressure across the board with increased mental health and COVID pressures added to the traditional quadruple burden of disease. Despite this, the quality of health care provided continues to be generally good.

The social determinants facing communities, in particular violence and safety, drug abuse, unemployment, limited economic opportunity, and other factors and further contributes to the pressure on the health system. Trends of weekend violence such as gunshots and stab wounds, has now become prevalent during the week.

The hospitals continue to deliver good services despite the service pressures experiences through mental health and the COVID pandemic.

- (2) The hospitals service an increased population with trauma cases continuing to burden our health system with interpersonal violence among the biggest contributors to the province's quadruple burden of disease. While the Department of Health feels the effects of violence and injuries, addressing upstream factors must be a collaborative effort.

KDH – 340 beds operating at 130+% capacity with a staff complement of 650 and a vacancy rate of 7%.

MPH – 395 beds operating above 120% capacity with a staff complement of 764 and a vacancy rate of 5.6%. Statistically highest number of trauma related surgery. Highest number of EC presentations per month in the province. Medical Beds are at 120% while hospital average is 90% (due to paediatric and maternity ward occupancy).

Ceres - 100 beds operating at 93% capacity with a staff complement of 126 and a vacancy rate of 8.8%.

- (3) Interventions at:

	2019	2020	2021	2022
KDH	A new surgical was commissioned in 2018 A CT scan suite was commissioned A new 32-bed 72-hour mental health unit On-site blood bank established for quicker results 15 intermediate care beds made available at the Zandvliet Intermediate Care facility Redirecting of patients triaged with non-life-threatening conditions (green and yellow) from the EC to the Outpatients Department A second orthopaedic surgeon has been appointed with a second surgeon post in the process of being filled A Night Nursing Office initiated to address after hours concerns			
MPH	Female mental health patients moved to separate 20 bedded ward on premises of Lentegeur Hospital, as numbers escalated. Additional ward for 30 medical patients set up during COVID-19 is unable to be closed due to continued and sustained medical pressure post covid pandemic. 6 general wards, 4 medical and 2 surgical, 30 bedded wards in hospital have been increased to 32 beds each. Hospital commissioned on 13 trolleys in EC Majors, now we work on 25 trolleys. In addition to that we take 10 wheelchairs and 10 chairs for mental health patients. Hospital commissioned with 15 trolleys in EC Minors now up to 40 trolleys. The following specialists and medical posts have been added to address			

	<p>the need: 2nd OBGYN, 2nd Paediatrician, Orthopaedic Surgeon (with 2nd slate from GSH), Additional District Psychiatrist, 2 additional Com Serve Drs in Surgery and Mental Health. With the addition of these doctors there has been no additional nursing, allied health or support service staff added. Created moving team with agency nurse and porter to facilitate quicker movement out of EC.</p> <p>Employ intermediate life support staff on each shift in EC to support doctors to see more patients without being called away.</p> <p>Improved electronic communication between hospital and community-based care to simplify and speed process of patients moving.</p> <p>Additional locum doctors given to deal with Paediatric surge in EC and extra Medical Officer to Medical team for mornings, distributed sessional posts between departments.</p> <p>Nursing Agency exhausted by topping the extra wards, and busy units to ensure the service is sustained.</p>
Ceres	<p>Filling of vacancies at Ceres Hospital, including the appointment of a Family Physician.</p> <p>Putting up a gate in a section of the hospital for patient safety.</p> <p>The addition of a four-bed Mental Health Ward at Ceres Hospital is underway. Completion and utilisation should be at the end of 2022.</p> <p>Making system changes to improve the flow of patients from the Emergency Centre and throughout the hospital.</p> <p>Renewed commitment by staff to frequently share information and updates with patients in Ceres Hospital's Emergency Centre.</p> <p>Reorganising the current use of space at Ceres Hospital</p> <p>Purchasing of the building previously called the Netcare Hospital. The building will be repurposed to support Primary Healthcare in the area (see more details below). Increasing the package of care at Ceres Clinic (previously Annie Brown Clinic).</p> <p>Since Aug 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ceres Clinic will become a satellite clinic deliver preventative healthcare services. 2. Maintenance and renovation at Ceres Hospital. 3. Partnering with stakeholders to improve access to healthcare (e.g. the mobile unit sponsored by Perdekraal East Wind Farm). 4. Strengthening Public Private Partnerships.

(4) Improvement Plans

KDH	We have done in depth analysis and evaluation of the challenges and efficiencies to be gained.
MPH	<p>Longer Term plans for sustained pressure EC, Mental Health Care, Medical and Surgical Wards:</p> <p>Work with PHC on COPC measures to ensure chronic illnesses are managed better in the community to decrease the load on EC and readmissions.</p> <p>KMP Sub Structure to work with other Government Departments and NGO's on the social determinants of health in MP community to reduce pressure on the EC.</p> <p>Working with Sub Structure office to engage the MP community to use the appropriate ways and levels to access health care, from Clinic to Hospital.</p> <p>Submission being made through our sub structure office for funding for the additional medical ward currently being used to manage the daily overflow of medical patients.</p> <p>Motivations has been made for scrub RN's and recovery nurses in theatre to match the increased number and complexity in our theatre, and to balance with the increase of surgeons.</p> <p>In EC we have motivated for increased number of nurses and allied health which would reduce waiting time for triage and treatment in response to the higher number of patients being seen.</p>

	<p>Previous requests for allied health practitioners such as social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, in mental health as patients stay for much longer than 72hrs and need care.</p> <p>We have made a submission for agency staff for support services such as porters, clerical and administrative support where the need is high.</p>
Ceres	<p>Longer term plans:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repurposing the former Netcare building to Ceres Community Day Centre Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Intermediate Care Facility currently at Ceres Hospital, moves to the new building, freeing up space for up to 14 additional beds at Ceres Hospital. • A section of the building to be used by rehab staff to see clients. They will also do outreaches from here. 2. Appointment of a sessional Psychiatrist for skills transfer to staff and support to staff. 3. Strengthening Area Based Teams to address challenges like violence, in collaboration with role-players like SAPS and Community Safety. 4. Continually reminding the public on the most appropriate ways to access healthcare (e.g. only people with emergencies to go to Ceres Hospital's Emergency Centre) 5. Ongoing awareness drives about healthy living, prevention of diseases and the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse.

A whole of society response is needed to address the social determinants of health which are mostly upstream factors and its effects presenting at our health facilities. Currently the health system is experiencing mental health pressures at all levels and the department is putting plans in place to relieve pressures at district hospital level by strengthening specialised referral systems and community and PHC mental health services. This would include collaboration with other partners delivering mental health services including social development. These improvement plans are ongoing.

(5) Additional funding through the adjustment budget.

KDH	R26 613 000.00
MPH	R2 450 000.00
Ceres	R1 500 000.00

Tender S008/22

10. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to tender S008/22:

(a)(i) When was this tender advertised, (ii) on which platforms was it advertised, (iii) what is the tender for, (iv) what was its value and (v) what were the tender specifications, (b) what (i) is the name of the company to whom the tender was awarded and (ii) are the details of its directors, (c) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the other companies that bid for the tender and (iii) scoring was awarded to each?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

10. The information relating to Tender S008/22 is as follows:

- (a) (i) The tender was advertised on 06/05/2022 with a closing date of 07/06/2022.
- (ii) The tender was advertised via the Construction Industry Development Board's I-Tender as well as the Provincial Treasury's e-Tender Portal.
- (iii) The tender is for the construction of a new school: Happy Valley Primary School, Silversands, Blue Downs.
- (iv) The details are listed in the table below.
- (v) The tender specifications are set out in the tender document, attached as Annexure A
- (b) (i) The tender was awarded to The Construction Company, being the highest point scorer.
- (ii) The details of the company's directors are:
- Mr Karrim Khan
 - Mr Asif Khan
- (c) (i) Twenty-seven [27] companies submitted a bid for this tender.
- (ii) (iii) The details of the other companies and their scoring is listed in the table below:

No	Supplier Name	Bid Price	Price Score	BBBEE Level	Preference Score	Total Score	Comment
1	THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	R56,712,745.10	90.00	1	10.00	100.00	Responsive
2	EMCON WESTERN CAPE	R59,578,301.74	85.45	1	10.00	95.45	Responsive
3	RAYCON PROPERTIES	R59,705,743.70	85.25	1	10.00	95.25	Responsive
4	RODPAUL CONSTRUCTION	R60,703,827.81	83.67	1	10.00	93.67	Responsive
5	BOSHARD CONSTRUCTION	R60,729,810.00	83.63	1	10.00	93.63	Responsive
6	AR PROJECST AND DEVELOPMENTS	R61,411,315.90	82.54	1	10.00	92.54	Responsive
7	ATUBA CONSTRUCTION	R62,345,200.00	81.06	1	10.00	91.06	Responsive
8	RUWACON	R62,440,655.06	80.91	1	10.00	90.91	Responsive
9	BUILD A WAY CONSTRUCTION	R64,384,701.85	77.83	1	10.00	87.83	Responsive
10	SIMPLY DO CONSTRUCITON	R69,895,475.66	69.08	3	6.00	75.08	Responsive
11	MITIRHO JV NYASHA EMPIRE	R71,638,348.40	66.31	1	10.00	76.31	Responsive
12	MOTEO CONSTRUCTION GROUP	R71,080,555.55	67.20	0	0.00	67.20	Responsive
13	BOTANI CONSTRUCTION	R82,729,524.38	48.71	1	10.00	58.71	Responsive
14	JUBELIE CONSTRUCTION	R103,267,992.17	16.12	1	10.00	26.12	Responsive
15	TIPP-CON	R63,268,322.75	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	Non-

							responsive
16	DAWAILA GROUP	R56,734,901.79	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
17	BAMBANA MANAGEMENT SERVICES	R63,429,805.50	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
18	MILESTONECON	R64,331,224.25	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
19	SIZISA UKHANYO TRADING 3	R68,076,006.89	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
20	ABRACH CONSTRUCTION	R69,943,282.33	0.00	2	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
21	SAKHIKHAYA SUPPLIERS	R75,498,219.61	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
22	UMHLATUHUZE CONSTRUCTION	R55,772,360.23	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
23	FURIPOINT	R57,482,520.25	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
24	THABANG PROPERTY DEV JV SIG HANDLERS	R59,705,662.05	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
25	CAPIDEK	R66,429,791.07	0.00	2	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
26	EDGE TO EDGE 1275CC	R72,891,987.09	0.00	2	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive
27	MMAKGOGUE GROUP	R76,775,506.11	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	Non-responsive

Newlands Rugby Stadium

11. Mr K Brinkhuis asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

- (1) What is status of Newlands Rugby Stadium;
- (2) whether the closed-bidding process for the stadium was transparent by not excluding any of the role players, including the rugby and football clubs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

11. (1) The selling of the Newlands Rugby stadium is a private matter being undertaken by the Western Province Rugby Union WPRFU and as a result the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport is not involved this process. The WPRFU took a decision to move to Cape Town Stadium and have subsequently put out a request for proposals in relation to the Newlands Rugby Stadium property. Interested parties have also applied to Heritage Western Cape (HWC) to have the Newlands stadium declared a Provincial Heritage Site (PHS) in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act. HWC's Inventories, Gradings and Interpretations Committee (IGIC) is currently implementing a 60-day public consultation process for comments on the PHS application.
- (2) According to a statement by the WPRFU administrator an external consultancy was obtained to ensure the process is transparent and judged entirely on commercial merits. The request for proposals was a public one, open for all to apply. Both processes are underway.

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