

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY 2024

1. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) When does the lease agreement between the Wesley Methodist Church in Salt River and his Department end for the property on which the Wesley Practising School is operating;
- (2) whether the lease agreement will be renewed; if so, what are the relevant details; if not;
- (3) whether it will be up for sale to his Department; if so,
- (4) whether his Department will purchase the property; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(1)

2. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) How many learners are enrolled at the Elim MOR Primary School at the latest date for which information is available, (b) how many of these learners are transported to school by minibus taxis and (c) who pays for these minibus taxis;
- (2) whether there are any rules or regulation for the minibus taxis relating to the (a) time of arrival at the school, (b) waiting time at pickup points and (c) speed at which they travel; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how many learners from Baardskeedersbos are transported to school by minibus taxi;
- (4) whether a record is kept of how often learners who are transported by minibus taxi are late or absent from school; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what are the details of absenteeism for learners from Baardskeedersbos;

(6) whether any learners from Baardskeerdersbos were absent from school on 17 November 2023; if so, (a) why were they absent, (b) did any of these learners miss any tests on 17 November 2023 and (c) how often have these learners been late or absent in the last six months;

(7) whether there are any shelters for learners at the pickup points in Baardskeerdersbos; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(2)

3. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the construction of the Sir Lowry's Pass High School and the termination of the contract with the contractor:

(1) (a)(i) What was the motivation for the termination of this contract and (ii) who motivates for the termination of such contracts and (b) what process was followed to arrive at the decision to terminate the contract;

(2) Whether conflict of interest and/or internal bias was considered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether there was any motivation from an independent inspector or assessor that was utilised in making the decision to terminate the contract; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether the termination was the only fair action to remedy the construction challenges; if so, what are the relevant details;

(5) what is the number of people who worked for this contractor on this contract who have lost their jobs and source of income as a result of the termination of the contract;

(6) (a) what is the detailed account of the decision-making process followed to decide on the termination of the contract, (b) what steps were taken to consider and address the discrepancy between the structural engineering plans and architectural plans, (c) what was the role of his Department in addressing these issues and (d) what was the justification for prosecuting this contractor for any and all construction challenges?

(3)

4. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What are the details of the public land that has been sold in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021, (ix) 2022 and (x) 2023 to (aa) foreign nationals and (bb) foreign-owned companies, (b) from which country are the foreign nationals and companies and (c) for how much was each piece of public land sold for?

(4)

5. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

(a) What is the total expenditure breakdown for the (i) training and (ii) deployment of LEAP officers in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021, (dd) 2022 and (ee) 2023 to date and (b)(i) what is the number of officers who have been trained, (ii) what is the cost of the training per officer, (iii) what is the number of officers deployed per year and (iv) how many officers have left LEAP each year to join other City units?

(5)

6. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) Whether any plans have been put in place to stop official SAPS firearms from being stolen; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how many firearms stolen from the police have been recovered in 2023;
- (3) whether any of the recovered firearms have been connected to criminal activity; if so, what are the relevant details?

(6)

7. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In the light of the information received from the Consumer Protection Office during its appearance before the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism on 22 January 2024 that the Consumer Affairs Tribunal has not been operational for a number of years:

- (a) For how many years was the Tribunal not operational, (b) what led to it to be not functional, (c) during this period of non-functionality, how were consumer investigations attended to, (d) in respect of the legal prescripts guiding the work of the Tribunal, (i) how is the alignment done between national and provincial legislation and (ii) which takes precedence, (e) what is the rationale for the skills collaboration with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) that seems to be not about consumer affairs but about general skills development and (f) what mechanisms are in place to mitigate political and business interests and/or influence over of capture of the Tribunal?

(7)

8. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

In respect of the incidences of racism in the province, especially in the hospitality industry in and around Cape Town:

- (1) Whether the Consumer Protection Office and/or the Consumer Affairs Tribunal received any racism-related complaints in the past 12 months; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) under whose jurisdiction do complaints of racism fall and (b) how can affected consumers report these complaints, such as in the case of Mr Zwai Bala who was recently allegedly called the K-word in a restaurant in Gordon's Bay?

(8)

9. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

In respect of the Western Cape Provincial Powers Bill:

- (1) (a) What are the (i) names and (ii) official positions of all the individuals who were involved in the drafting of the Bill and (b)(i) how many meetings took place between those who drafted the Bill, (ii) when did these meetings take place and (iii) what are the details of those who attended these meetings;
- (2) whether the Honourable Christopher Fry attended any of these meetings; if not, why not; if so, how many did he attend;
- (3) (a) what were the costs involved in drafting the Bill and (b) who paid these costs;

- (4) whether any municipalities were consulted in the drafting of this Bill; if not, why not; if so, (a) which municipalities were consulted, (b) when were they consulted, (c) can the register of attendees at these consultations be made available and (d) are there any reports that can be made available to the public;
- (5) whether the Western Cape provincial executive has discussed the costs involved in implementing this Bill should it become law; if not, why not; if so, what are the estimated costs?

(9)

10. Mr L L Mvimbi to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

In respect of the 31 specialised high-performance vehicles that were handed over by the Minister to provincial traffic law enforcement officers in September 2023:

- (1) (a) How many vehicles have not yet been handed over, (b) when are they expected to be handed over, (c) what has caused all the delays and (d) how will the remaining vehicles be distributed per municipality;
- (2) whether the provincial government incurred any additional costs due to the delays in the preparation and handover of these vehicles; if so, what are the relevant details?

(10)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 9 February 2024. Should the replies not be submitted before or on the deadline, the Members have the right to have the questions transferred to the Question Paper for oral reply in accordance with Rule 206.