

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

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2026

1. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With reference to her reply to question 2 of 17 October 2025:

- (1) (a) With regard to the reply to subsection (4), why have the recommendations of the provincial government not been implemented by the SAPS and (b) what actions are available to her to ensure that the recommendations are implemented;
- (2) whether she has taken actions to address the failure by the SAPS to ensure that those precincts experiencing the highest levels of serious crimes are better resourced; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) with regard to policing needs and priorities and with reference to section 2(a)(i) of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, 2013 (Act 3 of 2013), why has she been unable to ensure that the SAPS effects changes to the allocation of police resources as recommended by the Province;
- (4) with regard to her recommendations contained in the 2024/25 Western Cape Policing Needs and Priorities Report, in particular with regard to the “Station Post Requirement”, whether she has taken steps to ensure that the SAPS “take account of the specific policing needs and priorities of the province and to direct their resources accordingly”; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) (a) on how many occasions since 2019 has her Department formally engaged with the national Minister of Police on the continued underresourcing of the Western Cape’s highest murder precincts and (b) what were the outcomes of each engagement;
- (6) whether an independent research body has been commissioned to evaluate the efficacy of the Safety Plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (7) whether the Safety Plan has addressed inequities in police resourcing in disadvantaged communities; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (8) whether she will commission an independent evaluation of the Safety Plan; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) will it explicitly include assessment of (i) racial, (ii) spatial and (iii) socio-economic disparities in police resourcing?

(1)

2. Mr D W Bryant to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of hectares in CapeNature-managed reserves that have been affected by wildfires during the current 2025/26 fire season to date and (b) how does this compare with the same period in the 2024/25 season;
- (2) (a) what are the estimated costs associated with rehabilitation of the (i) natural habitat and (ii) infrastructure in fire-damaged areas;
- (3) (a) what specific response activities have been undertaken by CapeNature (including fire suppression, mitigation and community protection) and (b) how many personnel have been deployed in these operations;
- (4) (a) what collaborative efforts have been undertaken with (i) adjacent municipalities, (ii) SANParks and (iii) community responders to fight wildfires in CapeNature reserves and (b) what outcomes or challenges have been experienced through these partnerships?

(2)

3. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of hectares of agricultural land in the province that have been reported as (i) damaged or (ii) burned during the 2025/26 fire season to date and (b) in which agricultural regions have these losses occurred;
- (2) (a) what estimates, if any, has his Department made of the economic damage to the agricultural sector arising from the fire season, including to (i) crops, (ii) livestock, (iii) infrastructure and (iv) production losses;
- (3) (a) what direct support has his Department provided to affected farmers and (b) how many producers have accessed such support;
- (4) (a) what coordination has taken place between his Department, its entities, municipalities and national disaster authorities to assist farmers affected by fires and (b) what outcomes have resulted from this collaboration;
- (5) (a) what proactive mitigation measures is his Department implementing to support farmers in fire-prone areas and (b) what resources are being provided to help agricultural communities reduce the impact of fires in the future?

(3)

4. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (a) What grant funding or financial support mechanisms are currently available to support backyard dwellers in the province that are provided (i) directly by his Department or (ii) through national government grants or programmes, (b) for each funding mechanism, what is the (i) name of the grant or programme, (ii) purpose of the grant or programme and (iii) total funding allocated to the province for the (aa) 2024/25 and

(bb) 2025/26 financial years, (c) what types of interventions are funded for backyard dwellers, (d) how many projects or households supporting backyard dwellers have been assisted through these funding mechanisms in the last financial year and (e) in which municipalities have these interventions been implemented?

(4)

5. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) How many cases of learner (i) suicide, (ii) attempted suicide and (iii) serious self-harm were reported to his Department in the last financial year, (b) what mental health and suicide-prevention programmes are currently implemented by his Department, (c) for each programme in (b) above, what is the (i) number of schools reached and (ii) budget allocated in the last financial year, (d) what formal partnerships does his Department have with other departments to support learner mental health and (e) what training or guidance is provided to educators and school management teams to identify and to respond to learners at risk of self-harm?

(5)

6. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) What was the conviction rate for (a) contact-related crimes, (b) sexual offences, (c) robbery-related crimes, (d) drug-related crimes and (e) the illegal possession of firearms and ammunition in (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24 and (iii) 2024/25;
- (2) for each crime category listed in (1) above, how many cases were finalised (a) within 12 months of being reported and (b) after more than 12 months in the past three financial years?

(6)

7. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

- (1) (a) What is the purpose of his Department's Mobile Office Programme, (b) in which communities has the mobile office operated during the past 12 months, (c) what services are provided at the mobile office, (d) how many beneficiaries have been assisted at the mobile office during the last two financial years, (e) what measures are in place to ensure that vulnerable groups are adequately reached, (f) what resources are allocated to the Mobile Office Programme and (g) what challenges affect the effectiveness of the mobile office;
- (2) whether there are plans to expand the number of mobile office visits in underserved areas; if so, what are the relevant details?

(7)

8. Mr M Booysen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

(a) How does the Khulisa Care Programme aim to (i) improve birth outcomes and (ii) early childhood development for children born underweight, (b) in what ways does the programme address the long-term developmental risks faced by children born with a low birth weight, (c) how does her Department ensure continuity of care for children after birth, especially in cases where mothers initially enrolled due to low-birth-weight outcomes, (d) what plans does her Department have to expand the programme based on observed child health outcomes, (e) how many (i) pregnant women and (ii) mothers have been enrolled in the Khulisa Care Programme to date, (f) what was the average duration

for which beneficiaries accessed this support and (g)(i) what percentage of enrolled mothers showed measurable improvements in nutritional status during pregnancy and (ii) how did this translate into improved health outcomes for their children?

(8)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 20 February 2026. 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.