

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 2025

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

How many teachers has been charged with sexual harassment toward learners in schools in the past five years?

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2. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) How much did he claim for (i) transport and (ii) accommodation for duties performed during the 2024/25 financial year and (b) how much was claimed on the enabling allowance?

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5. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to his reply to question 2 (subsection 2) of 17 April 2025:

- (1) (a) What office accommodation was proposed, (b) what was the proposed development cost, and (c) what amount was the spent on the Dorp Street Office Development proposal from 2010 to date including (i) consulting fees, (ii) development planning fees, (iii) cancelled contract settlements and (iv) litigation;
- (2) with regard to the 353-on-Main (Tafelberg) site, how much has been spent on the site in the last 10 years including (a) consulting fees, (b) cancelled contract settlements and (c) litigation?

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6. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the deed of exchange between the Western Cape Government, represented by the Department of Infrastructure, and the Saldanha Bay Municipality, pertaining specifically to erf 12342 of erf 80 St Helena:

- (1) Whether the deed of exchange between his Department and the Saldanha Bay Municipality has been completed; if not, (a) why not, and (b) when will it be completed;
- (2) (a) what is the timeline of development for the school that is set to be built on the land named in the deed of exchange, (b) what is the current status of planning approvals (eg rezoning, environmental approvals) for the development of the school, (c) how much is the development of the school set to cost and (d)(i) what type of school is proposed and (ii) what is the proposed capacity of the school?

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7. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With reference to the complaints against a certain nursing practice whose details have been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply:

- (1) (a) When was the first complaint filed against this practice or persons, (b) how many separate complaints have been filed against this person, (c) what was the nature of the complaints filed, (d) what steps were taken by her Department following each complaint and (e) what is the timeline of the action taken;
- (2) whether an investigation into this person was launched; if not, why not; if so,
- (3) whether this person's practice suspended while the investigation took place; if not; why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether this person is (a) qualified and (b) registered to operate a clinical nursing practice; if so, what are the medical services permitted;
- (5) whether the Clinical Nurse Practice is still operating in the Atlantis community; if not, (a) when was the practice closed and (b) what are the circumstances of the closure; if so, is the practice lawful?

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8. Mr P Johnson to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

With reference to the Prince Albert Municipality's allocation from the Western Cape Financial Management Capability Grant for the 2025/26 financial year:

- (1) (a) What are the objectives of each of the following projects funded under the grant, (i) Compilation of Long-term Financial Plan with Cost Reflective Tariffs, (ii) Revenue Enhancement Strategy with Indigent Verification System and (iii) procuring and installing of prepaid water meters and electricity meters, (b)(i) what is the current implementation status of each project and (ii) when is each project expected to be completed, (c) what measurable benefits have been observed to date as a result of these projects in terms of (i) revenue generation, (ii) cost containment or (iii) improved financial sustainability, and (d) what mechanisms are in place to monitor and evaluate the outcomes of these projects;
- (2) whether her Department has identified any early indicators of success; if so, what are the relevant details?

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9. Mr P Johnson to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

With reference to the Overberg District Municipality's allocation from the Western Cape Financial Management Capability Grant for the 2025/26 financial year:

- (1) (a) What are the specific objectives of each of the following funded projects, (i) Revenue Enhancement and Optimisation of Municipal Health Services, (ii) MHS Revenue, Compliance and Tourism Enhancements, (iii) Uilenkraalsmond Holiday Resort ownership restructuring feasibility study and business plan and (iv) feasibility study for the establishment of a crematorium, (b)(i) what is the current implementation status of each project, and (ii) what milestones or deliverables been completed, (c) what measurable or early benefits have been observed from these projects in terms of (i) revenue growth, (ii) cost recovery or (iii) financial governance improvements;
- (2) whether her Department has conducted any monitoring or support visits to Overberg in relation to these projects; if so, what preliminary conclusions have been drawn about the success of the funded interventions?

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10. Mr P Johnson to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

With reference to the Hessequa Municipality's allocation from the Western Cape Financial Management Capability Grant for the 2025/26 financial year:

- (a) What are the objectives of the following projects funded through the grant, (i) Indigent Management, (ii) physical review and verification of all existing infrastructure assets and (iii) Long-term Financial Planning, (b)(i) what is the current implementation status of each project and (ii) are these projects on track in terms of time and budget, (c) what measurable impact has each project had to date, particularly in improving (i) financial planning accuracy, (ii) asset management or (iii) indigent service targeting, (d)(i) what tools or indicators are being used by her Department to assess the effectiveness of these projects and (b) what evidence of success or replication potential been recorded?

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11. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

In the light of the critical role of the minibus taxi industry in public transport and the need for ongoing regulation and enforcement:

(a)(i) How many operating licenses have been allocated in each municipality within the province, (ii) how many of those operating licenses are currently active and in good standing per municipality, (b) what is the current level of demand for taxi operating licenses in the province, (i) in terms of the number of applications received per year versus (ii) the number of licences the Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE) is able to issue, (c) how many provincial fines have been issued to minibus taxi operators in the past 12 months, (d) how many arrests have been made under provincial traffic enforcement linked to taxi-related offences over the same period, (e) how many taxis have been impounded under the authority of the Provincial Traffic Services during this period and (f) what are the typical offences or reasons that lead to these provincial-level fines, arrests, or impoundments?

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12. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

Considering the growing role of e-hailing services in urban mobility:

- (1) (a) How many e-hailing drivers in the province are still waiting for their operating permits to be approved or issued, (b) what are the current (i) requirements and (ii) criteria for obtaining an e-hailing permit in the province, (c) how many e-hailing drivers are officially registered and operating within the province, (d)(i) how many e-hailing vehicles have been impounded over the past year and (ii) what were the reasons, (e) what is the process for e-hailing drivers to reclaim their vehicles once impounded;
- (2) whether his Department is currently engaging with e-hailing platforms and operators; if so, in what ways does his Department support and facilitate the growth of the e-hailing industry?

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

- (1) (a) What is his Department's current assessment of fixed and mobile internet bandwidth availability across the Karoo region, (b) which towns or municipalities have been identified as lacking the minimum broadband requirements for business development, (c) what is the minimum internet speed or bandwidth requirement generally considered necessary to support Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) operations and (d)(i) how many BPO operations currently exist in rural municipalities, and (e) how many people are currently employed in these rural BPO centres;
- (2) whether his Department conducted or commissioned any studies assessing the Karoo's potential for BPO job creation; if so, what were the key findings;
- (3) (a) what are the primary barriers to high-speed broadband access in the Karoo and (b) what role does his Department foresee for satellite-based services such as Starlink in enabling digital economic activity in the region?

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

- (a) What programmes or initiatives has his Department implemented in the 2024/25 financial year that are specifically targeted at reducing youth unemployment, (b) how many young people have been (i) trained, (ii) placed in work opportunities, or (iii) supported into entrepreneurship through these programmes and (c)(i) what partnerships,

if any, have been established with the private sector to create youth-focused employment or training opportunities and (ii) how many opportunities have arisen through such partnerships?

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

(1) (a) (i) What G20-related entrepreneurship activities or events are planned for 2025 and (ii) what entities or stakeholders are involved in organising these events, (b)(i) what support is being provided to Western Cape-based entrepreneurs, start-ups or SMMEs to participate in G20-linked programmes and (ii) how many beneficiaries have been identified to date, and (c) what are the expected benefits of the G20 entrepreneurship engagement for the province's economy in terms of (i) investment attraction, (ii) skills development and (iii) international market access?

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

(a) What are the most recent statistics on the number of reported cases of child abuse in the province over the last five years, broken down by (i) physical abuse (ii) emotional abuse (iii) sexual abuse and (iv) neglect and (b) what trends does the data indicate?

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17. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to child trafficking incidents:

- (1) (a) What is the current status of child trafficking cases within the province and (b) what is the number of reported incidents in the past three years;
- (2) whether there are any collaborative efforts between provincial and national authorities to combat child trafficking in the region; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) (a) How many hectares of alien vegetation were cleared in the province in (i) 2022, (ii) 2023, (iii) 2024 and (iv) 2025 to date, and (b) in which municipalities did the largest clearing projects take place;
- (2) (a) what impact assessments, if any, have been conducted to estimate the water recovery benefits of alien vegetation clearing in those years and (b) what volume of water has been estimated to be recovered annually as a result;
- (3) (a) what partnerships or funding mechanisms were used to implement these projects, including municipal collaboration and (b) how many work opportunities were created through these efforts?

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

(a)(i) What are the current challenges with providing water, electricity, and waste services in Knysna and (ii) what has the Department done thus far to assist the municipality and (b)(i) what additional measures has his Department taken to assist the municipality towards achieving self-sustainable service delivery in Knysna and (ii) what has been the result of this support?

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

What (a) specific programmes and (b) resources are currently available in the province to prevent and address child abuse and child trafficking and (c) what data can be provided on the effectiveness of these programmes in terms of (i) intervention, (ii) rehabilitation and (iii) prosecution of perpetrators?

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21. Mr T C R Walters to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With regard to sport infrastructure:

- (1) Whether he or his Department has a database of municipal infrastructure aimed at sport and recreation; if so,
- (2) whether the database identifies municipal infrastructure that is in need of maintenance; if so, (a) which projects are being assisted by the Province and (b) what is form of assistance is provided for each project?

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22. Mr T C R Walters to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With regard to sport infrastructure:

- (a) What new sport infrastructure projects does his Department have planned and what are the details of the projects?

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

With reference to his reply to question 6 of 4 April 2025:

- (1)(a)(i) What was the actual volume of waste tyres processed at each of the listed facilities in the 2024/25 financial year and (ii) what percentage of their theoretical capacity does this represent, (b) (i) how many tonnes of tyres remain in temporary storage in the province's existing depots, and (ii) what is the monthly intake versus dispatch rate at each depot, (c)(i) what risks, if any, have been identified by his Department relating to stockpiling of waste tyres, including fire hazards or illegal dumping, and (ii) what actions have been taken in response, (d) what is his Department's role in monitoring the environmental compliance of processors and recyclers and (e) what are the primary end uses of waste tyres once processed in the province?

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24. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With reference to the Schools Infrastructure Backlog Grant (SIBG) which will end in the 2025/26 financial year:

(1) (a) How much funding was allocated to the province through the SIBG in (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24, (iii) 2024/25 and (iv) 2025/26, (b) what infrastructure projects were delivered, (c) how many classrooms were built in the province using SIBG funding in (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24, and (iii) 2024/25 and (iv) will still be built in 2025/26; (d) based on current cost estimates and projected funding levels, how many new schools can realistically be built using the SIBG grant, (e) what is the current estimated value of the infrastructure backlog across public schools in the province, (f) what contingency plans has his Department put in place to address infrastructure backlogs in the event that the SIBG is reduced or discontinued by National Treasury?

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

(a) What is the current nursing vacancy rate in each district of the province, (b) what steps is her Department taking to address the current nursing vacancy rate in the province and (c) how does her Department plan to fast track the replacement process for nursing staff who (i) retire, (ii) transfer, (iii) or leave employment, to ensure uninterrupted healthcare services across the province?

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26. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) What maintenance projects were undertaken at schools for the (i) 2021/22, (ii) 2022/23, (iii) 2023/24 and (iv) 2024/25 financial year and (b) what were the financial costs associated with each of the maintenance projects listed, broken down per project and financial year;
- (2) (a)(i) what is the total budget allocated for infrastructure maintenance for the 2025/26 financial year and (ii) which specific maintenance projects are planned under this allocation and (c) how are fiscal constraints, particularly in the form of limited departmental budgets and cuts to grant funding, impacting the scope, scheduling, or prioritisation of infrastructure maintenance projects as set out by his Department for the 2025/26 financial year?

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27. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) What is the detection rate for violent crimes such as (a) murder, (b) assault, and (c) attempted murder in the Western Cape in (i) 2023, (ii) 2024 and (iii) 2025 to date;
- (2) (a) what is the average active caseload per detective for each precinct in the province (b) what is the best practice active caseload per detective and (c) what steps is SAPS taking to address this?

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

With reference to her reply to question 12 of 16 May 2025:

- (1) Whether her Department took specific measures to ensure municipal compliance with this instruction; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the municipality provided reasons for the extremely long delay in finalising this matter; if so, what are the relevant details; if not;
- (3) whether she will request them to provide reasons for the extremely long delay; if not, why not;

- (4) whether her Department enforces compliance under section 139 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether administrative instability absolves a municipality of its obligation to creditors; if not; what are the relevant details; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) what evidence did her Department review to assess the claim's validity before instructing the municipality to include the claim in the Financial Recovery Plan;
- (7) whether her Department considered the MeyerOtto Consultation Services report (August 2014); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (8) what urgent interventions will she and her Department undertake to resolve this matter;
- (9) whether she and her Department have plans to assist the service provider with the claim; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (10) whether she and her Department have plans for a forensic audit of the municipality handling of this claim; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the construction project at the Panorama School in Vredenburg:

- (a) When did the construction of the project start, (b)(i) how many contractors have been appointed or changed since the project started and (ii) why, (c) when is the project scheduled for completion and (d) what is the current update on the project?

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

With regard to the operations at Nduli Primary School in Ceres:

- (1) (a)(i) What is the current teacher-learner ratio in the school, (ii) including a breakdown per grade and (b) what is the state of the (i) library and (ii) toilets at the school;
- (2) whether the school has a special-needs classroom; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department is currently constructing a new school in Nduli or surrounding areas; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) which communities will this school accommodate?

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31. Mr R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

What is the rationale behind terminating mobile services to farming areas in Beaufort West after the COVID-19 pandemic?

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32. Mr R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Which hospitals and clinics have been earmarked for additional staff in the current budget?

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33. Mr R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to the waiting time for patients:

What is the average waiting time for patients at the Mitchells Plain Community Health Centre?

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34. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

In respect of the massive and persistent housing backlog in the province:

- (1) (a) How much was the province allocated in the Human Settlement Development Grant (HSDG) for the 2024/25 financial year and (b) how much has his Department spent (i) to date and (ii) on which projects of the allocated HSDG for the 2024/25 financial year,
- (2) whether the project plans for the projects in (1) (ii) meet the national government spending framework and are compliant; if so, where are the projects located?

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35. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (1) (a) How much was the province allocated in the Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG) for the 2024/25 financial year and (b) how much has his Department spent (i) to date and (ii) on which projects of the allocated ISUPG for the 2024/25 financial year;
- (2) whether the project plans meet the national government spending framework and are compliant; if so, where are the projects located?

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36. Ms B Stoffel to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What urgent interventions is his Department implementing to address ongoing sewage leaks and high E. coli levels at Milnerton Lagoon?

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37. Ms B Stoffel to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

How is his Department supporting municipalities in managing the increased risk of flooding and infrastructure collapse caused by heavy rains?

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38. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

As the Province is stopping the Booster Fund for SMMEs:

- (1)(a) what funding or support mechanisms are in place for township-based entrepreneurs and SMMEs to access (i) market opportunities, (ii) business training and (iii) infrastructure;
- (2) whether his Department intends to introduce a new funding model for entrepreneurs and SMMEs, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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39. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

(a) What support mechanisms are in place to assist municipalities outside of Cape Town with their tourism sector and (b) how is his Department planning to revive township tourism and cultural heritage tourism, particularly in areas outside the traditional Cape Town tourism belt?

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40. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

In respect of the sexual harassment allegation against Mr F Payne:

- (1) (a) What is the detailed breakdown of actions taken to provide necessary support to the (i) complainant and (ii) victim, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of all measures taken to investigate and address the complaint against Mr Payne since the complaint was received to date, (c) what concrete steps did his Department take to protect and assist the victim;
- (2) whether the victim is still working for his Department; if so, (a) in what capacity and (b) how is she being supported to ensure that she feels safe?

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41. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

In respect of his Department's transversal people management service:

- (1)(a) What is the attrition rate for the provincial government between 2019 and 2025 to date, (b) what is the detailed breakdown per (i) department and (ii) entity, as well as demographic breakdown including (aa) race, (bb) age and (cc) gender;
- (2)(a) what is the number of persons that have been employed in the provincial government between 2019 and 2025 to date (b) what is the detailed breakdown per (i) department and (ii) entity, as well as demographic breakdown including (aa) race, (bb) age and (cc) gender?

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42. Mr F Kamfer to ask Mr J J Londt Minister of Social Development:

In respect of food insecurity:

- (1) (a) What is the current estimated prevalence of food insecurity in the province, (b) how has this changed over the past five years, (c) what are the primary drivers of food insecurity in the province;
- (2) whether there are any seasonal fluctuations in food insecurity, particularly in rural and farming communities; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the detailed breakdown of the number of households experiencing food insecurity in the province, including a demographic breakdown, including (a) race; (b) income levels, (c) number of households earning below the food poverty line, (d) employment status, (e) number of social grant dependency, (f) unemployed, (g) those employed in the informal sector?

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43. Mr F Kamfer to ask Mr J J Londt Minister of Social Development:

In respect of food insecurity:

- (1) (a) What is the number of (i) child-headed households and (ii) those run by elderly dependents that are experiencing food insecurity in the province, (b)(i) what percentage of food-insecure households include children under the age of five and (ii) what interventions by his Department target them specifically;
- (2) (a) what is the prevalence of food insecurity per municipality, (b)(i) what is the detailed municipal breakdown of food insecurity rates, highlighting the five municipalities with the highest food insecurity rates; and (ii) where are they located;
- (3) whether there are municipalities where food insecurity has worsened significantly in the past two years; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the contributing factors;
- (4) (a) what provincial government programmes are currently in place to address food insecurity and (b) what is their reach and impact;
- (5) (a) how many NGOs and community kitchens are operational in the province, and (b) which municipalities rely most on these services;
- (6) whether there are areas where government programmes and NGO efforts are insufficient, leading to persistent hunger; if so, what are the relevant details?

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44. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

What are the (a) names, (b) race, (c) qualifications, (d) age, and (e) nationality of all persons who are employed in his (i) office, (ii) Department and (iii) entities under his Department?

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45. Ms B Stoffel to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What are the (a) names, (b) race, (c) qualifications, (d) age, and (e) nationality of all persons who are employed in his (i) office, (ii) Department and (iii) entities under his Department?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 30 June 2025. 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.