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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2024

1. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

Whether his Department has a plan in place to decrease road fatalities during the 2024/25 festive season; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the Junior Traffic Training Centre launched at the Oasis School:

Whether this initiative will be extended to other special needs schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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3. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

Whether she and her Department have a plan to deal with illegal gambling establishments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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4. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to municipal officials suspended with full pay in 2024:

(1) (a) How many officials are on suspension and (b) what are the periods of suspension for each;

(2) whether there are suspensions that have stood over from 2023; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the proposed redevelopment of the Somerset Hospital precinct, which includes the Helen Bowden Nurses' Home:

- (1) (a) What are the current plans for the redevelopment of the precinct, (b) at what stage in the planned redevelopment is the process and (c) what are the plans for the Helen Bowden Nurses' Home building, which is currently occupied;
- (2) whether his Department plans to evict those people who are occupying the Helen Bowden Nurses' Home building; if so, (a) what steps have been taken to bring an application for an eviction order, (b) what are his Department's plans for providing alternative housing in the event of a successful application for an eviction order, (c) what are the proposed relocation sites, (d) in what structures will the occupiers who are evicted be housed and (e) when does his Department plan to commence with the eviction process;
- (3) whether there are plans for the inclusion of both affordable (gap rental or sectional title) and social housing in the precinct's redevelopment; if so, will those people who are occupying of the Helen Bowden Nurses' Home be included in the social housing or affordable housing project;
- (4) whether he had any engagements or consultations with those people who are occupying the Helen Bowden Nurses' Home; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

Regarding learner transport services for learners in the Ceres and Tulbagh communities:

- (1) (a) Why were learner transport services that were provided to learners in the Vredebes, Tulbagh and Ceres areas, despite the 5 km radius rule, suddenly withdrawn with effect from 1 September 2024, (b) why were the routes in (i) Ceres and (ii) Tulbagh specifically withdrawn and (c) what is being done to ensure the 378 affected children have safe and reliable means of transport to get to school;
- (2) with reference to the plan to withdraw learner transport to learners at the Lingcinga Zethu Secondary School and transfer those learners to the Tulbagh High School, and the plan to move Grade 7 learners from the Lingomso Primary School (Xhosa-medium school) to the Tulbagh High School (Afrikaans-medium school), (a) why is the learner transport being withdrawn and (b) when these learners are transferred to the Tulbagh High School, what will the medium of instruction be for these learners;
- (3) whether the Tulbagh High School is currently dual or parallel medium; if not,
- (4) whether there are plans for the school to become parallel or dual medium; if not, will these learners, who are primarily Xhosa-speaking children, be expected to learn Afrikaans;
- (5) whether classes in Xhosa will be made available to the Xhosa-speaking children; if not, why not;
- (6) whether the school is resourced for English as mother-tongue language of learning and teaching; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With reference to the recent attempted kidnapping of a young woman travelling in an Uber:

- (1) What is being done to ensure that people, particularly women, are safe during this festive season;
- (2) whether these measures have been successfully implemented before; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there will be any extra precautions implemented to protect women making use of e-hailing services and other modes of transport; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

Regarding the deciduous fruits estimates for this harvest season:

- (1) What are the final expected (a) harvest and (b) export volumes for this year;
- (2) whether the Port of Cape Town is ready to handle these volumes; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what measures are in place for exporters to remedy problems if they arise?

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

How does his Department integrate cultural and sporting events into its Tourist Strategy to benefit local economies and attract foreign visitors?

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

What measures are in place to ensure that funds are allocated equitably to schools, particularly to schools in rural areas?

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11. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to his reply to question 1 of 21 November 2024:

- (1) (a) What is the total expenditure incurred by the provincial government on sourcing the Problem-driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA) methodology, (b) how much was allocated to (i) training, (ii) implementation and (iii) any associated activities and (c)(i) what is the detailed list of departments that have implemented the PDIA methodology and (ii) what are the specific programmes, projects or activities in each department where this tool has been applied;

- (2) in reference to the PDIA methodology's ability to enhance collaborative problem-solving, whether the provincial government had previously faced challenges with planning and stakeholder relations that necessitated the adoption of this external methodology from the Harvard University; if so, (a) could he elaborate on these challenges and (b) how has the PDIA methodology specifically addressed them;
- (3) (a) what is the relationship between the Economic War Room and the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership (EDP) and (b)(i) why and (ii) what are the need and relevance of the PDIA methodology in the light of the existence of the EDP with its stated goal of being "a public benefit collaborative intermediary organisation, the EDP supports diverse stakeholders in harnessing each other's energy, knowledge and resources for collective action. We design and facilitate collaboration that improves interventions addressing society's most pressing development challenges";
- (4) (a) what is the total expenditure on the Economic War Room from its inception to date and (b) what is the breakdown of (i) the expenditure, (ii) donations received, (iii) operational costs and (iv) the outcomes achieved thus far?

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

- (1) (a) How many cases are currently being litigated by the WCED in the courts and (b) how much money did this litigation cost the taxpayers in the (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22, (iii) 2022/23 and (iv) 2023/24 financial years;
- (2) (a) what are the total legal costs incurred to date regarding the case of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, and (b) what is the total cost for the (i) internal disciplinary hearing, (ii) appeal process, (iii) arbitration hearing, (iv) Labour Court considering this matter since October 2020 and (v) High Court considering this matter?

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

In respect of the implementation of the five-year Employment Equity Plan (EEP) by provincial government departments and entities:

- (1) (a) What are the employment equity targets for each provincial government department and entity, (b) how has each department and entity performed in terms of implementing these targets in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023 and (vi) 2024 to date and (c) what is the detailed comparative breakdown;
- (2) (a) which departments and entities are performing poorly in implementing the EEP and (b) what measures have been put in place to assist them in improving their performance?

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

With reference to his statement in the House during the sitting of 14 November 2024, where he confirmed receiving a whistleblower's report by email on 17 October 2024 and forwarding it for investigation on the same day:

- (1) (a) To whom was the whistleblower's report emailed for investigation, (b) what are the specific (i) scope and (ii) timelines of the investigation, (c)(i) who are the officials responsible for investigating these allegations, (ii) what are their names and (iii) what are their designations, (d) what progress has been made in the investigation to date and (e) when can the final outcome of the investigation be expected;
- (2) considering the seriousness of the allegations against the implicated officials, whether he is willing and prepared to initiate lifestyle audits for senior officials from director level up to the Head of Department (HOD); if not, why not; if so, what are the (a) details of the process, (b) timelines and (c) criteria for such audits?

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

In the light of the whistleblower's report sent to Premier Alan Winde and 48 others, including provincial Cabinet members and public representatives, on 17 October 2024:

- (1) Whether he received the email; if so, what steps has he taken to address and investigate the serious allegations raised in the whistleblower's report;
- (2) whether his Department or the former Department of Transport and Public Works conducted any business with certain companies, whose names have been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply; if so, (a)(i) what are the relevant details and (ii) what is the nature of the contracts and (b)(i) how many contracts were awarded to each company and (ii) what was the total value of these contracts for the period 2014 to 2024 to date;
- (3) (a) what (i) are the names, (ii) is the race, (iii) is the age and (iv) is the gender of the respective members of the boards of directors of the companies in (2) above and (b) where are their offices located or what are their official company addresses?

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

In the light of the whistleblower's report sent to Premier Alan Winde and 48 others, including provincial Cabinet members and public representatives, on 17 October 2024:

- (1) (a) What positions are currently held in his Department by certain persons, whose names has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, (b) who are the persons employed at levels 7 to 11 in the offices or directorates where these persons are based and (c) what are their (i) names, (ii) roles and (iii) reporting lines;
- (2) whether he is aware of the claims that a certain company, whose name has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply, occupies office space in his Department; if so, (a) what are the reasons for this arrangement and (b) what steps are being taken to address the potential conflict of interest;
- (3) whether any family members or in-laws of the persons in (1) above were appointed to positions in his Department; if so, what are the details of these appointments?

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

In the light of the whistleblower's report sent to Premier Alan Winde and 48 others, including provincial Cabinet members and public representatives, on 17 October 2024:

- (1) What was the total value of the procurement of 122 BMW vehicles for traffic officers;
- (2) whether there were irregularities identified in the procurement process; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what steps are being taken to address them;
- (3) whether he will initiate lifestyle audits for senior officials in his Department, particularly for those implicated in these claims; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of the planned audits?

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18. Ms A Cassiem to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the recent decision of the International Criminal Court to issue a warrant of the arrest for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu:

Whether he will instruct the Western Cape Government to have Netanyahu arrested by the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) officers if the South African Police Service fails to arrest him if and when he sets foot in the Western Cape?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 13 December 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.