

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2025

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

(a) What is the current surgical backlog in the province, (b) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the patients waiting for surgery (aa) for more than 12 months, (bb) between 36 and 60 months and (cc) for more than 60 months and (c) what are the reason or reasons for these delays?

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

(1) (a) What is the number of girls (i) under 15 years of age and (ii) between 15 and 19 years of age who fell pregnant in the province in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021, (dd) 2022, (ee) 2023, (ff) 2024 and (gg) 2025 to date, (b) of the pregnancies of girls under 16 years of age, what is her Department's response to this challenge;

(2) whether any specific action has been taken to investigate and report on the potential cases of statutory rape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(a) What (i) are the names, (ii) is the race, (iii) are the qualifications, (iv) is the age and (v) is the nationality of all the persons who are employed in his (aa) office, (bb) Department and (cc) entities falling under his Department?

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4. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

(a) What (i) are the names, (ii) is the race, (iii) are the qualifications, (iv) is the age and

(v) is the nationality of all the persons who are employed in her (aa) office, (bb) Department and (cc) entities falling under her Department?

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

(a) What (i) are the names, (ii) is the race, (iii) are the qualifications, (iv) is the age and (v) is the nationality of all the persons who are employed in his (aa) office and (bb) Department?

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6. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) What (i) are the names, (ii) is the race, (iii) are the qualifications, (iv) is the age and (v) is the nationality of all the persons who are employed in his (aa) office and (bb) Department?

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7. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

How much did he claim for (a) transport and (b) accommodation for duties performed during the 2024/25 financial year?

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8. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

How much did he claim for (a) transport and (b) accommodation for duties performed during the 2024/25 financial year?

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9. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

How much did he claim for (a) transport and (b) accommodation for duties performed during the 2024/25 financial year?

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

With reference to the reply to question 3 of 4 December 2020:

- (1) What is the current vacancy rate among LEAP officers;
- (2) whether there is a discrepancy between appointed officers and currently active officers; if so, (a) what is the discrepancy and (b) why is there a discrepancy;
- (3) whether there are plans to expand LEAP deployment beyond the identified hotspots; if not, why not; if so, (a) which areas are being considered and (b) why;
- (4) whether the area-based crime prevention reaction teams have been finalised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With reference to the Siyahlala settlement, which was earmarked for urgent relocation in 2018 for the operating requirements of a freight rail line, and the purchase of land parcels (erven 35163, 35164, 35165, 35166, 35167, 35168, 35169, 35170, 35171, 35172, 35173 and 35174, Milnerton) and a portion of an industrial estate known as Racing Park to facilitate this relocation specifically:

- (1) Whether the relocation of the Siyahlala settlement has taken place; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the current plans for the relocation and housing of the households in the Siyahlala informal settlement and (b) how many households are there in the Siyahlala informal settlement; if so, what are the details of the relocation;
- (2) whether the erven described above that was purchased by the Housing Development Agency (HDA) on the instruction (and funding) of the Western Cape Government for the relocation are currently in use for housing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the HDA acquired any additional erven in the industrial park since the erven described above were transferred on 8 February 2019; if so, what are (a) the details, (b) the price;
- (4) whether the additional erven were funded by the Western Cape Government, particularly the portions with utilities servitudes; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether the current erven are able to be developed without additional erven being acquired; if not; what are the relevant details; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

In the light of clinics, such as the Ivan Toms Centre for Men's Health, which provided essential services not only to HIV and TB patients, but also to gay men, trans people, sex workers and IV drug users, that have been closed since the withdrawal of PEPFAR:

- (1) (a) How many clinics in the province have had to (i) reduce services or (ii) cease all services, (b) how many people have been affected since the funding cut and (c) what services have been offered in the interim to those effected in order to ensure continuity of care;
- (2) whether there is a long-term action plan or sustainable solution in place to support clinics in restoring full service delivery following the PEPFAR funding cuts; if not, (a) what are the reasons for the absence of such a plan, (b) when can we expect such a plan to be implemented, if not already implemented, and (c) if such a plan has been implemented, what are the relevant details of this plan?

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13. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of all the allegations of (aa) fraud, (bb) theft and (cc) corruption that have been referred to the Provincial Forensic Services for investigation from 2019 to 2025 to date and (b)(i) what are the details of each allegation, (ii) which department or entity was involved, (iii) what are the details of the officials involved, (iv) how many officials were investigated and (v) what were the outcomes of each investigation?

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

(a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of all the allegations of sexual harassment and other related matters that have been reported in the provincial government's departments and entities in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021, (dd) 2022, (ee) 2023, (ff) 2024 and (gg) 2025 to date and (b) of these, (i) what are the details of each allegation, (ii) which department or entity was involved, (iii) what are the details of the officials accused, (iv) how many cases were investigated and (v) what were the outcomes of each investigation?

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

(a) What is the (i) number of youth cafes in the province and (ii) breakdown per municipality, (b) what (i) services are provided at these youth cafes and (ii) is the number of young people who benefit from these cafes per month, (c) what is the total amount that is received by each youth cafe per month and (d) what (i) is the source of funding for each youth cafe and (ii) are the details of the donors and funders, where applicable and (e) what was the total expenditure of his Department on youth cafes in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023, (vi) 2024 and (vii) 2025 to date?

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16. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

(a) What is a comprehensive update on the development of shared facilities for sport and recreation in the province, (b)(i) how many shared sport and recreational facilities have been constructed to date, if any, and (ii) where are these facilities located, (c) how many facilities are in areas previously classified as (i) white, (ii) coloured and (iii) black areas and (d)(i) what is the current status of each facility, (ii) when is the overall programme expected to be completed and (iii) which sport bodies or codes often use these facilities?

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

In respect of his Department's budget expenditure on human settlements in the 2024/25 financial year:

(a) What is the detailed breakdown per (i) subprogramme and (ii) conditional grant as at end of (aa) September 2024 and (bb) March 2025, (b)(i) what were the Minister and Members of Executive Council (MINMEC) priorities, (ii) what were the targets for the year and (iii) how did the province align its (aa) plans and (bb) expenditure with these priorities and targets, (c) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of projects that contributed to 40% of the budget being set aside as a priority, (d) what was the allocated budget for (i) land acquisition and (ii) re-blocking in his Department's original business plan and (e) what was his Department's expenditure breakdown at the end of (i) September 2024 and (ii) March 2025?

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

Whether all contracts that have been signed with developers for human settlements projects between 2019 and 2025 to date have job creation clauses; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the target for job creation and (b) what is the number of jobs created per project in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023, (vi) 2024 and (vii) 2025 to date?

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

In respect of housing development in the province:

- (1) (a) What is the (i) total budget expenditure and (ii) total number of projects that have been implemented in the priority housing development areas in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021, (dd) 2022, (ee) 2023, (ff) 2024 and (gg) 2025 to date;
- (2) (a) what is the number of state-subsidised houses in the province that (i) have asbestos roof and (ii) are mud houses, (b) what is the detailed breakdown per municipality and (c) what are his Department's (i) plans and (ii) budget to refurbish these houses?

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

With respect to housing subsidies available to individuals and households in the province in the income bracket of R0 to R3 500 per month:

- (a) What types of (i) subsidies and (ii) housing support mechanisms are currently available to this income group, (b) how many individuals or households have applied for these subsidies in (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22, (iii) 2022/23, (iv) 2023/24 and (v) 2024/25, (c) how many of those applications were approved, (d) what are the most common reasons for applications being declined in this period, (e) what challenges has his Department faced in administering these subsidies, particularly in relation to accessibility, processing or delivery, (f) what was the total cost to his Department for providing these subsidies in this period, (g)(i) how does his Department promote and market these subsidies to eligible individuals or households and (ii) what strategies are in place to ensure adequate public awareness and (h) what measures are being taken to improve up-take among the most vulnerable groups, especially in rural or underserved communities?

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

With respect to the Rental Housing Tribunal in the Western Cape:

- (a) How many cases or disputes have been brought before the Tribunal in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021, (iii) 2022, (iv) 2023 and (v) 2024, (b) what have been the most common types of disputes or cases brought before the Tribunal in the same period, (c) what has been the Tribunal's success or resolution rate per year in the same period and (d) what (i) communication and (ii) outreach strategies are in place to raise public awareness of the services offered by the Tribunal?

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

With regard to the Port of Cape Town's performance in May 2025:

(a) What was the (i) average waiting time for berth utilisation and occupancy for container ships and (ii) target for the month, (b) what was the (i) average number of twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded and (ii) target for the month, (c) what was the (i) average waiting time for trucks being (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded at the port and (ii) target for the month, (d) what was the (i) average ship turnaround time and (ii) target for the month, (e) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target for the month and (f) what was the (i) average container dwell time and (ii) target for the month?

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

With regard to the Port of Cape Town's performance in April 2025:

(a) What was the (i) average waiting time for berth utilisation and occupancy for container ships and (ii) target for the month, (b) what was the (i) average number of twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded and (ii) target for the month, (c) what was the (i) average waiting time for trucks being (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded at the port and (ii) target for the month, (d) what was the (i) average ship turnaround time and (ii) target for the month, (e) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target for the month and (f) what was the (i) average container dwell time and (ii) target for the month?

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

With regard to the Port of Cape Town's performance in March 2025:

(a) What was the (i) average waiting time for berth utilisation and occupancy for container ships and (ii) target for the month, (b) what was the (i) average number of twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded and (ii) target for the month, (c) what was the (i) average waiting time for trucks being (aa) loaded and (bb) unloaded at the port and (ii) target for the month, (d) what was the (i) average ship turnaround time and (ii) target for the month, (e) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target for the month and (f) what was the (i) average container dwell time and (ii) target for the month?

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

- (1) Whether CapeNature has a register of critically endangered species most at risk of extinction; if so, (a) what (i) fauna and (ii) flora species in the province are most at risk and (b) what criteria are used to determine this priority list;
- (2) (a) what are the primary threats to each of the species identified in (1) above and (b) to what extent is the population of these species declining or recovering;

- (3) (a) what (i) conservation or (ii) species recovery programmes are currently being implemented by CapeNature for each of the identified species and (b) what outcomes or progress has been recorded to date;
- (4) (a) what role do protected areas, stewardship sites or ecological corridors play in safeguarding these species and (b) how many hectare of habitat are currently secured for their protection;
- (5) (a) what partnerships exist with researchers, NGOs or community groups to support these conservation efforts and (b) what species-specific awareness campaigns or eco-tourism initiatives are planned to support population recovery and public engagement?

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

With regard to the Job Seekers Voucher initiative that was launched in February 2024:

- (1) (a) How has the Job Seekers Voucher programme performed in terms of user uptake from February 2024 to the present, (b)(i) how has his Department funded the Job Seekers Voucher programme and (ii) what have been the associated costs in the same period, (c) what is the projected programme costs from February 2025 to January 2026, (d) what considerations have informed his Department's decision to collaborate specifically with the Golden Arrow Bus Services (GABS);
- (2) whether his Department has explored potential partnerships with other stakeholders, such as MyCiTi and e-hailing services, such as Uber and Bolt; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what is his Department's approach to marketing the Job Seekers Voucher and (b)(i) what types of marketing activities have been implemented, (ii) how frequently have they occurred and (iii) what has been the cost of these efforts?

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

With regard to the Provincial Bicycle Programme:

- (a) (i) How many bicycles have been distributed through the Provincial Bicycle Programme in (aa) 2022/23, (bb) 2023/24 and (cc) 2024/25 and (ii) what was the total cost of the programme in each of the years, (b) how has the distribution of bicycles been spread across regions in this period, (c)(i) what is his Department's projected distribution plan for the current financial year (2025/26) per region in the province and (ii) what are the associated costs and (d)(i) what is the rationale used by his Department in deciding how many bicycles to distribute per region in the province and (ii) how are these decisions aligned with the programme's broader objectives?

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

With regard to the deployment, cost and training of traffic officers in the Western Cape:

- (a) What was the total number of traffic officers employed in the province in (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22, (iii) 2022/23, (iv) 2023/24 and (v) 2024/25, (b) what has been the cost to his Department associated with the employment of traffic officers in the same period, (c)(i) what training and development programmes are currently in place for traffic

officers and (ii) what were the associated costs for training and development programmes for the period in (a) above and (d)(i) what are his Department's projections for the employment of new traffic officers during the 2025/26 financial year and (i) what is the anticipated cost?

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

(a) What technical-, agricultural- or other skills-focused schools currently exist in each of the Western Cape education districts, (b) how many (i) learners and (ii) teachers are at each of these schools in the (aa) 2024 and (bb) 2025 academic years, (c) what is his Department's assessment of the demand for more technical-, agricultural- or skills-focused schools in the province and (d) what plans, if any, are in place to expand access to technical and vocational education and training (TVET) at school level across the province?

(330)

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

With reference to the recent launch of the Cape Care Fund, which aims to strengthen the work of civil society organisations by providing essential social services in the province:

(a) How will his Department ensure fair and equitable access to the fund, particularly for smaller community-based organisations operating in rural or historically underfunded areas, (b) what mechanisms are in place to ensure transparency in the allocation and disbursements of funds, (c) how many service providers have received support through the fund, (d) what criteria were used to assess eligibility and (e) what progress has been made in the allocation and disbursement of the fund since its inception?

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

With reference to the Department's commitment to youth development and empowerment:

(a) In which municipalities in the province are these youth programmes currently active, (b) how many young people have participated to date and (c) what criteria are used to select communities for programme implementation?

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

In the light of growing concerns regarding the increased use of tobacco, vapes and "hubbly bubbly" among underage youths:

- (1) Whether there is any existing collaborative strategy between his Department and the Department of Health and Wellness to address this concerning trend; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his Department has engaged with parents, schools or community leaders in the affected areas to raise awareness and to curb access to these harmful substances; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

Considering the operational demands placed on the SAPS Durbanville Police Station and the growing population in its jurisdiction:

- (1) Whether there are any existing or proposed plans by the South African Police Service (SAPS), the national Department of Public Works and Infrastructure or any other relevant authority to upgrade, renovate, expand or replace the existing infrastructure and facilities of the SAPS Durbanville Police Station; if so, (a) what is the scope and nature of the proposed upgrades or developments, (b) what is the projected timeline for the commencement and completion, (c) what is the estimated or allocated budget for the project and (d) what is the expected impact on service delivery and operational capacity; if not, what are the reasons for the absence of the planned infrastructure upgrades;
- (2) whether an assessment has been conducted on the adequacy of the current facilities relative to the policing demands in Durbanville; if so, what are the relevant details; if not;
- (3) whether there are any mechanisms in place to review and address the infrastructure shortfalls at the Durbanville Police Station in the near future; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (a) What challenges currently exist in the (i) Kannaland Municipality and (ii) Matzika Municipality pertaining to the provision of (aa) water, (bb) electricity and (cc) waste services, (b) what has his Department done thus far to assist each municipality and (c) what additional measures has his Department taken to assist each municipality in achieving self-sustainable service delivery?

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35. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

- (a) How has his Department applied artificial intelligence (AI) to improve service delivery in the province, (b) what specific AI-driven programmes or initiatives have been introduced by his Department to enhance efficiency, transparency or responsiveness in service delivery and (c) what measurable outcomes or results have been recorded since the implementation of these AI initiatives?

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36. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the Western Cape Government's Energy Resilience Programme:

What steps has his Department taken to reduce reliance on Eskom by between 500 and 750 MW in 2025?

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37. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

(a) How many children in the province are excluded from accessing health and education services due to not having birth certificates and (b) what impact does this have on their access to services?

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38. Mr G P Marais to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

(a) What is the policy of his Department regarding the way in which incidents of bullying at both public schools and private schools are reported in order to protect children from being victimised further by teachers and learners and (b) what is the time frame within which his Department will (i) respond to, (ii) investigate and (iii) finalise incidents of this nature?

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

Whether his Department has any plans to (a) increase the number of youth cafes and (b) increase their presence in areas outside the City of Cape Town; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 11 July 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.