PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER written reply

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 11 JULY 2025

1. Mr D G Jacobs to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

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

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

With regard to the informal settlements in the province:

- (a) How many informal settlements does his Department have a record of and (b) in which municipalities are they located, (c) how many households are currently located in informal settlements and (d) according to his Department's records, (i) which ten informal settlements are the oldest and (ii) in what year were they established or settled respectively;
- (2) (a) how many informal settlements does his Department plan to upgrade in the MTEF period, (b) which ones are they, (c)(i) when were they established and (ii) how were they established, (d) how were these informal settlements prioritised for upgrading and (e) what does an "informal settlement upgrade" entail or include;
- (3) how many informal settlements were established on erven or land that was originally set aside by the government for that purpose and (b) what are the details of these settlements?
- (4) where informal settlements are not planned for by any government, what are the main factors that typically lead to the establishment of new informal settlements?

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

- (a) Which municipalities in the province currently offer (i) formal separation-atsource services and/or (ii) door-to-door recycling collection services, (b) what neighbourhoods in each municipality receive door-to-door services paid for by the municipality and (c) how many households are reached through these programmes in each case;
- (2) (a) what public infrastructure or facilities are available to residents for the disposal of recyclable material in municipalities without door-to-door collection and (b) how many such drop-off or recycling stations exist in the province;
- (3) (a) what role has his Department played in supporting or co-funding municipal separation-at-source or recycling initiatives and (b) which municipalities have benefited from such support;
- (4) whether there are any municipalities currently exploring or implementing publicprivate partnerships (PPPs) for door-to-door recycling initiatives; if so, what models or partners are being considered;
- (5) (a) which municipalities have yet to implement any form of household recycling or separation-at-source programme and (b) what plans are in place to address this gap?

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4. 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 June 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 twentyfoot 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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5. Mr M Booysen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

- (1) What measures has her Department implemented in the past financial year to reduce patient waiting times at primary healthcare facilities across the province;
- (2) whether these interventions had a measurable impact; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (3) whether there are any plans in the pipeline; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(1) What role does his Department, together with the Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE), play in regulating e-hailing services, such as Uber;

- (2) whether his Department engages with Uber South Africa and its representatives; if so, (a) since when and (b) how often do these engagements take place;
- (3) (a) what are the key issues identified and discussed during these engagements with Uber South Africa, (b) what resolutions have resulted from these engagements and (c) what progress has been made in implementing them;
- (4) whether his Department has considered any reforms to strengthen oversight and to improve commuter safety in relation to e-hailing services?

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

With regard to each of the Western Cape Government's affordable housing programmes:

- (a) How many individuals or households applied per programme in the (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22, (iii) 2022/23, (iv) 2023/24 and (v) 2024/25 financial years, (b) how many units or homes were made available for allocation, (c) how many applicants were deemed eligible and approved, (d) to how many were housing ultimately allocated or how many received housing opportunities and (e) what are the eligibility criteria for each of these affordable housing programmes and how does his Department ensure that applicants understand these criteria before applying;
- (2) what specific interventions or support services has his Department implemented to (a) assist residents in navigating the application process per programme, (b) improve application quality and eligibility success rates, particularly for the youth, first-time homeowners and low- to middle-income households and (c) guide unsuccessful applicants with appeal processes, corrections or alternative housing options;
- (3) how is his Department coordinating with implementing agents, the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA), financial institutions and municipalities to (a) increase the supply and delivery pace of affordable housing units under each programme, (b) expand public access to programme information and application channels and (c) ensure fairness, transparency and efficiency in the allocation of available units?

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

With reference to the Kuyasa Ward 99 Housing Retrofit Project, which was initiated to address poor workmanship in 2 373 RDP houses built as part of the People's Housing Process, and considering the project was halted with fewer than 300 houses completed due to budget constraints:

(a) What is the (i) current commitment of his Department to completing this retrofit project, (ii) budgetary provisions and (iii) planned timeline and (b)(i) what are the key challenges that his Department faces in resuming or completing the remaining phases of the retrofit and (ii) what steps are being taken to overcome these obstacles?

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9. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In the light of the recent brutal murders on the Cape Flats during the school holidays:

- (1) Whether there is a safety plan that takes into consideration that school children are at home during the holiday and that ensures that they are safe; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how many murders have taken place on the Cape Flats since the start of the June school holiday?

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

What programmes has his Department implemented to keep children and the youth meaningfully engaged and off the streets during school holiday, particularly in vulnerable and high-risk communities?

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

What interventions has her Department put in place to ensure that elderly patients do not have to queue in harsh winter conditions to collect their chronic medication, particularly in rural and under-resourced areas?

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

What programmes and initiatives is his Department currently running during the school holiday period to engage children and the youth, particularly in township and rural communities?

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

In terms of the delivery of basic services in informal settlements in the province, particularly in the Cape metropolitan area:

(a) What is the current ratio of toilets (formal toilets, ablution and portable flush toilets) to households, (b) how often are the toilets cleaned and maintained and (c) how many toilets has his Department installed in the 2023/24 financial year?

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

(a) What targeted interventions has his Department introduced to support small-scale tourism enterprises during the off-peak season and (b) what impact have these interventions had on their operations and sustainability?

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

What immediate interventions has his Department implemented as part of its Winter Response Strategy, particularly in township areas affected by flooding after prolonged rainfall?

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 25 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.