

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 17 JULY 2026

1. Ms A P Bans to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) (a) What immediate measures has his Department implemented or plan to implement in collaboration with other relevant departments to mitigate the economic impact of the closure of the R328 on the (i) tourism, (ii) hospitality and (iii) agricultural sectors in the greater Oudtshoorn area and (b) what measures that have been implemented are aimed at preventing job losses;
- (2) (a) why has his Department not provided affected (i) residents, (ii) businesses, (iii) farmers, (iv) tourism operators and (v) other stakeholders with regular public updates regarding the (aa) progress of repair work, (bb) estimated timelines for reopening the road and (cc) contingency arrangements for the affected communities?

(255)

2. Mr G P Marais to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

In the light of a complaint received that certain medications are constantly unavailable, particularly affecting chronic patients serviced at the Bishop Lavis Community Day Centre:

- (1) (a) What is the status regarding the shortage of schedule (i) 3, (ii) 4 and (iii) 5 medications at state clinics in the province and (b) what is the (i) duration and (ii) extent of such shortages at the Bishop Lavis Community Day Centre;
- (2) (a) what is the standard procedure to be followed by pharmacists or clinics when such prescribed medications are not available and (b) what are the alternative dispensing arrangements;
- (3) whether the pharmacist or clinic informs patients immediately when the medications become available; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (4) what are the reasons for the constant unavailability of phenobarbitone medication at the Bishop Lavis Community Day Centre;
- (5) what interventions has her Department implemented or plans to implement to prevent future medication shortages that affect chronic patients who are waiting for months for their medication at clinics?

(256)

3. Mr B M Adams to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) Whether the legal matter relating to the appointment of a certain person whose name has been furnished to his Department has been settled or otherwise concluded; if so, (a) what is the nature of the settlement and (b) what are the conditions attached thereto that may be disclosed publicly;
- (2) (a) what legal costs have been incurred by his Department in relation to this matter from its inception to date and (b) what amount has been paid to (i) external legal representatives, (ii) advocates, (iii) attorneys and (iv) related service providers;
- (3) whether there are any outstanding legal costs still to be paid by his Department; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether his Department plans to pursue any further legal action in relation to this matter; if so, what are the relevant details?

(257)

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

- (1) (a) How many (i) BNG and (ii) FLISP or First Home Finance housing units have been completed in the 2025/26 financial year in each municipality in the province and (b) which projects were they;
- (2) (a) how many title deeds have been transferred to beneficiaries across all completed housing projects and (b)(i) how many beneficiaries of these completed projects are still waiting for title deeds to be transferred, (ii) which specific projects are affected, (iii) when were they completed and (iv) how many beneficiaries are still waiting in each project;
- (3) (a) how many informal settlements were upgraded in 2025/26 financial year in each municipality and (b) what was the upgrade target for the 2025/26 financial year;
- (4) (a) how many serviced sites have been delivered in the 2025/26 financial year in each municipality and (b) which serviced sites are these;
- (5) (a) how many social housing units were delivered in the 2025/26 financial year in each municipality and (b) what was the 2025/26 target?

(258)

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

With regard to Resolve Communications:

- (a) Which provincial departments and entities have appointed Resolve Communications since 1 June 2009, (b) what were they appointed for, (c) what is the date on which each contract was awarded, (d) what is the value of each contract and (e) what is the duration of each contract?

(259)

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

With regard to the position of Head of Department:

Whether the former Head of Department who recently left the Department lodged a formal complaint alleging constructive dismissal; if so, (a) when was the complaint received, (b) what is the current status of the complaint and (c) what steps has his Department taken to investigate the complaint?

(260)

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

With reference to the allocation of government housing opportunities in the Breede Valley Municipality over the past five financial years:

(a) How many of these allocated housing opportunities have been completed and handed over to beneficiaries in (i) 2021/22, (ii) 2022/23, (iii) 2023/24, (iv) 2024/25 and (v) 2025/26, (b) what is the current housing backlog in the Breede Valley Municipality and (c) how many qualifying applicants are currently registered on the municipal housing demand database?

(261)

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

Whether his Department has conducted an assessment of the extent to which farms in the province rely on foreign national workers; if so, (a) what are the findings of that assessment and (b) what is the estimated number of foreign nationals employed in the agricultural sector per (i) district and (ii) agricultural subsector?

(262)

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

With reference to the 2025 Labour Court ruling directing that community health workers (CHWs) be absorbed into the formal public health workforce:

Whether her Department has taken steps to permanently employ CHWs; if so, (a) what is the average monthly stipend paid to CHWs and (b) what employment benefits are currently provided to them?

(263)

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

With reference to reports that 296 pregnancies among girls aged 10 to 14 years were recorded in the Western Cape, and concerns expressed that many of these cases may involve child sexual abuse, exploitation and statutory rape:

(a) How many cases involving pregnancies of girls aged 10 to 14 years were referred to his Department by health facilities in 2025 and (b) in how many cases were child protection investigations involved?

(264)

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

- (1) (a) How many GBV-related case dockets are currently under investigation, (b) what is the current average caseload of detectives assigned to investigate GBV-related offences and (c) how many funded FCS detective posts are (i) filled and (ii) vacant;
- (2) (a) how many GBV-related cases (i) were referred to the National Prosecuting Authority, (ii) were withdrawn, (iii) were declined for prosecution and (iv) resulted in convictions in (aa) 2023/24, (bb) 2024/25 and (cc) 2025/26;
- (3) what is the current conviction rate for (a) rape, (b) domestic violence-related assault and (c) sexual assault cases?

(265)

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

- (1) (a) How many mental health patients received treatment through her Department in (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 per age group and (b) what were the most common mental health conditions treated;
- (2) how many mental health professionals are currently employed by the Department, broken down by (a) psychiatrists, (b) psychologists and (c) social workers;
- (3) how many (a) community-based mental health programmes are currently funded by her Department and (b) how many beneficiaries does each programme serve;
- (4) what amount has her Department (a) allocated to and (b) spent on mental health services in (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26;
- (5) (a) what measures has her Department implemented to improve access to mental health services in rural communities and (b) how many additional mental health service points have been established?

(266)

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

- (1) (a) How many crime prevention programmes targeting at-risk youths has his Department implemented in (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 and (b) how many young people participated in each programme;
- (2) what amount has his Department spent on youth crime prevention programmes in (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26;
- (3) what partnerships does his Department currently have in order to implement youth crime prevention initiatives;
- (4) how many youths who have been identified as being at risk of joining gangs have been reached through intervention programmes funded by his Department in (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26?

(267)

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

With regard to the proliferation of the illicit economy and counterfeit trade directly undercutting local manufacturing, subverting the tax base and threatening the targets of the Growth for Jobs Strategy (G4J Strategy):

- (1) Whether his Department has a (a) provincial framework or (b) positioning paper to address the economic impact of counterfeit goods in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how is his Department actively utilising a whole-of-government approach to coordinate with (a) national enforcement agencies and (b) municipal law enforcement in order to protect local Western Cape industries from unfair counterfeit competition;
- (3) (a) what (i) enterprise development initiatives or (ii) formalisation incentives does his Department offer to informal economy traders in order to transition them actively into the secure and compliant provincial economy and (b) how many informal traders have taken part in these programmes in (i) 2024/25, (ii) 2025/26 and (iii) 2026/27 to date?

(268)

15. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

For each of the municipalities in the Western Cape:

- (1) What were the (a) opening and (b) closing balances of irregular and fruitless and wasteful expenditure as reflected in their audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2025;
- (2) in respect of the full reconciliation of these figures for the 2024/25 financial year, what were the amounts for each municipality relating to (a) new irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred during the year, (b) amounts approved for write-off by the relevant municipal councils and (c) amounts recovered or otherwise resolved;
- (3) based on the Provincial Treasury's assessment of these 30 June 2025 reconciliation balances, which municipalities have been identified as (a) the best-performing municipalities that are successfully reducing their historical balances and (b) the worst-performing municipalities;
- (4) (a) what (i) internal control or (ii) governance weaknesses have been identified as the primary drivers in the worst-performing municipalities and (b) what interventions is her Department implementing to assist these municipalities to enforce stricter compliance and consequence management?

(269)

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

With regard to social housing delivery in the province:

- (1) What role does the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) play in supporting the delivery of social housing projects in the province;
- (2) (a) how many social housing projects in the provincial pipeline are currently waiting for (i) SHRA funding, (ii) grant approval or (iii) any other SHRA-related approval process, (b) what are the (i) names and (ii) locations of these projects, (c)(i) how many housing units are affected by these delays and (ii) how many units are affected

in respect of each project, (d) what is the estimated value of SHRA funding required for each affected project, (e) what engagements has his Department had with the SHRA to expedite the approval and funding of these projects and (f) by when is each affected project expected to proceed to implementation?

(270)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 31 July 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.