

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 22 AUGUST 2025

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

With regard to deaths at residential facilities for elderly persons in the province:

What is the number of recorded deaths per (a) funded and (b) private facility in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023, (vi) 2024 and (vii) 2025 to date?

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

(1) (a) What is the number of libraries in Kraaifontein townships, particularly in (i) Wallacedene and (ii) Bloekombos, (b) what is the number of people, particularly school-going children, in need of library services in (i) Wallacedene and (ii) Bloekombos and (c) what is the total distance between these townships and the nearest library;

(2) whether his Department has any plans to build a library in Wallacedene and/or Bloekombos during the current MTEF period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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3. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

Given the critical need to strengthen mathematics and science education to address skills shortages in key sectors, and noting the success of initiatives such as the Kutlwanong ProMaths Programme, which achieved a 100% pass rate among Liberty-funded learners in and around Philippi despite pandemic challenges:

- (1) Whether his Department currently has or supports a similar ProMaths initiative aimed at improving learner performance in mathematics and science; if not, (a) what are the reasons for not implementing such a programme and (b) what alternative interventions are in place to achieve comparable outcomes; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the (i) targeted schools or districts, (ii) partnerships with private sector or NGOs, (iii) measurable outcomes and success rates to date and (vi) plans for expansion or scaling to underserved communities;
- (2) how does his Department plan to collaborate with proven models (such as Kutlwanong) or innovate further to ensure that learners, particularly in under-resourced areas, receive the necessary support to excel in STEM fields?

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

- (1) (a) What are the details of the human settlements projects in ward 35 and (b) what are the updates on these projects;
- (2) whether there are any delays with these projects; if so, what are the (a) causes and (b) revised timelines?

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

With reference to the planned development of new schools in the province:

- (1) With regard to the acquisition of erf 12342 of erf 80 St Helena through a deed of exchange between the Western Cape Government, represented by the Department of Infrastructure, and the Saldanha Bay Municipality, for the purposes of a school, (a) what is the timeline for the development of the school that is set to be built on the land named in the deed of exchange, (b) what is the current status of the planning approvals (for example rezoning and 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;
- (2) with regard to the rapidly growing Helderberg area, (a) what are the current plans for new schools in the Helderberg and/or Somerset West area, (b) what are the details of the schools, (c) how many (i) primary schools and (ii) high schools are planned, (d) what are the planned locations of these schools and (e) what are the development timelines?

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

Oceana, a private company, donated land in Stompneus Bay for a housing project, but the provincial government and the Saldanha Bay Municipality have yet to install a single municipal service or make visible progress:

- (1) (a)(i) What is the exact date on which Oceana donated the land and (ii) what commitments, if any, were made by the provincial government regarding its development, (b) what actions, if any, has his Department taken to facilitate the start of this housing project since the donation;
- (2) whether his Department has allocated any budget for the installation of services at this site; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) how much;

- (3) whether a project timeline was ever formally developed; if not, why not; if so, why has it not been implemented in the past five years;
- (4) whether any feasibility study has ever been conducted for the project; if not, why not; if so, can a copy of the study be made available;
- (5) whether a date is available for when the construction of the houses will commence; if not, why not?

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

With regard to the Kensington housing projects planned for a site in Kensington and Maitland and which were planned to yield 135 potential units:

- (1) At what stage in the development process is the Kensington housing projects in the City of Cape Town;
- (2) whether the municipality's project plan has been approved by his Department; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department has approved the allocation of any funding to the Kensington housing projects; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the beneficiary selection process has commenced or has been concluded; if so, what are the details;
- (5) whether the beneficiary subsidies have been approved; if so, (a) for how many beneficiaries and (b) what were the selection criteria for the project;
- (6) in or around July 2020 a rezoning, subdivision and consolidation application process was commenced for the Sixth Avenue site in Kensington, which was known as the Kensington Housing Project, with a potential yield of 62 single residential units, whether the application been approved; if not, why not;
- (7) what progress, if any, has been made with the planning process for the second site that makes up the potential yield of 135 housing units, originally planned for Maitland;
- (8) what is the impact, if any, on the Kensington Housing Project of the proposed redevelopment of the informal settlement known as Ghost Town adjacent to or part of the Maitland Cemetery;
- (9) what is the impact, if any, on the Kensington Housing Project of the proposed relocation of informal dwellers at or near the Salt River Station;
- (10) what are the details of the proposed upgrade or development of the Ghost Town Informal Settlement?

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8. Mr N Constable to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

With regard to the latest statement of Santaco that motorcar owners may only have one passenger in his or her car, whether it is a family member or not:

- (1) Whether his Department issued a statement in response to this; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether his Department has any plans to be implemented to make sure that ordinary car owners' rights are not violated; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (a) What preparations have CapeNature facilities undertaken in anticipation of the 2025 flower season and (b) what additional measures are in place to manage increased visitor volumes, particularly in terms of increased refuse demands?

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

Recent reports have highlighted allegations of corruption and maladministration in the Independent Development Trust (IDT), and considering the IDT's role as a key implementing agent for infrastructure projects across the country, including the Western Cape:

- (1) (a) What specific IDT projects are currently being implemented in the province and (b) what is their current status;
- (2) whether any of these projects have been delayed, disrupted or otherwise negatively impacted due to allegations or findings of corruption at the IDT; if so, what are detailed examples of this;
- (3) what measures is his Department taking to ensure that provincial infrastructure delivery is not compromised by issues at implementing agencies, such as the IDT;
- (4) whether there are any ongoing investigations involving IDT projects in the province; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how is the Department cooperating with the relevant authorities to safeguard public funds and service delivery;
- (5) what steps is his Department taking to prevent future disruptions to critical infrastructure projects caused by external implementing agencies facing corruption challenges?

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

- (1) (a) Which underutilised state-owned assets in the province have been identified for potential housing development, including their (i) locations, (ii) sizes and (iii) current status in the planning or development pipeline and (b) for each of these assets, (i) what is the projected number of housing units that could be delivered and (ii) what time frames have been established for their release or development;
- (2) whether his Department has engaged with the national government to identify buildings or land parcels in the national domain for housing purposes; if so, (a) which assets have been earmarked and (b) what steps have been taken to fast track their release for housing;
- (3) whether there are any current obstacles or delays affecting the utilisation of these provincial or national assets for housing; if so, what measures is his Department taking to address them;

- (4) how does his Department plan to integrate the utilisation of these assets into its broader housing delivery strategy for the province?

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

- (a) How has his Department's Title Deed Programme improved the number of title deeds handed over compared to previous years, (b) what are the actual figures showing the increase in title deeds delivered in the period 2021 to 2024, (c)(i) how are title deeds for new housing projects being managed, especially following the successful "one-day title deed" initiative in George Metrogrounds and (ii) what is the number of title deeds handed over through this initiative and (iii) in which timelines was this achieved, (d)(i) what measures are being taken to clear the backlog of title deeds, (ii) how many outstanding title deeds remain and (iii) what is the statistics on progress made in reducing the backlog?

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13. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (a) What specific initiatives is his Department implementing to attract and retain quality teachers, particularly in high-demand subjects such as mathematics, science, engineering, IT and agriculture, (b) what is the data on (i) teacher composition, (ii) recruitment and (iii) retention in these high-demand subjects per district from 2020 to 2025 and (iv) where are the intervention most needed and (c)(i) how is the province addressing the challenges posed by an aging teacher population and (ii) what strategies are in place to ensure continuity and succession planning in critical subjects?

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14. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (a) How is his Department implementing the Basic Education Laws Amendment Act (BELA Act), particularly regarding compulsory Grade R admissions, (b) what measures are in place to ensure that (i) school admissions and (ii) language policies comply with the BELA Act, (c) how will his Department monitor and address any misinterpretation or overreach of BELA Act regulations by schools or education districts and (d)(i) what opportunities are available for public and parliamentary input on the draft BELA Act regulations and (ii) how will feedback be incorporated?

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15. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (a) What specific strategies is his Department implementing to strengthen the foundation phase of learning, particularly to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes of Grade R to Grade 3 learners, (b)(i) how does his Department currently measure and track improvements in learner reading comprehension and numeracy skills in the foundation phase and (ii) what assessment tools or benchmarks are being used and (c) what evidence of measurable progress (i) in early-learner outcomes over the past three years is available and (ii) including any available district-level data is available?

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

With reference to a pilot programme that integrates health and mobility services where patients are collected to access healthcare – an initiative previously managed solely by the Department of Health and Wellness – that is currently underway:

- (1) (a) What are the specific statistics regarding (i) the number of patients who have been served by this initiative to date, (ii) the number of patients who could potentially benefit, (iii) the areas covered and (iv) any measurable outcomes achieved and (b) in what ways has this programme improved patient access to healthcare and overall service delivery;
- (2) whether his Department is considering expanding this initiative to urban areas as well as other rural regions; if so, what is the projected timeline for such an expansion;
- (3) whether there are plans to partner with transport service providers, such as Golden Arrow Bus Services, to scale or enhance the programme; if so, what would these partnerships entail?

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

Following the Taxi Peace Summit, key concerns were raised regarding safety, compliance and order in the taxi industry:

- (1) (a)(i) How many fake taxi driving permits were detected and removed from circulation from 2020 to date and (ii) what impact has this had on industry safety, (b) what measurable outcomes have public road enforcement (PRE) initiatives achieved in reducing traffic violations and unsafe practices in the taxi sector and (c)(i) how many route crossing disputes have been reported and resolved from 2020 to date and (ii) what strategies have proven most effective in ensuring orderly operations;
- (2) whether there are ongoing collaborations with law enforcement, taxi associations or other stakeholders; if so, what successes can be highlighted from these partnerships?

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

In the light of the fact that the licence printing machine is currently fixed and the procurement of a new machine is underway:

- (1) (a) How many driver's and learner's licences have been printed since the breakdown of the only printing machine, (b) what is the current backlog and (c)(i) what is the current average turnaround time now that the machine is functioning again, (ii) which regions remain most affected and (iii) what steps are being taken to address these delays;
- (2) whether his Department has engaged the national Minister regarding the procurement of a replacement printing machine; if so, what progress has been made?

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

(a) (i) What is the current number of funded posts in the South African Police Service (SAPS) and (ii) how many of these posts are presently vacant, (b) of the vacant posts, how many are in the ten police precincts that consistently record the highest number of murders nationally and (d) what measures are being taken to prioritise the filling of vacancies in these high-murder precincts?

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20. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

What steps is her Department taking (a) to address the significant reduction in funding to national sports federations, which has led to cuts of up to 60% for some sports codes, and (b) to ensure that such decisions do not (i) undermine grassroots sport development or (ii) expose the sector to increased risk of corruption?

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

In regard to free patient transport:

- (1) (a) How are vulnerable population groups, such as the elderly and those with disabilities, benefiting from the free patient transport service and (b) what requirement is needed to make use of free patient transport;
- (2) whether there is any plan to expand the free transport service to other areas in the province where residents are facing similar challenges with access to healthcare due to facility closures or damage; if so, (a) what is the total budget and (b) which areas will benefit from these transport services?

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

In respect of the recent brutal murder of an e-hailing driver outside the Maponya Mall in Gauteng:

- (1) (a) What are the safety concerns currently affecting e-hailing services in the province, (b) what measures are in place to prevent incidents similar to the one that led to the death of the e-hailing driver in Gauteng and (c)(i) what is the number of operating permits that have been awarded to e-hailing services in the province and (ii) what is a detailed breakdown of the routes;
- (2) whether taxi associations are consulted or made aware when his Department allocates operating permits to the e-hailing sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he has any plans to convene an urgent meeting between the minibus taxi industry and the e-hailing sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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23. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In respect of the proliferation of illegal firearms and ammunition in the province, and the ease of access to these by gangsters:

(a) What is the estimated number of illegal firearms currently in circulation in the province, (b) what are the known or suspected sources of illegal firearms in the province and (c) what is the number of legally registered firearms that have been reported lost or stolen from (i) private owners and (ii) security companies in (aa) 2024 and (bb) 2025 to date?

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

(a) What (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of all the contracts that have been awarded through limited bidding in the province in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021, (dd) 2022, (ee) 2023, (ff) 2024 and (gg) 2025 to date and (b) what is the detailed breakdown (i) per department and (ii) by motivation per case of limited bidding?

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

With regard to the 195 cases investigated by Provincial Forensic Services from 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2025:

- (1) Whether copies of the investigation reports can be made available;
- (2) (a) what amount of money was involved in each of the cases and (b) in cases where an official was found guilty of fraud and corruption, (i) how much money has been recouped from those cases, (ii) what actions did the departments take and (iii) where no actions were taken, what were the reasons;
- (3) whether officials who were found guilty are they still employed by the departments; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether departments take legal action against officials found guilty; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

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

- (1) (a) What is the number of (i) firearms and (ii) ammunitions that have been reported missing or unaccounted for per municipalities in the province in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023, (vi) 2024 and (vii) 2025 to date;
- (2) whether the municipalities conducted any investigations into these missing firearms and ammunitions; if not, why not; if so; (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what (i) remedial actions and (ii) disciplinary measures have been taken?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 5 September 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.