

**PARLIAMENT OF THE  
PROVINCE OF THE  
WESTERN CAPE**

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**QUESTION PAPER**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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Note: \* Indicates translated version.

**FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2024**

**1. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

With regard to the upgrading of a further 288 WCG broadband sites from 10 mbps to 100 mbps that was reported in the Department of the Premier's Annual Report for 2022/23:

What are the details of the 288 WCG broadband sites that were upgraded from 10 mbps to 100 mbps?

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**2. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

With regard to the one consultant at Praxis Partners Consulting (Pty) Ltd, with a BBBEE status of 1, as reported in the Department of the Premier's Annual Report for 2022/23:

(a) What (i) are the details of the consultant, (ii) are his/her qualifications, (iii) is his/her experience and (iii) is his/her expertise and (b) what are the details of the work that was done by Praxis Partners Consulting (Pty) Ltd?

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**3. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With regard to reports that the HOD of his Department is no longer in that post:

(1) Whether the former HOD of his Department has resigned; if not, what are the reasons for her leaving the post; if so, what are the reasons for her resigning;

(2) whether she is still employed by his Department; if so, (a) in what position, (b) what is the level of the position and (c) what is the job description;

(3) whether a recruitment process was undertaken for this post; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether a copy of her assessments for (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21, (iii) 2021/22 and (iv) 2022/23 can be made available?

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**4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

(a) What was the (i) scope and (ii) breakdown of the costs of the last major maintenance work done to the infrastructure on Bird Island, Lambert's Bay, (b) what were the dates of the period for which the reserve was closed for maintenance work and (c)(i) how and (ii) when were these dates communicated to interested and affected parties, including the local staff of CapeNature, the Cederberg Municipality and tourism organisations?

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**5. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

(a) What are the reasons why the penguin rehabilitation facility on Bird Island, Lambert's Bay, is still not back in service, (b) what is the (i) maximum and (ii) ideal number of penguins that can be accommodated and/or rehabilitated at the facility and (c)(i) what is delaying the reintroduction of penguins to the facility and (ii) when is the facility expected to be operational again?

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**6. Mr D America to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:**

(a) How many learner transport operators have been (i) arrested or (ii) fined in the past five years and (b) how many learner transport vehicles have been impounded in the last five years for being unsafe or unroadworthy?

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**7. Mr I M Sileku to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

(a) In the past year, how much money has been spent on combating wildfires in the Western Cape and (b) how many fires have been extinguished in the past year?

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**8. Mr I M Sileku to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

(1) How many individuals are currently (a) under investigation for maliciously starting wildfires and (b) being prosecuted for arson in relation to wildfires;

(2) whether the motive for the arson cases is known; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**9. Ms C A T Murray to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

With regard to the Port of Cape Town's performance in December 2023:

(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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**10. Ms C A T Murray to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

With regard to the Port of Cape Town's performance in January 2024:

(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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**11. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety**

With regard to the recent failure of the SAPS radio and dispatch systems:

- (1) Whether the failure has been resolved; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what was the duration of the failure, (b) what assistance was rendered by the Western Cape Government and municipal governments to the SAPS during the course of the failure, (c) what measures, if any, have been put in place to prevent similar failures and (d) approximately how many incidents did units of the South African Police Service fail to respond to timeously as a result of the failure?

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

With regard to learner placement for the 2024 academic year:

- (1) What is the detailed breakdown of learner placement per (a) school and (b) education district as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (2) whether raw data and a detailed list of all unsuccessful applicants per (a) school and (b) education district can be made available as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (3) (a) what are the hotspot areas for unplaced learners in the province as at the latest date for which information is available, (b) what is the number of learners who have successfully been placed at schools and (c) how many were still on the waiting list as at 6 February 2024;
- (4) with regard to those learners who applied on time and correctly but were rejected by all the schools they applied to, can you provide the following details: what is the (a) number of these learners and (b) detailed breakdown of the (i) race and (ii) grade of these learners, and (iii) schools where these learners were rejected?

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**13. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:**

In respect of the Project Management Office at his Department:

- (1) (a) What are the responsibilities of the Project Management Office, (b) how many employees formed part of this office and (c) what was its total budget in the (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21, (iii) 2021/22, (iv) 2022/23 and (v) 2023/24 financial year;
- (2) whether there was an approved structure for the Project Management Office; if not, why not; if so, (a) in which directorate did this office operate and (b) from which programme did its funding come;
- (3) (a) what are the reasons for terminating the contracts of all the employees in this office by the end of February and (b) who will assume their responsibilities?

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**14. Mr P Marran to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:**

In respect of the People's Housing and Empowerment Process:

- (a) What is the (i) number and (ii) details of the People's Housing and Empowerment Process projects that were budgeted for and completed during the (aa) fourth, (bb) fifth and (cc) sixth administration and (b) how many of these projects were (i) completed and (ii) terminated and (c) what were the reasons for the termination of projects?

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**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 23 February 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.**