

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2025

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

In the light of recent attacks on social workers:

What adjustments are being made to welfare programmes to ensure that the safety and well-being of social workers are prioritised?

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

With reference to the 2024 teacher cuts in which 2 407 teachers were made redundant:

- (1) (a) What guidelines did his Department issue to schools to govern the identification of “in-excess” educators during the 2024 teacher cuts and (b) how did his Department monitor the compliance with these guidelines by school principals;
- (2) (a) how many grievances or complaints did his Department receive alleging unfair selection or victimisation during this process and (b) what steps has his Department taken to investigate claims that the process was misused by principals to target specific educators;
- (3) how many educators who had been declared “in excess” in 2024 have since been replaced by (a) newly appointed, (b) temporary or (c) contract educators;
- (4) what is the total expenditure to date on (a) legal representation, (b) arbitration costs and (c) salaries of “in-excess” educators who are not teaching full time;
- (5) how many disputes arising from the 2024 redundancy process are currently before the (a) Education Labour Relations Council (ELRC) and (b) Labour Court;

- (6) (a) how many educators currently qualify for reabsorption and (b) what reasons has his Department provided in each case where reabsorption has been refused or delayed?

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3. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

With reference to his reply to question 10 (subsection 4) of 31 October 2025:

- (1) (a) What difference is there between the City's Safe Spaces and shelters funded by his Department, (b) what criteria are used to decide which shelters are subject to the provincial norms and standards and (c) what mechanisms, if any, does his Department employ to ensure that the minimum standards are met in these Safe Spaces;
- (2) whether his Department engages in any form of (a) oversight, (b) monitoring, (c) collaboration or (d) data-sharing with the City of Cape Town regarding the operation and outcomes of Safe Spaces; if not, why not; if so, what does this consist of;
- (3) whether his Department has received any complaints regarding the conditions or functioning of Safe Spaces; if so, (a) how many complaints have been received and (b) what actions have been taken in response;
- (4) whether his Department has any plans to develop (a) legislation or (b) intergovernmental frameworks to clarify provincial oversight responsibilities and to ensure service consistency across both DSD-funded shelters and municipal Safe Spaces; if not, why not; if so, what progress has been made?

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

In terms of housing delivery for the first six months of this financial year:

- (1) (a)(i) What was the delivery target for Breaking New Ground (BNG) housing and (ii) how many BNG housing units have been delivered, (b) how many serviced sites have been delivered, (c)(i) what was the target for informal settlement upgrades and (ii) how many informal settlements have been upgraded, (d) how many of the projects above are in still in progress, (e) how many projects above are projected to be completed this year and (f) how much of the (i) Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) and (ii) Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG) has been spent;
- (2) whether his Department has been notified that any of the grant funding is at risk of being (a) withheld, (b) returned or (c) redirected to other provinces; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the intergovernmental dispute, related to the cut in funding in 2024/25, has commenced; if so, at what stage is the dispute?

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5. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

In the light of the recent media report published on 21 November 2025 alleging that the Executive Mayor of Kannaland attempted to extort money from a local businessman; this in addition to his existing criminal conviction and the municipality's repeated governance

failures as outlined in the Auditor-General's findings and the mandatory Financial Recovery Plan:

- (1) Whether his Department has been formally notified of these new allegations; if so, what steps have been taken in response;
- (2) whether his Department will investigate the allegations in terms of section 106 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department has assessed the impact of these allegations on the implementation of the mandatory Financial Recovery Plan for the Kannaland Municipality; if so, what were the findings;
- (4) whether his Department is of the opinion that the continued tenure of the Executive Mayor is compatible with the requirements of the Financial Recovery Plan and the need to restore stable, ethical leadership in Kannaland; if not, what action will be taken;
- (5) whether his Department has engaged with the National Treasury, the Provincial Treasury or the Municipal Financial Recovery Services Unit regarding the potential risks posed by these allegations for ongoing intervention efforts; if so, what was the outcome?

(592)

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

- (a) (i) What is the current status of the revised management agreement between CapeNature and the Cape Piscatorial Society and (ii) what time frames have been set for finalising and implementing the agreement and (b)(i) how many meetings or engagements have taken place between CapeNature and relevant stakeholders regarding the revised agreement and (ii) what key issues or matters have been discussed during these engagements?

(593)

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

- (a) How many individuals were admitted to hospitals in the province during the past six months as a result of (i) gunshot wounds, (ii) stabbing wounds and (iii) gang-related violence, (b) of the cases reported in (a) above, (i) how many resulted in fatalities, (ii) how many required intensive care and (iii) what were the associated costs to the provincial health system, (c) what measures have been implemented by her Department to respond to and to mitigate the burden placed on hospitals by trauma cases related to (i) firearms, (ii) knives and (iii) gang activity and (d)(i) what trends have been identified over the past six months regarding hospital admissions linked to the causes in (a) above and (ii) what interventions are being prioritised in response?

(594)

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

- (a) (i) What health facility upgrade projects are currently underway in the Garden Route district, (ii) what is the scope of the work in each project and (iii) what are the anticipated completion dates, (b) for each health facility in the Garden Route district, (i) what upgrades were undertaken in the past three financial years, (ii) what were the total costs incurred and (iii) what funding sources were utilised and (c) regarding equipment up-

grades linked to infrastructure improvements, (i) what high-value medical equipment is planned for procurement for facilities in the Garden Route, (ii) what are the associated costs and (iii) what gaps remain in equipment availability?

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

What referral pathway gaps exist in legislation, policy and implementation when it comes to addressing teenage pregnancy at schools?

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

How many cases of rape have been recorded on (a) primary school premises and (b) secondary school premises where the perpetrator was (i) an adult employee, (ii) an adult learner or (iii) a child learner in (aa) 2020, (bb) 2021, (cc) 2022, (dd) 2023, (ee) 2024 and (ff) 2025 to date?

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

(a) What are the key risks identified for the 2026 academic year and (b) what contingency measures are being implemented to mitigate these risks?

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

(a) (i) What HIV prevention programmes are currently being implemented across the province, (ii) how many individuals make use of this service, (iii) what is the total annual budget allocated to each programme in 2025/26 and (iv) what were the measured outcomes in the past financial year, (b)(i) how many individuals have accessed pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in the past three years, (ii) at which facilities is PrEP available and (iii) what expansion plans are in place, (c)(i) what is the current number of people on antiretroviral therapy (ART) in the province and (ii) how does this compare with the previous three financial years and (d) what measures are in place to improve ART adherence?

(599)

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

Of the current municipalities that have been placed under administration in terms of section 139 of the Constitution or any other applicable legislation:

(a) What were the reasons for each intervention, (b) what progress has been made in each municipality since the intervention was instituted, (c) what support has his Department provided to each of these municipalities during this period and (d) what has been the total cost to his Department for providing this support?

(600)

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

(1) (a) Under the Department's mandate for provincial roads, what specific measures have been implemented in the past 12 months to reduce road fatalities in high-risk areas of the province and (b) what was the total cost of these interventions;

- (2) (a) how many traffic-calming interventions, including (i) speed humps, (ii) signage and (iii) pedestrian crossings, have been completed by his Department on provincial roads in the past 12 months and (b) what was the total expenditure;
- (3) (a) what progress has his Department made in implementing technology-based traffic enforcement (for example speed cameras and red-light cameras) on provincial roads in the last 12 months and (b) what has been the total cost to date?

(601)

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

With regard to firearm confiscation for the past two financial years:

- (1) (a) How many firearms were confiscated by SAPS in each policing district in the province during the past two financial years, (b) what categories of firearms were confiscated, (c) during which types of operations were these firearms seized, (d) how many of the confiscated firearms were found to be (i) illegal or (ii) linked to previous crimes, (e) how many were identified as stolen from (i) private owners, (ii) state officials, (iii) security companies and (iv) SAPS armouries, (f) what is the current backlog in ballistic testing for confiscated firearms and (g) what is the average turnaround time for processing ballistic reports?

(602)

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

- (a) What is the current status of the City of Cape Town's inner-city housing projects supported or overseen by his Department, (b) what are the projected timelines for each project's key phases, namely (i) planning, (ii) procurement, (iii) construction and (iv) completion, (c) what are the estimated costs of each project, (d) how many housing units in each project have been or will be delivered upon completion, (e) what factors, if any, are contributing to delays in each project and (f) what actions is the Department taking to address or mitigate these delays?

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

- (1) What infrastructure projects are currently underway in the George Municipality and, in each case, (a) what is the project, (b) what are the costs and (c) when will it be completed;
- (2) what infrastructure projects are planned for the George Municipality over the next three financial years and, in each case, (a) what is the project, (b) what will be the cost and (c) what are the planned start and completion dates?

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

With regard to roadblocks by the SAPS in the province:

- (1) (a) How many roadblocks were conducted by the SAPS in each policing district in the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial years and (b) what was the frequency per month;

- (2) (a) how many joint roadblocks were conducted with other law enforcement agencies in each district, (b)(i) how many arrests resulted from SAPS roadblocks in the past three financial years, (ii) what categories of offences were recorded and (iii) what were the outcomes of these arrests, (c)(i) how many roadblock blood samples submitted by the SAPS are currently outstanding and (ii) what is the age of the oldest outstanding sample, (d) how many cases in the past three years experienced delays due to late toxicology and (f)(i) what categories of offences were affected and (ii) how many cases were withdrawn as a result?

(605)

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

How much money has his Department spent individually on the (i) Apex High School, (ii) Apex Primary School, (iii) Jakes Gerwel Technical High School and (iv) Zwelethemba High School from 2020 to date?

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

Whether his Department is giving teachers termly contracts; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what is the total number of these contracts in the current year, (c) what is the salary range and (d) what is the duration of the contracts?

(607)

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

In respect of the collaboration and donor-funded schools in the province:

- (1) Whether (a) collaboration schools and (b) donor-funded schools are obligated to submit their annual financial (audit) reports to his Department, if not, why not; if so, what are the criteria;
- (2) whether there is a report on the consultation that took place in (a) Eerste River, (b) Worcester and (c) Bonnievale with regard to establishing collaboration schools in the respective communities; if not, why not; if so, can a copy of the report be made available;
- (3) whether there are signed agreements between his Department, collaboration schools and donor-funded schools; if not, why not; if so, can copies of signed agreements be made available?

(608)

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

Given the serious allegations of gang infiltration currently under investigation:

- (1) (a) What steps has her Department taken to verify independently the extent of the cooperation by the Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Patekile, with the Ombudsman and IPID and (b) what mechanisms are in place to ensure that this cooperation leads to concrete accountability and systemic corrective action;
- (2) whether her Department has verified claims made by the Premier that the Provincial Commissioner turned down the offer and the request by him to launch a lifestyle audit; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) what are the steps that her Department is taking to (a) safeguard the SAPS from criminal infiltration and (b) restore public confidence in the province's policing structures?

(609)

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

- (a) What is his Department doing in supporting gender-based violence (GBV) initiatives in rural areas and working-class communities and (b) what evidence can his Department provide that the Province's GBV Strategy and Implementation Plan are effective in dealing with GBV?

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

With regard to the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) detected at a feedlot in Gouda in the Cape Winelands District Municipality:

- (a) (i) To what extent has this disease affected local farmers and (ii) what has been the response of his Department and (b) how does his Department plan to (i) detect, (ii) prevent and (iii) respond effectively to outbreaks of animal diseases in the province, seeing that the shortages in veterinary and scientific posts pose a direct risk to the agricultural economy?

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

The Western Cape's official unemployment rate declined from 21,1% in quarter 2 of 2025 to 19,7% in quarter 3 of 2025 largely due to a quarterly employment increase of 70 000 jobs:

- (1) (a) What specific interventions or programmes directly contributed to these gains and (b) to what extent are these gains sustainable in the face of volatile sectors such as agriculture;
- (2) in the light of the recent Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) of Statistics SA that shows that the province continues to reflect high levels of individuals not economically active (NEA), what targeted strategies does his Department have in place to reduce the persistently large outside-the-labour-force cohort?

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

Regarding the plan to relocated 1 500 families from the Masiphumelele Informal Settlement away from a wetland:

What measures has his Department implemented to prevent municipalities from reinforcing historical spatial injustices by disproportionately placing social housing or relocation projects in less affluent communities?

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

With reference to his reply to question 29 of 3 October 2025:

- (1) Why has his Department not developed a provincial methodology for estimating the number of children living on the streets;
- (2) whether his Department disputes the necessity of having baseline data to design targeted interventions; if not, why approximate estimates are not collected through municipalities, NGOs, the SAPS, schools, clinics and outreach workers;
- (3) when does his Department plan to implement a centralised strategy for collecting data on homeless children, including their age, gender, municipality and risk factors;
- (4) what prevents his Department from using administrative sources (schools, clinics, shelters, the SAPS and NGOs) to produce indicative numbers of homeless children;
- (5) how does his Department monitor risk hotspots for homeless children in the absence of municipality-level data;
- (6) (a) which municipalities have formally reported concerns or trends relating to homeless children since 2019 and (b) can copies of these reports be made available?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 12 December 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.