PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2023

1. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

(a) How many operating licences have been approved for the taxi industry by the Provincial Regulatory Entity annually from 2019 to date in comparison with the number of applications made and (b)(i) what percentage of the approved licences are for new routes in comparison with licences for existing routes and (ii) what are the details of these routes?

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2. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) What has been the provincial government's capital expenditure in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023 to date and (b) what is the breakdown of the SMME beneficiaries in terms of (i) race, (ii) gender, (iii) geography, (iv) age, (v) disability, (vi) nature of business and (vii) value of contracts?

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3. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) What has been the total number of irregular expenditure cases that the Provincial Treasury considered in (i) 2022/23 and (ii) 2023/24 to date, (b)(i) what was the total amount of irregular expenditure incurred and (ii) of that amount, how much has been condoned and (c)(i) what are the details of the cases where a different decision (other than to condone) was made, (ii) what was resolved and (iii) why?

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4. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

(a) What are the minimum academic qualifications that interns must have to be employed by his Department, (b) how many interns were signed up to gain two years of work experience by his Department in the (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023 calendar years, (c) how many interns from the (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023 calendar year intakes are still interning at his Department or are now permanently employed by his Department and (d) what were the reasons for resignation that were offered by those interns who resigned in the (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023 calendar years?

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5. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

(a) (i) How does the demand for rabbit meat in South Africa compare to the demand in other countries and (ii) how does the price of rabbit meat compare with the prices of other meat sources, (b)(i) what are the trends in the production of rabbit meat and (ii) what is the Western Cape's contribution to the total demand in South Africa, (c) to what extent has rabbit haemorrhagic disease (RHD) affected rabbits in captivity in the province and (d)(i) what measures have been applied to limit the spread of RHD in the province and (ii) what is the Department's role in fighting this disease?

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

In relation to the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa):

(a) Which sections of Agoa does (i) South Africa and (ii) the Western Cape currently benefit from, (b)(i) which industries benefit from these sections and (ii) how do they benefit and (c) how can businesses in the province take better advantage of Agoa?

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

In relation to international tourists who visit the Western Cape during the peak summer tourism season:

(a) Which countries do they predominantly come from, (b) approximately how many travellers come from each these countries, (c) what is the rand-value contribution to the province's economy of these tourists and (d) what activities do these tourists predominantly engage in when visiting the Western Cape?

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8. Mr M I Sileku to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to the Provincial Treasury's report on compliance and operations in the Theewaterskloof Municipality:

What are the main issues raised in the in-year monitoring (IYM) letter that was sent to the Theewaterskloof Municipality?

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9. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to the national Minister of Finance's Medium-term Budget Policy Statement:

How will cuts to his Department affect infrastructure projects in the province?

10. Ms L M Maseko to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With regard to road closures as the result of flood damage:

(a) How many roads have been reopened since the flood damage occurred and (b) what are the costs to date associated with the reopening of these roads?

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11. Mr P T de Villiers to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

Whether Safe Spaces run by the City of Cape Town are exempt from being registered with her Department; if not, what are the relevant details; if so, why?

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12. Mr P T de Villiers to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With regard to the forensic investigation conducted by Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr dated 3 October 2023:

What is the status of the R1,2 billion tender contract for the provision of LAN services to Western Cape schools that has been exposed in the investigation report to contain significant irregularities?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 1 December 2023. 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.