

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

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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

- (1) Whether landowners and/or tenants are under any obligation to clear their land outside urban areas of invasive vegetation that may contribute to the risk of wildfires; if so, what provincial or national legislation would pertain to this issue;
- (2) (a) which government entity is currently responsible for ensuring that fire-control measures, for areas outside the urban edge, are in place and (b) to what extent would it be legally possible (i) for a municipality to include areas outside the urban edge under the ordinance or ordinances that currently allow the municipality to clear erven in urban areas of vegetation that may pose as a fire- or vermin-related threat to neighbouring landowners and (ii) to recover the cost of such clearing from the owner or owners of the land?

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2. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the SAPS's Cape Town Flying Squad:

- (1) (a) What is the (i) granted and (ii) actual number of vehicles allocated to the Flying Squad per district in the last three years and (b) how many of the vehicles are in service;
- (2) how many (a) staff members are employed at the Flying Squad and (b) are required to be on duty during any given shift;
- (3) how many cases of absenteeism has the Flying Squad experienced every month in the last three years?

(19)

3. Mr G Bosman to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

With reference to the Department of Social Development's strategic focus over the short- to medium-term period in the 2020/21 Annual Report and the implementation of the provincial Foster Care Management Plan:

(a) What is the total number of children in foster care in the province, (b) how many foster-care orders requiring extension are currently outstanding as a result of the foster-care backlog, (c) what are the main causes of the unprocessed extensions and (d) what is the expected timeline to eradicate the backlog?

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4. Ms W F Philander to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

With reference to the escalation of non-COVID-19 services at provincial hospitals after the fourth wave:

- (1) (a) What is the projected timeline for the completion of the escalation of non-COVID-19 services so that provincial hospitals may resume normal functioning, (b)(i) how many surgeries, if any, were postponed during the fourth wave as a result of the de-escalation of non-COVID-19 services and (ii) what is the timeline for the eradicating the backlog with these postponed surgeries;
- (2) whether any additional funding has been provided to hospitals in the province to eradicate the surgery backlog; if so, how much;
- (3) whether there have been any non-COVID-19 treatments (other than surgeries) postponed as a result of de-escalating services; if so, what are the relevant details?

(21)

5. Mr R I Allen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With reference to the scrapping of the rotational school timetable and the resumption of full-time contact teaching:

- (1) Whether the After-School Programme (ASP) is being scaled up in response to more learners attending schools; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the ASP will be offered to more youths by providing more schools with an ASP; if so, how many youths in the province are participating in ASPs currently;
- (3) whether the ASP will continue to run in a hybrid model; if not, will the ASP return to being run in person;
- (4) (a) which ASPs are offered by her Department for 2022 and (b) what services does each programme provide;
- (5) whether ASPs are offered to all youths or only at-risk youths?

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

Whether his Department plays a role in ensuring that legislation regarding firebreaks are enforced; if not, which department is responsible to ensure that the legislation is adhered to; if so, what is his Department's plan to communicate with national government entities about the need for firebreaks on their property?

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

- (1) What are the amounts provided for in the budgets of national departments that are available for the fighting of wildfires in the province over the medium-term framework;
- (2) whether the South African National Parks (SANParks) failed to renew its agreement with the Working on Fire teams at the time of the Table Mountain fire in April 2021; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the Western Cape Government was formally informed of failures, such as the one mentioned in (2) above; if not, to what extent does this have an impact on his Department's ability to mitigate the damage caused by wildfires?

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8. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the appointment of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, in her Department:

- (a) What (i) are the details of the position, (ii) is the job description, (iii) is the duration of contract and (iv) is the salary range, (b) when was the position (i) advertised, (ii) how many people applied, (iii) how many were shortlisted and (iv) how many were interviewed and (c) what process was followed for applications?

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

With regard to the provincial Broadband Roll-out Programme:

- (a) What is the total number of Wi-Fi hotspots in the province that (i) is not in a government building or office or school and (ii) is in a government building or office or school, (b) what (i) are the locations of the Wi-Fi hotspots that are stand-alone sites and/or not in government buildings, (ii) is the number of unique users of these sites per month over the past 24 months and (iii) is the amount of data used per user during that period?

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

With regard to the total cost of the Western Cape Government's Broadband Roll-out Programme over the two phases:

- (1) (a) What is the total amount spent on the roll-out from inception to date, (b)(i) what is the detailed expenditure items and cost per unit, (ii) what is the total spending on broadband infrastructure from the inception of the project to date, (iii) what are the details of the ownership of this infrastructure, (c) what amount has been approved in the budget for the current financial year and (d) what is the (i) breakdown of the cost of the infrastructure and (ii) the cost of the data charged by the vendor;
- (2) (a)(i) what are the details of the amount spent on government buildings or offices or schools, including as a percentage of the total spent on the roll-out, and (ii) what is the cost of the data charges paid to the vendor and (b)(i) what are the details of the total amount spent on stand-alone sites, including as a percentage of the total spent on the roll-out, and (ii) what is the cost of the data charges paid to the vendor?

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

(a) (i) What was the tender number for the Western Cape Broadband Roll-out Programme and (ii) how many companies applied for it and (b)(i) what was the process followed to select the service provider and (ii) what informed this decision and served as motivation for awarding the tender to the service provider?

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12. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to the Premier's decision to suspend the Minister of Community Safety for allegation of serious misconduct:

- (1) (a) What is the number of complaints that he received regarding the matter, (b) when were these received and (c) what are the details of all the steps taken between receiving the complaint or complaints and the date of the suspension of the Minister;
- (2) (a) what is the budget that will be used in the process of investigation, (b) who will pay for it, (c) what are the (i) ages of the complainants and (ii) department or departments in which they worked and (d) what are the (i) time frame and (ii) terms of reference of the investigation;
- (3) whether he and/or any of his Cabinet colleagues and Members of the Western Cape legislature had any prior knowledge of these allegations before they were reported to him; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) when did they know about the allegations and (c) what steps each took to respond to the allegations?

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13. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

Whether he will institute an investigation into allegations that (a) the Minister influenced the process of employment of staff at his Department or other departments, (b) the Minister abused his power to employ preferred candidates in positions and (c) government funds were abused to create employment for DA-aligned members; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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14. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

- (1) (a) What are the updates regarding the process of integrating City of Cape Town and provincial government clinics and (b) what are the (i) details of the clinics, (ii) locations of clinics that will be integrated and (iii) proposed time frames for when the process will be finalised;
- (2) whether there are any plans to close certain clinics; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) what are the circumstances under which a clinic may be closed and (c) which clinics may be closed;
- (3) (a) what is the number of clinic facilities and other health facilities in the province that have been closed in the period 2014 to 2022, as at the latest date for which information is available, and (b) what were the reasons therefor?

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15. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

(a) What is the number of interns who have been employed by her Department in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date and (b)(i) how many were absorbed into the Department and (ii) what are the details of their positions?

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16. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether any staff members employed by her Department between 2012 and 2019 were employed on the recommendation of, through the influence of and/or by the insistence of a certain person whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any complaints of sexual misconduct have been reported in her Department in (a) 2012, (b) 2013, (c) 2014, (d) 2015, (e) 2016, (f) 2017, (g) 2018 and (h) 2019; if so;
- (3) whether any of these complaints involved a certain person, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, and/or any officials in that person's office; if so, what are the relevant details?

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17. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos to ask Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development:

(a) What are the details of all the female staff members who have worked in the office of the Minister between 2012 and 2019 and (b) what were (i) their positions, (ii) the length of their contracts and (iii) the reasons for their leaving the office?

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18. Mr P Marran to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

- (1) (a) What (i) are the details and (ii) is the size of the farmland in hectares that has been converted into vineyards for wine production from food production in the province in the past 10 years;
- (2) what (a) is the number and (b) are the details of farmworker residences that have been converted into bed and breakfasts and/or private cottages for rental in the province from 2014 to date;
- (3) what is the number of farmworkers who have been evicted from farms in (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2017, (v) 2018, (vi) 2019, (vii) 2020, (viii) 2021 and (ix) 2022 to date?

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19. Mr M Kama to ask Ms A J D Marais, Acting Minister of Community Safety:

What (a) is the number and (b) are the details of the liquor licences that have been issued in the past 10 years in the province?

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20. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

What are the (a) details of alcohol-related harm in terms of the public healthcare system in the province and (b) related costs to the public healthcare system in the past 10 years?

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21. Mr M K Sayed to ask Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education:

With regard to the poor and dilapidated infrastructure of the Portavue and Rylands primary schools:

- (1) (a) What are the scheduled maintenance plans for these two schools and (b) how much is budgeted for each;
- (2) what (a) is the number and (b) are the details of the schools that have reported (i) classes and/or (ii) any other sections of the school that are not used due to safety concerns and (iii) how long have these concerns existed;
- (3) (a) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of the schools that are built or partly built with asbestos and (b) what are the health concerns associated with this building method?

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22. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health:

(a) What is the cost of treatment for alcohol-related admissions – such as motor vehicle trauma, domestic and other alcohol-related violence, stabbings, gunshots, rape and mental illness – to the public health system, (b) what are the details of the costs of long-term care to the public health system as a result of alcohol-related harm, as mentioned above, and (c) what are the details alcohol-related harm, including the costs and hospital admissions from 2017 to 2021?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions contained in this Question Paper are due on 25 February 2022. 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.