

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

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2026

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

Regarding the current drought in the province:

- (1) Whether his Department is in possession of the official declaration of the state of disaster as classified and issued by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA); if so, can a copy of the declaration be made available;
- (2) whether his Department has initiated and adopted a comprehensive plan to manage, coordinate and administer drought-related interventions following the declaration of the state of disaster by COGTA; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the key components of the plan, (b) what budget has been allocated for its implementation in the 2025/26 financial year and (c) can a copy of the approved plan and its implementation framework be made available?

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2. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Regarding the “non-compliance notice” issued by the Department of Labour around 2016 on occupational health and safety standards at the Nduli Primary School relating to the structural condition of the school buildings:

- (1) Whether his Department is aware of the Department of Labour’s notice for an unsafe workplace; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what actions were taken by his Department in response to the issues raised in the non-compliance notice and (b) what budget was allocated or is still to be allocated to address the identified structural and occupational health and safety defects at the school?

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

With regard to the eviction of farm workers:

(a) What specific protocols are in place to ensure that landowners in the province comply with the Extension of Security of Tenure Act, 1997 (Act 62 of 1997) (ESTA), particularly with (i) the requirements for lawful termination of residence, (ii) written notice to occupiers and relevant authorities and (iii) the securing of a court order before any eviction of farm workers or farm dwellers takes place, (b) how is his Department preventing the unlawful practice of conflating termination of employment with a right to evict farm workers from on-farm accommodation and (c) what measures are being taken to (i) strengthen monitoring, (ii) ensure enforcement and (iii) conduct inter-departmental oversight to protect vulnerable farm occupiers, such as (aa) long-term residents, (bb) the elderly, (cc) children and (dd) persons with disabilities, from unlawful evictions as prohibited under ESTA?

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

With regard to the 2025/26 festive season road safety operations:

(a) What is the total number of roadblocks conducted during the festive season period, (b) how many roadblocks were conducted on the (i) N1 and (ii) N2, (c) at which specific locations on the (i) N1 and (ii) N2 were these roadblocks conducted, (d) what are the nearest (i) towns, (ii) interchanges and (iii) kilometre markers to these roadblocks, (e) on which dates were these roadblocks in operation and (f) what were the outcomes of these roadblocks?

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

With regard to vehicle testing units (VTUs) currently operational in the province:

- (1) (a) How many VTUs are currently operational and (b) where is each VTU deployed, specifically according to (i) district, (ii) specific route and (iii) operational focus area;
- (2) (a) what were the outcomes of the operations conducted by the VTUs during the festive season and (b) what is the number of (i) vehicles inspected, (ii) defect notices issued, (iii) vehicles discontinued from operation and (iv) vehicles impounded;
- (3) whether any additional enforcement actions were taken; if so, what are the relevant details?

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6. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

In respect of the number of orphans and child-headed households in the province:

- (1) (a) What is the (i) total number of orphans currently recorded in the province and (ii) breakdown per municipality and (b) what methodology does his Department use to identify and classify orphans who may not be captured through formal reporting systems;

- (2) (a) what is the (i) total number of child-headed households in the province and (ii) breakdown per municipality, (b)(i) what are the ages of the (i) household heads and (ii) children in each household and (c) what criteria are used by his Department to recognise a household formally as child-headed;
- (3) (a) how many (i) orphans and (ii) child-headed households have been identified in (aa) 2019, (bb) 2020, (cc) 2021, (dd) 2022, (ee) 2023, (ff) 2024, (gg) 2025 and (hh) 2026 to date and (b)(i) what percentage of these households receive ongoing support services and (ii) what services are provided to these households?

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7. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

In respect of the number of orphans and child-headed households in the province:

- (1) (a) What proactive measures has his Department implemented to identify (i) orphans and (ii) child-headed households that do not come into contact with his Department's systems, including outreach partnerships with (aa) municipalities, (bb) schools, (cc) the SAPS, (dd) clinics, (ee) NGOs and (ff) community organisations and (b) what early-warning or vulnerability-tracking mechanisms exist to detect new cases;
- (2) whether his Department maintains or plans to establish an integrated provincial register of vulnerable children; if so, what information is captured in such a register?

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8. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With reference to her reply to question 28 of 3 October 2025:

- (1) (a) What evidence exists that lending public equipment to private hospitals advances access to healthcare for public-sector patients rather than subsidising private operations and (b)(i) what risk assessments were conducted before approving the lending of equipment and (ii) can copies of the risk assessments be made available;
- (2) whether provincial policy regulates the lending of public equipment; if not, why this practice was permitted without one; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how does her Department ensure compliance with the PFMA regarding the safeguarding and authorisation of state assets used by private facilities?

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9. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

In respect of medical equipment lent by the Department to private facilities between 2019/20 and 2025/26:

- (a) What equipment was lent in (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21, (iii) 2021/22, (iv) 2022/23, (v) 2023/24, (vi) 2024/25 and (vii) 2025/26, (b) what is the (i) type, (ii) make and model and (iii) serial number of the equipment that was lent and (c) on which date was the equipment (i) issued and (ii) returned?

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10. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

In respect of medical equipment lent by the Department to private facilities between 2019/20 and 2025/26:

- (1) (a) How many public-sector patients rely on the categories of equipment that were lent, (b) what were the utilisation rates before the equipment was lent out and (c) what is the demand for such equipment in public facilities;
- (2) whether any (a) delays, (b) waiting lists or (c) clinical backlogs occurred as a result of lending equipment; if so, (i) what are the relevant details and (ii) which facilities have been affected;
- (3) what (a) internal authorisations, (b) memorandums or (c) approvals were issued for each lending instance?

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11. Mr F Kamfer to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With reference to her reply to question 28 of 3 October 2025:

- (1) How much revenue do private hospitals generate by using the state's equipment;
- (2) whether audited figures have been supplied to her Department; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her Department has calculated the economic loss or cost to the state arising from lending equipment without compensation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the Office of the Auditor-General was informed of or consulted about this practice; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what findings or concerns were raised by the Auditor-General;
- (5) whether any audits have been conducted by her Department into all the equipment lent to private entities since 2019; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against officials involved in the irregular lending of equipment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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12. 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 street;
- (2) whether his Department disputes the necessity of having baseline data in order to design targeted interventions; if not, why approximate estimates are not collected through municipalities, NGOs, the SAPS, schools, clinics and outreach workers;
- (3) (a) when does his Department plan to implement a centralised strategy for collecting data on homeless children according to (i) age, (ii) gender, (iii) municipality and (iv) risk factors?

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13. 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:

(a) (i) What alternatives exist for unaccompanied children who present at adult homeless shelters and (ii) how many children have been turned away since 2019, (b) what is the total capacity versus the demand for child and youth care centres (CYCCs) from 2019 to 2025, including (i) overcrowding, (ii) bed shortages and (iii) waiting lists, (c) why does his Department not keep separate statistics for children removed from the streets, (d) how many children referred from the street have been placed in ECD centres or schools since 2019 and (e) what mechanisms exist to track (i) dropout, (ii) attendance and (iii) reintegration for children previously living on the street?

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14. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With regard to the GF Jooste Hospital that was demolished in 2014:

- (1) What were the official reasons for the decommissioning of the GF Jooste Hospital in 2014;
- (2) whether the affected communities were consulted before the hospital's closure and demolition; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what is the current status of the Klipfontein Regional Hospital Project and (b) what are the specific reasons for the ten-year delay since the demolition of the GF Jooste Hospital;
- (4) what is the detailed timeline of all the stages of the project from inception to the present, including (a) planning, (b) tendering and (c) approvals;
- (5) (a) how much funding has been allocated by the (i) National Treasury and (ii) Western Cape Government for the Klipfontein Regional Hospital since 2014 and (b)(i) how much of this funding has actually been spent to date and (ii) what has this money been spent on;
- (6) what measures have been taken to address the increased burden on nearby hospitals?

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

- (1) (a) How many provincial health facilities provide mental health care in the province, (b) what has an impact on the average waiting time for (i) a mental health assessment and (ii) follow-up care, (c) what portion of her Department's total budget is allocated specifically to mental health services, (d) how many mental health professionals are currently employed in the public health system in the province, (e) what plans are in place to expand the mental health workforce to meet demand, (f) what community-based mental health and psychosocial support programmes does her Department support and (g) how are services integrated at (i) primary healthcare, (ii) schools and (iii) community organisations to improve early detection and support;
- (2) whether there are specific programmes focused on high-risk groups, such as (a) adolescents, (b) survivors of violence, (c) people with substance-use disorder and (d) older adults; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to the reopening of the Kapteinsklip rail line in Mitchells Plain:

(a) What plans does his Department have in place to integrate land transportation in the area, (b)(i) when is this integration expected to take place and (ii) what timelines have been set for the implementation of these initiatives and (c) how much funding has been allocated to ensure that the integration between rail and other land transport modes is seamless?

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

In relation to the Minibus Taxi (MBT) Executive Leadership Programme launched in partnership with the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business:

(a) What is the current status of and progress with this training initiative, (b) how much funding has been spent by his Department to support this programme to date, (c) how many executives from the minibus taxi industry have participated in the programme, (d) what measurable outcomes has his Department identified from the participation of executives in this training, (e) what specific areas of training were provided to participants and (f) how do these relate to his Department's strategic priorities for transforming the minibus taxi sector?

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18. Mr D W Bryant to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

- (1) (a) How many patients were treated at or hospitalised in public health facilities in the Cape Town metropolitan area during (i) December 2025 and (ii) January 2026 for illnesses where exposure to contaminated marine or ocean water was confirmed by medical assessment as a contributing factor and (b) what types of illnesses were confirmed in these cases;
- (2) whether her Department has identified any abnormal increase in (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023 and (e) 2024 in confirmed cases of illness linked to contaminated marine or ocean water exposure; if so, what were the contributing factors identified;
- (3) what surveillance or monitoring mechanisms does her Department utilise during peak beach season to track potential health risks associated with recreational water use, including risks related to potential water contamination?

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19. Mr T C R Walters to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

In relation to the Project Preparation Facility for Municipal Independent Power Producers Programme (MIPPP):

- (1) (a)(i) How does the MIPPP assist municipalities with the preparation for generating their own electricity and (ii) why are municipalities in need of this support, (b)(i) which municipalities have been assisted with going out to tender for municipal energy generation projects, (ii) how many of these were renewable energy projects, (iii) what is the value of these projects and (iv) how many kw/h will be generated by these projects and (c)(i) how are municipalities able to access the MIPPP and (ii) what are the criteria to qualify;

- (2) whether the MIPPP assesses project affordability to ensure municipal financial sustainability; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is involved in supporting the Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees (KKNK) 2026; if so, in what capacity;
- (2) whether his Department is providing any (a) financial or (b) non-financial support to the KKNK 2026; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how much funding did (i) the national government and (ii) his Department contribute to the KKNK in 2025;
- (4) how (a) much total revenue did the KKNK 2025 generate for the local economy and (b) many jobs were created and supported directly by the KKNK 2025?

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

- (1) Whether the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is involved in supporting the Cape Town International Jazz Festival 2026; if so, what type of support;
- (2) whether his Department is supporting the Cape Town International Jazz Festival 2026; if so, what is the nature of the support;
- (3) how much funding did the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture provide to the Cape Town International Jazz Festival in 2025;
- (4) (a) what was the estimated total economic impact of the Cape Town International Jazz Festival 2025 on the local economy and (b) how many direct jobs were created by the Cape Town International Jazz Festival in 2025?

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

For each of the Western Cape's SAPS precincts:

- (a) How many SAPS members are operational in each precinct, (b) what is the vacancy rate in each precinct, (c)(i) how many visible policing vehicles are allocated to each precinct and (ii) of these, how many are currently operational, (d)(i) how many unmarked vehicles are allocated to each precinct and (ii) of these, how many are currently operational, (e)(i) how many computers are allocated to each precinct and (ii) of these, how many are currently operational, (f)(i) how many printers are allocated to each precinct and (ii) of these, how many are currently operational and (g) how many detectives are currently operational in each precinct?

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

- (1) (a)(i) How many service delivery complaints on behalf of Western Cape residents were referred by his Department to Sassa during the period February 2025 to February 2026 and (ii) what was the nature of these complaints and (b) what was the average turnaround time for Sassa to (i) respond to and (ii) resolve these complaints;
- (2) whether his Department has a formal intergovernmental mechanism in place with Sassa to track and escalate unresolved complaints; if so, how effective has this mechanism been in ensuring the timely resolution of complaints?

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

- (1) (a) What measurable impact has the SWIMS application had to date on the daily work of social workers in the province, particularly with regard to (i) administrative workload, (ii) time spent on reporting, (iii) case management efficiency, (iv) data accuracy, (v) real-time monitoring capabilities and (vi) time allocated to direct service delivery to beneficiaries and (b) what is his Department's plans for the expansion of the SWIMS application;
- (2) whether the application will be extended to additional service offices or organisations during the 2026/27 financial year; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there are plans to integrate SWIMS with other provincial or national systems; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) how is his Department ensuring that social workers receive (a) adequate training, (b) technical support and (c) ongoing capacity-building to maximise the benefits and functionality of the application?

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25. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

With reference to MFMA Circular 131 and its impact on tourism promotion NPOs:

What plans does his Department have in place to support and promote the growth of the tourism sector in the province?

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26. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

With regard to the rollout of the Foot-and-mouth Disease Vaccination Programme in the province:

- (a) (i) How many animals have been vaccinated to date and (ii) what percentage of the targeted livestock population does this represent, (b) what challenges, if any, have been encountered in the implementation of the vaccination programme and (c) what measures are in place to ensure the (i) timely completion and (ii) effectiveness of the vaccination campaign?

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27. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) (a) How many tourism (i) facilities or (ii) attractions have been directly affected by fires during the 2025/26 fire season to date and (b) for what duration were any of these facilities closed to visitors;
- (2) what assessment has his Department made of the economic impact of the fires on the tourism sector, including (a) any estimated revenue losses in affected regions and (b) how this compares to previous fire seasons;
- (3) (a) what measures have been implemented to support the affected tourism businesses and operators and (b) how many enterprises have benefited from such interventions;
- (4) (a) what communication initiatives have been undertaken to reassure visitors and to protect the province's tourism reputation during the fire season and (b) what outcomes have resulted from these efforts;
- (5) (a) what recovery timelines have been established for the affected tourism areas and (b) what steps are being taken to ensure full operational readiness ahead of the peak summer tourism season?

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

With regard to school nutrition programmes in public ordinary schools in the province:

- (1) (a) How many schools benefited from school feeding schemes during the 2025 academic year, (b) what is the breakdown of the schools referred to in (a) above per school quintile, (c) what was the total amount spent on school nutrition programmes during the 2025 academic year and (d) how many learners benefited from these programmes during the 2025 academic year;
- (2) (a) how many schools are participating in school nutrition programmes in the 2026 academic year, (b) what is the breakdown of the schools referred to in (a) above per school quintile, (c) what total amount has been budgeted for school nutrition programmes for 2026 and (d) how many learners are expected to benefit from these programmes in 2026?

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

- (1) (a)(i) How many schools in the province currently have a formal anti-bullying policy in place and (ii) what programmes have these schools reported as most effective in addressing bullying, (b) how many cases of bullying have been formally reported in the province's schools in (i) 2025 and (ii) 2026 to date and (c) what are the types of bullying most frequently reported;
- (2) whether there are any particular schools or districts where anti-bullying initiatives have shown measurable success; if so, which schools or districts;
- (3) what support does his Department provide to schools to implement anti-bullying policies;
- (4) whether his Department has identified any challenges in ensuring all schools have effective anti-bullying measures; if so, what steps are being taken to address these challenges?

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

With regard to the Learner Transport Programme in the province:

- (1) (a) How many schools were served by this programme during the 2025 academic year, (b) what is the breakdown of the schools referred to in (a) per school quintile, (c) how many learners benefited from this programme and (d) what was the total amount spent on learner transport during the 2025 academic year;
- (2) (a) how many schools are currently using the Learner Transport Programme, (b) what is the breakdown of the schools referred to in (a) above per school quintile, (c) how many learners are currently benefiting from the Learner Transport Programme and (d) what total amount has been budgeted for learner transport for the 2026 academic year?

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

With regard to the decision by the National Council of Provinces to reject the Western Cape Government's 139 Provincial Intervention in the Knysna Local Municipality:

- (a) What reasons were provided by the NCOP for rejecting the proposed intervention,
- (b)(i) what steps has his Department taken since the decision to address governance and service delivery challenges in the municipality and (ii) what improvements have been recorded in the municipality as a result of these proactive steps and (c)(i) what specific interventions have been made by the NCOP to assist in stabilising the municipality and (ii) what measurable progress has resulted from these interventions?

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

With regard to the protection of the Knysna seahorse in the Knysna lagoon, which is threatened by ongoing pollution:

- (a) What steps has his Department taken to monitor and address the pollution affecting the lagoon, (b)(i) what is the current status of the water quality in the lagoon and (ii) what trends in water quality have been recorded over the past three financial years, (c)(i) what is the most recent estimated population size of the Knysna seahorse in the lagoon and (ii) what monitoring of the population is currently being undertaken and (d) what measures are being implemented to protect and conserve the Knysna seahorse population?

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

- (a) How many houses have been built in the province through public-private partnerships in the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial year, (b) what was the total amount of investment made by the (i) provincial government and (ii) private partners in these projects during each year in (a) above and (c)(i) what are the reported returns on these investments for each year in (a) above and (ii) how are these returns measured?

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

(a) How many title deeds have been formally handed over to beneficiaries in each district of the province in the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial year and (b) what measures are in place to ensure the timely handover of title deeds to beneficiaries?

(58)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 20 March 2026. 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.