

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

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 20 MARCH 2026

1. 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) (a) How much has his Department budgeted annually since 2019 for (i) street-child programmes, (ii) outreach services, (iii) family reunification and (iv) CYCCs and (b) what percentage of the Department's total budget do this represent;
- (2) whether his Department has conducted monitoring and evaluation reports on homeless children from 2019 to 2025; if so, can copies of these reports be made available;
- (3) whether the Department has commissioned independent audits of or research on homeless or street-connected children; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what emergency plan exists to prevent an increase in children living on the streets given rising economic vulnerability?

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2. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to his response to the SOPA debate in which he mentioned that the Safety Plan had been taken to communities for consultation on two separate occasions:

- (1) Whether these engagements were publicly advertised; if so, when were they advertised;
- (2) whether these engagements were open to the public; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether members of the standing committees were included; if so, what comments were made;

(4) whether the report of both public consultations can be made available?

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

With reference to BNG housing delivery and informal settlement upgrades:

(1) (a) How many RDP or BNG houses have been completed in the City of Cape Town in the last 20 years, (b) where have these houses been built and (c) how many of those houses (i) have been handed over and (ii) are still to be handed over;

(2) (a) how many informal settlements have been upgraded in the last 20 years and (b) how many serviced sites have been delivered in the last 20 years?

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4. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the deployment of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) on the Cape Flats:

(1) Whether she formally requested the deployment of the SANDF on the Cape Flats; if so, (a) on what date was the request made, (b) to whom in the national executive was the request directed and (c) what evidence or data did her Department rely on to support such a request;

(2) (a) what oversight mechanisms are in place to monitor the conduct and effectiveness of the SANDF deployment on the Cape Flats and (b) how does she plan to report to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on the (i) progress and (ii) outcomes of the deployment;

(3) what mechanisms have been established to ensure that residents of the Cape Flats can raise complaints regarding the conduct of the SANDF during the deployment;

(4) whether she has engaged with national authorities regarding an exit strategy for the SANDF deployment on the Cape Flats; if so, what are the relevant details;

(5) (a) what are the details of the SANDF's deployment and (b) when does this commence?

(63)

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

(1) Whether her Department can provide an update on the operational status of the Railton Clinic in Swellendam; if not, why not; if so;

(2) whether the clinic is currently fully operational; if so, what services are currently being provided at the facility?

(64)

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

Whether her Department has any plans for the absorption of community health workers into the government service; if not, why not; if so, (a) what do the plans entail, (b) how many community health workers will be absorbed into the government service and (c) what is the expected time frame for this process?

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

Whether her Department has any plans for the improvement or upgrading of services at the (a) Rosemoor and (b) Pacaltsdorp clinics; if not, why not; if so, (i) what do these plans entail and (ii) what steps are being taken to address the reported inadequate services experienced by the communities served by these clinics?

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

With regard to the presence of asbestos in schools in the province:

- (1) Whether there are any schools in the province that still contain asbestos in their infrastructure or building materials; if so, (a) how many such schools have been identified and (b) where they are located;
- (2) whether his Department has conducted a provincial audit or assessment to determine the presence of asbestos in school buildings; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was the audit or assessment conducted and (b) what were the key findings;
- (3) whether his Department has put in place any plans or programmes to remove or remediate asbestos from affected schools; if not, why not; if so, (a) what do these plans or programmes entail and (b) which schools have been prioritised for intervention;
- (4) whether there are (a) specific time frames and (b) budget allocations for the removal or replacement of asbestos infrastructure in schools in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

What is (a) the current number of unplaced learners in the province for the 2026 school year, (b) the breakdown per district and (c) his Department doing to ensure learners who were unplaced or who were placed late catch up with the syllabus?

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

In the light of the deepening youth development and unemployment crisis in the Western Cape, where a significant proportion of young people remain not in employment, education or training (NEET):

- (a) What targeted programmes have been implemented in each municipality specifically to reduce the NEET rate; (b) how many young people have been reached per municipality in (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21, (iii) 2021/22, (iv) 2022/23, (v) 2023/24, (vi) 2024/25 and (vii) 2025/26 to date and (c) what measurable outcomes have been achieved in terms of (i) employment placement, (ii) education enrolment or (iii) accredited skills development?

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

- (1) Whether his Department has increased veterinary capacity in response to the threat posed by foot-and-mouth disease and other livestock diseases; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many additional veterinary personnel have been appointed or contracted and (b) in which districts have they been deployed;
- (2) whether any specific measures have been implemented to prevent the introduction of infected livestock into the province; if not, why not; if so, (a) what do these measures entail, (b) how many veterinary inspections or checkpoints have been established and (c) how is his Department coordinating with (i) national authorities and (ii) neighbouring provinces to monitor livestock movement?

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

With regard to the mobile abattoir initiative to support the participation of emerging farmers in formal markets:

- (1) Whether his Department will be outsourcing this service; if so, when will this initiative be rolled out; if not;
- (2) whether his Department will purchase the mobile units; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether any support is being provided to (a) township-based small businesses, (b) informal traders and (c) local tourism enterprises; if not, why not; if so, (i) how many businesses have benefitted from such support, (ii) in which townships are these programmes being implemented and (iii) what measures are in place to ensure that these initiatives contribute to sustainable job creation;
- (2) whether his Department has conducted any assessment of the impact of crime on tourism in the province, particularly in Cape Town; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was the assessment conducted and (b) what were the key findings?

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

- (a) What prevents his Department from using administrative sources (such as schools, clinics, shelters, the SAPS and NGOs) to produce indicative numbers of homeless children, (b) how does his Department monitor risk hotspots for homeless children in the absence of municipality-level data and (c)(i) which municipalities have formally reported concerns or trends relating to homeless children since 2019 and (ii) can copies of these reports be made available?

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

With many municipalities in the province facing water security risks and non-revenue water losses:

(a) What is the estimated total volume of water lost due to illegal water connections in municipalities in the province in the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial years, (b) which three municipalities have recorded the highest number of illegal water connections, (c) how many cases were identified in each municipality, (d) what is the estimated financial cost associated with water losses due to illegal connections for the same period in (a) above and (e) what interventions has his Department provided to municipalities to address illegal water connections?

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

With dam levels in the province reducing and many municipalities implementing water restrictions:

(a) What is the total volume of water lost in all municipalities in the province as the result of broken or leaking taps, (b)(i) which are the three municipalities most affected by water losses from broken or leaking taps and (ii) what are the respective volumes lost in each municipality, (c) what is the total financial cost of water lost due to this problem and (d) what interventions is his Department implementing to address and reduce water losses from broken or leaking taps?

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

(a) How many individuals have participated in his Department's experiential learning and work placement programmes in the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial years, (b)(i) how many applications are expected to be received in 2026/27 and (ii) what proportion of applicants can be accommodated, (c) what engagement has his Department undertaken with stakeholders and other partners to expand experiential learning opportunities, (d) how many companies or organisations are currently participating in these initiatives, (e) what key (i) skills gaps or (ii) workplace readiness challenges have been identified by industry partners among the unemployed youth seeking placement opportunities and (f) what measures is his Department implementing to address these gaps through its experiential learning programmes?

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

(1) (a) What specific collaborative initiatives currently exist between his Department and the Department of Local Government to enhance tourism offerings in township economies and (b) what portion of his Department's budget has been dedicated to tourism-specific township interventions in the 2026/27 financial year;

(2) what are the current estimates for the township tourism industry in the province regarding (a) its total annual gross value, (b) the total number of visitors served and (c) the total number of individuals employed in this subsector;

- (3) (a) how many township-based SMMEs have received financial or technical support through the (i) Tourism Growth Fund and (ii) Sustainable Tourism Enterprise Support Programme (STEP) in the 2025/26 financial year and (b) what measures are being taken to monitor the long-term sustainability of these businesses;
- (4) (a) what specific barriers to entry for township tourism operators has his Department has identified and (b) what strategies is his Department implementing to mitigate these barriers in the 2026/27 MTEF period?

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

- (a) What is his Department's Easter road safety preparedness plan for this year's Easter period to reduce road fatalities and crashes in the province, (b) how many (i) roadblocks, (ii) vehicle checkpoints and (iii) traffic officers will be deployed, (c) what high-risk routes have been identified from the previous Easter period, (d)(i) what was the total cost of his Department's Easter road safety programme last year and (ii) what is the projected cost for the current financial year and (e) what was the total number of (i) road fatalities, (ii) crashes and (iii) arrests recorded in the Easter period for the last two financial years?

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

With reference to the Department's intention to assess the Western Cape Provincial Road Traffic Administration Act, 2012 (Act 6 of 2012), with the view possibly to introduce provisions for impoundments:

- (1) What (a) deficiencies have been identified in the current legislation and (b) expansions or amendments to the legislation are being considered;
- (2) (a) how many vehicles were impounded in the province in the 2025/26 financial year, specifically vehicles (i) of MBT operators, (ii) of e-hailing operators and (iii) in private or everyday use, and (b) what are the main reasons for these impoundments;
- (3) what measures does his Department implement to assist the stakeholders mentioned in (2) above in preventing impoundments?

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

With reference to his reply to question 6 of 3 October 2025:

- (1) Following the scheduled completion of the licence plate recognition (LPR) camera network in the Matzikama landscape and along the N7 in December 2025, (a) what has been the measurable impact of this technology on the number of (i) suspicious vehicles intercepted and (ii) arrests made in these hotspots in (aa) January 2026 and (bb) February 2026 and (b) how many additional law enforcement or biodiversity officers have been deployed in the Matzikama or Namaqualand area since October 2025;
- (2) how many indigenous plants have been recorded as illegally harvested or poached in the period October 2025 to February 2026;

- (3) (a) what are the most recent successes achieved by the Interprovincial Task Team (established in January 2025) in disrupting the transit of illegal flora through the Cape Town International Airport and (b) to date, how many investigations have successfully utilised the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) to (i) freeze assets or (ii) identify the international beneficiaries of these syndicates;
- (4) what is the total number of flora-related cases registered in the 2025/26 financial year to date?

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

With reference to the oversight visit to the Phakamisani Primary School where upgrades relating to the asbestos infrastructure were observed:

- (1) (a) What was the total amount spent on asbestos upgrades at this school, (b) how many schools in the province were identified as having asbestos infrastructure in the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial year, (c) how many of these schools have since been fully addressed, (d) how much did it cost to address the schools in (b) above and (e) how many schools still require intervention to date;
- (2) for the 2026/27 financial year, (a) how many schools have been identified for asbestos eradication upgrades, (b) what is the estimated total cost of these projects and (c) what are the planned time frames for their completion?

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

With regard to underperforming public schools in the Western Cape:

- (a) How many schools are currently classified as underperforming, (b) what criteria are used to identify underperforming schools, (c) what (i) strategies and (ii) interventions has his Department put in place to support these schools, (d)(i) how is improvement measured and (ii) how often is progress reviewed, (e) how many schools have improved their performance and exited the underperforming category in the past three years and (f) what has been the total cost to his Department for these interventions in (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24 and (iii) 2024/25?

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

With regard to the Peace Officer Programme:

- (1) (a) Which municipalities are currently participating in this programme, (b) how many peace officers have been supported through this programme by her Department in each participating municipality, (c) what is the total number of individuals currently employed through this programme, (d) what was the total budget allocated by her Department to support this Programme in the (i) 2023/24, (ii) 2024/25 and (iii) 2025/26 financial years, (e) what specific (i) roles and (ii) responsibilities do the peace officers perform in relation to facilities or programmes falling under her Department and (f) what training and capacity-building programmes are provided to peace officers participating in this programme;

- (2) whether her Department has conducted any assessment of the impact of this programme on community safety and the creation of employment; if so, what were the key findings?

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

- (1) (a) How many young people from high-risk communities have participated in the Chrysalis Academy programme with support from her Department in the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 financial years and (b) from which communities were these participants recruited;
- (2) (a) what forms of support are provided to programme participants after they return to their communities following the completion of the residential training programme, (b) what partnerships exist between her Department and the Chrysalis Academy to support the reintegration of programme graduates into their communities, (c) what was the total budget allocated by her Department to support the Chrysalis Academy programme and related interventions in the (i) 2023/24, (ii) 2024/25 and (iii) 2025/26 financial years?

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

- (a) What is the total budget allocated to the Western Cape School Sport Strategy over the next three years, (b) how many schools are (i) expected to participate in the programmes that fall under the Western Cape School Sport Strategy and (ii) currently participating in structured school sport programmes supported by his Department, (c) which sporting codes are included in this strategy and (d) how many learners are expected to benefit from the programmes in the province, (e)(i) how will this strategy ensure access to sporting opportunities for learners in high-risk areas and (ii) which districts have been identified as priority areas for its implementation, (f) what partnerships have been established to support the implementation of this strategy, (g) how does this strategy align with the Western Cape Government's Safety Plan and (h) what measurable outcomes are expected in terms of youth engagement and violence prevention?

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27. Mr M Booyesen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

- (a) What is the total budget allocated to violence prevention programmes in the Department over the next three financial years, (b)(i) which violence prevention programmes are currently implemented by her Department and (ii) how many facilities are implementing these programmes in the province, (c)(i) how many individuals have been reached through violence prevention interventions in the two past financial years and (ii) what demographic breakdown is available for these beneficiaries, (d)(i) which districts have been identified as high-priority areas for violence prevention interventions and (ii) what criteria were used to identify these areas, (e) what partnerships has her Department established with other organisations to support violence prevention and (ii) what role does each partner play and (f)(i) how does her Department integrate violence prevention into primary healthcare services and (ii) what training is provided to healthcare workers to identify and respond to victims of violence?

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

- (1) (a) What assessment has her Department made of the potential impact of the ongoing conflict in Iran on the health sector in the province, (b)(i) how could disruptions to global supply chains affect the availability of medical supplies in the province and (ii) what contingency plans are in place to mitigate any such risks, (c)(i) what impact is anticipated from rising fuel and energy costs on the operational costs of healthcare facilities and (ii) how will the Department ensure continuity of services in the event of sustained cost increases and (d)(i) how will the increase in food and fuel prices, linked to the conflict, affect public health outcomes in vulnerable communities and (ii) what interventions are planned to address these risks;
- (2) whether her Department has engaged with the national government or other provinces regarding preparedness for global supply or economic shocks arising from the conflict; if so, what are the key areas of coordination?

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

With reference to the Western Cape College of Nursing (WCCN):

- (1) (a) What curricula are currently offered at this college and (b) how do these programmes and qualifications align with the healthcare workforce needs of the province;
- (2) (a) what budget has been allocated to this college over the Medium-term Expenditure Framework period and (b) how is this funding distributed on campuses and in programmes;
- (3) (a) what support mechanisms are in place to assist students and (b) how many students have accessed these services;
- (4) (a) what partnerships exist between this college and healthcare facilities for clinical training and (b) how many students are placed annually at clinical training sites;
- (5) (a) how does this college contribute to addressing the shortage of nurses in the province and (b) what targets have been set for increasing the number of qualified nurses over the next five years?

(88)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 7 April 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.