

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
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WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 2025

1. Ms A P Bans to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

(a) What is the number of (i) police officers, (ii) those who received specialised training and (iii) detectives who have left the police service in the last five years, (b) what is the breakdown of their (i) age, (ii) race, (iii) gender and (iv) rank and (c) of these, how many have been recruited by (i) the City of Cape Town and/or (ii) other municipalities?

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

On Tuesday 8 April 2025, the Minister announced the Leeuloop Precinct for a mixed-use and affordable housing development. In 2010, the Cape Town Central City Centre Regeneration Programme was launched, earmarking several precincts for development:

- (1) Whether the Leeuloop Precinct is the same erven that made up the Provincial Office Precinct in the Cape Town Central City Centre Regeneration Programme of 2010; if not, (a) which erf or erven make up the Leeuloop Precinct and (b) what are the plans for the remaining erven; if so, why was it re-released under a new name;
- (2) (a) what are the details of the previous development planning for the erven that make up the Provincial Office Precinct and (b) how much has the provincial government spent on (i) acquiring these erven and (ii) the various development studies or planning for the site or sites;
- (3) (a) why have none of the sites included in the Cape Town Central City Centre Regeneration Programme of 2010 been developed as published in February 2011, (b) what are the current development plans for the remaining seven precincts highlighted in the Cape Town Central City Centre Regeneration Programme of 2010, (c) when will these sites be released for development, if applicable, and (d) if these sites are not being released, why not;

- (4) whether he has plans to announce mixed-use and affordable housing projects on any inner-city sites that are not in the Cape Town Central City Centre Regeneration Programme of 2010; if so, what are the relevant details?

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3. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

In the light of the City of Cape Town revisiting alternative water sourcing solutions, such as fog harvesting:

How does the Western Cape Government's Water Resilience Plan support such alternative water sourcing methods to ensure water security and sustainability?

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

With regard to an article published in the *Cape Argus* on 14 April that indicate that 17% of learners in South Africa use e-cigarettes, commonly known as vapes:

- (a) What are the most prominent health concerns associated with the use of e-cigarettes and vaping and (b) what is the breakdown of these reported health-related concerns by age group of (i) 15 to 17 and (ii) 18 to 20?

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5. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the Platteklouf Forensic Laboratory:

What is the current (a) vacancy rate, (b) backlog for DNA samples related to sexual offences in the province and (c) backlog for DNA samples related to murders in the province?

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

With regard to the recently signed twinning agreement between the Western Cape Government and Namibia's Erongo region:

- (1) (a) What are the specific expected economic benefits of this agreement for the province, particularly in terms of (i) increased trade opportunities, (ii) tourism growth, (iii) skills development and exchange and (iv) green energy collaboration and (b) what measurable targets have been set for each of these areas of cooperation;
- (2) (a) what mechanisms have been established to ensure private sector participation in these initiatives and (b) which specific industries or sectors are expected to benefit most from this cooperation?

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7. 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 25 of 21 February 2025:

Whether his Department has received the information requested from the South African Waste Information System; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to homelessness-focused NGOs in the Western Cape:

(a) How many NGOs are funded by his Department, (b)(i) what are names of these NGOs, (ii) what do they do and (iii) what is the amount of funding allocated to each of them, (c) how much has been spent on NGOs in the past five financial years and (d) how many people benefit from these NGOs collectively?

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9. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) How many special needs schools are currently operational in the province, (b) how are they geographically distributed and (c) what plans are in place to expand access, particularly in rural or under-resourced areas;
- (2) (a)(i) what funding has been allocated to special needs education in the 2025/26 financial year and (ii) how does this compare to previous years and (b) what key programmes are being implemented to support the sector, including (i) infrastructure, (ii) staffing, (iii) transport, (iv) curriculum development and (v) psycho-social services;
- (3) (a) what measures are in place to identify learners with special educational needs, including autism, in mainstream schools and (b) what support is provided to these (i) learners, (ii) their families and (iii) educators?

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

- (1) (a) What engagements has his Department had with the national Department of Transport regarding the ongoing breakdown of the only machine responsible for printing driver's licences and vehicle licence cards in the country, (b) what contingency measures or alternative interventions has his Department implemented to mitigate the impact of the broken licencing machine on service delivery in the province, particularly regarding the issuing of temporary licences or alternative documentation;
- (2) whether his Department can provide the following statistics: from the date of the machine breakdown to the latest date for which information is available, (a) the number of pending applications for (i) driver's licences and (ii) vehicle licence cards in the province, (b) the size and growth of the backlog caused by the printing delays, (c) the number of (i) temporary driver's and (ii) temporary vehicle licences issued and (d) the average turnaround time for applicants to receive these temporary licences?

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