

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

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2025

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

With regard to the Princess Street Hall (erf 12455, Walmer Estate, Cape Town), which was sold by the Western Cape Government to the Indoni Dance and Arts Academy NPO (purchaser) on or about 12 March 2020 and transferred on 19 April 2021 from the Province (seller) to the purchaser:

- (1) (a) When did the Western Cape Government determine that the public asset was “surplus”, (b) what process was followed to determine that the Hall was surplus, (c) how did this process comply with section 5(1)(f) of Government Immovable Asset Management Act, 2007 (Act 19 of 2007), and (d) what process was followed to select the purchaser of the site;
- (2) whether the disposal did comply with section 3(1) of the Western Cape Land Administration Act, 1998 (Act 6 of 1998), and in particular with the requirement for a reversionary clause; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what were the special conditions of sale, registered in the title deed, with regard to the use of the property after it was purchased or transferred and (b) can a copy of the title deed be made available;
- (4) since the Princess Street Hall has not been used for any purpose since the purchase or transfer of the property, whether his Department has conducted any monitoring to determine whether the special conditions have been complied with; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether his Department has engaged with the purchaser, as contemplated in section 3(1) of the Western Cape Land Administration Act, 1998, to determine if the purchaser “no longer wishes to utilise it for the purpose for which it was acquired”; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) whether his Department received any application for a different use of the property; if so, what are the details of the different use;

(7) whether he provided written approval for the different use; if so, why?

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

What is the breakdown of the basket of educator posts allocated to all schools in the Western Cape in (a) 2022/23, (b) 2023/24, (c) 2024/25 and (d) 2025/26?

(197)

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

(a) What is his Department's assessment of the impact of the backlog in DNA testing on the prosecution and conviction rates of gender-based violence (GBV) crimes, particularly those involving women and children, and (b) what measures is his Department taking, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to address these delays and to ensure timely justice for the survivors of GBV?

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

In relation to the Minister of Basic Education's recently reporting that only 19% of South Africa's teachers have been vetted against the National Register for Sex Offenders:

(a) How many (i) officials and (ii) educators – including both office-based and school-based staff in the province – have been vetted against the National Register for Sex Offenders, (b) what (i) systems and (ii) measures are currently in place to ensure ongoing compliance with the vetting requirements for both new and existing staff, (c)(i) what are the timeline and implementation plan for achieving the full vetting of all educators and relevant personnel in the province and (ii) how will his Department monitor the progress and ensure transparent public reporting and (d) what additional support is required from other stakeholders, such as the national Department of Basic Education, to accelerate the vetting process and to close any systemic gaps?

(199)

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

With regard to the recent announcement that Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) and other district municipalities will lose their road agency functions from 1 April 2026:

(1) (a) How does this model aim to improve (i) service delivery, (ii) governance and (iii) accountability compared to the current district municipality road agency arrangement, (b) how is his Department planning to implement this transition across all affected district municipalities, including the GRDM, and (c) what mechanisms are in place to ensure meaningful cooperation between the provincial government and local municipalities during this process;

(2) whether his Department currently has the internal capacity and manpower required to take over the full provincial roads function by 1 April 2026; if not, what resourcing strategies are being undertaken to ensure a seamless transition without service disruption?

(200)

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

(a) What studies or research has been undertaken by his Department on the economic contribution of recreational fishing to the provincial economy, (b) what were the key findings of these studies or research in (i) rand value and (ii) employment, (c) does the Department intend to support or grow this sector, (d) what collaboration, if any, has taken place with municipalities or other spheres of government in this regard and (e) what funding or support has been allocated to initiatives aimed at enhancing recreational fishing and coastal economic development in the 2025/26 financial year?

(201)

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

In view of the potential imposition of new United States tariffs on citrus exports:

(a) (i) How many jobs in the provincial agricultural sector are currently dependent on citrus and other produce exports to the United States and (ii) what is the estimated economic value of these exports to the provincial economy and (b) what impact does his Department project the proposed US tariffs will have on employment and on agricultural exports in the province?

(202)

8. Mr T C R Walters 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?

(203)

9. Ms R Windvogel to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

(1) (a) What is the total amount of funding allocated by his Department to the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis for older persons in (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24, (iii) 2024/25 and (iv) 2025/26, (b) what is the total annual operational budget of the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis for the same period, (c)(i) what are the other sources of income of the facility (for example resident fees, Sassa grants, donations or other private or public contributions) and (ii) what is the detailed breakdown of this income;

(2) whether his Department has conducted any financial audits or reviews of the facility since 2022; if so, what are the details of the (a) findings and (b) actions taken;

(3) (a) what (i) mechanisms and (ii) procedures does his Department have in place to monitor the compliance with national and provincial norms and standards for residential facilities for older persons and (b)(i) how frequently is the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis visited or assessed by his departmental officials and (ii) what specific aspects are inspected or reviewed during these visits;

- (4) whether his Department received any formal complaints or alerts regarding non-compliance at this facility since 2022; if so, what actions were taken in response?

(204)

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

What is the detailed financial expenditure report of the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis in the financial years (a) 2022/23, (b) 2023/24, (c) 2024/25 and (d) 2025/26 to date, including the total expenditure on (i) salaries, (ii) food and groceries, (iii) utilities and maintenance, (iv) medical supplies and healthcare services and (v) administrative and other operational costs?

(205)

11. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the raid on the offices of Alderman JP Smith and Xanthea Limberg, mayoral committee members:

- (1) (a) What were the specific reasons that led the SAPS raiding the offices in January 2025, (b) what criminal allegations or charges are being investigated in connection with this raid and (c)(i) what is the latest update on the current status of the SAPS investigation, (ii) what documents, electronic devices or other materials were seized during the raid and (iii) how do they relate to the ongoing investigation;
- (2) whether any arrests, summonses or further legal actions are anticipated; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she and her Department had prior knowledge of the raid; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether her Department has been involved in monitoring or guiding the investigation to ensure due process; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether she or the SAPS will be making a formal statement regarding the findings of the investigations: if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what measures are in place to ensure transparency?

(206)

12. Ms P Bans to ask Ms D M Baartman, Minister of Finance:

- (1) (a) What is the current status of the Financial Recovery Plan for the Beaufort West Municipality and (b) how does it address the settlement of historical debt;
- (2) whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to her Department for the purpose of her reply, has been included as this person's claim is part of the Municipality's outstanding creditor obligations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she is aware of a letter by the then Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunity, Minister Maynier, informing the Municipality to include the debt of the person in (2) above for settlement as part of the Financial Recovery Plan; if so, why did the Municipality not pay the claim?

(207)

13. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to gun violence in Nyanga, Manenberg, Hanover Park and Lavender Hill:

- (1) (a) What measurable interventions did her Department implement in the past 12 months to stem the rising tide of gun violence and (b) what are the results or what progress has been made with the interventions;
- (2) whether her Department has plans to collaborate with other departments to develop an integrated approach to tackling crime and the root causes of it; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what mechanisms have been put in place to ensure community oversight and participation by community policing forums in shaping local safety strategies?

(208)

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 30 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.