

**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.

FRIDAY, 30 MAY 2025

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

With regard to the so-called “housing waiting list”:

- (1) (a) How many different housing waiting lists are currently active in the province, (b) how many people are on each list and (c) can any one person be on more than one housing waiting list;
- (2) whether some lists are given priority over others; if so, (a) how is this priority determined and (b) what is the total demand for housing in the province according to the waiting lists;
- (3) (a) how long have the first ten people on each list been waiting for housing, (b) why has a housing opportunity not been allocated to them yet and (c) on average, how long is the wait time for a house;
- (4) given the income eligibility criteria for housing over the years, how many individuals who previously qualified and were placed on the waiting list no longer qualify and have since been removed;
- (5) whether the housing waiting lists inform the decision-making process in terms of where housing will be built; if no, why not; if so, how has the housing waiting list informed the location of any housing project?

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2. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

With reference to the National Land Transport Act, 2009 (Act 5 of 2009) (NLTA), which established the Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE) for the approval and distribution of e-hailing licences at provincial level:

- (1) (a) Since 2021, how many operating licences for e-hailing vehicles have been issued by each municipality, particularly larger municipalities such as the City of Cape

Town, in the province, (b) what are the relevant criteria for obtaining these operating licences, (c)(i) how many e-hailing licences have been declined by the Province and (ii) what were the reasons for these rejections in terms of section 57 of the NLTA, (d) how many operating licences were (i) approved by the Province following an objection from municipalities and (ii) rejected by the Province following an objection from municipalities, (e)(i) what was the quota per municipality in the province for the issuing of these licences year-on-year between 2021/22 and 2024/25, (ii) what is the target for 2025/26 and (iii) what is the rationale for these quotas and (f)(i) how many licence holders of e-hailing licences have multiple permits that were granted and (ii) what is the breakdown by (aa) company, (bb) individual and (cc) enterprise;

- (2) whether these permits are allowed to be sold or hired out; if so, what is the policy that guides the sale or hire of these permits?

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

How many learners have been enrolled by his Department in the past five years?

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

How many teachers are employed for the Back-on-Track Programme in the province?

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

How many teachers have lodged disputes with the Education Labour Relations Council (ELRC) for unfair dismissal in the last financial year (2024/25)?

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

- (1) Whether the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis has received any donations in the form of food items, non-perishable goods, clothing or hygiene supplies from individuals, private companies or NGOs during the period 2022 to 2025 to date; if so, (a) what are the details of the donors, (b) what were the quantities or types of donations received and (c) what was the intended use or distribution process of such goods;
- (2) according to the national and provincial norms and standards for residential care facilities for older persons, (a) what categories of healthcare professionals are required to be present (eg doctors, professional nurses, caregivers and dieticians) and (b) what is the prescribed or recommended ratio of each category of healthcare professional to residents at an old-age home;
- (3) whether the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis currently has a dietician and/or a medical doctor on staff or under contract; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are their names, (b) are their qualifications, (c) is their scope of involvement, (d) is the frequency of their visits and (e) is the duration of their service;
- (4) (a) who are the current members of the Board of Directors of the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis, (b) when were these board members elected or appointed and (c) what is the legal status of the current board in terms of compliance with the Nonprofit Organisations Act, 1997 (Act 71 of 1997), or other applicable legislation;

- (5) whether the current board meets the minimum governance requirements, including a quorum and the number of board members?

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

- (1) (a) What is the detailed financial expenditure report of the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis for the (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24, (iii) 2024/25 and (iv) 2025/26 financial year to date and (b) what is 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 in the same period;
- (2) (a) how many (i) professional nurses and (ii) home-based carers or care assistants are currently employed at the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis, (b)(i) what is the number of other categories of staff (including social workers, cleaners, cooks, administrative staff and security) employed at the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis and (ii) what are their (aa) job titles and (bb) functions and (c)(i) what is the total number of residents currently at the facility and (ii) how does the staffing complement align with the required care ratios;
- (3) whether his Department has received any reports of deaths or serious incidents involving neglect at the KSE Kraaifontein Tehuis from 2022 to date; if so, what are the details of (a) the number of incidents reported and (b) any investigations undertaken, findings made and consequences for those who were found responsible?

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8. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

On 30 January 2025, the Minister of Infrastructure announced that the Tafelberg School building would be used for the delivery of social services:

- (a) What feasibility studies were conducted before his Department requested the use of the Tafelberg School building for uses for social services, (b) when did the studies commence and (c) who conducted the studies, (d)(i) what was the cost of the studies, (ii) when were the studies concluded and (iii) what was the recommended outcome or suggested use of the site, (e) what is the intended use of the school building, (f) will the use be residential or out-patient, (g) who will run or operate the service and (h) what is the foreseen cost to his Department of the operation to provide the delivery of social services at the Tafelberg School site?

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

- (1) Whether he can provide a list of schools evaluated by the Schools Evaluation Authority (SEA) during the 2024/25 period; if so, what is the (a) rating that each school received, (b) location of each school and (c) education district in which each school is situated;
- (2) (a) how do schools get selected for evaluation, (b) what type of support or interventions are offered to such schools by his Department and by the education districts and (c) can he provide a recent example illustrating this support in action;
- (3) what key challenges does his Department and education districts face in implementing SEA recommendations at school level?

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

- (1) Whether his Department has any input on the Collab Citizen Application Platform; if so, what was the input;
- (2) (a) how many municipalities actively use this system since its inception and (b) what were the successes and challenges?

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

- (1) (a) How many cloven-hoofed animals are currently raised as livestock in the province broken down by (i) sheep, (ii) cattle, (iii) pigs and (iv) goats, (b) what is the estimated total market value of each livestock type and (c) what proportion of these animals are estimated for (i) domestic and (ii) export markets;
- (2) whether his Department observed any changes or disruptions in the marketability or export clearance of cloven-hoofed livestock or related products as a result of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreaks in other provinces; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what sectors or products have been most affected;
- (3) (a) what surveillance or early-detection measures are currently in place in the province to monitor FMD among cloven-hoofed livestock and (b) how frequently are inspections or testing conducted?

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

With reference to the R408 million committed by the national Minister of Transport in the national budget earlier this year, described as the balance of previous financial commitments made to the taxi industry:

- (1) (a) How much of this funding has been allocated or is expected to be allocated to the Western Cape's minibus taxi (MBT) sector and (b) what is the (i) anticipated timeline and (ii) process for disbursement of these funds in the province;
- (2) whether the Western Cape Government has provided financial support directly to the MBT sector in the (a) 2021/22, (b) 2022/23, (c) 2023/24, (d) 2024/25 and (e) 2025/26 financial year; if not, (i) what non-financial support has the Department of Mobility provided to the MBT sector over the same period and (ii) what specific programmes or initiatives were implemented to support the sector's recovery and development post-COVID-19; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (a) What is the current status of the Tourism Safety Forum, (b) which stakeholders are represented on the forum broken down by (i) public sector entities, (ii) private sector organisations and (iii) diplomatic or foreign representation, (b)(i) how many meetings have been held since its formation, (ii) what subforums or working groups have been established to deal with area-specific risks and (iii) what are their specific mandates, (c)(i) what coordination mechanisms have been developed through the forum to improve emergency response, communication or intelligence-sharing and (ii) have any protocols or SOPs been finalised, (d) how is his Department tracking the effectiveness of the

forum's coordination efforts and (e) has any feedback been collected from stakeholders regarding the forum's impact to date?

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

(a) (i) What is the status of the proposed Veterinary Bill and (ii) what is the anticipated timeline for its tabling for public comment, (b) what are the (i) main objectives and (ii) proposed reforms contained in the Veterinary Bill, (c) what impact is the Veterinary Bill expected to have on the regulation or delivery of veterinary services in the province and (d)(i) what engagements, if any, have taken place between his Department and organised agriculture stakeholders in the province regarding the content or implications of the Bill and (ii) what concerns or recommendations, if any, have emerged from these engagements?

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

What progress has been made with the Memorandum of Understanding signed by her Department, the City Of Cape Town and the South Africa Police Service?

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

Whether her Department is continuing the telemedicine projects initiated in 2020; if so, (a) what enhancements or changes have been introduced since their inception and (b) how many beneficiaries have been reached in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021, (iii) 2022, (iv) 2023, (v) 2024 and (vi) 2025 to date?

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

(a) What is the current status of the infrastructure upgrades at the (i) Belhar Hospital and (ii) Klipfontein Hospital and (b) what additional plans are in place for each facility in the 2025/26 financial year?

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

(a) How much has the Department spent on infrastructure projects aimed at advancing job creation since the beginning of the current administration and (b) what other measurable outcomes have been achieved to date?

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

(a) How many training interventions has his Department implemented from May 2024 to date, (b) how many participants were reached through these interventions and (c) what evidence is available to demonstrate the impact of these interventions on customer experience at Western Cape Government service points?

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

- (1) (a) How many aquaculture projects are currently operating in the province, (b) how many are (i) land-based and (ii) sea-based, (c) in which municipalities or coastal regions are these projects concentrated, (d) what is the total number of people employed through aquaculture operations in the province, (e) what is the role of his Department in the environmental approval process for aquaculture projects, (f) what are the key environmental compliance requirements that projects must meet, (g)(i) how long, on average, does it take for an aquaculture project to receive environmental approval and (ii) what are the most common delays or bottlenecks encountered during this process and (h) to what extent has the growth of legal abalone aquaculture contributed to reducing pressure on wild stocks;
- (2) whether his Department has observed any correlation between farmed abalone growth and reductions in poaching activity in high-risk coastal areas; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With regard to older persons in residential facilities:

Whether all registered old-age homes in the province have fully functional boards in place; if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures are taken to ensure that they are fulfilling their oversight responsibilities and (b) how does his Department (i) assess the performance of these boards and (ii) intervene where dysfunction is identified?

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

- (a) Regarding the Elder Abuse Helpline, what is its (i) current capacity, (ii) staffing, (iii) operating hours, (iv) call volume and (v) average response times, (b) what follow-up mechanisms are in place to ensure that reported cases are resolved effectively and (c) what data is available about the (i) number and (ii) outcomes of reported cases over the past two years?

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

With regard to the safety and well-being of older persons, whether in care facilities or at private homes:

- (a) How many cases of elder abuse or neglect have been reported to his Department over the past two financial years, distinguishing between cases (i) in registered facilities and (ii) occurring in private settings and (b)(i) what interventions or support services were provided in response to these cases and (ii) how does his Department ensure effective follow-up about and protection for the affected individuals?

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

- (a) How many private security companies are currently (i) registered and (ii) operating in the province, (b) in which municipalities or regions in the province is the highest concentration of these private security companies found and (c)(i) how many of the private security companies operating in the province are foreign-owned, (ii) what are the

names of the foreign-owned private security companies operating in the province, (iii) in which countries are these foreign-owned private security companies registered or (iv) by which countries are these foreign-owned private security companies controlled?

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25. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (1) Whether he is aware of a formal complaint or whistleblower communication sent to the Head of Department in February 2025, detailing serious allegations of bullying, harassment, abuse of power and an inappropriate romantic relationship between a senior manager and a subordinate in the Directorate Land and Asset Management; if so, (a) on what date did he become aware of this communication and/or its contents, (b) what specific actions has he taken since the date on which he became aware of the allegations to date to ensure that the (i) complaint was properly investigated, (ii) implicated official was subjected to disciplinary procedures and (iii) complainants or whistleblowers were protected from victimisation or retaliation;
- (2) whether his Department initiated a formal investigation into the allegations contained in the February 2025 whistleblower correspondence; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the details of the investigation, including (i) the date on which the investigation was launched, (ii) the person or unit appointed to investigate, (iii) the scope and terms of reference of the investigation, (iv) the current status or outcome of the investigation and (v) whether the implicated senior manager has been suspended pending the finalisation of the process;
- (3) whether his Department received any complaints from staff members in the Directorate Land and Asset Management regarding a toxic or unsafe working environment since January 2023; if so, (a) how many such complaints were lodged, (b) what was the nature of each complaint and (c) what actions were taken in response to each complaint?

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26. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

How many staff members have (a)(i) resigned and (ii) been signed off on extended medical leave and (b)(i) applied for internal transfers out of the Directorate Land and Asset Management from January 2023 to date and (ii) what were the reasons provided for such departures where available?

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27. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Since the establishment of the Department of Infrastructure, (a) how many officials in the Directorate Land and Asset Management have been promoted to higher-level positions, (b) what is the breakdown of each promotion by (i) name of the official, (ii) gender, (iii) race, (iv) previous salary level, (v) new salary level, (vi) qualifications held at time of promotion, (vii) rationale for the promotion, (viii) the (aa) name and (bb) designation of the person or panel who approved each promotion and (c) what policies, guidelines or codes of conduct are in place in his Department to prevent and address (i) workplace bullying and harassment, (ii) abuse of authority by senior officials and (iii) unethical relationships between managers and their subordinates?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 13 June 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.