

**PARLIAMENT OF THE  
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**QUESTION PAPER**

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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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Note: \* Indicates translated version.

**FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2026**

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

With reference to the recent announcement of “Safe Zones” being launched in Mitchells Plain:

- (1) Whether her Department has finalised an implementation framework for the Safe Zones Initiative in Mitchells Plain; if not, why not; if so, what are the key (a) timelines and (b) deliverables associated with the rollout in the identified areas;
- (2) what criteria were used to identify the five initial Safe Zones earmarked for the rollout;
- (3) whether the dedicated Safe Hubs have already been identified in each of the five pilot areas; if not, when will these sites be confirmed; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) (a) what role will LEAP officers play in the operationalisation of the Safe Zones Initiative and (b) how many personnel will be assigned to support the initiative in each of the five identified areas;
- (5) whether any monitoring and evaluation framework has been developed to assess the effectiveness of the Safe Zones Initiative; if not, why not; if so, what indicators will be used to measure success;
- (6) whether her Department will expand the Safe Zones Initiative to other gang-affected communities in the province should the pilot programme prove successful; if not, why not; if so, which areas are under consideration?

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

With reference to recent complaint that there were no rabies vaccines available, and given the ongoing rabies outbreak among Cape fur seals:

- (1) (a) How many rabies vaccines are currently available at public healthcare facilities in the province, (b) which public healthcare facilities currently have rabies vaccines available and (c) why are there no vaccines available at certain facilities;
- (2) whether public healthcare workers, particularly in coastal and tourism-heavy areas, have received updated training to respond to rabies exposures associated with marine wildlife; if so, what does this training entail;
- (3) whether any public healthcare facilities in the province have experienced shortages of rabies vaccines or rabies immunoglobulin in the past 12 months; if so, (a) which facilities were affected, (b) for what duration and (c) what measures were taken to address these shortages;
- (4) whether her Department has engaged with the national Department of Health regarding vaccine (a) procurement and (b) supply; if so, what were the outcomes of such engagements?

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

With reference to his reply to question 2 of 28 April 2026:

- (1) Given that his Department acknowledges that the R22 000 threshold is outdated and should “well exceed R30 000”, whether steps have been taken to adopt formally an updated provincial affordability threshold across all programmes; if not, why not;
- (2) what engagements, if any, has his Department had with the national Department of Human Settlements regarding urgently increasing the (a) First Home Finance and (b) social housing income thresholds;
- (3) how many households in the province currently fall into the income bracket between R22 000 and R34 800;
- (4) (a) what is the average (i) rent or (ii) bond repayment currently being charged in provincially supported affordable housing developments and (b) how does this compare to the stated 30% affordability benchmark;
- (5) whether his Department has conducted any recent study on whether households earning between R3 500 and R22 000 can realistically afford housing near economic opportunities in Cape Town; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) what percentage of households currently occupying social housing units spend more than 30% of their income on rent;
- (7) whether his Department includes transport costs when assessing housing affordability; if not, why not; if so, how is transport costs assessed?

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

With reference to the Township Action Plan (TAP) flagship initiative launched under the Western Cape Government’s Growth for Jobs (G4J) Strategy, and noting the selection of the Mossel Bay Municipality, specifically the KwaNonqaba township area, as the primary provincial pilot site:

- (1) (a) What is the status of the KwaNonqaba Township Action Plan (TAP) Pilot Project and (b) what project milestones have been successfully achieved since its inception;

- (2) what total financial budget has been allocated by his Department specifically to support the KwaNonqaba TAP Pilot Project for the (a) 2025/26 and (b) 2026/27 financial years;
- (3) what is the breakdown of the funds listed in question (2) above regarding allocations dedicated to (a) infrastructure upgrades (such as trading spaces or digital access) versus (b) direct financial support for township-based SMMEs;
- (4) what (a) economic development models or (b) public–private partnerships are currently being trialled in this pilot project to structurally mitigate the key barriers to entry identified for township operators;
- (5) what monitoring framework is his Department utilising to evaluate the economic impact of the KwaNonqaba Pilot Project;
- (6) whether his Department has a timeline for rolling out the TAP framework to other townships across the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With reference to the Agricultural Trade Digest published on 24 May 2026, which highlights that difficulties at the Port of Cape Town negatively affected the financial conditions of fruit growers by forcing a rerouting of produce to Eastern Cape ports:

- (1) (a) What is his Department’s estimate of the total tonnage of Western Cape agricultural products diverted to Eastern Cape ports during the 2025/26 peak export window and (b) what specific subsectors, besides table grapes, were most affected;
- (2) whether his Department has engaged with (a) Transnet and (b) organised agriculture to prevent a replication of these bottlenecks during upcoming crop cycles; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what support mechanisms is his Department deploying to assist emerging farmers who lack the capital liquidity to absorb unexpected multi-provincial transport costs?

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

In respect of the institutional capacity of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and specialised victim support infrastructure in the province:

- (1) (a) What is the current average detective caseload for investigators assigned to Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) units across the province and (b) how does this figure compare with the (i) national norm or (ii) recommended caseload per investigator;
- (2) how many (a) funded vacancies and (b) unfunded vacancies currently exist in FCS units in the province, broken down by (i) rank and (ii) police district;
- (3) what formal assessment has her Department conducted regarding the impact of these deficiencies on the (a) quality of investigations and (b) successful prosecution of offences related to gender-based violence (GBV) in the province;

- (4) (a) how many (i) Thuthuzela care centres and (ii) designated victim-friendly rooms (VFRs) are currently operational in the province and (b) what are the specific facilities where each is located?

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

Regarding the Department's statutory oversight role over policing and its provincial programmes to combat gender-based violence (GBV):

- (1) What (a) specific support programmes, (b) civil society partnerships or (c) localised interventions are currently coordinated by her Department to strengthen the investigation of GBV;
- (2) (a) which specific police stations in the province have been identified where the volume of GBV reporting is disproportionately high but investigative outcomes and conviction rates remain poor and (b) what interventions have been recommended to the SAPS management for these stations;
- (3) what specific (a) oversight steps, (b) station audits or (c) monitoring interventions has her Department undertaken during the past 12 months to evaluate the performance of the SAPS in investigating GBV-related offences;
- (4) (a) what trends has her Department identified through its monitoring frameworks regarding the shifting prevalence and geographic concentration of GBV in the province and (b) which specific communities have been flagged as requiring urgent and targeted structural intervention;
- (5) what formal recommendations has she submitted to the national Minister of Police and to the SAPS National Commissioner to improve structurally the (a) resourcing and (b) effectiveness of GBV investigations in the province?

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

- (1) How many arrests for driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol were recorded by the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the province during the (a) 2024/25 and (b) 2025/26 financial years;
- (2) of the total DUI arrests cited in question (1) above, how many successfully resulted in (a) criminal charges being enrolled by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), (b) cases proceeding to trial in court, (c) formal convictions, (d) acquittals and (e) the formal withdrawal of charges;
- (3) (a) which ten police stations in the province recorded the highest volume of DUI arrests and (b) which ten courts in the province recorded the highest number of successful DUI convictions;
- (4) of the motorists arrested for DUI offences, how many have been identified as (a) repeat offenders, (b) professional driving permit (PrDP) holders or (c) active public transport operators at the time of their arrest?

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

- (1) (a) How many housing units in the province have been completed but remain unoccupied and (b) where are these units located;
- (2) what are the reasons for completed housing units not being occupied immediately after completion;
- (3) under which sphere of government does the responsibility fall for the issuing of occupancy certificates;
- (4) what is the average turnaround time between the completion of a housing unit and occupation by its intended beneficiary;
- (5) what interventions are being undertaken to reduce delays in the occupation of completed housing units?

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

With reference to the Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG) and the Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG):

- (1) (a) What allocations were made to municipalities from the USDG during (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26, (b) what percentage of these allocations was spent during each financial year and (c) which projects were funded through the USDG during the 2025/26 financial year;
- (2) (a) what allocations were made to municipalities from the ISUPG during (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 and (b) what percentage of these allocations was spent during each financial year;
- (3) which projects were funded through the ISUPG during the 2025/26 financial year;
- (4) how many households benefited from projects funded through these grants during the 2025/26 financial year;
- (5) whether any challenges have been identified in the implementation of projects funded through these grants; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what measures have been implemented to address them?

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

With respect to the Knysna Municipality:

- (1) What is the current status of (a) water provision, (b) water infrastructure, (c) refuse removal and (d) waste management services at the municipality;
- (2) what is the municipality's current financial position;
- (3) what intervention measures are currently being provided by his Department to assist the municipality in improving the areas in (1) above?

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

With regard to reports indicating a decline in learner's licence pass rates nationally, and concerns having been raised regarding the implementation of online learner's licence testing systems:

- (1) (a) Since what date has the online learner's licence testing system been operational in the province, (b) how many driving licence testing centres (DLTCs) in the province currently utilise the online learner's licence testing system and (c) how many DLTCs are not yet utilising the online system;
- (2) in the 2026/27 financial year, how many additional DLTCs will be migrated to the online system;
- (3) what was the learner's licence pass rate in the province in the (a) 2024/25 and (b) 2025/26 financial years;
- (4) what were the learner's licence pass rates at DLTCs utilising the online testing system during the (a) 2024/25 and (b) 2025/26 financial years;
- (5) what support is provided by his Department to applicants writing learner's licence tests to assist them in adapting to the online testing environment?

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

With reference to the Fuel Cashback Initiative implemented in partnership with the minibus taxi industry:

- (1) (a)(i) When was the initiative launched and (ii) why and (b)(i) how many operators are currently benefiting from the initiative and (ii) what is the breakdown of these operators per region;
- (2) what is the total value of fuel cashback benefits that have been provided to participating operators since the inception of the initiative;
- (3) whether his Department has any plans to expand the initiative to additional operators or regions during the 2026/27 financial year; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

With reference to career clubs at public schools in the province:

- (1) (a)(i) How many public schools currently have career clubs and (ii) how many learners participated in such programmes during the 2025 academic year, (b) what support does his Department provide to schools to establish and maintain career clubs and (c) what partnerships, if any, has his Department entered into to support career guidance initiatives in schools;
- (2) whether his Department has assessed the effectiveness of career clubs in assisting learners with subject choices; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there are plans to expand career clubs in the 2026 academic year; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether his Department allocates any funds to career clubs, if so, how much was allocated in (a) 2025 and (b) 2026?

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

With reference to robotics education at public schools in the province:

(a) How many public schools currently offer robotics and coding as part of their curriculum or extracurricular activities, (b) how many learners participated in robotics and coding programmes during the 2025 academic year, (c) what support does his Department provide to schools for the implementation of robotics and coding programmes, (d) how many educators have received training in robotics and coding during the past two academic years, (e) what resources have been provided to schools to support robotics and coding education and (f) what are the details of plans to expand robotics and coding programmes to additional schools?

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

With reference to foster care services in the province:

- (1) (a) How many children were in foster care and (b) what was the total cost incurred by his Department in providing support services to children in foster care in the province during the (i) 2024/25, (ii) 2025/26 and (iii) 2026/27 financial years;
- (2) (a) how many children exited the foster care system during (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 and (b) what were the reasons for the exit;
- (3) what are the (a) requirements and (b) processes for individuals or families wishing to become foster parents in the province;
- (4) (a) what challenges has his Department identified in respect of the adoption of children who are currently in foster care and (b) what measures is his Department implementing to address these challenges?

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

With respect to After School Care (ASC) services not operated by formal schools:

- (1) (a) How many registered ASC facilities not based at formal schools currently operate in the province, (b) what mechanisms are in place to ensure that such ASC facilities comply with the minimum norms and standards for ASC services and (c) what criteria are used to register ASC facilities;
- (2) how does his Department monitor the quality of developmental programmes offered by ASC facilities in relation to the holistic development of children;
- (3) how much has his Department allocated to these ASC facilities in the (a) 2025/26 and (b) 2026/27 financial years;
- (4) what measures are being implemented to expand access to compliant ASC services for children from low-income households across the province?

(211)

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

- (1) (a) How many influenza vaccine doses were allocated to the province for the (i) 2025 and (ii) 2026 flu season and (b) how many influenza vaccine doses were administered during the (i) 2025 and (ii) current 2026 flu season to date;

- (2) how much was allocated to influenza vaccine doses for the (a) 2025 and (b) 2026 flu season;
- (3) whether any public health facilities experienced shortages of influenza vaccines during the 2025 flu seasons; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what measures (a) did her Department implement during the 2025 flu season and (b) is her Department implementing during the 2026 flu season to encourage influenza vaccination among vulnerable groups?

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**19. Mr B Adams to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:**

- (1) What is the current availability of ambulances and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) resources in (a) the Garden Route District and (b) George specifically;
- (2) whether her Department has conducted any assessment regarding the adequacy of (a) ambulance numbers, (b) response times, (c) staffing levels and (d) fleet availability in George and the broader Garden Route region over the past three years; if so, what were the findings;
- (3) what measures are currently being implemented or planned by her Department to (a) address ambulance shortages and (b) improve emergency response times in George and the surrounding communities;
- (4) whether her Department has received complaints, concerns or representations from (a) residents, (b) healthcare workers, (c) local government representatives or (d) community organisations regarding ambulance shortages in the Garden Route District; if so, what action has been taken?

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

Given that approximately 54% of people in the province experience hunger or food insecurity, and that the City of Cape Town recorded more than 240 000 food insecure households in 2024 despite being one of the wealthiest metropolitan economies in South Africa:

- (a) What specific interventions has his Department implemented to address household food insecurity and (b) what measurable outcomes have these interventions achieved over the past financial year?

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

Given the increasing financial pressure facing pensioners in Cape Town due to the rising cost of food and basic necessities:

- (1) What interventions has his Department implemented to support elderly residents experiencing food insecurity and economic hardship;
- (2) whether his Department has considered expanding (a) food relief and (b) social support programmes targeted specifically at pensioners; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

Recent reporting highlighted that property inflation in Cape Town continues to outpace other metropolitan areas, with affordability pressures worsening across both the rental and ownership markets:

What are the projects the provincial government is implementing to (a) expand affordable housing opportunities and (b) prevent the displacement of residents from their communities?

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

Given the severe shortage of well-located affordable housing in Cape Town, and following the City of Cape Town's recommendation to release the Civic Centre parking site for a mixed-use affordable housing development:

(a) What specific considerations are delaying his Department's approval of the site for social and affordable housing and (b) by when will a final decision be made on the future use of the property?

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**24. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:**

With reference to the conclusion of phases of the Basic Education Employment Initiative (BEEI) under the Presidential Youth Employment Stimulus:

(a) How many (i) education assistant and (ii) general school assistant positions have been terminated in the province, (b) how many beneficiaries in the province were affected by the termination of these positions, (c)(i) at which schools in the province were these positions located and (ii) how many positions were lost and (d) what measures, if any, have been implemented to mitigate the impact of these job losses on the affected schools and participants?

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

(1) Whether her Department has conducted a full Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) compliance audit of the Matthew Goniwe Clinic; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;

(2) whether the current facility complies with all statutory OHS requirements relating to (a) ventilation, (b) infection control, (c) emergency evacuation systems and (d) structural safety; if not, what specific areas of non-compliance have been identified;

(3) what immediate remedial interventions have been implemented to protect (a) patients and (b) healthcare workers;

(4) whether her Department accepts liability for continued service delivery in a facility that may be non-compliant with OHS legislation; if not, what is the basis for this position?

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

- (1) What is the current patient load per (a) day and (b) month at the Matthew Goniwe Clinic for the (i) 2024/25, (ii) 2025/26 and (iii) 2026/27 financial years;
- (2) (a) what is the current staffing complement of (i) nurses, (ii) doctors and (iii) support staff and (b) how does this compare with required norms for the patient volume being serviced;
- (3) whether her Department has assessed the impact of overcrowding on (a) waiting times, (b) patient dignity and (c) clinical outcomes; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;
- (4) what measures have been implemented to address staff burnout and service fatigue;
- (5) whether her Department considers the current service model clinically sustainable; if not, what urgent interventions are being planned?

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

- (1) What formal intergovernmental infrastructure planning framework exists between her Department and the City of Cape Town for the development of primary healthcare facilities in Khayelitsha;
- (2) whether her Department is aware that the City of Cape Town ceased building new clinics since 2021; if so, what interventions have been undertaken to address the resulting infrastructure gap;
- (3) what specific accountability mechanisms exist to prevent the duplication of responsibility gaps between provincial and municipal health infrastructure mandates;
- (4) whether the current governance arrangement has contributed to infrastructure stagnation; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether his Department has finalised any intergovernmental framework with the national Department of Public Works and the national Department of Human Settlements to resolve land ownership and authorisation constraints affecting erven (a) 19464, (b) 21020, (c) 20869, (d) 20081, (e) 21864, (f) 23144, (g) 23136 and (h) 39286 in subcouncil 10, Khayelitsha; if not, why not; and if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what specific interventions have been undertaken since 2020 to secure written authorisation from the national landholding authority to enable the City of Cape Town and Eskom to proceed with servicing and infrastructure provision on the erven mentioned in (1) above;
- (3) whether the absence of timely authorisation has directly contributed to (a) stalled development, (b) illegal land occupation and (c) escalating service delivery pressures in the Mahama Project area; if not, what is his Department's assessment of the primary cause of these blockages?

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

- (1) Whether engineering services completed by the City of Cape Town on erven (a) 19464 and (b) 21020 in the 2023/24 financial year have been followed by any commencement of top structure construction for the planned 261 housing units; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what risk mitigation measures are in place to prevent serviced land in Khayelitsha from being lost to illegal occupation due to delays in construction and authorisation processes;
- (3) whether his Department has conducted a comprehensive audit of all (a) Khayelitsha housing projects and (b) housing projects in other areas and (c) housing projects in municipalities across the province that are delayed due to (i) land ownership disputes, (ii) intergovernmental authorisation failures or (iii) funding constraints; if not, (aa) why not and (bb) when will such an audit be completed; if so; what are the relevant details?

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**PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 22 June 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.**