

**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, 3 NOVEMBER 2023

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

With regard to a recent incident at the Westerford High School in which a learner was allegedly suspended for having a poster that supports Palestine:

- (1) Whether he is aware of this incident; if so, (a) when did he become aware of it and (b) how has he intervened in the matter;
- (2) whether the learner with the poster has been suspended; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details regarding the suspension, (b) when is the scheduled disciplinary hearing and (c) what charges have been filed against the learner;
- (3) whether he plans to initiate an investigation into the incident at the Westerford High School to ensure that the school is adhering to the appropriate code of conduct and other relevant policies; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether learners and Western Cape schools are prohibited from voicing support for oppressed people in any international conflict; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what steps will his Department take to ensure the protection of learners' freedom of expression and the diversity of opinions at schools in the province?

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2. Ms R Windvogel to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

- (a) What progress has been made with regard to the establishment of the Violence Prevention Unit in her Department and (b) what is the (i) detailed budget breakdown and (ii) recruitment details for the unit's staff?

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3. Mr P T de Villiers to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

With reference to the appointment of the Head of the Department of Mobility:

- (1) Whether the incumbent was vetted before the appointment was made; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the extent of the vetting procedure undertaken and (b) which department undertook the vetting procedures;
- (2) whether the incumbent was a member of a board of directors of a state-owned entity, or a director in a government department prior to the appointment; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the incumbent has been implicated in any lawful investigation while being employed in the public service; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, (b) was this disclosed as part of the application and (c) when was it disclosed;
- (4) whether the incumbent has any ongoing litigation in any court of law; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) (a) who was present during the interview processes, (b) in which capacity did all the attendees act and (c) can a copy of the attendance registers be made available?

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4. Mr C M Dugmore to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government:

- (1) What is the detailed information of the amount levied by each municipality in the province for fixed basic charges for electricity;
- (2) whether such increases are in line with inflation; if not, what are the relevant details?

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5. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

- (1) (a) What is the latest information regarding the geographical spread of the polyphagous shot hole borer beetle and (b) where can a map indicating the confirmed spread and presence of the beetle be accessed;
- (2) whether there has been any progress in the research and development of either an insecticide or fungicide to protect areas once infected by the beetle; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the beetle infected fruit trees in the province; if so, (a) what trees are mostly at risk and (b) how severe is the threat to our farmers;
- (4) what are his and his Department's role and responsibilities in this matter?

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6. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

With regard to the bird flu outbreak across the country:

- (a) How many cases of bird flu have been reported in the province since the beginning of the outbreak in June, (b) what measures are in place to mitigate the effects of a possible extensive outbreak in the province, (c) how many chickens have had to be culled in the province to date, (d) what has been the effect of the outbreak on the provincial poultry sector and (e) which sphere of government is responsible for providing relief for such disasters?

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7. Mr M I Sileku to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to Theewaterskloof officials attending the Rugby World Cup:

- (1) (a) Who did the delegation consist of, (b) what was the total cost of the trip for the entire delegation, (c) how much did the delegation spend on (i) accommodation, (ii) food and (iii) entertainment, (d) which hotels did the delegation stay in and (e) with whom did the delegation meet in (i) France and (ii) the United Kingdom;
- (2) whether any deals have been entered into with the Leicester Rugby Club; if so, what are the relevant details?

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8. Mr M I Sileku to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to Theewaterskloof officials attending the Rugby World Cup:

- (1) (a) Why was the trip not brought before the Council if they conducted the trip on behalf of the Theewaterskloof Municipality, (b) who gave the (i) Deputy Mayor and (ii) Speaker the mandate to travel to the United Kingdom and France in search of opportunities for the people of Theewaterskloof and (c) why was a letter written by the Municipal Manger to the Department of International Relations and Cooperation asking for the trip to be declared as an official state visit despite not being brought before the Council;
- (2) whether any staff members or officials in the Theewaterskloof Municipality council offices have been (i) dismissed, (ii) suspended, (iii) been given verbal or written warnings or (iv) subject to any other disciplinary action between 17 and 31 October 2023; if so, what are the details of each incident?

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9. Mr G Pretorius to ask Dr N Mbombo, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Whether any additional services are being made available by her Department over the festive season; if so, what are the relevant details?

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10. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

(a) How many service-delivery complaints were recorded against the SAPS in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021, (iii) 2022 and (iv) 2023 to date, (b) what were the main reasons for the recorded service-delivery complaints and (c) what percentage of service complaints were resolved satisfactorily?

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11. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

In each of the SAPS police precincts in the Western Cape:

(a) How many SAPS members are currently employed, (b) how many vehicles are allocated, (c) what is the vacancy rate and (d) how many detectives are stationed there?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 17 November 2023. Should the replies not be submitted before or on the deadline, the

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