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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER**

Note:

1. Questions for oral reply will be printed in full in the Question Paper for the day for which they have been set down for reply.
2. \*Indicates a question for oral reply.

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2016

*Premier:*

**\*1. Mr C Martin to ask the Premier:**

1. Whether he has been informed of any job opportunities created by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) during the build-up to local government elections; if so,
2. (a) how many of these job opportunities will be (aa) created and (bb) given to public servants and (b) whether that will not be double dipping;
3. whether he has received representations as how many registered unemployed graduates and unemployed youth within the province that can be encouraged to be trained and fill the job opportunities at IEC; if not, what is the position;
4. what criteria are needed to fill various levels of job opportunities in the IEC;
5. how qualified unemployed graduates and youth can be employed by IEC to desist from utilizing public servants?

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY TRANSFERRED TO THE QUESTION PAPER IN TERMS OF RULE 183 (3) *(extracted from IQP 51 dated Friday, 12 February 2016)***

*MEC’s:*

**\*10. Mr R K Purdon to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

*With reference to the high levels of illegal sand mining in the province:*

1. Whether his Department is policing these illegal activities; if so, whether (a) any arrests have taken place within the last calendar year to date and (b) anyone has been prosecuted;
2. (a) who is the relevant authority appointed to manage sand mining in the province and (b) whether the national Department of Mineral Resources is involved in the regulation of mining in the province; if so,
3. whether the said Department employs inspectors to cover the mining discipline; if so, what power do they have; if not, can he kindly explain who is responsible for regulating mining in the province;
4. (a) whether there are any provisions in respect of illegal mining in the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No 29 of 1996) (MHSA); if not, why not; if so what are they; (b) who administers the MHSA, 1996 and (c) whether this Act provide inspectors with statutory powers to address illegal mining;
5. whether it is an offence in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources and Development Act of 2002 to mine illegally; if so, whether it has been applied in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

**\*11. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

1. Noting the fiscal position of the country, whether there are any measures likely to be put in place to close PERSAL in the province;
2. whether there are any plans in place to limit new staffing appointments in the province subject to special executive approval by the Member of the Executive Council (MEC);
3. what steps are being taken to reduce the cost of employment in view of the fiscal position in the province?

**\*13. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

*With reference to the construction of 200 RDP homes for the residents of Nomagazi in the King Sabatha Dalindyebo Local Municipality:*

1. Whether she has been informed that since the implementation of the project in 2012 only 10 houses have been completed; if not, what is the position in this regard;
2. (a) how much was budgeted for the construction of these houses and (b) over which financial period were they planned to be ready for occupation;
3. (a) which contractor was assigned the construction of these houses and (b) how much was paid to the relevant contractor as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. whether her Department has initiated any disciplinary action against municipal officials that are implicated in this matter; if not, why not; if so, can she kindly provide relevant details;
5. (a) when will construction of the houses resume, (b) how much has been budgeted in this regard and (c) when is it anticipated that all houses will be complete and ready for occupation?

**\*14. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

*With reference to the housing revolving fund and the R250 million owed to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM):*

1. Why did her Department exceed the R100 million threshold amount;
2. whether any disciplinary action has been initiated against officials who authorized the additional expenditure; if not ,why not; if so, can she kindly provide relevant details;
3. (a) whether her Department has any plans in place to reimburse funds owed to the NMBMM and (b) over which financial period is this scheduled;
4. what additional steps have been or will be taken by her Department to prevent the threshold amount from being exceeded in future?

**\*15. Mr L K Sharpely to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

1. Whether she has been informed that the sanitation project in Ward 14 at Mdundu Administrative Area in Mbashe Local Municipality - Willowvale did not install toilets in all areas that were earmarked like Krantshini, Mazizini and Makhuluspan, as a result they were left without toilets; if not, what is the position in this regard;
2. when is it anticipated that outstanding toilets will be delivered to the remaining areas?

**\*17. Mr R A P Trollip to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

1. With reference to the ongoing drought in the province that was predicted years in advance through the intensification of the El Niño phenomenon, whether his Department has taken any proactive steps to pre-empt the impact of this devastating drought; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
2. once the impact of this drought reached the catastrophic proportions that it has, (a) which municipalities in the province were identified as being affected, (b) when was this done and (c) what steps have been taken to provide drought relief and water to these municipalities;
3. (a) what steps have been taken by his Department with a view to assisting farmers who have been affected by this drought, (b) in what form was this relief provided to individual farmers and (c) what amount has been allocated in this regard and if he can kindly provide relevant details?

**\*18. Mr M Von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Safety, Liaison and Transport:**

1. Whether the Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) system planned for the Nelson Mandela Bay Area was fully operational as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not; if so,
2. (a) how many buses are currently running and (b) on which routes;
3. what (a) total revenue has been collected and (b) costs have been incurred in relation to this project to date?

**\*20. Mr M Von Buchenroder to ask MEC responsible for Safety, Liaison and Transport:**

*With reference to 4 traffic officers from the Kinkelbos Traffic Department in the Nelson Mandela Bay area who appeared before the Portfolio Committee late last year regarding their unfair dismissal:*

1. Whether the abovementioned traffic officers have returned to work; if so,
2. whether there are any conditions that are attached to their reinstatement;
3. whether all their benefits have been included in their reinstatement; if not, why not; if so,
4. whether she has been informed of the alleged victimization of the officers after they have been reinstated; if not, what is the position in this regard;
5. what steps will she institute to rectify the alleged victimization and unfair labor practices?

**\*21. Mr J P J Botha to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

*With reference to the Department of Social Development’s implementing strategy of the “One School, One School Worker” programme:*

1. Which eight selected schools per name and region in the province were identified on a pilot basis for the abovementioned programme as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. (a) what was the total budget allocated for this programme and (b) how much expenditure has taken place to date from the allocated budget;
3. (a) what is the current recruitment, selection and placement status of social workers in this programme and (b) what are her Department’s plans with regard to extending this programme to rural areas and previously disadvantaged communities?

**\*22. Mr J P J Botha to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

1. Whether she has been informed that the province has the third highest number of unemployed social work graduates in the country; if so (a) what is the Department’s plans with regard to assisting the unemployed social work graduates with employment opportunities and (b) how much budget is expected to fund the plan;
2. whether she has been informed of a shortage of appropriate vehicles for social workers in the province; if so,
3. what is (a) the vehicle shortage per region by name, (b) the actual provision for each region by name as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (c) her  Department’s social worker ratio to one vehicle?

**NEW QUESTIONS TO THE MECs:**

**\*2. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*With reference to each Metropolitan Municipality in the province:*

1. what is the current threshold limit for indigent grants;
2. what services form part of the indigent grant package;
3. how many households are registered as indigent in the said municipalities;
4. what was the total value of indigent grants budgeted for the 2015/16 financial year;
5. whether eligibility for indigent grants is determined (i) via application and/or registration or (ii) automatically via property valuation and if he can kindly provide relevant details on the criteria for such determination?

**\*3. Mr R K Purdon to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*The Constitution of South Africa, 1996 assigns the responsibility for provision of water services to local government whilst oversight and performance monitoring duties are delegated to Provincial and National Government. Taking the aforementioned into account:*

1. After the last assessment cycle, how many municipalities in the province, if any, have achieved (a) Blue Drop awards as an acknowledgement of excellent drinking water quality management and (b) Green Drop awards related to waste water management;
2. as the participation in Blue Drop assessments, as specified in Section 82 of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No 108 of 1997), is compulsory, whether our municipalities have complied with the Act; if so, how many; if not,
3. how many did not comply and for what reasons?

**\*4. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*With reference to a response received from Question No 410 of IQP 49 dated 29 January 2016, it was stated that as at 31 December 2015 there were 5727 substantive vacancies in the province and 5478 additional teachers*:

1. How many additional teachers will be allocated to the substantive vacancies as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

1. whether his Department has any plans in place to rescue the situation if these additional teachers do not fit into these substantive vacancies due to the number of additional teachers in the province; if so, what is the envisaged action plan;
2. whether posts that cannot be filled by additional teachers, excluding post level 4, will be filled through a bulletin; if so, (a) when will it be advertised, (b) whether there is a budget that has been allocated to appoint teachers to such posts in addition to post basket cases where teachers cannot fill vacant posts and (c) can he kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
3. (a) how many substantive vacancies currently exist in the Northern Areas of Port Elizabeth as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) when is it anticipated that these vacancies will be filled and (c) if he can kindly provide relevant details in this regard?

**\*5. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*With reference to the R530 million Education Infrastructure Grant that was reverted back to the National Treasury:*

1. What were the reasons for the under expenditure of this grant;
2. whether any action has been or will be instituted against any officials responsible for the under expenditure in infrastructure projects; if so, what action;
3. whether projects that were set to be completed in the 2015/16 financial year will be included in the 2016/17 financial year; if so, which projects;
4. what impact will the under expenditure have on future infrastructure projects in the province in the upcoming financial year;
5. (a) how this reverting has impacted on current projects and the provision of water, electricity and sanitation in schools in the province and (b) if he can kindly provide relevant details in this regard?

**\*6. Mr C Martin to MEC for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

1. Whether he has received any representations regarding costs incurred by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Municipalities and other Government Departments on procuring tea per annum; if so, what are the relevant details;
2. whether it will be of any assistance if the annual tea budget can be used to buy Magwa tea that is grown within the province; if not, why not?

**\*7. Mr R K Purdon to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

*With reference to the budget speech delivered by the MEC on 4 March 2016, where he stated that Thyspunt in Koukamma Municipality had passed all Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) tests as a potential site for nuclear energy:*

1. Whether a Record of Decision has been issued regarding the environmental authorisation for this proposed nuclear power station; if yes, (a) when was this ROD issued and (b) to whom; if not,
2. what are the outstanding issues, as the speech stated that all EIA tests have been passed;
3. whether the public participation process has ceased; if so, whether interested and affected parties will be able to appeal the decision if it has been taken or when it is taken; if not,
4. when will the public participation process be closed and if he can kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
5. in the event of appeals, whether the final environmental decision will be made by The National Minister of the Department of Environmental Affairs or by the MEC and if he can share some light in this regard?

**\*8. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

1. What is the total projected under expenditure for the Department of Education as at the end of the current financial year;
2. what are the reasons for this projected under expenditure;
3. what are the amounts involved;
4. whether any steps are being or will be taken to ensure that this is not repeated in the new financial year; if so, what are the relevant details?

**\*9. Ms C Barker to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*With reference to sections of the Tower Psychiatric Hospital in Fort Beaufort which are alleged to have been without electricity for at least 3 weeks as of 22 February 2016:*

1. Whether the abovementioned hospital has any backup generator; if so, (a) what is its capacity and (b) can it provide power to the all affected areas during load-shedding, power failures and when electrical faults disrupt service delivery at the hospital;
2. if she can kindly provide a detailed tabulated description of all contingency plans made to ensure that laundry, kitchen and workshop services are not compromised or disrupted by power failure at the abovementioned hospital;
3. what additional resources have been allocated to staff to ensure that health and safety is not compromised by power failures and disruptions;
4. (a) how many security personnel are appointed to work at the hospital and (b) whether her Department has appointed additional security staff at the hospital; if so, can she kindly provide relevant details of the working hours of all security staff at hospital;
5. (a) on what exact date will her Department investigate the power problems that are dangerous and potentially a litigious medico legal situation and (b) when exactly will maintenance be undertaken to provide a reliable power supply to all sections of the hospital?

**\*10. Ms C Barker to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*With reference to her Department’s organogram:*

1. What is the current status of her Department’s organogram with respect to its finalization; if it has been finalized, on what exact date will it be implemented;
2. whether it has been formally adopted and signed off by the MEC; if not, can she kindly provide the exact date on which it will be finalized;
3. whether the organogram addresses Primary Health Care changes; if not, why not; if so, can she kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
4. whether her Department has implemented the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) Resolution 1 of 2007; if not why not; if so, on what date will it be implemented?

**\*11. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

1. How many subsidized Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) houses were (a) completed and (b) handed over to beneficiaries in the province in the (i) 2013/14, (ii) 2014/15 and (iii) 2015/16 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. what was the (a) total amount budgeted and (b) cost in this regard for each of the respective years and if she can kindly provide relevant details in this regard?

**\*12. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Roads and Public Works:**

*With reference to the MR 267 and MR 269 roads at Crockarts Hope in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) and noting that no work, (neither maintenance nor repair work) was carried out on these roads for more than a year:*

1. When will maintenance and repair work on the above mentioned roads take place;
2. why did her Department fail to maintain and repair these roads for over a year despite various requests to the province to attend to them;
3. whether the abovementioned roads form part of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the province and Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM); if so, why were they not included within the ambit of work to be carried out under such SLA; if not,
4. (a) why were they not included and (b) whether they will be included in the future; if not, what are the relevant details?

**\*13. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety, Liaison and Transport:**

1. When is the effective launch date for the metro police service in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM);
2. whether is it anticipated that there will be an approved organogram by the abovementioned date;
3. what is the envisaged number of (a) vehicles and (b) man power that will be attached to this unit once it comes into operation;
4. whether she has any plans in place with a view to ensure that all operational requirements have been met;
5. how much has been budgeted for this venture in the current financial year by (a) the province and (b) the NMBMM?

**\*14. Mr M Von Buchenroder to ask MEC responsible for Safety, Liaison and Transport:**

1. (a) What amount of funding was given to the province by the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) in the (i) 2012/13, (ii) 2013/14 (iii) 2014/15 and (iv) 2015/16 financial years as at the latest specified dated for which information is available;
2. (a) for what purposes were the funds allocated to the province in each of the specified years and if she can kindly provide relevant details in this regard?

**\*15. Mr M Von Buchenroder to ask MEC responsible for Safety, Liaison and Transport:**

1. What was the vacancy rate at each police station in the (a) Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM), (b) Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipalities (BCMM) (i) in the 2014/15 and (ii) 2015/16 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how many of these vacancies (a) have been filled and (b) have yet to be filled in each of the respective years;
3. whether her Department plans to take any steps to ensure that all the abovementioned vacancies are filled in each of the said municipalities; if so, what steps?

**\*16. Mr J P J Botha to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

*With reference to the alleged irregular expenditure amounting to R 47.33 million that was incurred by her Department during the year ended 31 March 2015 as a result of non-compliance with required procurement processes:*

1. (a) Whether the abovementioned irregular expenditure was forwarded to the Irregular Expenditure Committee for investigation; if so, (b) what was the outcome of the investigation and (c) what consequence management measures will be instituted to prevent a reoccurrence of this in her Department;
2. whether her Department has strengthened the internal control environment with regard to management of irregular, fruitless and wasteful and unauthorized expenditure; if so, what measure was implemented, if any; if not,
3. (a) by when will the measures be put in place and (b) what cost will her Department incur to implement these measures?

**\*17. Mr J P J Botha to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

*With reference to the substance abuse treatment grant outlined by the National Treasury in 2014/15 financial year:*

1. How much was allocated for the construction of a public substance abuse treatment facility in the province in (i) 2014/15 and (ii) 2015/16 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. of the amount allocated, how much was spent in each of the respective years;
3. (a) where was the treatment center set to be constructed and (b) has construction been completed; if not, why not; if so,
4. when is it anticipated that (a) construction will be complete and (b) the facility will be ready for utilization?