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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 WRITTEN REPLY**

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**88. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*With reference to an article titled “Xesi families fall through crack” published in the Daily Dispatch dated Wednesday, 7 June 2017, regarding the Mhala Public Primary School in Xesi location that has been closed down and that learners have been redirected to another school 7 km away:*

1. As the education of these learners is alleged to have been disrupted by the non- payment of the transport service provider, what measures is his Department taking or has taken with a view to ensuring that learners are afforded the opportunity to catch up on missed work;
2. (a) what measures has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring that these learners, who qualify for scholar transport, do indeed receive this service on an ongoing basis and (b) how much has been budgeted in this regard for the current financial year;
3. whether he can kindly provide a list of (a) all small rural schools which have been closed already in the province and (b) the schools to which the learners have been redirected; if not, what is the position;
4. with respect to each case, whether the learners are being transported to and from school by the scholar transport system, in the event that their new school is more than 5 km away from their homes; if not, why?

**89. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*Noting that the textbooks procurement for the 2017 academic year was reported to have been fraught with shortages and late deliveries across the province, despite assurances from his Department that 100% of textbooks would be delivered before the start of the academic year:*

1. Whether his Department has established its anticipated Grade by Grade enrolment yet for the 2018 academic year; if so, what are the relevant details;
2. in light of the above, whether his Department has estimated the anticipated growth or shrinkage in numbers for 2018 based on trends over the past few years; if not, what is the position;
3. what is the expected percentage of retention of usable textbooks at the end of the 2017 academic year;
4. (a) when will the procurement process for textbooks begin in order to ensure that all textbooks are received and delivered to schools before the beginning of the 2018 academic year and (b) how much has been budgeted in this regard?

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

*With reference to the Fort Grey TB Hospital in East London which was closed in March 2016, and has since been reported to have been reduced to a heap of rubble which is an act of vandalism, waste of resources and infrastructure and the loss of a facility capable of housing 162 beds that could have been repurposed:*

1. Which official from which department has signed the rental agreement for the Fort Grey TB Hospital;
2. what were the terms of the lease agreement;
3. how long was the official lease and if she can kindly provide a full copy of the official lease agreement;
4. who owned the buildings of the hospital at the time of its closure;
5. if she can kindly provide the name of the company or individuals responsible for security on the premises of the abovementioned hospital after the conclusion of its final lease agreement?

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

What is the unit cost per child calculated by her Department in social assistance extended to affiliated (i) Non-Profit (NPO) and (ii) Non-Governmental (NGO) organizations in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

1. Whether her Department has funded any Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) that specialize in (i) mental health, (ii) disabilities and (iii) drug abuse in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial year; if so, in each case,
2. (a) how many NPOs were funded in the province, (b) what is the total financial value and (c) how many of the specified NPOs were compliant with the Non-Profit Organization Act 71 of 1997?