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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**

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2017

**9. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the Premier:**

1. Whether he has taken any steps with a view to ensuring the roll out of free WIFI throughout the province; if so, what steps;
2. how many free WIFI spots are planned for the current financial year;
3. how much has been budgeted for the roll out of the hotspots throughout the province?

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

Whether it is projected that any provincial government departments will (a) underspend or (b) overspend in respect of (i) capital or (ii) operating expenditure by the close of the current financial year; if so, (aa) how many, (bb) which departments and (cc) what are the relevant details and amounts involved in each case?

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

*With reference to the renewal of an employment contract for a staff member (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) at the Rietbron Clinic which has not been renewed despite assurances at the end of 2016 that the contract was on the MEC‘s desk pending sign off. This apparent negligence is alleged to constitute a dereliction of duty to the staff member, the staff at the Rietbron Clinic and all the patients who suffer extended waiting times and delayed service because the said staff member has not yet been afforded the opportunity to sign her contract of appointment:*

1. What steps her Department has taken with a view to providing the staff member (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) with the contract of employment that was waiting for sign off by her in December 2016;
2. can she kindly provide a detailed explanation as to why the said contract has not yet been delivered to the said staff member;
3. whether her Department has a scheduled date on which this contract will be delivered to the said staff member; if so, can she kindly provide the delivery date; if not, why not;
4. whether she can kindly provide a thorough explanation of all contingency measures her Department has put in place with a view to assisting patients at the currently alleged short staffed Rietbron Clinic; if not, what is the position in this regard;
5. how many clinic sisters and staff in the province have yet to sign their contracts of employment for 2017 and if she can kindly provide relevant details per clinic?

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

*With reference to a Sister (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) who runs a private Primary Health Care Clinic at Crossways, who is alleged to be concerned about the impact of her Department’s decision to withdraw the provision of Immunisation medicines to her clinic as she regularly has to check children and babies who have not been immunised and that she is no longer supplied with the wherewithal to immunise children and babies at her clinic:*

1. Can she kindly provide a comprehensive explanation of her Department’s rationale for ceasing to provide immunisation medicine to this clinic;
2. as there are only a few taxis in the area and transport is costly for the unemployed and under employed who live away from the main roads (R120 to get to Kwelera, Mooiplaas or Soto) plus the employed lose a day's wages if they have to travel to the abovementioned sites, whether her Department has any plans in place with a view to increasing the number of mobile clinics operating in the area around Crossways; if so,
3. how many mobile clinics will be sent to Crossways;
4. when will they be sent there and if she can kindly provide the exact dates;
5. on what days and for how long on each of these days (provide daily contact hours)  will the mobile clinics serve the people of Crossways;
6. if there are no plans to increase access to local clinic services, whether her Department will restore the provision of immunisation medicine to the abovementioned clinic; if not, why not when there is a clear need to protect infants and children in the area;
7. whether her Department will subsidise transport for the indigent and poor; if not, can she kindly provide a detailed explanation for that?

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

*Noting that the DR2004 and the MR475 in particular and the roads network in general in Ndlambe are said to be in such a poor state that farmers in the area had to take it upon themselves to repair potholes in the area just to render the roads usable, spending R 54 470.00:*

1. When will her Department attend to the roads network in Ndlambe;
2. which roads will receive priority in this financial year;
3. how much has been budgeted for the roads in Ndlambe for the past 3 financial years;
4. how much has been spent on the Ndlambe roads network in the past 3 financial years;
5. (a) how much budget has been allocated to the Ndlambe roads network for the 2017/18 financial year and (b) when will work commence;
6. according to information received, the current contractor in Ndlambe has not been paid for the past 5 months; if so, (a) why have they not been paid and (b) when can they expect payment;
7. (a) why has there been no Roads Forum meetings since October 2016 and (b) when will the Roads Forum meet again;
8. what procedures must be followed by the farmers to claim the R 54 470 back from her Department;
9. what will her Department do until such time work is carried out on the said roads network to guarantee the safety of all road users?

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

1. Whether her Department has taken a policy decision with a view to releasing crime statistics on a quarterly basis; if so, from what date is this applicable;
2. whether her Department has made any quarterly release of provincial crime statistics; if not, why not; if so, (a) are these readily available and (b) can she kindly provide a copy?