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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.

1. \*Indicates a question for oral reply.

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

FRIDAY, 16 MARCH 2018

**23. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. Whether he has been informed of the continued awarding of tenders to Kwane Capital by provincial municipalities including Mbhashe, Ngqushwa, Amahlathi, Port St Johns and Raymond Mhlaba Municipalities, wherein Kwane Capital reportedly owned by a person *(name furnished for the purpose of the reply)* who allegedly leases yellow plant equipment to these small and cash strapped municipalities for an average of R1 million monthly rentals for three years at a time; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. whether he has been informed (a) of a Special Investigative Unit’s reported investigation on the abovementioned company which allegedly uncovered that Amahlathi Municipality unlawfully paid R92 million to the company in 2014 and (b) that an alleged hire-to-purchase deal between the abovementioned company, Ngqushwa and Amahlathi Municipalities was under investigation in 2014; if so,
3. can he kindly provide reasons as to what justifies the alleged continued awarding of lucrative tenders by provincial municipalities to the abovementioned company; if not what is the position in this regard;
4. whether his Department is satisfied that tender processes within provincial municipalities are done in accordance to a system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective as provided by the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act no. 108 of 1996); if so,
5. whether the abovementioned company deals with provincial municipalities are in line with these requirements; if not, what plans has his Department put in place with a view to mitigating this to ensure lawfulness?

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

1. Whether he has been informed that ET Thabane Primary School in Ugie has allegedly still not been attended to; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
2. whether his Department envisages (a) the school will be rebuilt and (b) the school structure will be refurbished;
3. can he kindly provide the relevant details as to (a) when his Department envisages the school will be rebuilt or refurbished, (b) why has the school reportedly not been rebuilt or refurbished in almost 4 decades and (c) what is the timeline with regard to putting in place action steps with a view to rebuilding or refurbishing the abovementioned school?
4. **Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**
5. Whether he has been informed that Umlamli Senior Primary School in the Sterkspruit area is alleged to have not been rebuilt in 2005; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

1. what is the status on the progress of having the school rebuilt;
2. can he kindly provide relevant details as to why has the school allegedly not been rebuilt since 2005;
3. what is the timeframe for when his Department envisages construction (a) will start and (b) will be complete?

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

1. Whether he has been informed that Fontein Primary School in the northern areas in Port Elizabeth is reported to have a total number of 745 learners as at February 2018, (including Grader R) of which 158 (38 still to be tested) are alleged to be Learners with Special Educative Needs (LSEN) learners; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
2. how many teacher posts has his Department allocated to the abovementioned school in (i) 2016, (ii) 2017 and (iii) 2018 academic years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. whether his Department envisages the school will be rebuilt; if so, can he kindly provide the timeline for construction to start and be completed;
4. whether the abovementioned school is still expecting furniture from his Department; if so, when does his Department envisage the furniture will be delivered;
5. when his Department envisages the abovementioned school will be upgraded to a full service school taking into account the large number of LSEN learners?

**27. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*In light of the alleged eight deaths registered in the province as a result of the food-borne listeria bacteria (listeriosis):*

1. Whether her Department has embarked on any awareness campaigns on the bacteria’s dangers and symptoms of infection; if not, why;
2. whether she has been informed of the reported calls by the provincial monarchs and traditional leaders for her Department to conduct such awareness campaigns throughout the rural areas in the province; if so, can she kindly provide details in this regard;
3. whether her Department has any plans in place with a view to embarking on such campaigns; if so, what are the details and timeframes; if not, can she kindly provide reasons in this regard?

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

*With reference to the housing project reportedly situated in Phakamisa, Ward 25:*

1. (a) When did the abovementioned project start and (b) can she kindly indicate whether her Department has granted any extensions for the project; if so, can she kindly provide the (aa) dates and (bb) reasons in this regard;
2. (a) what is the total budget for the abovementioned project and (b) how much has her Department spent to date as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. how many houses (a) in total her Department envisages will be built for this project and (b) have been complete to date as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. whether she can kindly (a) provide the latest beneficiary list pertaining to the abovementioned project and (b) indicate when has her Department last amended the list as well as the changes that were implemented;
5. (a) how many (i) happy letters and (ii) title deeds has her Department distributed and (b) can she kindly provide the names of the recipients;
6. (a) how many houses (aa) are currently occupied by recipients, (bb) are complete but vacant and (cc) have been occupied by illegal occupants and (b) can she kindly provide the relevant site numbers;
7. how many of the properties have been subjected to vandalism;
8. with particular reference to the following beneficiaries, *(names and details furnished for the purpose of the reply)* can she kindly indicate whether they (a) are the rightful beneficiaries and (b) have received their happy letters or tittle deeds; if not, why?

**29. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

What are his Department’s (a) definition and or (b) minimum requirements for a farmer to be classified as a commercial farmer?

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

*With reference to the Daily Dispatch article dated Monday, 5 March 2018, titled ‘Kids at King Williams’s Town (KWT) centre may lose home’ stated that the KWT Child and Youth Care Centre (CYCC) funding would be stopped and children would be transferred to other children’s homes. The KWT CYCC reportedly provides a residential facility which cares for more than 95 vulnerable children and youth:*

1. Whether she has been informed of the fact that her Department’s officials have allegedly threatened to withdraw funding at the end of March 2018 to the tune of approximately R3 million; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
2. whether her Department has conducted an investigation regarding the allegation of financial mismanagement and non-compliance to the Children’s Act (Act no. 38 of 2005); if not, why; if so,
3. whether the report has been submitted to her Department and the organisation’s board;
4. whether (a) her Department’s officials have discussed the report’s findings and (b) her Department has developed a joint turnaround strategy; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. whether her Department has afforded the abovementioned facility a reasonable opportunity to rectify the shortcomings; if so, (a) how much time was given and (b) what were these shortcomings; if not,
6. what steps her Department envisages to take with a view to helping the organisation to correct non-compliance matters as 95 children may potentially suffer emotional trauma?

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

*Given the fact that her Department has reportedly started deinstitutionalization of the older persons and frail, disabled older persons to comply with the community based care model, home based care and residential care with a keen focus on equitable spread across the province of Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs):*

1. Whether she can kindly state how many (a) emerging NPOs has her Department identified and (b) NPOs meet the norms and standards as required by her Department eligible to accept the mentioned categories of patients;
2. how her Department envisages to create an enabling environment for the new service providers that were previously excluded from government funding to successfully access equal opportunities in this regard to render services?

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

1. Whether she can kindly provide relevant details as to (a) when has her Department appointed the task team under the leadership of the Head of Department (HOD) into gangsterism in the province, (b) how often has the task team met, (c) on what dates and (d) who are the role players that form part of this task team;
2. whether her Departmental officials have been present at all meetings; if not, why and what are the relevant details;
3. can she kindly specify what the object of the task team is;
4. can she kindly provide the relevant details of what successes has the abovementioned task team had to date?

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

1. How many shooting incidents related to gang violence were reported in the province in (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17 and (iii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how many people were killed in gang-related violence in the province in the abovementioned years as the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. what are the main areas in which the abovementioned incidents took place and can she kindly provide the breakdown per area in relation to question one and two above;
4. whether she can kindly provide the relevant details as to how many people were injured and killed during gang-related incidents in relation to question one and two above;
5. whether any steps have been or are to be taken by the South African Police Service (SAPS) task force with a view to eradicating gangsterism in the province; if not, why; if so, what steps;
6. what actions has her Department taken in respect of gang members who are arrested but are under the age of 16;
7. whether any other provincial departments are liaising with the SAPS in terms of a holistic strategy with a view to combating gangsterism; if not why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
8. whether there is effective liaison between the SAPS and the Departments of Justice and Correctional Services with a view to ensuring that the fight against gangsterism is prioritized; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
9. whether her Department has devoted sufficient resources from crime intelligence to the fight against gangsterism; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

1. What (a) should the fixed staff establishment be and (b) is the current number of staff at the Humewood Police Station;
2. whether her Department has taken or envisages to take any steps with a view to addressing staff shortages at the said police station; if so, what steps;
3. with reference to the abovementioned police station, (a) how many detectives (i) should be allocated and (ii) does the station currently have; (b) how many vehicles (i) should be allocated and (ii) does the station currently have as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. whether any of the abovementioned police station vehicles are currently undergoing repairs; if so, how many (a) are undergoing repairs and (b) have done more than 200 000 km;
5. what is the ratio of vehicles at the abovementioned police station to detectives in the Humewood policing area;
6. whether her Department has considered a beachfront South African Police Service (SAPS) sector for the station; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
7. what steps are the SAPS taking with a view to improving safety along the Humewood policing beachfront area and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
8. whether her Department supports the establishment of a beachfront SAPS sector; if not, why and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**35. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport, Safety and Liaison:**

*With reference to the alleged stopping of scholar transport for scholars from Hillside Farm, Uitenhage, and surrounding areas to Glenconnor School:*

1. Whether she has been informed of a scholar transport operator contracted for (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years for Hillside Farm and surrounding areas to Glenconnor School, Uitenhage; if so, can she kindly provide the name of the operator as well as a copy of the contract or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);
2. whether she can kindly (a) indicate which transport operators has her Department contracted for the following pupils (*names and details provided for the purpose of the reply*) and (b) provide the reasons as to why they are allegedly no longer provided with scholar transport;
3. can she kindly indicate what her Department intends to do with a view to ensuring that the abovementioned pupils receive scholar transport;
4. whether she has been informed that (a) there has reportedly been a problem with the scholar transporters for the Hillside Farm and surrounding areas in Uitenhage and (b) the alleged problem has resulted in disturbance to the transportation of pupils; if so,
5. can she kindly indicate the date from which transport has been stopped?

**36. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport, Safety and Liaison:**

1. Whether scholar transport is provided for learners from Sea Vista to Humansdorp Senior Secondary School; if so, can she kindly provide (a) names of the scholar transport operators as well as their corresponding contracts or Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), (b) the routes that each of the abovementioned scholar transport operator travel and (c) the names of the pupils who are to be transported by the abovementioned scholar transporters; if not,
2. can she kindly (a) provide reasons as to why there are no scholar transport operators for the Sea Vista to Humansdorp Senior Secondary School and (b) indicate when were the abovementioned services allegedly stopped?

**37. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport, Safety and Liaison:**

1. (a) How many grievances are outstanding for (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17, (iii) 2017/18 and (iv) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she kindly provide a detailed list, per district, indicating (i) when the grievances were instituted, (ii) the reasons for the grievances and (ii) the Department’s responses;
2. can she kindly (a) indicate, from the abovementioned years, which grievances has her Department unresolved and (b) provide the reasons in this regard;
3. can she kindly provide a copy of the legislation and Departmental policies which outline the way in which grievances are dealt with in her Department;
4. (a) what future measures her department envisages will be implemented with a view to ensuring that grievances are resolved in a timely manner and can she kindly provide the necessary time frames in this regard?