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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER**

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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, 16 JANUARY 2015

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

 Whether the Integrated Quality Management System (IQMS) payments due on 1 July 2014 and subsequently postponed until 10 December 2014, had been paid out as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, (a) why not, (b) what total amount is outstanding in this respect and (c) when is it anticipated that the payments in question will made to the relevant recipients?

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

 Whether his Department had received an application from Westville Secondary School in Port Elizabeth for consideration for Quantile 3 status as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) what is the status of this application and (b) when is it anticipated that this application will be (i) finalised and (ii) approved?

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

1. Whether he has been informed of the dilapidated condition of the Louis Rex Primary School in Queenstown; if so;
2. whether any plans have been or are to be put in place with a view to addressing the current condition of this school; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) when is it anticipated that this school will be (i) refurbished or (ii) rebuilt given its top ranking position on the priority list in the Queenstown District;
3. whether any surveys had been carried out in respect of the above school as at the latest specified date for which information is available, given the health and safety hazard it poses; if not, why not; if so, (a) when were these surveys completed and (b) what was the outcome in each case?

**4. Mr C Martin to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

 Whether his Department had received an application for financial assistance from youth group Azania for a project tender involving the transportation of students from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) in Port Elizabeth, many of which originate from Peddie, as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) when was this application received, (b) when is it anticipated (i) that this application will be processed and finalised and (ii) the applicants will be informed of the outcome thereof, (c) what meetings, if any, have been held in this regard to date and between which parties and (d) what are the timescales involved in accordance with his Department’s policy in processing such applications?

**5. Mr C Martin to ask the MEC responsible for Local Government and Traditional Affairs:**

1. Whether he has been informed of the critical water shortage in the province and in particular in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipal Area (NMBM); if so,
2. whether any (a) water savings and (b) water demand management initiatives had been implemented on a domestic level including the introduction of pressure reducing valves and bulk-leakage detection systems as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
3. what (a) measures, if any, are currently being implemented with a view to detecting leaks on a domestic level and (b) mechanisms are being utilised with a view to addressing chronic domestic leakage and water loss as per the Auditor General’s (AGs) Report;
4. what are the latest statistics available in terms of volume and monetary terms in respect of lost and unaccounted water in the province to date?

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

1. How many gang-related murders were reported in the Mount Road Cluster in Port Elizabeth from 1 December 2014 up to and including the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. whether any steps have been or are to be taken with a view to reducing gang-related crime levels in this area; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps and (b) when?

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

1. Whether the Kinkelbosch weighbridge was fully operational as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, (a) why not, (b) how long has this bridge been non-operational, (c) what steps, if any, have been or are being taken with a view to rectifying this situation, (d) what total losses have been incurred to date as a result of this bridge not being operational and (e) when is it anticipated that this bridge will once again be fully operational;
2. whether this bridge has a functioning and available automatic backup generator in place; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will have access to such to ensure operation?

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

 Whether any of the pupils of the Louis Rex Primary School in Question were benefitting from the scholar transport system underway in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, (a) why not, (b) what steps, if any, are being taken with a view to ensuring that the 1300 pupils attending this school have access to the scholar transport system and (c) when is it anticipated that this access will commence?

**9. Mr C Martin to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:**

1. Whether her Department had received any applications or requests for financial assistance from the Northern Arts Festival since its inception in 2007 as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) how many (i) have been received and (ii) been successful and (b) what total amount, if any, has been granted to this festival in each consecutive year to date;
2. which criteria were utilised in providing funding for the Motherwell Heritage Event held in September 2014 as opposed to the criteria utilised in processing applications for funding received from the National Arts Festival, the only difference between the two being their geographic locations;
3. whether the same criteria as above were utilised in processing the applications for funding from the Northern Arts Festival; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
4. whether it is anticipated that her Department will assist the Northern Arts Festival should they apply for financial assistance in the future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?