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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, 21 AUGUST 2015

**255. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*With regard to the matter referred as “APPEAL: TOWN PLANNING AMENDMENT 8297: REZONING OF ERF 8, MOUNT PLEASANT” reference number 10/5/1/7-8:*

1. Whether he has been informed that the matter was first referred to The Acting Director, Municipal Development and Land Use Management attached to the Department of Housing and then to the Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs by the Executive Director of Human Settlements at Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM) on 21 July 2014;

1. whether he has been informed that the said matter has not yet been finalised;

1. whether he has been informed that the Executive Director of Human Settlements at NMBM recommended that its decision should be upheld; namely that the Premier should approve the rezoning;

1. whether a time frame of more than twelve months for finalising such a matter is normal; if not, what are the reasons for the delay;
2. when will the abovementioned matter be finalised?

**256. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. Whether he has been informed that the Amathole District Municipality is alleged to be cancelling contracts with various contractors for infrastructure related projects in order to save costs to pay for the Siyenza group toilet scandal; if so,
2. what are the affected projects;
3. (a) how and (b) when will contractors of the affected projects be paid for work commissioned by the municipality;
4. what is the outstanding amount due to contractors for work done in the municipality in the financial years (i) 2014/15 and (ii) 2015/16 up until the latest specified date for which information is available;
5. what steps has his department taken to replace failed or undelivered toilets that were supposed to be provided by the Siyenza group?

**257. Ms C H Barker to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

1. Whether he has been informed that 17 students who qualified for the department’s learnership programme at Walter Sisulu University at the Ibika Campus have been financially excluded this academic year despite funds being allocated for the programme. Furthermore, upon querying the matter with the co-ordinator of the learnership programme at the Department of Education, an official (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) refused to be of any assistant to the students nor to communicate the reasons for the discontinuation of the funding.
2. why did they discontinue funding for the abovementioned students;
3. how much was allocated for the learnership programme in the province for the current academic year;
4. (a) how many students have been excluded from the learnership programme in the province and (b) for what reasons;
5. what steps has his department taken to ensure that provisions are made to students who were excluded from the programme in order for them to complete their studies;
6. what disciplinary action will be taken against the official mentioned in (1) in light of his disregard to assisting in the matter?

**258. Mr P E Van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

1. Kindly list the schools within the Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage districts that are (a) (i) to be refurbished and (ii) to receive new additions and or replacements;
2. whether there are available amounts for these projects for the financial years (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17 and (iii)2017/18;
3. when and where will the abovementioned schools be refurbished;
4. whether he can provide (a) a list of all the schools set to be refurbished and (b) specific refurbishments that will be done at each school?

**259. Mr P E Van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

1. Whether he has been informed that Westville Special School in Port Elizabeth has not received an adequate stationery supply despite having ordered it through his department;
2. when will the school receive an adequate supply of stationery;
3. why did the school initially receive substandard stationery despite having placed the order through his department;
4. what steps will his department take to ensure that schools are provided with quality stationery in the province?

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

1. Whether he has any discretionary fund within his department; if so, (a) what guidelines are applicable to the disbursement of money from this fund and (b) what total amount was budgeted for this fund in respect of the 2014/2015 financial year;
2. whether this budget was utilized in the 2014/2015 financial year; if not, why not; if so, (a) what amount was used and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of expenditure in respect of each specified item;
3. what amount was budgeted for this fund in respect of the 2015/2016 financial year;
4. whether any disbursements from this fund had been made as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not; if so,
5. what is the detailed breakdown of expenditure in respect of each specified item?

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

1. Whether the Sunday's River Valley Hospital has x-ray facilities; if so, how many machines are available;
2. whether these machines are in working order;
3. how many members of staff have been appointed to work in the x-ray department;
4. if there are no x-ray facilities at the Sunday's River Valley hospital, why is this so;
5. if x-ray equipment is dysfunctional, (a) on what precise date will it be repaired and (b) what are the reasons for the machines to be dysfunctional?

**262. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

 *With regard to the residents of Area Q of Walmer Township:*

1. Whether the residents have received title deeds for houses but not the houses as outlined in the deeds; if so, how many residents are in possession of these title deeds but not houses;
2. whether there are any residents that are being charged service charges for homes that they are currently not occupying; if so, (a) what are the reasons for this and (b) what steps has her department taken to remedy the situation;
3. what are the plans for the delivery of housing to residents of Walmer Township for the (i) 2015/16 and (ii) 2016/17 financial years; kindly provide relevant details.

**263. Mr P E Van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Roads and Public Works:**

1. Whether all Members of the Provincial Legislatures (MPLs) have received furniture for their state houses; if not, why not;
2. when will all outstanding furniture be delivered to state houses;
3. what is the budget for (a) the maintenance and (b) refurbishments and provision of outstanding furniture of the specified houses in the 2015/16 financial year;
4. when will the process of maintenance, refurbishments and provision of outstanding furniture to state houses be finalized?

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

*With reference to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on 20 July 2015 at Queens Road, King Williamstown at approximately 15h55, where an off-duty police officer who was allegedly under the influence of alcohol and another person (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) were involved. A traffic officer (known to the police officer) who attended to the scene asked both the person and the police officer to perform an alcohol test on site. It is alleged that the traffic officer then informed them that the reading could not be used, therefore, both the police officer and the person should go to King Williamstown Police Station. It is further alleged that the off duty police officer only arrived at the station an hour after the incident having allegedly consumed cold drink.*

1. Whether she can provide details of the traffic official who attended the scene;
2. what steps, if any, will be taken against this official;
3. what were the (a) alcohol readings taken from the police official and the specified person at the scene and what were the (b) readings an hour after the incident at the King Williamstown Police Station;
4. what steps were followed to take the tests;
5. whether she will take any steps against the off-duty police official who was involved in this accident; if not why not; if so, what are the relevant details thereof?