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

1. (a) Which (aa) municipalities in the province have been declared drought disaster areas; (bb) of these municipalities have approved drought intervention plans in place; (b) what amount has been paid out to each specified municipality to date and (c) how was this money used;
2. when were the specified municipalities declared drought disaster areas;
3. (a) which dams in the province have reached levels below the restricted level for abstraction as per the operating rules of each dam and (b) when was this level reached;
4. (a) how many towns in the province have run dry from 1 April 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; (b) what are the names of (i) each town and (ii) each local municipality and (c) what interventions his Department has put in place in each of the specified towns?

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

*With reference to salaries paid to Department of Health (DOH) employed physiotherapists:*

1. If she can kindly provide the annual salary scales for physiotherapists employed by her Department from 01 January 2010 to the most recent specified date for which information is available;
2. (a) how frequently are these salary scales adjusted and (b) by what percentage;
3. can she kindly provide tabulated evidence of all annual and other increases;
4. on what dates were DOH physiotherapist salary scales adjusted in the period from 01 January 2010 to the latest specified date for which information is available;
5. what is the current hourly rate of pay for all DOH physiotherapists and can she kindly provide documented evidence in that regard;
6. (a) on what date did DOH physiotherapists receive their most recent increase and (b) by what percentage were physiotherapists' salaries increased in the current financial year?

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

*With reference to the alleged recently liquidated Majola Tea Estate:*

1. Whether his Department has any plans in place with a view to rehabilitating the Magwa and Majola Tea Estates; if so, (a) how much has been budgeted in this regard and (b) over which financial period;
2. who will be responsible for the management of the estates;
3. what measures his Department will implement with a view to ensuring the successful rehabilitation of the specified estates to their full production capacity and if he can kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
4. whether there has been any progress report released by the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC) regarding Magwa Tea Estate’s business rescue proceedings; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) progress has been made by the ECDC to date and can he kindly provide relevant details?

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

1. (a) How many farmers received assistance from the government’s drought relief funding programme in the (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17 financial years and (iii) since 1 April 2017, and if he can kindly provide details per municipality and (b) what amount did each municipality receive in each of the respective years;
2. how much has been budgeted for drought relief funding for farmers in the province for the current financial year;
3. what total amount of funding is required by the province to provide adequate drought relief assistance to farmers in the province;
4. whether his Department has taken any steps with a view to securing additional funds to assist farmers in the province; if so, can he kindly provide relevant details and amounts?

**165. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

*Noting that a group of seven people in the village of Riebeek East in Makana Municipality is reported to have formed and registered a co-operative called Riebeek East Khula Blocks Primary Co-operative Ltd, and that the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (now DRDAR) is alleged to have bought crusher stone, sheeting, nails, reinforced mesh and two converted containers for the co-operative to the value of approximately R150 000,00 and have allocated annual funding to this project; further noting that valuable brick making machinery is alleged to have been delivered to the site in 2013 and that Makana Municipality was reported to be responsible for supplying electricity and water from a borehole for the brickmaking process:*

1. Whether he has been informed that not even a single brick has been manufactured on the site; if so, why;
2. can he kindly explain why the Makana Municipality has to date not supplied either water or electricity in order for the brick production to begin;
3. whether his Department can account for all the monies that have been allocated to the project and not spent as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why;
4. as the project either needs to be re-launched as a viable concern, to be shut down and resources allocated elsewhere where they could benefit others or the co-operative has to be given other opportunities for work as their efforts in this particular project have been thwarted at every opportunity, whether his Department intends to take one of the options or any steps with a view to addressing the situation; if so, can he kindly provide relevant details?

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

1. How many centres of victims of abuse and violence are there in police stations in the province;
2. which police stations have not established the abovementioned services for victims in the province;
3. whether there is a trained officer who specializes in domestic violence cases in each police station in the province; if not, which police stations do not have the abovementioned trained officers;
4. whether officers in each police station in the province regularly undergo training in domestic violence matters; if so, can she kindly provide relevant details;
5. what is the total number of domestic violence cases that were reported in the province in the (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17 and (iii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

1. Whether the South African Police Service (SAPS) keeps statistics of domestic violence cases in the province; if not, why; if so,

1. what steps or campaigns are being taken by the province with a view to educating people with regard to the prevention and eradication of domestic violence;
2. how many cases of domestic violence were withdrawn in the province in the (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17 and (iii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

1. How many (a) child protection and family violence units are operational in the province and (b) officers are trained in providing child protection services;
2. which stations or clusters do not have trained protection officers;
3. whether her Department has any plans in place with a view to including additional units in the province; if so, what are the details;
4. whether any statistics on child abuse crimes are kept by the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the province; if not, why; if so,
5. what are the relevant details for the (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17 and (iii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?