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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, 03 NOVEMBER 2017

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

*In pursuance to the oral response provided for question 6 of IQP 31 dated Friday, 8 September 2017, on the report from the selection panel in the appointment of the Municipal Manager (MM) in Intsika Yethu Municipality, reported to have been availed to the council, which upon further engagements, it is alleged that there was no record of any Special Council Meeting on 7 July 2017 in the specified municipality nor was the report presented to the council which resulted in a complete lack of transparency and is highly irregular.*

*Noting further that a correspondence was sent to the MEC on 15 August 2017 regarding the abovementioned appointment, however, a response was received more than two months later on 26 October 2017 to acknowledge receipt of the correspondence, which is why the matter was referred to questions for oral and written reply:*

1. Due to the fact that it has been reported that there was no Special Council Meeting on 7 July 2017 as referred to by his Department, may he kindly provide a response to clarify this contradiction;
2. whether he can he kindly provide the minutes of the meeting where the recruitment report and recommendations was submitted to council together with such report and recommendations by the selection panel;
3. if the minutes mentioned above are unavailable, when will he launch an investigation into this appointment;
4. how his Department will justify the more than 2 month delay in responding to queries from members of the Legislature?

**249. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*With reference to Glenconnor Primary School outside Kirkwood, which is alleged to have inadequate toilet facilities for the learners and staff:*

Can he kindly provide details as to the ownership of the land that the school is built upon in order to clarify who should be responsible for upgrading the toilet facilities?

**250. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*Noting that the Education Social Support Services (ESSS) has recently made specialists such as psychologists and speech therapists available to schools:*

1. How many schools are there in the Sarah Baartman School District;
2. how many of the therapists mentioned above does his Department envisage to make available to the school district;
3. how many schools does his Department anticipate each of the abovementioned therapists to cover in order to have a positive impact on learners with special educational needs or learning differences?

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

1. Whether he has been informed of a substantive post that is reported not to be suitably filled for the 2017 academic year by an educator (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply) at Glenconnor Primary School in the former Uitenhage District; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so
2. can he kindly provide reasons as to why has the educator, substituting since 2013 academic year, not been paid for 2016 and 2017 academic years whilst she has received remuneration for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 academic years as a substitute at the abovementioned school;
3. can he kindly provide reasons as to why was the educator reportedly paid for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 academic years and not paid for the 2016 and 2017 academic years for the same post at the school mentioned above;
4. (a) when is it anticipated that his Department will permanently fill the post occupied by the educator above, as it is allegedly paid for by the School Governing Body (SGB) and (b) can he kindly provide reasons for not filling the post;
5. can he kindly provide reasons as to why the abovementioned educator cannot be paid retrospectively from 1 January 2017 for having substituted in the post since January 2017; if not, why; if so, what are the reasons?

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

1. Whether he has been informed that Glenconnor Primary School has been identified for

closure in the rationalization process; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

1. whether the school has been notified of his Department’s intentions with regard to its ensuing closure; if not,
2. can he kindly provide reasons for not informing the school of his Department’s intentions;
3. whether the school community has responded with written recommendations to his Department, as to whether the school should close or not; if so,
4. what are the recommendations from the school community;
5. if the recommendations approve the closure of the school, how far are nearest schools for the learners to attend, presuming the parents support the merger with another school?

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

1. Whether he has been informed that currently a school, AV Bukani Primary School in Addo, is alleged to have 5 substantive vacancies as per the Post Provisioning Norms (PPN) and that only 4 of the 5 vacancies have been reported to be filled by walk ins and the other post is allegedly paid for by the SGB; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
2. can he kindly provide reasons as to why the other post is not paid for by his Department although it is alleged that there are 5 vacancies according to the PPN;
3. whether he has been informed that the walk ins are qualified and fit the profiles of the posts that they are filling; if so,
4. (a) whether is there any possibility that these educators can be absorbed by his Department through its processes; if not (b) why; if so,
5. when is it anticipated that his Department will facilitate the absorption?

**254. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

*Noting that local municipalities were tasked to have Estuarine Management Plans (EMPs) in place by 2012, and further noting that Ndlambe Municipality as yet does not have an EMP:*

1. What reasons has his Department given for the municipality’s failure to have an EMP;
2. what steps his Department envisages to take with a view to ensuring that the abovementioned plan, which is viewed as important, and all relevant steps in developing the plan are completed as a matter of urgency?

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

*In respect of expenditure patterns for each provincial department specifically for the month of March 2017:*

1. What was (a) the percentage of the budget spent and (b) the actual amount in respect of

(i) capital expenditure and (ii) goods and services during the period specified above;

1. what was the total percentage of the budget spent in respect of each department in terms

of (a) cost of employees (COE), (b) goods and services and (c) capital expenditure?

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

*In respect of expenditure patterns for each public entity specifically for the month of March 2017:*

1. What was (a) the percentage of the budget spent and (b) the actual amount in respect of

(i) capital expenditure and (ii) goods and services during the period specified above;

1. what was the total percentage of the budget spent in respect of each public entity

in terms of (a) cost of employees (COE), (b) goods and services and (c) capital expenditure?

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

1. Whether she has been informed of a housing project intended or underway for Ward 44

at Breidbach in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM);

1. can she kindly provide details as to who has been awarded the project, if any;
2. can she kindly provide details of the criteria and procedure for determining the

successful company for the project above;

1. (a) how many other companies have put in bids for the project and (b) can he kindly

provide the names of the companies;

1. (a) what total budget amount has been allocated for the project and (b) over which financial period, if any;
2. what is the expected duration of the project, if any?

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

*With reference to R335 which is once again reported to be in a state of disrepair with massive dangerous potholes in places:*

1. When her Department envisages to attend to the road mentioned above;
2. what total budget has been allocated to this road in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years;
3. whether her Department envisages to take any steps with a view to ensuring the safety of all road users until such time as the road has been attended to; if so, what steps?

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

1. Whether the South African Police Services (SAPS) is currently utilizing the SAPS Tennis Club on the corner of Dan Pienaar Street and Conyngham Road, Glendinningvale in Port Elizabeth;
2. whether the SAPS is the owner of the abovementioned property; if not, who are they currently leasing from;
3. whether the SAPS plan to take any steps with a view to ensuring that the tennis club is properly maintained and the current eye-sore is cleaned up; if not, why;
4. whether the SAPS have any plans to dispose of the site in the near future; if not, why?

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

1. What is the staff complement of the law enforcement officers in the Eastern Cape;
2. what is the operation budget for the officers mentioned above;
3. what is the new intake or appointment of additional officers for the (i) 2014/15, (ii)

2015/16, (iii) 2016/17 and (iv) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for

which information is available;

1. if no additional appointments were made, can he kindly provide reasons why;
2. what is the ratio of law enforcement officers to registered road users;
3. what is the ratio of patrol vehicles to registered road users?

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

1. Whether she can kindly provide details, per district, of the number of accidents that have

been caused by stray animals from January 2017as at the latest specified date for which

information is available;

1. how many rangers, per district, are available to patrol stray animals;
2. what are the ranger’s working hours;
3. whether the rangers receive a stipend or a fixed salary;
4. how many trucks, per district, are available to impound stray animals;
5. what is the fine or penalty that animal owners have to pay to release their animals from

the impound, if any?

**262. Ms N Z Balindlela to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:**

1. Whether she has been informed that Bayworld in Nelson Mandela Bay has not been

audited for the past 3 years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

1. (a) when was the abovementioned institution last audited and (b) what

were the outcomes of the audit;

1. what steps her Department envisages to take to ensure that Bayworld is regularly

audited?