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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 ORAL REPLY**

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL 2017

*Premier:*

**\*1. Mr C Martin to ask the Premier:**

1. Whether he has been informed of any national projects in the province that the President and the National Ministers have pronounced on for the last 4 to 5 terms; if so,
2. (a) what do these projects entail, (b) at what cost, (c) how far are these projects to date and (d) where are they situated;
3. how often does the province meet with relevant offices on these pronounced projects;
4. how many (a) are in the planning stage, (b) are still being done and (c) have been completed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**\*2. Mr M M Mhlati to ask the Premier:**

1. How many civil servants in the Provincial Administration have been put on suspension;
2. for how long have they been placed on suspension with full pay;
3. what reasons have been advanced for the delays in finalizing their disciplinary cases as the envisaged fruitless and wasteful expenditure being incurred should have been avoided;
4. whether he is satisfied that all the suspensions being effected are genuine to prevent the involved employees from interfering with the investigations; if so, what prevents the government from locking up all the relevant documents pertaining each case and allow the employees to resume their duties;
5. whether the said employees who were put on suspension and won their cases have been allowed to resume their duties; if not, why not?

*MEC’s:*

**\*3. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. Whether he has received any representations with respect to Ward 19 of Mnquma Local Municipality which was declared a disaster area last year in November 2016 and again in January 2017; if so,
2. why have the affected families, who lost their homes, not yet received any assistance from government;
3. when and what action his Department will take or has taken with a view to assisting these homeless families;
4. how long does it take for the government to assist disaster stricken families as it has become a regular occurrence;
5. how much did his Department allocate to Amathole and OR Tambo District Municipalities to cater for disaster management in the 2017/18 financial year?

**\*4. Mr L K Sharpley to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. Whether he has been informed of villages in Ward 21 of Mnquma Local Municipality (Ngcuka, Tshazibane, Sawutana, Mazizi and Lahlangubo) that are without electricity; if so,
2. when will electricity be installed in the above mentioned villages;
3. whether he has been informed that toilets in Tshazibane were only installed half way while the rest of the village and Lahlangubo village have no toilets that have been installed; if so,
4. when will toilets be installed and finished in these villages?

**\*5. Mr M M Mhlati to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

1. How many schools in the province are going to be closed because of his Department’s rationalization programme and if he can kindly furnish (i) the names thereof and (ii) their magisterial districts;
2. whether the Hon MEC for Roads and Public Works has been informed of the buildings to be vacated as the custodian of infrastructure in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard?

**\*6. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

1. What was the total under-expenditure for his Department as at 31 March 2017;
2. whether any of this amount is related to capital expenditure; if so how much;
3. what is the reason for the under-expenditure;
4. what items does the under-expenditure relate to with regard to the provincial education budget;
5. what steps his Department has taken or is taking with a view to assisting in this regard?

**\*7. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*With respect to his indication that he wants to increase the number of functional schools by providing a comprehensive package of support to 560 quintile 1 to 3 secondary schools:*

1. Whether he implied that no support is needed for secondary schools in quintiles 4 and 5; if so, have all schools in quintiles 4 and 5 performed above the benchmark of 60%;
2. what does this comprehensive package entail, that which is aimed at increasing the number of functional schools in the poorer quintiles and if he can kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
3. (a) whether he can kindly provide reasons as to why there are numerous malfunctioning secondary schools in the province, (b) what have been the contributing factors in this regard, (c) what were the corrective measures introduced if any and (d) whether consequence management has subsequently been implemented;
4. what (a) steps will his Department take in order to increase the number of functional secondary schools in the province and (b) are the timeframes involved?

**\*8. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*With respect to various pronouncements he has made, that the rationalizing and realigning of small and unviable schools was one of his Department’s priorities that will soon be concluded:*

1. (a) How many small and unviable schools have been rationalized and realigned as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) could he kindly detail the progress made in having these small and unviable schools rationalized and realigned;
2. how many functioning schools have been identified with a view to absorbing these small and unviable schools into their system;
3. by when is it anticipated that his Department will conclude the process;
4. whether his Department has increased the number of hostels to be built or to be refurbished with a view to accommodating learners where schools have merged or are going to merge in the absence of reliable transport; if not, why not; if so, can he kindly provide relevant details in this regard?

**\*9. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*Noting that a Science Centre which had been promised to the community of Cofimvaba last July by the Minister of Science and Technology, which originally would have opened this month but was delayed by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):*

1. Why was the planned centre not relocated to an area nearby which is not environmentally sensitive;
2. what is the status of the EIA study to date;
3. when can the community of Cofimvaba, including the 26 schools which stand to benefit from the development, expect to have the Science Centre opened and operational?

**\*10. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*With reference to the primary and high school pregnancies that continue to plague our female youth in the province:*

1. In light of the Educational Management Information System (EMIS), what were the pregnancy rates in the 2016 academic year in (i) high schools and (ii) primary schools in the province;
2. (a) which programme, within his Department, deals with the learners affected by these early pregnancies and (b) how does his Department protect the emotional, physical, mental and academic wellbeing of these learners pre- and post- childbirth;
3. what drastic steps his Department is taking with a view to assisting the Department of Social Development so that it can educate young learners, families and communities about the dangers and obstacles that these early pregnancies result in?

**\*11. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

1. What are the total accruals for the Department of Health including the payment of medico legal claims as at 31 March 2017;
2. whether the amount of R1.4 billion that was presented in the National Assembly as at 31 January 2017 was correct; if so, why was this not mentioned in the provincial budget and Policy Speech;
3. how does his Department intend to render assistance to the Department of Health in this regard;
4. whether there will be any national bail-out for the said department; if so, can he kindly provide relevant details in this regard?

**\*12. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

 *Noting that there is a link between economic infrastructure development and economic growth:*

1. What percentage of the overall budget did the province invest in economic infrastructure projects, including projects related to water, sanitation, roads and telecommunications for the (i) 2014/15, (ii) 2015/16 and (iii) 2016/17 financial years;
2. what percentage of the overall budget will the province invest in economic infrastructure projects, including projects related to water, sanitation, roads and telecommunications for the current financial year;
3. what were the economic growth figures for the province over the past 3 financial years and if he can kindly provide relevant details in this regard?

**\*13. Ms C Barker to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

1. (a) How many roadworthy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicles are available and in good repair in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM), (b) how many EMS vehicles are currently under repairs as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (c) where does her Department store decommissioned EMS vehicles in the NMBMM;
2. what is the maintenance budget for EMS vehicles in the NMBMM for the 2017/18 financial year;
3. (a) if she can kindly provide details of the routes and areas to which each EMS vehicle is assigned in the NMBM and (b) on which routes in the Nelson Mandela Bay have EMS vehicles been robbed, attacked or vandalized;
4. what exact provision did her Department make to protect staff and patients in EMS vehicles and if she can kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
5. (a) what is the recommended EMS staff complement for the NMBMM and (b) exactly how many EMS staff members are currently employed in the NMBMM?

**\*14. Ms C Barker to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

1. Why is her Department alleged to have failed to declare its looming insolvency;
2. on what exact date will it do so;
3. what is the total amount accrued by punitive court orders against her Department as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. whether any instructions have been issued for payments to creditors; if so, (a) on which dates and (b) by whom; if not, why not?

**\*15. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Roads and Public Works:**

1. Whether she has received any representations regarding the government’s intention to construct a bypass road in Butterworth to ease the flow of traffic; if so,
2. (a) how much has been allocated for this project and (b) over which financial period;
3. when is it expected that the project will commence and be completed?

**\*16. Mr M Von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Roads and Public Works:**

*With reference to the previous Question number 10 on IQP 3, dated Friday 3 March 2017, posed to the MEC responsible for Education, where the reply indicated that the school has been subsequently handed over to the Department of Roads and Public Works*:

1. Whether her Department has assessed the current state of Khumbulani High School; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) when did the assessment take place; if not, why not;
2. whether her Department has a plan in place with a view to clearing the site or rebuilding the said school; if so, (a) what are the relevant details in respect of the above, (b) how much has been budgeted to deal with the matter and (c) over which financial year?

**\*17. Mr L K Sharpley to ask the MEC responsible for Roads and Public Works:**

1. Whether she has been informed of the roads in Upper Lahlangubo – Hewu under Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality, that have not been repaired since the time of the Ciskei Government; if not, what is the position in this regard;
2. whether she has been informed of her Department’s camps and machinery in Upper Lahlangubo that are alleged to have been shut down in so much that ambulances have difficulty to service this area; if so, what plans did her Department put in place with a view to rescuing the affected community; if not, what is the position in this regard;
3. when will her Department repair the said roads?

**\*18. Mr J P J Botha to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

*With reference to the reported death of an elderly resident from Gelvan Park Frail Care Centre in March 2017 and the 58 other residents that fell ill from alleged food poisoning:*

1. Whether the abovementioned frail care centre in Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) has received an amount of R1.7 million for the financial year 2015/16 from her Department; if so, (a) when was it transferred, (b) how much was transferred and (c) was the whole amount transferred at once to the institution;
2. (a) whether she can confirm, on what budget items the finances her Department allocated to the abovementioned frail care centre was used for and (b) in which budget line items does the institution require more funding from her Department;
3. (a) how often was the abovementioned frail care centre evaluated and monitored in the 2015/16 financial year and (b) what where the outcomes of these evaluations?

**\*19. Mr J P J Botha to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

*With reference to reply to Question number 280 on IQP 41, dated Friday 27 January 2017 pertaining to the internal department investigations:*

1. Whether she can confirm that the amount mentioned on the reply is indeed correct; if so, can she kindly present the correct amount in words;

1. (a) how many misuse of GG (state vehicles) cars are being investigated, and (b) what is the actual financial value attached to this;
2. (a) whether she can kindly explain what she meant by “improper selection of suppliers” that are being investigated and (b) what is the amount involved in this regard;
3. (a) what is the total amount in words regarding fraudulent use of project funds and (b) if she can kindly explain “irregular appointment of NYS”?

**\*20. Mr M Von Buchenroder to ask MEC responsible for Transport, Safety and Liaison:**

*With reference to the back office in East London where all fines and district warrants are processed;*

1. (a) Whether the back office in East London is sufficiently resourced and (b) what is the organogram of the back office;
2. whether all current staff members employed in the back office are employed on permanent basis;
3. which district/department is the above staff members transferred from;
4. (a) how many fines and warrants are being processed on a monthly basis and (b) what is the total revenue for (i) 2014/15, (ii) 2015/16 and (iii) 2016/17 in collected fines;
5. what is the success rate of the back office in collecting fines?