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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.

1. \*Indicates a question for oral reply.

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

FRIDAY, 15 JUNE 2018

**215. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the Premier:**

1. Whether the Anti-Corruption Hotline for the province is still operational; if not, why not; if so, how many calls did it receive for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years until the latest specified date of which information is available;
2. whether any of the calls resulted in an investigation for the abovementioned financial years until the latest specified date of which information is available; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the relevant details;
3. whether any of the calls resulted in any significant findings for the abovementioned financial years until the latest specified date of which information is available; if so, what are the relevant details;
4. whether any of the phone calls resulted in any investigations undertaken by law enforcement for the abovementioned financial years until the latest specified date of which information is available; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the relevant details
5. if there were any successful prosecutions as a result of the phone calls for the abovementioned financial years until the latest specified date of which information is available; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the relevant details;
6. (a) what is the annual cost of running these lines, (b) how many incoming lines are there and (c) how much staff is available at hand to answer these lines and to process the information received?

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

1. Whether any law enforcement investigations are currently being conducted in the Amahlathi District Municipality; if so,
2. what is the nature of the investigations;
3. what are some of the latest developments with regard to any law enforcement agency investigations into the Amahlathi District Municipality?

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

*Noting that from 2003 to date, approximately R35 million has been reportedly spent on an attempt to upgrade the Aliwal Spa on the outskirts of Aliwal North, and further noting that the Joe Gqabi Development Agency had taken over the Spa and called for expressions of interest from potential investors*:

1. What is the current status of the Aliwal Spa as a tourist destination;
2. whether the Joe Gqabi Development Agency ever managed to secure potential investors; if so, who are they;
3. whether a forensic audit has been conducted into costs of the upgrade to the Spa, as there are allegedly no improvements despite the fact that R35 million has been reportedly spent on the so-called upgrade;
4. (a) who is ultimately responsible for this expenditure and (b) what action will be taken against this person / entity if it is unable to account for the alleged spend?

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

1. Whether he has been informed of the backlog of learners receiving their original National Senior Certificate (NSC) after visiting his Department on numerous occasions (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
2. (a) when will the abovementioned learner receive her original NCS, (b) what is the delay in learners receiving their NSC and (c) whether his Department has any action plan in place with a view to rectifying the backlog; if so, what action plan?

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

1. Whether he has been informed of educators (names and details furnished for the purpose of the reply) from Despatch Primary School who have not been paid their salaries since January in one case and April in the other case; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
2. (a) when (provide specific date) will the abovementioned educators receive their salaries and (b) why have educators not been paid their salaries for numerous months and (c) what is his Departments’ plan of action to ensure that all educators are paid on time?

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

1. Whether he has received any representations regarding the alleged closure of Rietbron Primary School; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so
2. what is the Department’s plan regarding the (i) school building and (ii) hostel and if he can kindly provide details with specific action dates?

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

*Noting that the teacher to learner ratio in schools for learners with special needs is 1:10, and the ratio in classrooms with learners on the autism spectrum is 5:1 respectively:*

1. Whether all (a) special schools in the province conform to these ratios; if not, why and (b) teachers in the province who are currently teaching learners with severe and profound disabilities have a teaching aide in their classroom to assist them; if not, why;
2. whether the Differentiated CAPS curriculum has been rolled out in all special schools across the province yet; if not, what caused the delays?

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

*Noting that Mtyobo Primary School in Nemato in Port Alfred reportedly has structural damage that is potentially life threatening, and further noting that this damage has allegedly been reported to the district office but no action has been taken as yet:*

1. Whether the District Office has even reported this alleged damage to the Infrastructure Directorate; if not, why;
2. as the damage is reportedly structural and very dangerous, who would be responsible if the cement beams were to collapse onto a person walking below;
3. while there is reportedly no budget for new projects in this financial year, can it be assumed that there is an allocation for urgent repairs to structures that are hazardous;
4. whether he can kindly advise on the steps his Department envisages to take with a view to ensuring that this alleged dangerous structure is repaired and can he kindly indicate the time frames in which this matter will be resolved?

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

*With reference to the Tower Hospital in Fort Beaufort which is alleged to have violated patients' right and noting that the South African Society of Psychiatrists (SASOP) has allegedly investigated the case and compiled a report which the Health Portfolio Committee has yet to receive:*

1. Whether she can kindly provide reasons as to why has her Department reportedly delayed the release of the SASOP report;
2. on what exact date her Department anticipates the SASOP report will be circulated;
3. who is responsible for such delayed communication in the public interest;
4. what consequence management her Department envisages will apply to those who have withheld such vital information from the public?

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

*According to Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPRO) statistics 667 members of staff in the Provincial Department of Health have allegedly been blacklisted by Treasury:*

Whether her Department can kindly provide the following information:

Tabulate the (i) the positions held by the 667 blacklisted members of staff, (ii) reasons for each blacklisting, (iii) length of service, (iv) consequences for each blacklisted individual and (v) steps other than PDMS that her Department envisages it will take with a view to monitoring and assessing its staff?

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

*Noting that due to the alleged decrease in the Human Settlements Developmental Grant, certain housing projects will have to be blocked:*

1. Whether he can kindly indicate which housing projects’ funding his Department has stopped and can she kindly provide response per municipality;
2. what steps his Department envisages taking with a view to ensuring that the abovementioned housing projects are completed?

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

1. Whether his Department has any housing projects set for (i) 2016/17; (ii) 2017/18 or (iii) 2018/19 financial years for Ngcobo as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, can he kindly state the names of the project(s);
2. whether he can kindly indicate the names of the contractors who have been awarded the abovementioned housing projects;
3. how much has his Department (a) budgeted for the abovementioned projects and (b) spent to date;
4. how many houses (a) are set to be built for the abovementioned project and (b) have been built thus far;
5. of the houses built, how many have had services attached?

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

*With reference to Ward 8 Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM):*

1. Whether there are any housing projects set for Ward 8 in the abovementioned municipality for (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so,

1. how much has his Department (a) budgeted and (b) spent for the abovementioned financial years;
2. (a) who are the appointed contractors for the abovementioned projects, (b) how much has been paid to date to the contractors, (c) when did the contractors commence their services and (d) when do their contracts end;
3. what is the completion date(s) for the abovementioned projects;
4. whether his Department has allocated temporary housing to the beneficiaries; if so, how long have the beneficiaries been living in the temporary structures;
5. (a) what ablution facilities and refuse services has his Department installed for the people residing in the temporary structures and (b) how much has his Department (aa) budgeted and (bb) spent on these services;
6. whether there is a complete beneficiary list for the projects mentioned in (1); if so, can he kindly make the list available; if not, why?

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

*With reference to the bid adjudication committee:*

1. How often does the bid adjudication committee meet;
2. how often is the bid adjudication committee required to meet;
3. if the bid adjudication committee does not meet the requirements in terms of the frequency of meetings, what (a) is the reason therefore and (b) will be done to ensure regular meetings?

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

1. How many police stations in the province currently do not have (a) electricity, (b) water, (c) telephones and (d) internet connectivity;
2. how many police stations are scheduled to receive (a) electricity, (b) water, (c) telephones and (d) internet connectivity in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and what are the relevant details in this regard;
3. what are the names of the police stations in respect of (a), (b) and (c) above;
4. (a) how many police stations are scheduled to be refurbished in the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she can kindly provide the names of these police stations;
5. (a) how many police stations were refurbished in the (i) 2016/17 and (ii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she can kindly provide the names of these police stations?

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

1. How many cash-in-transit heists took place for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. whether any government vehicles such as South African Police Service (SAPS) or South African National Defence Force (SANDF) were used by criminals in cash-in-transit heists for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. whether any SAPS members have been arrested during any cash-in-transit heists in the province for the above mentioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

1. whether any stolen firearms were used during the cash-in-transit heists within the province for the above mentioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*With reference to the Child Justice Act 75 of 2008:*

1. How many children were placed in child and youth care centres in 2017/18 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how many child and youth care centres are there currently in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. can she kindly provide relevant details as to the names and locations of the abovementioned centres;
4. how many of these centres are currently (a) operational and (b) non-operational as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she can kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

(1) Whether she has been informed of the high number of social work graduates in the province who were beneficiaries of her departmental bursary scheme who are yet to be placed in positions in the province; if so,

(2) (a) how many students benefitted from the aforementioned bursary scheme in (i) 2015, (ii) 2016 and (iii) 2017 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) at which institutions of learning were these students registered and (c) what total amount was expended by her Department on bursaries in each of the aforementioned years;

(3) (a) how many bursary beneficiaries (i) had and (ii) had not been placed from 2015 up to and including the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what plans, if any, has her Department taken or envisages to take with a view to facilitating and ensuring the placement of bursary recipients in the province?

**233 Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

1. Whether she can kindly provide details as to how far her Department is in the process of verifying all contractors who were contracted from the former Department of Roads and Public Works who now fall within the responsibility of the Department of Transport?
2. (a) what (aa) is the total amount owed to these contractors as at the latest date for which information is available and (bb) are the names and amounts owed to each contractor and (b) when will the aforementioned contractors receive the amounts owed to them?
3. whether her Department has completed the process of handing over all former contracts; if not why; if it is underway, when will this process be completed?

**234. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

1. Whether she has been informed that the DR1822 and DR1814 roads which service schools and a large farming community are reportedly in a very poor condition and are in need of an upgrade; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

1. when her Department anticipates this gravel road will be upgraded;
2. (a) what is the budget for upgrading the roads in the Kou-Kamma Municipality and surrounding areas and (b) over which financial period;
3. what has been the delay in upgrading these roads?

**235. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

1. Whether she has been informed that approximately three years ago R1 000 000 was allegedly given to upgrade the road affected by floods, specifically DR1800, but this money was spent on other roads not affected; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
2. (a) when her Department anticipates the said road will be upgraded and (b) what has been the cause of the delay;
3. whether there is a budget to upgrade this road; if so, (a) what amount and (b) over which financial period?

**236. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

1. What is the value of yellow fleet owned by her Department with specific reference to the roads programme;
2. what percentage of yellow fleet is operational/working condition;
3. of the remainder as per (2) above, what are the reasons for non-functionality of the working fleet;
4. whether the yellow fleet is subject to compliance certification; if so, what are the requirements;
5. whether all yellow fleet has compliance certification?