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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

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2019

*Premier:*

**\*1. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:**

- (1) Whether he can kindly provide (a) a detailed breakdown of investments agreed upon between the provincial government and the Chinese trade delegation, as well as (b) the expected value that these investments his Office anticipates will yield to the provincial economy;
- (2) with regard to the abovementioned investments, how many jobs his Office expects to be created by each investment;
- (3) what incentives, such as tax rebates or rates holidays are being offered by the provincial government for Chinese foreign investment;
- (4) whether the provincial government has agreed upon any restrictive trade conditions in lieu of the abovementioned investments; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) what role his Office anticipates the provincial government will play in facilitating cooperation and partnership between provincial businesses and their Chinese counterparts;

- (6) whether his Office has identified any opportunities for the provincial businesses in China; if so, can he kindly provide the details in this regard?

**\*2. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:**

*Noting the reported launch of the District Based Service Delivery Model (the model) in O R Tambo District Municipality on Monday, 16 September 2019 and further noting that an amount of R11.5 billion has reportedly been allocated for the rolling-out of the model:*

- (1) Whether the R11.5 billion allocation is from (a) national government or (b) provincial government or (c) a joint funding; if so, can he kindly specify (aa) the ratio in rand value from national and provincial governments and (bb) from which departments and programmes his Office anticipates money will be diverted for the model and can he kindly provide a list in this regard;
- (2) whether his Office envisages the model will have an impact on existing provincial departmental programmes; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) can he kindly (a) supply the business plan of the model, specifically relating to the aforementioned municipality and (b) provide details as to who his Office anticipates will manage the implementation of the model;
- (4) can he kindly list all the specific projects, specifying which of the projects are (a) new projects, with anticipated commencement date and (b) existing projects, with expected completion date;
- (5) where his Office anticipates the projects in (4) above will be rolled in the municipality?

**\*3. Mr R Odendaal to ask the Premier:**

- (1) Which provincial departments have failed to submit their Annual Financial Statements to the Auditor General before the due date of 30 June 2019 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) can he kindly provide the reason for the failure of each of the departments in (1) above to submit their Annual Financial Statements timeously;

- (3) whether the departments, themselves, have taken any remedial steps with a view to preventing a reoccurrence of this situation next year; if so, what remedial steps and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether his Office has taken any remedial steps with a view to preventing a reoccurrence of this situation next year; if so, what steps and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*4. Mr R Odendaal to ask the Premier:**

- (1) What is the total amount outstanding in respect of creditors of provincial departments as at (i) 30 June 2019, (ii) 31 July 2019 and (iii) 31 August 2019;
- (2) what is the total amount outstanding in respect of creditors of provincial departments where the debt in (1) above has been outstanding for more than 90 days as at the aforementioned period;
- (3) what is the total amount outstanding in respect of creditors of provincial departments where the debt in (1) above has been outstanding for more than 60 days as at the period specified above;
- (4) what is the total amount outstanding in respect of creditors of provincial departments where the debt in (1) above has been outstanding for more than 30 days as at the period specified above;
- (5) what interventions has his Office taken with a view to ensuring timeous payment of provincial creditors by provincial departments within 30 days from receiving the accounts/invoices?

*MEC's:*

**\*5. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*Noting that in December 2018 at Mekeni Location, Mthwaku A/A, Ngqamakhwe, in (ward 18) of Mnquma Municipality, there was reportedly a terrible disaster whereby 15 families lost their homes and 3 families allegedly completely lost their homes:*

- (1) When his Department anticipates it will assist the families mentioned above;

- (2) what measures has his Department put in place with a view to urgently help the three families that are alleged to be without homes at all;
- (3) how much has been allocated to the province for disaster with a view to mitigating global warming specifically disaster that destroys homesteads?

**\*6. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed that Sawutana Location in Ntseshe Administrative Area, in Ngqamakhwe, is alleged to be the only village that has no water in ward 19 in Mnquma Municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) (a) can he kindly provide reasons as to why did the aforementioned municipality allegedly exclude the village mentioned above in the provision of water and (b) when his Department envisages the water project can start in the abovementioned village?

**\*7. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*In relation to the Nqweba Dam at Dr. Beyers Naude Municipality which is alleged to be left with less than 1% of water and further noting that Graaff-Reinet is alleged to be now fully dependent on boreholes for its water supply:*

- (1) What drought mitigation support has his Department established with a view to dealing with the crisis mentioned above;
- (2) what (a) total amount of drought relief funding has his Department allocated to the aforementioned municipality and (b) has the municipality earmarked it for exactly;
- (3) (a) how much of the amount in (1) above has the abovementioned municipality spent and (b) on what;
- (4) (a) how much of the budget remains, (b) what is it earmarked for and (c) what are the time-frames for the spending of these amounts;
- (5) whether the aforementioned municipality is planning on requesting a roll-over for any of the funds allocated; if so, why?

**\*8. Ms T Gaya to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*Noting that some townships found in and around historic Komani allegedly battle intermittent water and electricity cuts:*

- (1) What support has his Department provided with a view to strengthening institutional capacity and effective service delivery in the municipalities around the aforementioned area;
- (2) what awareness programmes has his Department implemented with a view to ensuring that communities are well informed of the availability of free basic services for individuals and families experiencing hardship?

**\*9. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

- (1) (a) What is the financial contribution that tourism has brought into the provincial local economy, in rand value, over the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years, per district, as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can he kindly provide a breakdown, per district, in terms of (aa) contribution by local tourists in comparison to foreign tourists and (bb) foreign domestic arrivals to the province in the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether the province has lost any jobs in the hospitality industry in the last two financial years, per district, as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) how many, (b) what were the jobs and (c) why were these jobs lost;
- (3) how many tourists visit the province, per district, (a) daily, (b) weekly, (c) monthly and (d) yearly in the last two financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

**\*10. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

- (1) Whether his Department has a backlog with regard to the completion of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) in the province; if so, (a) why, (b) how many of these assessments were outstanding as at the latest

specified date for which information is available and (c) who is responsible for ensuring the completion of these reports;

- (2) whether his Department has taken or envisages to take any steps with a view to (a) eliminating this backlog and (b) preventing a reoccurrence of such a backlog in future; if not, why; if so, (aa) what steps and (bb) when his Department anticipates the steps will be implemented?

**\*11. Ms K Vimbayo to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

*Noting that The Premier recently hosted a delegation from China's Zhejiang province as a means of cementing strategic relations between the home of legends and Zhejiang Province and further noting that the Chinese have visited our Pondoland and have reportedly made commitments with regard to the plantation of cannabis:*

- (1) Whether he can kindly provide details as to on what this strategic relationship brings to the province as far as economic development is concerned;
- (2) can he kindly shed some light on what his Department envisages the communities of Pondoland will benefit from the cultivation of cannabis;
- (3) whether he can kindly appraise the House on the progress made towards the revitalisation of industrial parks in the province?

**\*12. Mr M M Twabu to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

*Noting that the effects of climate change can be felt the world over and further noting that oversight visits reportedly expose the environmental status of our towns, cities and villages, wherein communities are allegedly immersed in debris and waste:*

How does his Department plan to contribute towards preventing further damage to our fragile environment through action against those who fail to comply with relevant laws?

**\*13. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) How many (a) vacant posts and (b) teachers in excess are there at schools in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many Funza Lushaka bursary holders (a) successfully completed their degree courses in the (i) 2017 and (ii) 2018 academic years and (b) had been placed at schools in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) whether his Department has taken or envisages to take any steps with a view to filling the high number of vacancies at schools in the province; if not, why; if so, what steps;
- (4) how his Department envisages teachers who are on the redeployment list are going to be utilised if they do not fit the profiles of the available substantive vacant posts at schools in the province;
- (5) whether his Department envisages all vacant posts at schools in the province will be filled by 1 April 2020; if not, why?

**\*14. Ms N Maqubela to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he can kindly appraise the House on the criteria his Department uses in (a) allocating funds and (b) providing support to special schools across the province and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) (a) how many special schools does his Department support and (b) in which districts can these schools be found?

**\*15. Ms N Maqubela to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of fires which allegedly broke out in the Artwell Madala Senior secondary school, Blythswood Hostel and Sterkstroom Senior Secondary School; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) to what extent have the fires damaged the institutions;

- (3) whether his Department has offered any assistance in order to ensure that teaching and learning are not negatively affected in these institutions; if so, what assistance; if not, why?

**\*16. Ms K Vimbayo to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

*Noting that the Provincial Treasury has reportedly established a system of tracking payment of invoices to Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the prescribed 30 days:*

Whether his Department has piloted the aforementioned initiative; if so, (a) what preliminary findings his Department anticipates can be made with regard to the running of the service and (b) when can roll-out be expected?

**\*17. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*Noting that procedural fairness is reportedly referred to by the Department of Health but not being practiced in terms of the filling of vacant funded posts at district management level in the Nelson Mandela District:*

- (1) What clinical experience does the District Director of Clinical Services (*name furnished for the purpose of the reply*) have, who is acting in this post;
- (2) (a) how many years of this experience does the aforementioned individual have and (b) where did he gain this experience;
- (3) what qualifications does the aforementioned acting District Director have that qualifies him as a suitable candidate for this post;
- (4) whether there is currently a dispute around this post due to a senior manager allegedly employed in the same district that qualifies for this post, but cannot access it because the individual mentioned above is acting in this post; if so, what steps is her Department taking with a view to ensuring that the dispute is resolved and the most suitably qualified person will fill said post?

**\*18. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*Noting that in the Nelson Mandela Bay District of the Department of Health, there is allegedly still an excess of vacant funded posts at most hospital and clinic facilities:*



- (1) How many vacant funded posts were available in each of the three Sub-Districts A, B and C of the Nelson Mandela District as at the first day of the 2019/20 financial year;
- (2) how many of these vacant funded posts remain unfilled as at end September 2019 or as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what is causing the delays in filling these critical posts if they are already funded and thus do not need to be referred to the Provincial Cost Control Committee (PCCC);
- (4) as it has allegedly been established that the “baseline” which caused the reabsorption of funded posts after a period of six months no longer applies, whether her Department has informed all medical facilities and of such; if not, why;
- (5) what urgent steps her Department anticipates will be taken in order to ensure that these posts will be filled with suitably qualified applicants as a matter of urgency in order to minimize the potential of further litigation in understaffed facilities?

**\*19. Ms N Nyalambisa to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*Noting that school health is an important element of NHI readiness:*

- (1) What quantitative and qualitative successes has her Department recorded in this regard;
- (2) how does school health contribute towards supporting girl children and educating them on sexual health related risks in light of gender-based violence and harassment of girl children?

**\*20. Ms N Nyalambisa to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

Whether she can kindly provide details as to when her Department envisages the Mthatha pharmaceuticals depot will be opened and fully functional?

**\*21. Mr M M Twabu to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

*Noting that the community of ward 1 of Mbizana Local Municipality has allegedly raised concern over the Down Town housing project whose construction has reportedly been delayed since 2013:*

- (1) What factors have reportedly led to this significant delay;
- (2) whether she can kindly appraise the House on when her Department anticipates the construction project is (a) set to begin and (b) to be completed?

**\*22. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Public Works:**

- (1) What steps has his Department taken with a view to addressing the issue of (a) capacity development caused by the Occupation Specific Dispensation (OSD) stringent requirements on appointment of professionals within the department and (b) the registration of candidates with professional bodies?

**\*23. Mr M Dlelanga to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

*Noting that a farm in Tsolwana, (Tendergate) area was reportedly established to produce spinach, tomatoes, cabbage and sweet potatoes and is now no longer functional, further noting that the farm allegedly created 24 jobs for the youth and experienced a significant boom, as establishments such as Shoprite would reportedly procure produce from the farm and lastly noting that due to alleged political infighting, the workers downed tools and eventually left the project due to non-payment:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the aforementioned farm that is reported to have been funded by her Department in 2016 for R2, 5 million; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether her Department has any plans in place with a view to (a) reviving the operations on this farm and (a) assisting the workers towards partaking in meaningful employment?

**\*24. Mr M Dlelanga to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

What plans has her Department put in place with a view to assisting famers in the Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality area towards mitigating the effects of the looming drought?

**\*25. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

- (1) Whether there is an ammunition shortage within the provincial South African Police Service (SAPS) for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) what are the causes for this ammunition shortage and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) what impact has this shortage had on police operations and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether her Department has put any measures in place with a view to addressing the causes of these alleged shortages and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*26. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

- (1) How many members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) (a) have completed and (b) should have completed firearm proficiency testing in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 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) can she kindly provide the reasons for SAPS members allegedly not completing their firearm proficiency tests;
- (3) what steps has her Department taken in the interim with a view to ensuring that officers are not removed from operations due to not being able to complete firearms proficiency testing;
- (4) how many police reservists have (a) completed and (b) not completed their firearm proficiency test for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*27. Ms V A Camealio-Benjamin to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

*Noting that the recently released (2019) crime statistics reportedly reflects that the East London Precinct is ranked number 27 in the country's top 30 stations where serious crimes were reported:*

How well has her Department fared in the implementation of crime prevention strategies which seek to ensure that our people live and work in safe communities?

**\*28. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed of a large number of social work graduates, who allegedly received bursaries from the government but who remain unemployed; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many unemployed social workers, who received the bursary from the National Department of Social Development, are there currently in the province;
- (3) how many social work-related vacant posts are there currently in her Department;
- (4) when is her Department planning on filling these vacancies?

**\*29. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

- (1) What is the total amount of funding owed to Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) by her Department in excess of 30 days as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what is the breakdown of the amounts owed per NPO in excess of (i) 30 days, (ii) 60 days and (iii) 90 days as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) (a) what are the reasons for the delay of these payments and (b) when her Department anticipates the payments will be made;
- (4) (a) when did her Department first experience issues with the payment system which resulted in the alleged late payment of subsidies to NPOs in

the province and (b) what steps has her Department implemented since then;

- (5) whether the steps in (4) above have been successful; if not, why; if so, what then are the reasons for the continued late payment of subsidies to NPOs?

**\*30. Ms N H Konza to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

*Noting that Masibambaneni Service Centre for elderly and frail women in Whittlesea allegedly operates in a dilapidated structure, also noting that the Department of Social Development is reported to support the centre with funding for nutrition and a stipend for the cook and lastly noting that project members reported that no money had been received from April until August 2019:*

- (1) Whether she can kindly appraise the House on reasons for the alleged non-transfer of funds to the project during the period specified above;
- (2) whether her Department is in a position to assist the project towards operating in a more suitable structure; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*31. Ms N H Konza to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed of reported issues with regard to SASSA in Tendergate Location (Tsolwana), which include late and / or non-arrival of service on set dates, providing service to a limited number of clients and inexplicable administration of food parcel beneficiary lists; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details;
- (2) can she kindly provide detail as to how her Department intends to address the abovementioned issues which allegedly affect the most vulnerable sector of our society?

**\*32. Ms T Gaya to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed of five Chris Hani District libraries that are alleged to be without electricity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details;

- (2) what plans has her Department put in place with a view to intervening and remedying the situation;
- (3) noting that the term of office of the Board of Trustees of Dakawa Centre in Makanda Municipality has allegedly expired, can she kindly appraise the House on the progress of the appointment of the new Board?

**\*33. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the road at least 50km before Coffee Bay from Engcobo is reported to be in a dilapidated condition; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) can she kindly provide a detailed report as to why has her Department not attended to this road in the past few years;
- (3) whether her Department has any budget available with a view to repairing the aforementioned road; if not, why; if so, what amount has her Department budgeted in this regard;
- (4) (a) when her Department anticipates repairs will begin on this road, (b) how long will the repairs take and (c) when is it expected to be completed?

**\*34. Mr M Sondaba to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

- (1) Whether she has received any representations with regard to the alleged closure of the Traffic Services Office in Cala; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) what are the factors which led to the closure of the aforementioned centre;
- (3) (a) how did the alleged closure affect service delivery in that community and (b) what plans has her Department put in place with a view to addressing the issue?

**\*35. Mr M Sondaba to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

*Noting that the newly-built Queenstown – Whittlesea taxi rank allegedly stands unused and is at risk of vandalism and further noting that the rank is said to be non-operational due to alleged infighting between public transport owners from*

*Queenstown and Whittlesea, a situation which is said to leave commuters paying less to travel from Whittlesea to Queenstown as opposed to travelling in the opposite direction whereas the distance covered is the same:*

Whether her Department is in a position to intervene in resolving this conflict; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?