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### INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2019

**338. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:**

- (1) Which areas has the provincial government identified as (a) being water scarce and/or (b) disaster areas;
- (2) which assessments has his Office undertaken with a view to informing the decision(s) in (1) above;
- (3) (a) which (aa) municipalities, if any, have imposed water restrictions and (bb) areas have been subjected to the water restrictions and (b) how long have the water restrictions been in place;
- (4) what role has the provincial government played with a view to ensuring that the communities in the areas in (3) above have access to water;
- (5) what are the latest available water levels for the following dams: (a) Howieson's Poort, (b) Settlers Dam, (c) Ngcuwa Dam, (d) Darlington Dam, (e) Toleni Dam, (f) Nqweba Dam and (f) Loerie Dam as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

**339. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:**

- (1) Which entrepreneurs has the provincial government assisted in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how much has his Office made available to each entrepreneur in the form of grant funding;
- (3) (a) how much has his Office given to each entrepreneur in the form of a loan and (b) can he kindly indicate how much of the loan has been paid back by each entrepreneur as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) which of the aforementioned entrepreneurs' business ventures are currently operational;
- (5) how much has his Office budgeted for (a) grant funding and (b) loans for the (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21 and (iii) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) how many jobs has his Office created as a result of the aforementioned (a) grant funding and (b) loans provided by the provincial government?

**340. Mr N Bhanga to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Which municipalities in the province (a) has his Department placed under administration and/or (b) had any municipal functions taken over by his Department in terms of Section 139 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act no. 108 of 1996);
- (2) (a) what were the reasons, in each case for placing the municipalities under administration and (b) to what extent were those municipal functions taken over by his Department in respect of (1) (b) above;
- (3) how long has his Department placed each municipality under administration;
- (4) when his Department envisages that intervention will fall away for the aforementioned municipalities?

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

- (1) Of the local municipalities that are located within the province, how many have established Municipal Public Accounts Committees (MPACs);
- (2) of the established MPACs how many are fully functional?

**342. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) What is the total amount owed by consumers to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM);
- (2) what is the breakdown per (i) household, (ii) businesses and (iii) provincial government departments in respect of (1) above;
- (3) (a) how many households are in arrears for more than 6 months and (b) what is the total amount owed by these households;
- (4) (a) what measures has the aforementioned municipality put in place with a view to collecting these outstanding amounts and (b) whether his Department has provided any support to this effect; if so, what support;
- (5) of its capital budget, how much has the municipality spent;
- (6) what was the aforementioned municipality's revenue collection 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?

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

*Regarding teachers reporting to the district or Head Office:*

- (1) How many teachers have been reporting at district or Head Office instead of teaching since 2014 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what is the longest time a teacher has spent reporting at district or Head Office instead of teaching;
- (3) what has happened to teachers who were reporting at the district from Eldorado Park Secondary school;

- (4) what plans has his Department put in place with a view to avoiding the incidents of teachers reporting at districts or Head Offices while they are supposed to be teaching;
- (5) when reporting at districts or Head Office, what duties do these teachers perform;
- (6) whether his Department has conducted an impact assessment of teachers who leave their schools and report elsewhere; if so, what were the findings of the impact assessment?

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

*With regard to the article in the Daily Dispatch dated Tuesday, 20 August 2019, entitled "Nearly half of grade 2 pupils can't read":*

- (1) Whether he can kindly confirm that the research findings are true; if not, in the province, what percentage of (a) grade 2 learners cannot read and (b) grade 1 learners cannot identify the sound of letters;
- (2) what interventions is his Department implementing or anticipates implementing in order to address the issue in (1) above;
- (3) (a) what monitoring and evaluation strategies has his Department implemented with a view to ensuring that the implemented strategies are producing positive results and (b) how often are the implemented strategies evaluated;
- (4) how many schools in the province (a) have and (b) do not have libraries?

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

- (1) What is the total number of teachers currently employed in the province, per district;
- (2) how many learners, in total, attend and are registered from grade 1 to 12 in the province, per district as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (3) (a) how many teachers have received training in the past 3 years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) in what aspect were they trained;
- (4) how many teachers teach subjects they are not qualified to teach;
- (5) how many teachers are qualified to teach mathematics, technology, science, programming and design in the province;
- (6) in what way has the education system adapted to a fast-changing world, i.e. what changes has his Department made to the curriculum in the past 5 years;
- (7) how many teachers obtained their Continuing Professional Teacher Development (CPTD) system requirements in the past 5 years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (8) how does his Department monitor CPTD?

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

- (1) How many schools have been (a) burgled, (b) robbed and (c) damaged during the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) what are the names of the respective schools that have been (a) burgled, (b) robbed and (c) damaged during the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) how many (i) laptops, (ii) computers, (iii) tablets and (iv) other items have been (a) stolen and (b) damaged from the schools mentioned in (2) above in respect of the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relative details in this regard;
- (4) can he kindly specify what other items, mentioned in (3) (iv) above, were (a) stolen and (b) damaged from the respective schools;
- (5) what is the estimated total cost of the items that have been (a) stolen and (b) damaged in respect of each financial year mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (6) what steps has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring the safety of not only the relevant schools, but the pupils and teachers of the schools as well?

**347. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

- (1) Whether his Department maintains a register of service providers who have been flagged for poor performance, lack of performance and/or fraud in the past three financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why;
- (2) whether his Department updates such a register on a continuous basis; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) whether his Department has any flagged service providers who have tried to become service providers to the provincial government but due to this list were prevented from doing so; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*Noting that the entire Makana Municipality, including Alicedale and Riebeeck East, is alleged to currently only have access to two ambulances which reportedly results in delayed turnaround times for patients, sometimes more than a full day and further noting that this is reported to be inadequate for the population of the municipality which currently stands at approximately 82 000 people:*

- (1) Whether her Department anticipates to allocate some of the 157 newly acquired ambulances for the province to the aforementioned municipality, which according to national norms qualifies for at least eight ambulances; if so, how many; if not, why;
- (2) what urgent steps her Department envisages to undertake in order to ensure that the municipality mentioned above is prioritized to receive ambulances;
- (3) what time-frames her Department anticipates it will commit to in terms of purchasing and / or allocating ambulances to the abovementioned municipality in order to relieve this dire situation?

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

*Noting that several clinics in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) allegedly showed very worrying statistics around the reduced number of male and female patients attending clinics between the age cohorts of 15 to 19 years and also 20 to 24 years:*

- (1) Whether the reduced number of patients in these age cohorts can be directly linked to lower population figures in these age cohorts; if not; can she kindly provide details as to what can the drop in population numbers in these cohorts be attributed to; if so,
- (2) what are the main health or other factors that have resulted in mortality in these two age cohorts, which have reportedly resulted in the skewed population statistics;
- (3) whether this population reduction in these two age cohorts is localized in the aforementioned municipality, or is it a provincial or national trend; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*Noting that in Blekana Village in Ward 28 of the King Sabatha Dalindyebo Municipality, the erstwhile Minister of Health, (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) is alleged to have committed, a decade ago, to building a clinic in Hlophe Village, which would serve the residents of Blekana, Bomvu and Hlophe Villages and further noting that a site was reportedly identified for the clinic, a certificate was allegedly issued and the community was reportedly assured that there was budget for the building of the clinic:*

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide details as to why has the clinic reportedly still not been built, despite the office of the Public Protector allegedly writing to the local officials giving them a warning and time-frames to adhere to in 2014;
- (2) what steps her Department envisages it will take with a view to ensuring that the promised clinic does materialize for these communities, as patients are alleged to currently have to walk more than 15 km to the nearest clinic and this only if there is no rain, as the bridge across the river was allegedly washed away in floods in 2010;
- (3) what time-frames can her Department commit to regarding the scheduling and building of the clinic in Hlophe village?

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

*Noting that in Ward 12 in Frankfort in Amahlathi Municipality, there are allegedly houses that were left unfinished by a contractor in 2018 and further noting that some of the houses are reportedly not plastered and do not have doors and window panels and are not connected to sewerage and water system:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the houses built in the aforementioned area, which reportedly started in 2016, have been left unfinished since 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) who was the appointed contractor for the project mentioned in (1) above;
- (3) whether her Department has any plans in place, this financial year, with a view to completing the project; if not, in which financial year her Department envisages the project will be finalized; if so, when her Department anticipates the process of finalizing the project will commence;
- (4) whether her Department has appointed a contractor with regard to (3) above; if so, who is the contractor;
- (5) whether she has been informed of the reasons for the alleged stalling of the project; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the reasons and (b) how much has her Department paid to the contractor for the project to date as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) whether her Department anticipates the municipality will connect the houses to the water and sewerage system; if not, why; if so, when her Department envisages the connections will be made;
- (7) how many units her Department anticipates will be built, including the approved beneficiaries for the project mentioned above, as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*Noting that a letter was allegedly written to the Department of Human Settlements on Thursday, 5 September 2019 regarding a case of an individual (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply), who allegedly has 5 kids who are under the age of 18 years and is wheelchair bound and further noting that the individual was*



*reportedly staying in the Potsdam Hall for 5 months up until she was given a dilapidated temporary housing:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the urgent communiqué to her Department in this regard; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, when her Department anticipates to respond to the letter;
- (2) whether her Department has allocated a new temporary shelter to the aforementioned individual; if so, when was it provided;
- (3) whether the temporary shelter (a) is wheelchair friendly as requested and (b) has easy access to water and toilet; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether the individual mentioned above has been urgently prioritized for a house in the Destitute and Vulnerable Programme of her Department; if not, why; if so,
- (5) (a) where has her Department allocated the individual mentioned above and (b) by when her Department anticipates it will finish her allocated house;
- (6) whether her Department has put any other plans in place with a view to assisting the abovementioned individual; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*Subsequent to the response to Question 66 of IQP 3, dated Friday, 12 July 2019, on the Duncan Village Redevelopment Initiative of 2003 particularly on Reeston 3 Stage 2 and further noting the Constitutional Judgment delivered on Tuesday, 16 April 2019:*

- (1) What concrete plans has the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) put in place in relation to Reeston 3 Stage 2 of the abovementioned project with regard to the stage at which the appointment of contractors is;
- (2) how many (a) units her Department anticipates will be built and (b) beneficiaries her Department envisages will be allocated houses in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (3) (a) how long her Department anticipates the project envisaged will be finished and (b) in which financial years;
- (4) what is the total budgeted cost of the project?

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

- (1) How many departmental bursaries has his Department issued out to students during the (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2018/19, (iii) 2017/18 and (iv) 2016/17 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how much, in rands and cents, has his Department set aside for departmental bursaries for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) of the bursaries which his Department has issued out for the abovementioned financial years, whether his Department has structured their organogram to absorb these professionals after they have completed their studies; if not, why?

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

*Regarding the Eastern Cape Department Public Works Annual Performance Plan 2018/19:*

- (1) (a) How many emerging contractors has his Department supported and (b) of the emerging contractors, how many have upgraded to the next level on the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) register;
- (2) how many (a) labour intensive initiatives has his Department budgeted for and (b) of these initiative has his Deaprtment implemented?

**356. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

- (1) What is the status of the Sugar Beet Farming project reportedly launched a couple of years back in the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality and Blue Crane Municipality;
- (2) how many tons of sugar beet have been harvested in respect of this project for the (i) 2011/12, (ii) 2012/13, (iii) 2013/14, (iv) 2014/15, (v) 2015/16, (vi)

2016/17 and (vii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (3) whether her Department has still any intention to build a factory/refinery in order to successfully continue with the project as envisaged; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) (a) what was the total amount paid by government in respect of the purchase price of all these farms and (b) how many hectares of land was purchased in respect of this project;
- (5) what kind of support did the aforementioned farmers receive from the national department in order to assist them with their farming operations;
- (6) what specific interventions has her Department made in order to assist the farmers mentioned above and to ensure that the farmers receive some support from government herein;
- (7) what is the status of the farming operations, either sugar beet or any other, of each of the respective farms leased by the beneficiaries;
- (8) whether there is any rental outstanding in respect of these leases; if so, what is the amount owing by each of the lessees?

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

*With reference to the respective mortuaries in each of the Chris Hani, Sarah Baartman, Amathole, Joe Gqabi, Alfred Nzo and O.R. Tambo District Council Municipalities:*

- (1) How many deaths were recorded in total at the abovementioned mortuaries for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19 and (iv) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many cases of (a) gunshot, (b) stabbing and (c) general violent crime deaths has the aforementioned mortuaries recorded for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how many of the cases above were bodies of (a) men, (b) women and (c) children for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (4) what is the average number of (a) gunshot, (b) stabbing and (c) general violent crime wounds, per person, experienced at the mortuaries stated above for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) whether she has been informed that the aforementioned crimes are associated with gang violence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details;
- (6) (a) how many of the aforementioned crime deaths are associated with gang violence and (b) can she kindly provide the statistics as per the breakdown in (2) above;
- (7) whether she has been informed of the point of origin of the abovementioned crime cases, in terms of geographic location, in the aforementioned areas; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, where and can she kindly provide the relevant details?

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

*With reference to the respective mortuaries in the King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality (KSD):*

- (1) How many deaths were recorded in total at the abovementioned mortuaries for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19 and (iv) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many cases of (a) gunshot, (b) stabbing and (c) general violent crime deaths has the aforementioned mortuaries recorded for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how many of the cases above were bodies of (a) men, (b) women and (c) children for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what is the average number of (a) gunshot, (b) stabbing and (c) general violent crime wounds, per person, experienced at the mortuaries stated above for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which

information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (5) whether she has been informed that the aforementioned crimes are associated with gang violence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details;
- (6) (a) how many of the abovementioned crime deaths are associated with gang violence and (b) can she kindly provide the statistics as per the breakdown in (2) above;
- (7) whether she has been informed of the point of origin of the aforementioned crime cases, in terms of geographic location, in the aforementioned area; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, where and can she kindly provide the relevant details?

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

- (1) (a) How many internal departmental investigations is her Department conducting 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, (b) what are the reasons for these investigations, (c) how many officials, in total, are implicated in these investigations and (d) what are the outcomes of the cases that were investigated and completed;
- (2) whether she has received any representations regarding investigations that are conducted by Hawks with respect to criminal activities levelled against her Department's officials for the past 5 financial years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (3) (a) how many officials and (b) in which levels of management do the investigations reach?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has a database of all children who are in the care of the state; if not, why; if so,
- (2) (a) what information of the minors does her Department keep in the database and (b) who has access to the database;

- (3) if a child were to go missing, whether her Department envisages the database of information will assist in providing relevant details of the child in order to help find the child; if not, why;
- (4) whether any children, who were in the care of her Department in the last 5 financial years, have gone missing or been abducted; if so, (a) how many children have gone missing/been abducted, per year and (b) what was the outcome of each case?

**361. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:**

- (1) Which (a) stadiums, (b) sport fields and (c) indoor centers are set to receive upgrades/refurbishments from municipalities in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) when her Department anticipates the upgrades/refurbishments will (a) commence and (b) be completed;
- (3) how her Department envisages to ensure that the allocated funds are spent accordingly?

**362. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:**

*Regarding the libraries in Middleburg:*

- (1) What is the current status of the (a) Middleburg Town Library and (b) Kwanonzame Library;
- (2) whether the municipality has purchased new computers for the libraries mentioned above in 2016; if so, have the computers been installed;
- (3) whether there are computers in the Middleburg Town Library; if so, are they operational;
- (4) whether there is internet connectivity at the aforementioned libraries; if not, why;

- (5) whether there are printing facilities available at Kwanonzame Library; if so, whether the users are being charged to use this service; if so, (a) why and (b) how much are they being charged;
- (6) whether the security system at the aforementioned libraries is operational; if not, why?

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

*With reference to an article in The Herald titled 'Traffic office definitely on go-slow' dated Wednesday, 11 September 2019:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the alleged current go-slow at the Sidwell traffic office; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) can she kindly provide (a) the reasons for the alleged go-slow and (b) details as to when her Department anticipates this go-slow will come to an end;
- (3) how many (a) booths should be manned by traffic officials daily and (b) traffic officials should be reporting to the Sidwell traffic office daily;
- (4) whether her Department envisages the current go-slow will affect the license renewal process and all other services offered; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether there are any traffic officers currently suspended at Kinkelbos Weigh Bridge; if so, (a) who are the traffic officers, (b) why have they been suspended and (c) for how long have they been suspended, can she kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) what consequence management steps, if any, has her Department put in place regarding the suspended traffic officers?

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

- (1) How many Emergency Medical Service (EMS) vehicles are there currently in the provincial government fleet;

- (2) of those vehicles, (a) how many are due for repairs, (b) what repairs are due and (b) how many are off the road;
- (3) (a) what is the total shortage of emergency vehicles in the province and (b) how many replacement emergency vehicles has her Department received this year;
- (4) how much of the total annual budget has her Department (a) set aside for the functioning of emergency vehicles in the province and (b) spent on (aa) the repair of emergency vehicles and (bb) acquiring replacement vehicles;
- (5) can she kindly provide reasons cited for delayed responses to members of the public by emergency vehicles?