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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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454. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the Premier:

With reference to the drought that the province is currently experiencing:

- (1) What has been the impact on all provincial government departments where water shortages were experienced and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) in each respective department what (a) are all the extra costs involved and (b) were these extra costs spent on and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) what is the nature of these resources that were bought in (2) above and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) in what (a) areas in the province were resources required and (b) other areas can it be expected that resources will be required in the future and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

455. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

- (1) How many positions of permanent Heads of Departments (HODs) are currently vacant in the province, other than the Department of Safety and Liaison and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) for how long have these positions been vacant and can he kindly provide the reasons in this regard;
- (3) when his Office anticipates each vacancy is scheduled to be advertised and thus filled and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

With reference to the Daily Dispatch article titled, "Long wait finally over for Quigney", dated 14 October 2019 and also noting that the sleeper site development project in Quigney, East London, has allegedly been approved:

- (1) Whether he can kindly (a) outline the reasons for the alleged delay in the commencement of the project in general and (b) advise on the alleged dispute between Transnet and the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) regarding the ownership of the land;
- (2) what is the intended purpose of the project;
- (3) (a) how much (aa) is the total budget for the project; (bb) has his Department spent to date and (b) whether he can kindly explain where did the project receive its funding from;
- (4) (a) what are the intended time-frames for the various stages of the project and (b) when is the intended completion date for the project;
- (5) (a) who is the successful contractor(s) who will undertake the project and (b) why was the contract awarded to the contractor(s) noted in 5(a)?

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

In relation to an article published in the Business Day titled “Auditor-General owed R 744m” dated Monday, 14 October 2019, the Auditor-General detailing that an amount of R 744 Million was allegedly still owed in unpaid audit fees and nearly half of the debt reportedly originating from municipalities:

- (1) How many municipalities within the province have outstanding audit fees due to the Auditor-General;
- (2) in relation to the municipalities in (1) above, can he kindly provide a detailed report of which municipalities have outstanding audit fees due to the Auditor-General;
- (3) how much, in rands and cents, is owed by each municipality;
- (4) what reasons have the various municipalities given for the alleged non-payment;
- (5) what are the time-frames for each municipality to settle the debt?

458. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Nothing that the Blekane bridge which was reportedly flooded in 2010 and later totally collapsed in 2013 and further noting that this bridge has allegedly not been repaired to date:

- (1) Whether he has been informed that the aforementioned bridge allegedly collapsed in 2013 and has reportedly not been repaired to date; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, why has the bridge reportedly not been repaired since it collapsed;
- (2) what plans has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring that the bridge mentioned above is repaired;
- (3) whether his Department has made a budget available with a view to repairing this bridge; if so, how much;
- (4) when his Department anticipates (a) repairs to this bridge will commence and (b) the community can expect the bridge to be completed?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any waste recycle plants (a) owned and operated and (b) subsidised by his Department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many waste recycle plants are there in the province currently;
- (3) what materials are recycled;
- (4) what is the total annual cost of his Department's (a) owned/operated waste recycle plants and (b) subsidised waste recycle plants;
- (5) how many tons of waste is recycled by his Department's (a) owned/operated waste recycle plants and (b) subsidised waste recycle plants on an annual basis for the past 5 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) what initiatives has his Department implemented in order to effectively recycle waste?

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

- (1) How many liquor licenses are currently legally possessed by establishments in the province (a) per district and (b) per registration category;
- (2) whether the Eastern Cape Liquor Board (ECLB) is on target regarding inspections for compliance; if so, can he kindly provide details as to how many inspections have taken place during the last calendar year; if not, why;
- (3) how many outcomes resulted in establishments being non-compliant, per district;
- (4) what steps did his Department implement with regard to the non-compliant establishments;
- (5) how does his Department determine that a person applying for a liquor licence is "sound of mind" as required when applying for a liquor licence?

461. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Education:

- (1) Whether he has been informed that in Mdantsane, Eric Mntonga High School's multipurpose administration block was reportedly destroyed by fire in 2011 and was incompletely repaired in 2016; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) can he kindly provide reasons as to why has his Department reportedly neglected this damage for so many years?
- (3) how is the alleged absence of an administration block affecting the operations of a government institution, generally and the schools specifically;
- (4) when his Department envisages the repairs will be complete?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any subjects reportedly not being taught at schools in the province due to teacher vacancies; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) (a) what are the (aa) subjects in (1) above and (bb) grades reportedly not being taught as a result thereof, (b) how many teachers does his Department require to fill these vacancies and (c) when his Department anticipates that teachers will be assigned in this respect with a view to ensuring that all subjects are again made available?

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

Noting that the proposed National Health Insurance (NHI) requires that all hospitals and clinics be assessed by the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC) as to their compliance with NHI:

- (1) How many (a) hospitals and (b) clinics in the province has the OHSC assessed for NHI compliance in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (2) of the (a) hospitals and (b) clinics in (1) above, how many were found to be compliant;
- (3) how many (a) hospitals and (b) clinics are there currently in the province?

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

Noting that all hospitals and clinics are required to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act No. 85 of 1993):

- (1) How many (a) hospitals and (b) clinics in the province have been assessed for compliance with the aforementioned Act in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many of the (a) hospitals and (b) clinics were found to comply with the aforementioned Act?

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

Noting that young children are reported to be some of the most vulnerable in our society and that their well-being should be safeguarded at all times and further noting that child abductions are allegedly becoming more commonplace in society for several reasons:

- (1) When a child is born on either a state or private hospital or clinic, whether her Department captures any genetic (DNA) samples (e.g. hair, blood or any other material containing genetic information) for future identification purposes; if not, why; if so,
- (2) whether her Department stores this information on a particular database; if so, (a) what is this database called and (b) who has access to this database;
- (3) whether her Department also includes children who are in the care of the state on this database; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) if a child were to be abducted, whether this database would be available to the appropriate authorities in order to assist in tracing the child through

digitalised patient records; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (5) how many (a) new-born babies and (b) young children have been abducted from state health institutions in the province in the past three financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) if abductions have indeed taken place as per (5) above, how many of the abducted (a) new-born babies and (b) young children have been found?

466. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Health:

- (1) Whether she can kindly list the top 20 creditors of her Department (those whom her Department owed the most) for the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what amount (a) has her Department owed to each of these 20 creditors as at the end of the aforementioned financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) is currently owed to each of these 20 creditors as at October 2019;
- (3) whether she can kindly list the 20 creditors of her Department with the longest outstanding accounts (thus the outstanding accounts that were the oldest) for the financial year specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how many days were these accounts overdue in each of the 20 cases;
- (5) what amount was due and payable by her Department in each of the 20 cases;
- (6) what amount is currently owed to each of these 20 creditors as at October 2019;
- (7) what amount has her Department spent on (a) overtime, (b) subsistence and travel, (c) petrol/diesel, (d) office furniture, (e) stationary, (f) vehicle/fleet rental, (g) rental of office space/buildings in the aforementioned financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

- (1) How many Expanded Public Works Programmes (EPWP) has her Department identified for the current financial year so far as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) of the EPWP projects identified in (1) above (a) what is the nature of the projects and (b) where are these identified projects;
- (3) how many people her Department envisages will benefit from each of the EPWP projects identified above;
- (4) how her Department anticipates the total amount allocated for EPWP for the current financial year will be distributed;
- (5) how many contractors her Department envisages will carry the EPWP projects identified in (1) above to date?

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

Subsequent to a reply to Question 260 of IQP 11, dated Friday, 30 August 2019 on the Rental Housing Tribunal, further noting that Tribunal Members have reportedly earned a total of R9, 1 million for 15 months since they were appointed in 2018 against an allocated budget of nearly R13 million for 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years respectively and also noting that according to the reply, nearly 75 percent of the meetings of the Tribunal are allegedly held in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) in the Human Settlements Boardroom:

- (1) Whether the members of the tribunal are earning a salary or are reimbursed out of funds in respect of expenditure incurred and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) if the aforementioned members are earning a salary, (a) how much each of them earn per month and (b) if reimbursed, how much is each member reimbursed monthly, as per the answer provided to the IQP mentioned above;
- (3) how are other programs of the tribunal funded if nearly 70 percent of its budget for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years allegedly goes to salaries for tribunal members only;
- (4) (a) from which funds are other 8 staff members of tribunal remunerated and (b) what is the total cost so far?

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

Subsequent to a reply provided to Question 290 of IQP 12, dated Friday, 6 September 2019 regarding the rectification process:

What is the total estimated and or average cost of rectifying a house which has (a) non-structural defects, (b) minor structural defects and (c) major structural defects in the 2019/20 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

Subsequent to the response provided for Question 293 (1) of IQP 12, dated Friday, 6 September 2019:

Whether he can kindly provide a detailed breakdown of how much, in rands and cents, does each department owe his Department on debts due to non-refund for (a) completed infrastructure work and (b) projects under-construction?

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

- (1) What was the rand value of unpaid invoices older than 30 days to service providers rendering services on behalf of his Department for the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what is the current rand value of unpaid invoices older than 30 days owed to service providers for the first quarter of the 2019/20 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what steps has his Department put in place with a view to reducing the amount of invoices older than 30 days?

472. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:

With reference to the article in the Daily Dispatch dated Monday, 14 October 2019, titled "1,000 ha land claim turns 21"

- (1) Whether her Department has received the land claim mentioned above; if so, (a) when and (b) what is the current status of the claim;
- (2) what has been the cause of the delay of this particular land claim within the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) whether her Department has conducted an assessment of the cost of land and value of the claim herein; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if not, why;
- (4) what steps has her Department taken with a view to ensuring that land claims within the province are attended to and resolved within a reasonable period;
- (5) what steps has her Department taken with a view to engaging with communities that have pending and/or unresolved land claims and/or disputes?

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

- (1) How many police reservists were there in the province 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) whether her Department has a target number of police reservists that are required in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) whether the province has a sufficient number of police reservists; if not, what steps is her Department taking with a view to ensuring that police reservists are recruited in the province;
- (4) whether all police reservists have obtained the necessary firearm competency certificates; if not, why and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) whether the police reservists receive any remuneration; if so, (a) what is the budget for the province for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she kindly provide the relevant details with regard to payments made to reservists in the province;

- (6) whether all the police reservists receive any training; if so, (a) what training do they receive and (b) when last has her Department conducted this training; if not, why;
- (7) what (a) protective gear and (b) weapons has her Department given to police reservists to protect and defend themselves while on duty in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) What (a) should the fixed staff establishment be and (b) is the current number of staff at the Humewood Police Station for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether her Department has taken or envisages to take any steps with a view to addressing staff shortages at the said police station; if so, what steps;
- (3) with reference to the abovementioned police station, how many (a) detectives and (b) vehicles (aa) should be allocated and (bb) does the station currently have for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) whether any of the abovementioned police station vehicles are currently undergoing repairs; if so, how many (a) are undergoing repairs and (b) have done more than 200 000 km for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) what is the ratio of vehicles at the abovementioned police station to detectives in the Humewood policing area for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) (a) why has her Department allegedly not implemented the beachfront sector as of yet and (b) can she kindly provide the relevant details in terms of the obstacles that are currently delaying the implementation;
- (7) what steps has her Department put in place with a view to overcoming the obstacles mentioned in (6) above;
- (8) when her Department anticipates the beachfront sector will be expected to be implemented and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (9) whether there has been an upsurge in crime along the beachfront area; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in terms of the breakdown of the types of crimes that have been committed in the 2018/19 financial year as compared to that of the 2017/18 financial year;
- (10) what steps is the South African Police Service (SAPS) taking with a view to improving safety along the Humewood policing beachfront area and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

475. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:

- (1) How many robberies and/or armed robberies have been reported from Alice, located in the Raymond Mhlaba Municipality in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial period as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) if this has increased, (a) can she kindly provide reasons for the increase and (b) what measures has her Department taken with a view to addressing the issue;
- (3) how many cases of (a) rape (b) attempted rape and (c) domestic violence have been reported in the municipality above in the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how many (a) police officers would generally be working per shift at the Alice Police Station and (b) should be present in a normal working shift as per the rules and regulations;
- (5) whether there has been any incident reported since 1 January 2019 where police officers have been injured/shot or killed in Alice; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether she has been informed of any shelters for the homeless in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many shelters for the homeless are in the province, (a) in total, (b) per district and (c) per municipality;

- (3) how many individuals can each shelter accommodate;
- (4) what is the monthly (a) expenditure of each shelter and (b) funding from her Department to each shelter;
- (5) what is the state of (a) security, (b) sanitation facilities, (c) infrastructure and (d) disability access of each shelter?

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

- (1) What (a) is the current rate of children affected by Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) in the province, per district, as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) was the rate for the (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17, (iii) 2017/18 and (iv) 2018/19 financial years, per district as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether her Department has undertaken any advocacy and awareness programmes with regard to FAS in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) whether her Department provides any assistance to victims of FAS in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether her Department has ever consulted with the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, specifically the Eastern Cape Liquor Board entity with a view to addressing the issue of FAS; if not, why; if so, (a) when and (b) what (aa) matters were discussed and (bb) resolutions were taken and implemented?

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

Subsequent to a response provided to Question 331 of IQP 13, dated Friday, 13 September 2019:

- (1) Whether the COEGA Development Agency has assisted/appointed and/or instructed any company on behalf of her Department; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (2) how much has her Department paid to the COEGA Development Corporation 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;
- (3) whether her Department has faced any challenges from the service providers appointed by the COEGA Development Corporation; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what the total amount has her Department awarded to the service providers in each specific case, can she kindly list the (a) name of the service provider and (b) amount awarded to them?

479. Mr N Bhanga to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:

With reference to the Integrated Public Transport System (IPTS) in Nelson Mandela Bay:

- (1) What has been the progress with IPTS since its inception;
- (2) how much has the system cost to implement to date;
- (3) what are the current operational challenges for the IPTS system?

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

Subsequent to a response provided to Question 188 of IQP 8, dated Thursday, 8 August 2019, which stated that the new milling machine had reportedly been delivered and that work on the R500 road was expected to begin by the beginning of September; however it is alleged that no work on this road has begun to date and further noting that the residents in this area have reportedly started to fill potholes at their own expense:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that work has reportedly not begun on this road despite stating that it was expected to begin early September; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what has caused the delay;
- (2) when her Department anticipates work will begin on the aforementioned road;

- (3) whether she has been informed that residents in this community have allegedly started filling potholes at their own expense; if so, whether her Department envisages these residents will be reimbursed; if not, why?

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

With reference to the Daily Dispatch article titled '17 000 pupils miss school as protestors demand tarred road' dated Friday, 11 October 2019, also noting that the community members allegedly blocked the junction where the DR08329 meets the R61 and finally noting that the residents allegedly want the 48km road from the R61 between Ntlaza and Libode to Hluleka Nature Reserve tarred as it was reportedly promised to them by the State:

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the article mentioned above; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide reasons as to why has this road not been tarred;
- (2) whether she has been informed that her Department allegedly promised the residents that this road would be tarred; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, when her Department anticipates this road will be tarred;
- (3) whether her Department has made any budget available to tar this road; if not, why; if so, how much has her Department budgeted in this regard;
- (4) what steps has her Department taken with a view to ensuring that this road is tarred;
- (5) when her Department envisages (a) this community can expect the tarring of this road to begin and (b) the tarring of the aforementioned road will be completed?

482. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:

- (1) What was the total value of provincially owned vehicles that were written-off in accidents by provincial officials during the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2016/17 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what was the total amount spent on repairing accident damaged, provincially owned vehicles for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (3) what was the total value in damages recovered from provincial officials that were involved in accidents whilst driving provincially owned vehicles and whom was either found to be negligent or not authorized to make use of the provincially owned vehicle at the time of the accident for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

483. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:

- (1) (a) What amount is owed to her Department in respect of outstanding licensing fees collected by local governments in the province and (b) can she kindly state the amount that is owed to her Department by each respective municipality in this regard;
- (2) whether she can kindly state for what period the aforesaid licensing fees have been outstanding in each respective case;
- (3) what was the last payment received by her Department from the aforementioned municipalities in each respective case;
- (4) what measures has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that outstanding license fees collected by municipalities are paid over to the province?