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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 5 JULY 2019

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

Noting that Amathole District Municipality workers have allegedly been suspended:

- (1) (a) How many employees of the aforementioned municipality are currently suspended and (b) can he kindly provide the reasons for their suspension;
- (2) whether he can kindly furnish details as to the positions the abovementioned employees occupied prior to their alleged suspension;
- (3) can he kindly indicate (a) how long have the employees mentioned above been under suspension and (b) at what stage of the disciplinary process is the municipality currently;
- (4) whether the suspended employees have received salaries while under suspension; if not, why and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) which officials are on the committee overseeing the disciplinary process;
- (6) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to dismissing or reinstating the suspended employees; if not, can he kindly provide reasons in

this regard; if so, can he kindly provide the intended time-frames for these decisions to be implemented;

- (7) whether he can kindly furnish (a) the number of employees currently suspended at the municipalities in the province, (b) the reasons for their suspension, (c) when the suspensions came into effect and (d) the positions held by those employees;
- (8) whether the suspended employees are still being paid salaries; if so, why?

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

Noting that the alleged illegal mining of and along vast tracts of the former Transkei coast, also known as the Wild Coast, is ongoing and is reportedly undermining dune structures, river mouths and estuarine structures along the coast, particularly in the Mbashe, KwaTenza, Shixini and Kob Inn coasts:

- (1) What immediate action plans his Department anticipates it will institute in order to bring this environmental destruction to a halt;
- (2) what steps his Department anticipates it will take (a) in order to mitigate the damage that has reportedly already been done and (b) over the medium and long term in order to rehabilitate the dunes and river and estuary mouths along the aforementioned stretch of coast?

30. Mr N Bhanga to ask the MEC responsible for Education:

- (1) Whether he can kindly provide the list of functional high schools in Nieu Bethesda;
- (2) can he kindly indicate how many (a) learners attend each of the abovementioned schools and (b) teachers has his Department employed at each school;
- (3) (a) which high schools has his Department closed 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 and (b) can he kindly furnish the reason(s) for the closures;

- (4) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to constructing new schools for the aforementioned community; if so, can he kindly provide the (a) budget and (b) time-frames for the construction of the schools?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any gang-related violence within schools in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many incidents of gang-related violence have been (a) reported and (b) effectively dealt with in 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;
- (3) can he kindly provide the (a) names of the schools that have been affected by gang violence in the years stipulated above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) districts these schools are located in;
- (4) how many (a) learners and (b) teachers have been injured due to gang-related violence in schools in the aforementioned financial years, per district, as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) whether there has been any fatalities as a result of gang violence at schools in the province; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) what programmes has his Department put in place or anticipates it will put in place with a view to ensuring the safety of teachers and learners regarding gang-related violence in schools;
- (7) whether his Department has engaged with the South African Police Service (SAPS) regarding gang violence in schools; if not, why?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any schools in the province which are in need of any form of infrastructure; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many schools in the province currently (a) do not have (aa) access to water, (bb) adequate, or any, sanitation facilities and (b) have pit latrines;
- (3) how many learners are affected in each case stated in (2) above;

- (4) how many schools in the province (a) did not have (aa) access to water, (bb) access to adequate, or any, sanitation facilities and (b) have to make use of pit latrines 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;
- (5) when his Department anticipates all schools will be provided with the abovementioned needs;
- (6) how many schools are in need of additional classrooms to accommodate all its learners;
- (7) what is the estimated cost needed to supply the abovementioned facilities to schools that are in need of them?

33. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:

With reference to funding of agro-processing projects through the Local and Regional Economic Development (LRED) programme:

- (1) How many projects has his Department funded in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what total amount did each project receive since its conception;
- (3) how many permanent jobs did each project produce in each year since its conception as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what was the output of these projects in terms of profit?

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

Noting the draught relief reportedly awarded to municipalities in the current financial year:

- (1) What total amount has his Department awarded in draught relief to municipalities in the province;
- (2) can he kindly (a) list the municipalities that his Department has awarded draught relief funding to and (b) specify the amounts his Department has awarded in draught relief funding to the respective municipalities;

- (3) can he kindly advise as to the respective expenditure, to date, of each of the municipalities in respect of the draught relief funding;
- (4) whether the National Government has directly awarded any draught relief funding to any municipalities in the province; if so, what amount has the National Government made available in this respect to said municipalities;
- (5) can he kindly (a) list the municipalities that have been awarded such draught relief funding, (b) specify the amounts awarded in draught relief to the respective municipalities and (c) advise as to the respective expenditure, to date, of each of the municipalities in respect of draught relief funding as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

- (1) Whether his Department has done a survey in respect of the minimum competencies of Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) appointed by the respective municipalities in the province; if not, why; if so,
- (2) how many permanently appointed CFOs possess the required minimum financial competencies;
- (3) can he kindly list the municipalities that (a) have and (b) do not have CFOs that possess the required minimum financial competencies?

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

Noting that in October last year, the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the Provincial Hospital in Nelson Mandela Bay allegedly broke beyond repair, further noting that in response to a second set of parliamentary questions in this regard, it was allegedly confirmed that the laboratory would be functional again by March of this year and finally noting that while the Department of Health reportedly stated publically that cardiac patients would be attended to at the Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital in Mthatha, the Cardiac and paediatric cardiology departments at that hospital are allegedly still without the necessary surgeons:

- (1) What is the latest information available pertaining to the installation of the new Cardio Catheterization Laboratory at Provincial Hospital;

- (2) what is the latest information available with regard to the filling of the cardiology posts at the Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital in Mthatha?

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

Noting that the centralization of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) service in the province at a few nodes has reportedly proven to be poorly managed and so time consuming that the health of patients that rely on this service has allegedly been severely negatively affected and that there are regular reports of patients dying while waiting for the EMS to arrive:

- (1) What immediate steps her Department anticipates it take with a view to ensuring that the current model of EMS is scrapped and a more workable and patient friendly model can be crafted, that patients can access quickly and safely;
- (2) what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to repairing all broken ambulances as a matter of urgency so that the ratio of one ambulance to 10 000 people is restored;
- (3) what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to sourcing properly built 4 x 4 ambulances for the rural areas so that they do not break down like the last batch of 4x4 ambulances which were reportedly very poor quality?

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

- (1) How many housing projects has her Department funded in the Nyandeni Local Municipality in the last 5 years to date;
- (2) how many of the aforementioned projects have been fully completed and handed over to beneficiaries;
- (3) what is the total cost of the completed projects;
- (4) whether any of the projects mentioned above were not completed; if so, (a) how many, (b) can she kindly provide the reasons for non-completion and (c) in what state were the uncompleted projects left;
- (5) whether her Department has any amounts that can be recovered from contractors in respect of non-completed projects; if so, can she kindly list the amounts in this regard; if not, why?

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

- (1) What (a) is the total number of informal settlements around the province and (b) work has her Department done with a view to upgrading each settlement;
- (2) how many of the settlements have access to electricity, water and sanitation and can she kindly provide the numbers per municipality or district, starting from the last 3 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

40. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:

- (1) What is the current meal rate for prisoners held at police stations in the province;
- (2) whether the rates in (1) above are in line with current inflation levels; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) when her Department anticipates that the current meal policy in relation to prisoners in the province will be reviewed?

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

- (1) How many weapons has her Department reported to be stolen during the farm attacks in the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether her Department has recovered any of these stolen weapons in each of the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, how many; if not, why and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) whether any of these stolen weapons have been used in other crimes; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether she can provide the relevant details as to what can be said is the respective motive for stealing weapons;
- (5) what measures has the South African Police Service (SAPS) put in place with a view to curbing this increasing trend of stealing weapons and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) How many farm attacks have occurred in the province in the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether her Department has noted any upsurge in incidences of farm attacks; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) how many people were (a) killed, (b) injured and (c) raped during these attacks for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what steps is the South African Police Service (SAPS) taking with a view to promoting rural safety and security;
- (5) whether her Department has contemplated any additional measures with a view to ensuring the safety of the provincial rural areas; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) What (a) are the relevant norms and standards pertaining to the safety and security of armouries of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and (b) steps has her Department taken with a view to ensuring that armouries comply with the prescribed norms and standards;
- (2) how many cases of theft have been reported from police armouries in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) in each of the cases in (2) above, can she kindly provide the particulars of the (a) type and (b) quantity of weapons stolen;
- (4) what is the breakdown, per armoury, of where these weapons have been stolen, for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

Noting that the Museum, as part of the Red location Cultural Precinct, is an initiative dedicated to exposing the atrocities of the past but also celebrating the life and culture of South Africans in all their diversity and resilience, however vandals are allegedly slowly turning the building, since its closure, to a greater mess:

- (1) Whether the Museum is a provincial heritage site; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) whether she has been informed of the vandalism that is reportedly taking place on the site mentioned above; if not, what is the position in this regard;
- (3) what is the cost of the damage to the site;
- (4) what security measures her Department anticipates can be put in place with a view to preserving the aforementioned site?

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

Noting that as many as 15 libraries have allegedly closed due to delays and complications in the transfer of grant funds to municipal entities:

- (1) Whether all libraries have received their grant allocations for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not,
- (2) (a) which libraries have not received the grant allocation and (b) can she kindly provide the reasons for the delay?

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

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the Haga/Marshstrand Roads (MR694 and DR2766) are alleged to be in a bad condition; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) what plans has her Department put in place with a view to repairing the said roads;
- (3) whether her Department has set aside any budget in respect of maintaining/repairing the aforementioned road; if so, what total amount has her Department budgeted for in this regard;
- (4) whether she has been informed that there is reportedly a brand new yellow fleet standing in warehouses/garages in Zwelitsha, Bhisho, Amalinda / East London and Mdantsane; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (5) can she kindly explain why is the yellow fleet reportedly standing when so many roads need to be repaired;

- (6) whether the said yellow fleet is registered; if not, why;
- (7) whether the yellow fleet is roadworthy; if not, why;
- (8) whether she has been informed that there are allegedly no tracking devices fitted in the yellow fleet; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (9) (a) when her Department anticipates the tracking devices will be fitted and (b) how much has her Department budgeted for in this regard;
- (10) whether her Department has given fuel access to the yellow fleet; if not, why; if so, what total amount has her Department budgeted for in this regard for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

- (1) (a) Whether she can kindly provide the relevant details with regard to the current cell phone usage policy in place for senior traffic officials in the province and (b) what total allowance has her Department currently allocated, per month, to senior traffic officials in this regard;
- (2) whether the current allowance allocated in this regard is deemed as being sufficient for the purpose intended; if not, when her Department anticipates that the aforementioned policy will be reviewed?