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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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484. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

- (1) Who is responsible for the creation of the Have-I-Been-Paid (HIBP) system for suppliers in the province;
- (2) whether he can kindly explain how his Office envisages the programme will function;
- (3) when is the intended deadline for the implementation of the programme;
- (4) whether his Office is implementing the programme in stages; if so, can he kindly outline the intended stages of implementation;
- (5) (a) how much (aa) is the total anticipated cost of the programme and (bb) has his Office spent to date and (b) what is the cost breakdown for the programme;
- (6) which officials will have access to the programme in each department;
- (7) whether his Office anticipates officials will need to undergo additional training to make use of the programme; if so, (a) what training measures has his Office put in place in this regard, (b) which officials has his Office selected to undergo the training and (c) how much his Office envisages such training will cost;

- (8) (a) how much is currently owing to suppliers by each government department and (b) whether the Premier anticipates that the programme will assist to pay outstanding debts to suppliers; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (9) what has been the impact of non-payment/delays in payment of suppliers in the province;
- (10) what has been the reason(s) for delayed payment of suppliers for each department;
- (11) whether his Office has found any officials to have deviated from department procurement processes in each department; if so, (a) can he kindly indicate the title of the officials and (b) what consequence management has his Office implemented in each case?

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

- (1) How much does each provincial department owe to municipalities for the (i) 20017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether he can kindly provide a breakdown of each amount owed to each of the municipalities in (1) above;
- (3) what are the reason(s) for the (a) outstanding payments and (b) delays in payments noted in (2) above;
- (4) what steps has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring that outstanding debts are paid to municipalities on time;
- (5) whether he can kindly outline how the municipalities' service delivery is affected by non-payment by government departments?

486. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any forensic investigation into allegations of corruption, fraud and irregular expenditure in Great Kei Municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

- (2) (a) who is/was conducting the forensic investigation and (b) whether his Department has made the outcomes public; if not, why;
- (3) what (a) was the nature and scope of the forensic investigation, (b) were the terms of references and (c) was the duration of the investigation mentioned above;
- (4) what (a) are the detailed findings and recommendations of the forensic investigation including (b) the names of the (i) contractors, (ii) officials and (iii) politicians implicated;
- (5) whether his Department has taken any steps with a view to implementing the recommendations of the forensic report mentioned above; if so, what steps; if not, why?

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

Noting that persistent sewerage leaks are allegedly plaguing Dr. Beyers Naude Municipality, specifically in the Graaff-Reinet area and further noting that the following sites remain a problem as raw sewerage is reportedly leaking from the pump stations at 7de Laan, Collie Koeberg, Kroonvale Bridge and four manholes at Tronkdrif where it runs into the Sundays River and the Nqweba Dam:

- (1) What action steps his Department anticipates will be put in place by the municipality with a view to ensuring that this health risk to the community and fresh water source receives immediate priority and action;
- (2) why have these issues allegedly not been attended to despite various complaints;
- (3) what is the timeline involved for the repairing of each of these sewerage leaks;
- (4) what steps his Department anticipates will be taken in terms of monitoring and ensuring that these leaks are prevented in the future?

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

Noting that the municipal refuse site in Whittlesea is reportedly situated alongside the Klipplaat River which flows through the village, further noting that this site has allegedly not been sufficiently maintained and has polluted the river to the point that the river will require rehabilitation and lastly noting that this river is alleged to be a source of drinking water to villagers further downstream:

- (1) Whether his Department envisages it will initiate any immediate steps with a view to ensuring that the Enoch Mgijima Municipality takes responsibility for the appropriate management of the refuse site in Whittlesea; if not, why;
- (2) what immediate steps his Department anticipates it will take with a view to beginning the process of rehabilitating the river system and restoring it to a pristine and functional state;
- (3) what steps his Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that once the river system is rehabilitated, that it is maintained as such so as to reduce any negative impact on users further downstream?

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

With reference to Winnie Mandela Comprehensive School in Ngutyana Village, outside of Mbizana:

- (1) Whether his Department has spent any funds on the school's infrastructure; if so, can he kindly specify what (a) infrastructure has his Department built/repared and (b) total amount has his Department spent on infrastructure at the aforementioned school;
- (2) what is the current infrastructural state of the school buildings/classrooms;
- (3) whether the school mentioned above still makes use of pit latrine toilets; if so, whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to upgrading the ablution facilities of the school; if not, why;
- (4) whether his Department has received any communication from the abovementioned school regarding infrastructure needs; if so, (a) when was the initial communication received and (b) what was the response from his Department;
- (5) whether there are enough (a) classrooms, (b) desks, (c) chairs and (d) administration buildings/rooms for all the learners and teachers at the

aforementioned school; if not, why and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the matter regarding the alleged unpaid salary in respect of an individual (*name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply*) who is currently a substitute teacher at Kwenxura High School in Mooiplaas since 1 July 2019 and who reportedly assisted in marking scripts at Eric Mntonga High School in Mdantsane for grade 9, 10 and 12; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details;
- (2) why has the aforementioned individual allegedly not received her salary as a substitute teacher at the Kwenxura High School since the period specified above;
- (3) (a) when his Department envisages the abovementioned individual will receive her salary for the position of substitute teacher and (a) can he kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delays in this regard;
- (4) why has the individual mentioned above allegedly not received her payment for work done for marking exam scripts at Eric Mntonga High School;
- (5) (a) when his Department anticipates the aforementioned individual will receive her salary for her role in marking exam scripts and (a) can he kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delays in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether he has received any representations regarding any incomplete infrastructure projects that have allegedly been abandoned for various reasons; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many infrastructure projects have been abandoned in the (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17, (iii) 2017/18 and (iv) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly supply the (a) name and (b) location of each project;
- (3) in each case, (a) what is/are the reason(s) for allegedly abandoning the project, (b) at what stage was the project when it was reportedly abandoned, (c) who was the implementing agent, (d) who is responsible for the total payment of the project, (e) how much money has been spent up until the point that the

project was abandoned, (f) how much money is needed to complete the project and (g) what has happened to each site since it has been abandoned;

- (4) what is his Department's plan to pay the implementing agent in order to complete each project;
- (5) what monetary value has his Department lost in each case where a project was abandoned due to theft, vandalism etc.;
- (6) what is the total cost, per day, to sustain idle projects;
- (7) by how much is his Department under budget for all planned projects for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any primary schools in the province that are without fully functioning Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many primary schools have yet to implement these ECD centres in the province;
- (3) whether his Department has taken or envisages to take any steps with a view to (a) rectifying this situation and (b) assessing the impact of the lack of ECD centres at the specified schools; if not, why; if so,
- (4) (a) what steps and (b) when his Department anticipates the steps will be implemented;
- (5) what is the importance of early childhood development?

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

- (1) What was the total budget spend by provincial departments on the following budget line items as at 31 August 2019: (a) catering, (b) advertising, (c) subsistence and travel (S&T), (d) flights, (e) overtime, (e) stationary, (f) entertainment, (g) office equipment and furniture and (h) car rental;

- (2) how does his Department implement and monitor austerity measures within the respective departments;
- (3) whether his Department has made any progress with regard to implementing austerity measures within the provincial departments; if so, (a) how and (b) can he kindly provide details of the amounts saved through the implementation of austerity measures in respect of the respective budget line items identified above for possible savings through austerity measures?

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

Noting the alleged correspondence from National Treasury addressed to the Acting Municipal Manager of Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) in respect of the Integrated Public Transport System (IPTS):

- (1) Whether his Department has been informed that National Treasury is allegedly threatening to stop funding to the aforementioned project and “clawing back” (repayment of the amount through the withholding of grant funding and/or equitable share) all funding spend on the project to date; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so;
- (2) whether he has been informed of the reasons behind such alleged actions/measures taken by National Treasury; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (3) whether his Department has taken any steps with a view to engaging with the municipality and/or National Treasury to prevent this project from being stopped and the monies being clawed back from the municipality; if so,
- (4) what steps has his Department taken in respect of (3) above; if not,
- (5) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to intervening in this regard; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if not,
- (6) how his Department envisages to intervene in this regard;
- (7) what total amount has the aforementioned municipality spent on this project to date in respect of (a) operational budget and (b) capital budget;

- (8) what effect would the aforesaid cancellation and clawing back of all funding spend on the project have on the financial stability of the aforementioned municipality?

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

Noting that the Sunshine Coast Hospice is alleged to be currently occupying premises in Port Alfred that have proven to be too small and without the necessary privacy, further noting that the Hospice Committee has reportedly identified suitable premises on the Port Alfred Hospital grounds, namely the old Psychiatric Clinic which the Health Department has been using, but apparently are vacating, also noting that while these premises have allegedly been condemned, the Hospice Committee is prepared to do the necessary renovations to the building to make it functional and lastly noting that the Committee Chairperson has reportedly made a formal request for the use of these buildings with the Port Alfred Hospital Manager, (name furnished for the purpose of the reply), who has in turn escalated the request to an individual (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) at the District Office but has allegedly not received any response yet:

- (1) Whether her Department is vacating the abovementioned premises as indicated; if so, when her Department anticipates it will vacate the premises;
- (2) whether she has been informed of the request from the Hospice Committee through the hospital manager to the district to utilise the premises; if so, what is the response of the district office; if not, what is the position in this regard and can she kindly establish why there is allegedly no response;
- (3) if the request by Sunshine Coast Hospice is met favourably, can she kindly indicate when her Department envisages the hospice mentioned above will be able to begin renovating and making use of the building in question?

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

Noting that a cancer patient, (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply) has allegedly been informed by an oncologist (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) in Livingstone Hospital that surgery cannot be performed to remove her brain tumour and that radiation is the only option:

- (1) Whether she can kindly ensure that the specialist dealing with this patient will put in writing the reasons why this would be the better form of treatment as the family members are allegedly not fully cognisant of the reasons why surgery cannot take place and that radiation therapy is a better option; if so, when her Department envisages this will be done;
- (2) in the event that the cancer is too invasive and terminal, whether the aforementioned hospital can kindly arrange for family counselling to prepare the family for the inevitable outcome, as they are still of the opinion that her cancer is still treatable; if so, when her Department anticipates this exercise can be undertaken?

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

Noting the policy and budget speech of the MEC for Human Settlements on creating opportunities for Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMMEs) through procurement and developmental opportunities:

- (1) What specific programs her Department envisages it will undertake with a view to capacitating and developing SMMEs in the province;
- (2) (a) how many targeted SMMEs her Department anticipates will benefit from the programs mentioned above and (b) in which areas and or regions will the capacity building be undertaken;
- (3) whether her Department has entered into any partnerships with other institutions for the programs mentioned above; if so, can she kindly (a) list the institutions, (b) specify the nature of the partnerships and (c) specify the duration of the partnership agreements?

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

Noting that in Ward 32 of the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) in Kayser's Beach Extension 5, it is alleged that there are 66 RDP houses which have not been built as per normal building standards, further noting that the upgrade and rectification of the houses was reportedly due to start in August 2019 and lastly noting that a contractor by the name of Bendolite Trading was said to be contracted to do the work:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that 66 houses built in the abovementioned ward are allegedly of such poor quality that they need to be rebuilt; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) (a) when her Department anticipates the process of rectifying the houses will (aa) commence and (bb) be finalized and (b) whether her Department has allocated any budget in this regard in the current financial year; if not, why;
- (3) (a) who was the initial contractor of the project, (b) what were the reasons identified for the alleged poor handling of the project and (c) how much has her Department paid to the initial contractor of the project;
- (4) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to providing alternative accommodation for the beneficiaries who must vacate the 66 houses whilst they are being rectified; if so, (a) where is the alternative accommodation and (b) when her Department envisages it will be provided; if not, why;
- (5) whether she can kindly confirm the name of the contractor for the rectification of the 66 houses in the project?

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

- (1) How much, in monetary value, does his Department owe on unpaid rates and services from government buildings in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether he can kindly provide a comprehensive breakdown of how much is owed to each municipality by his Department in unpaid rates and services for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what (a) repayment plan has his Department initiated with a view to repaying municipalities and (b) total amount is owed to them by his Department;
- (4) what is the expected time-frame for the repayment of monies owed to municipalities;
- (5) what measures has his Department instituted with a view to ensuring that his Department complies with regulations on time?

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

- (1) Whether he can kindly provide a comprehensive list of all properties owned by his Department;
- (2) can he kindly state (a) the zoning of each property and (b) whether the property contains a structure; if so, can he kindly indicate whether the property is a (i) building, (ii) house or (iii) vacant land?

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

- (1) How many experimental farms and /or agricultural development farms does her Department fund and/or run in the province;
- (2) can she kindly list these experimental farms and /or agricultural development farms in (1) above;
- (3) what was the total operational cost of each of the experimental farms and /or agricultural development farms for the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what total capital budget has her Department invested in each of the experimental farms and /or agricultural development farms for the financial year mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) what is the total operational budget for each of the experimental farms and /or agricultural development farms for the 2019/20 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) what is the total capital budget available for each of the experimental farms and /or agricultural development farms for the financial year specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

With reference to the Mhlanga Village policing area in Uityk:

- (1) What is the (a) nearest police station to the abovementioned village and (b) exact distance from the said village to this police station;
- (2) how long, in respect of time, does it take the average person to reach this police station;
- (3) whether there is an upsurge in crime in the abovementioned area; if so, what are the top 10 crimes that have been committed in this area for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) whether her Department has made any arrests with regard to the crimes committed in (3) above; if not, why; if so, how many, as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) whether her Department conducts any patrols in the aforementioned area for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why; if so,
- (6) how often are patrols conducted on a weekly basis and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (7) when was the mobile police station established in this area and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (8) for how long was the mobile police station operating in the abovementioned area and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (9) why was the mobile police station allegedly later removed;
- (10) how many (a) police officers and (b) police vehicles were designated to this mobile police station and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard in terms of their rank;
- (11) whether her Department anticipates the reestablishment of another mobile police station will be considered for this area; if so, when her Department anticipates it will be established; if not, why?

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

With regard to sting operations conducted by the Motherwell Police Station:

- (1) How many sting operations have been carried out 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) (a) how many of the abovementioned sting operations were (aa) successful and (bb) unsuccessful and (b) can she kindly provide the reasons for the sting operations allegedly failing;
- (3) who usually leads the sting operations and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) how many members are usually part of a sting operation and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) whether the South African Police Service (SAPS) officials, who are part of sting operations, are properly trained and equipped; if not, why;
- (6) how often are SAPS officials trained for these operations, as per 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;
- (7) what was the latest date wherein SAPS officials were trained specifically for sting operations and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (8) what measures has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that failed operations do not reoccur and result in unnecessary waste of resources;
- (9) how many cases were withdrawn as a result of the failed sting operations, as per 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;
- (10) how many man hours were spent on the average sting operation, as per 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;
- (11) what was the overall cost of sting operations, as per 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?

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

- (1) Whether there is a shortage of handcuffs for the members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) for the province; if so, why;
- (2) how many pairs of handcuffs are there currently for the members of SAPS for 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;
- (3) how many pairs of handcuffs should there be for the members of SAPS 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;
- (4) can she kindly provide the reason for the alleged current shortage of handcuffs in the province;
- (5) what steps is her Department taking with a view to rectifying this issue;
- (6) when her Department anticipates that this issue will be rectified and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

With reference to The Herald article titled 'U'hage dam monitored after bombs found' dated Monday, 14 October 2019:

- (1) Whether her Department has safely removed all live bombs at the Strelitzia Dam; if not, why; if so, how many bombs, in total, has her Department removed;
- (2) whether her Department can expect to find any more bombs; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) whether the aforementioned dam is safe; if not, what plans has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that the dam is safe;
- (4) whether her Department has established the origin of the bombs; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide a detailed report in this regard?

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

- (1) What is the current vacancy rate within her Department, can she kindly provide a breakdown of vacancies per (a) district, (b) level and (c) programme;
- (2) when is it anticipated that these vacancies will be filled;
- (3) can she kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delays in filling these vacancies?

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

- (1) How many disciplinary cases are outstanding in her Department as at the latest specified date for which information is available, can she kindly provide the (a) start date of each case, (b) charges against the official and (c) current status of each case;
- (2) whether her Department has suspended the persons who are being charged of the cases mentioned above; if not, why; if so, for how long her Department anticipates they will be suspended;
- (3) when her Department anticipates each case will be concluded;
- (4) whether the specified persons are still receiving their salaries; if so, (a) what is the total cost of these salaries per month, per case and (b) for how many months has each official been receiving their salary, while being suspended?

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

- (1) Whether she can kindly indicate how many libraries are there in the province and can she kindly provide the (a) name of library and (b) geographical location of the library;
- (2) whether all these respective libraries are operational; if not, why;
- (3) whether there are any challenges that have been referred to her Department with regard to non-operational libraries; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether there are any (a) printing facilities, (b) telephone and/access to a phone and (c) internet connectivity in all these respective libraries; if not, why;

- (5) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to (a) building new libraries and (b) revamping existing libraries within the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) whether all libraries within the province are well capacitated in that all vacant posts have been filled; if not, why;
- (7) whether there are any libraries that have faced a shortage of books; if so, how has her Department addressed this matter?

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

With reference to the Eastern Cape Heritage Resources Authority (ECHRA):

- (1) Whether the permit committees have been meeting regularly; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details regarding the (a) dates and (b) names of persons attending from 1 March 2019 as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, can she kindly provide the reasons as to why have they not been meeting;
- (2) whether the authority has been fulfilling its duties as required in terms of Section 24 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999); if so, can she kindly provide a report of the committee activities from 1 March 2016 as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why is the committee allegedly in breach of this Act;
- (3) whether the ECHRA is competent to perform any function in terms of Act specified above; if so, can she kindly motivate in this regard; if not, why?

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

With reference to the Daily Dispatch article titled 'More broken promises' dated Thursday, 10 October 2019:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the road mentioned in the article has allegedly not been repaired; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what has caused the delay;

- (2) whether her Department has made any budget available with a view to repairing this road; if so, how much has her Department budgeted in this regard;
- (3) when her Department anticipates roadworks will commence on this stretch of road?

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

With reference to The Herald article titled 'Transport flop sees pupils stuck at home for nearly five months' dated Wednesday, 16 October 2019:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that 35 pupils are allegedly not being transported to Clarkson Primary School and have reportedly missed approximately five months of school due to lack of scholar transport; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details;
- (2) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to ensuring that these learners are transported for the remainder of the school year; if not, why;
- (3) whether her Department has made a budget available with a view to transporting the 35 learners; if so, how much; if not,
- (4) what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that these learners are transported?