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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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512. Mr Y Cassim to ask the Premier:

- (1) What is the current financial breakdown, per department, on outstanding invoices older than 30 days as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what steps have the departments in (1) above taken with a view to addressing non-payment;
- (3) what effects has the non-payment had within the departments in (1) above?

513. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

- (1) How many provincial departmental officials have been dismissed or suspended as a result of (a) financial misconduct, (b) fraud and (c) corruption;
- (2) whether he can kindly indicate which department is each official from;
- (3) what plans has his Office put in place with a view to mitigating the above incidents?

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

- (1) How much is owing to the King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality in rates and services as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide a breakdown in terms of how much is owing by (a) ordinary residents and (b) businesses;
- (2) how many households, in the aforementioned municipality, are registered as indigent households;
- (3) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to assisting the municipality mentioned above to recover these outstanding debts; if so, can he kindly outline these plans;
- (4) what effect is the outstanding debt having on the implementation of service delivery in the aforementioned municipality?

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

Noting that National Treasury has reportedly given the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) two weeks to repay the R 3 billion it received for the Integrated Public Transport System (IPTS):

- (1) How much, in monetary value, has the aforementioned municipality been allocated by National Treasury for the IPTS project since its inception as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how much of the amount in (1) above has the aforementioned municipality spent on the IPTS project in total;
- (3) how much of the above spend has the Auditor- General categorized as irregular expenditure;
- (4) what actions has his Department taken with a view to assisting in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the forensic report;
- (5) what consequence management has his Department instituted with a view to ensuring that implicated officials are held accountable;

- (6) of the requested R3 billion to be repaid, whether the municipality mentioned above has repaid any amounts to National Treasury; if so, how much?

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

With reference to the notices that Eskom on Friday, 4 October 2019 published in the local press regarding proposed electricity cuts to the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality (IYM) as a result of the non-payment by the municipality of its electricity account:

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the arrear electricity account of the aforementioned municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what plans has his Department put in place with a view to addressing this matter and (b) whether his Department is satisfied that said interventions have delivered positive results; if not, why;
- (2) what was the outstanding Eskom account of the abovementioned municipality as at (a) June 2019 and (b) September 2019;
- (3) if the arrears in the account have grown between June 2019 and September 2019, what possible further interventions has his Department planned with a view to addressing the situation;
- (4) what is the status of the application launched and/or legal action instituted by the local business forum against the aforementioned municipality with regard to the arrear Eskom account;
- (5) whether his Department is opposing the alleged application and/or legal action instituted by the local business forum; if so, why?

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

- (1) Whether any municipalities in the province had applied for (a) financial assistance and/or (b) bailouts as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) how many municipalities, (ii) which municipalities and (iii) what total amounts have the municipalities requested in each case;

- (2) whether his Department envisages any of the municipalities in (1) above will be unable to meet their financial obligations in the next 90 days; if so (a) how many and (b) can he kindly provide the names of these municipalities;
- (3) what steps has his Department taken or anticipates to take with the view to assisting these municipalities?

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

Noting that the majority of local municipalities in the province have allegedly failed in their mandate to collect refuse regularly, which has reportedly resulted in residents illegally dumping their refuse on the outskirts of settlements, villages, towns and cities across the province and further noting that this activity has allegedly resulted in degradation of the natural environment of the province on a scale never witnessed before and has now reportedly impacted negatively on tourist numbers to the province:

- (1) What immediate steps has his Department taken with a view to holding local municipalities to account for their failure to collect refuse, which has reportedly resulted in this environmental disaster;
- (2) whether his Department has taken any immediate steps in place, in conjunction with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), with a view to curbing the practice of illegal dumping, which has allegedly impacted very negatively on soil integrity and ground water integrity; if so, can he kindly provide details of the steps taken; if not, why;
- (3) whether his Department has taken any steps, in conjunction with CoGTA, with a view to beginning rehabilitation processes across the province in order to mitigate and ultimately reverse the damage which has reportedly taken place; if so, can he kindly provide details of the steps taken; if not, why;
- (4) what steps his Department envisages it will take with a view to ensuring that provincial tourist destinations and tourist sites are held to account for cleaning and clearing the natural environment in order for tourist numbers to improve?

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

With reference to the Daily Dispatch article titled, "Finances delay completion of new inner-city school", dated Tuesday, 29 October 2019, noting that the inner-city school

was allegedly intended to take over the current Grens Primary School building in Arcadia, East London and further noting that the inner-city school was reportedly intended to accommodate thousands of unplaced pupils for the January 2020 school year:

- (1) Whether he can kindly indicate (a) when and (b) why was the construction of the new school building for Grens Primary School allegedly stopped;
- (2) what plans has his Department put in place, if any, with a view to continuing with the construction of the aforementioned school;
- (3) at what stage of construction is the school currently at;
- (4) how much has his Department (a) budgeted and (b) spent to date for the construction of the aforementioned school;
- (5) whether any money is owing to Dewing Construction Company for the construction of the school; if so, (a) how much is owing to date and (b) what are the reasons for the delay in payment;
- (6) whether the building has experienced any acts of vandalism; if so, (a) what was the nature of the vandalism ,(b) what is the cost of damage and (c) whether a case has been opened with the South African Police Service (SAPS) in this regard; if not, why;
- (7) how many pupils does his Department expect to register at the new inner-city high school;
- (8) if the pupils are not able to register at the new inner-city high school, what alternative arrangements has his Department made to accommodate pupils for registration in January 2020;
- (9) whether his Department has stopped the construction of any other schools in the province; if so, (a) which schools and (b) can he kindly provide the reasons in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any existing technical/vocational schools in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

- (2) can he kindly provide the (a) names of the technical/vocational schools in the province coupled with their location and (b) subjects that are offered at each vocational school;
- (3) whether the schools have sufficient resources to accommodate the maximum capacity; if not, what resources are lacking; if so,
- (4) (a) what is the maximum capacity of each school and (b) how many learners are enrolled at each school?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of an educator, (*name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply*), who was reportedly employed by his Department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) on which date did the aforementioned educator (a) start working at his Department and (b) retire/ resign from his Department;
- (3) (a) when was the abovementioned educator appointed by his Department, (b) on what salary grading was she appointed and (c) why has his Department appointed her on the stipulated salary grade;
- (4) how many years' experience did the educator mentioned above have in teaching before joining his Department;
- (5) whether his Department has received any request for rectification of salary grading; if so, (a) when and (b) what action has his Department taken in this regard?

522. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:

- (1) Whether he has received any representations regarding an ex-employee (*names and details furnished for the purpose of the reply*), who reportedly went on pension from 1 August 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether his Department has processed the abovementioned ex-employee's documents in order for her to receive her leave pay-out; if not, why;
- (3) (a) why has it reportedly taken his Department so long to process her leave pay-out in order for her to receive her payment(s) and (b) when his

Department anticipates the aforementioned ex-employee will start receiving her payment(s)?

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

Noting that about 6% of South African population allegedly suffer from Diabetes and also noting that diabetes is regarded as one of the most common causes of death in the country:

- (1) What is the total number of patients who contracted diabetes in the province for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/2019 and (iv) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available can she kindly provide the response per district, (a) in patient numbers and (b) as a percentage of the population per district in the province;
- (2) what is the total number of patients who defaulted on their diabetes treatment in province for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the response per district, (a) in patient numbers and (b) as a percentage of the population per district in the province;
- (3) how many patients have died from diabetes in the province for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the response per district, (a) in patient numbers and (b) as a percentage of the population per district in the province;
- (4) what measures has her Department put in place with a view to trying to curb the incidence of diabetes in the province?

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

Noting that HIV/AIDS is allegedly still one of the greatest causes of mortality in our province:

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide the number of patients, per age cohort, who have contracted HIV / AIDS, per district, in the province for the (past four) (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, per annum, (a) in patient numbers and (b) as a percentage of the population per district;

- (2) whether she can kindly provide the number of patients, per age cohort, who her Department is treating for HIV/AIDS, per district, in the province for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available, per annum, (a) in patient numbers and (b) as a percentage of the population per district;
- (3) whether she can kindly provide the number of patients, per age cohort, who have defaulted on their HIV/AIDS treatment, per district, in the province for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available, per annum, (a) in patient numbers and (b) as a percentage of the population per district;
- (4) whether she can kindly provide the number of patients, per age cohort, who have died as a result of HIV/AIDS or an AIDS-related illness, per district, in the province for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available, per annum, (a) in patient numbers and (b) as a percentage of the population per district;
- (5) what programmes has her Department introduced as a means of curbing the incidence of HIV/AIDS in the province;
- (6) what is HIV/AIDS and related illnesses costing her Department in terms of (a) human resources, (b) infrastructural resources and (c) medication and medical costs related to the disease, per annum?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has identified any families in Mbizana Municipality who qualified under the destitute and vulnerable groups programme of her Department who are to receive houses in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) how many (aa) families and (bb) houses are to be built and (b) when her Department anticipates the houses will be completed; if not,
- (2) whether she has been informed of cases of people in Ward 17 in Qambashe Village in Mbizana who reportedly need houses under the destitute and vulnerable programme of her Department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

- (3) when her Department envisages it can (a) provide the houses and (b) compile a data base of the said families?

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

- (1) How many provincial cases in respect of her Department have been reported in the National Anti-Fraud and Corruption hotline in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what (a) is the status of the investigations in the cases mentioned in (1) above and (b) are the findings and recommendations of the investigations;
- (3) how many cases have been referred to (a) law enforcement agencies, (b) Office of The Premier and (c) to the Public Service Commission;
- (4) how many cases have been successfully prosecuted?

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

Noting that in the 2018/19 financial year the accumulative balance on irregular expenditure being R 1.3 Billion for the Department of Public Works and further noting the Public Audit Act (Act no. 25 of 2004) gives the power to the Auditor-General to issue a certificates of debt:

- (1) What response has his Department given to the Auditor-General for the irregular expenditure incurred;
- (2) what remedial action has his Department undertaken based on the findings of the Auditor-General remarks;
- (3) whether there has been any certificate of debt issued to the Accounting Officer responsible for the irregular expenditure; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what consequence management has his Department undertaken with a view to dealing with the officials accountable for the irregular expenditure?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has any outstanding accounts and/or outstanding monies due and payable to any irrigation board or its subsidiaries in the province as at 31 August 2019; if so,
- (2) (a) which irrigation board or its subsidiaries are owed monies by her Department, (b) what is the amount due and payable in respect of each of the instances and (c) for how long have these accounts been due and payable;
- (3) whether she can kindly provide the reasons for these accounts not being settled and/or in arrears?

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

With reference to the South African Police Service (SAPS) Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Units (FCS):

- (1) What is the number of calls received by this unit for 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 she kindly provide the relevant details per police station clusters;
- (2) at what stage will it be necessary to dispatch the FCS unit to a specific case;
- (3) what is the role of this unit in respect of (a) abandoned, (b) missing, (c) abducted and (d) trafficked children;
- (4) how many cases have been reported to this unit for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
- (5) with regard to the cases mentioned above, how many of them relate to (a) abandoned, (b) missing, (c) abducted and (d) trafficked children and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) how many of the abovementioned cases were (a) successfully and (b) unsuccessfully prosecuted 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) with regard to (6) above, (a) why were the cases unsuccessful and (b) what measures has her Department put in place or anticipates to put in place in the future with a view to ensuring that they are successful?

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

With reference to missing children who have potentially been abducted, abandoned or trafficked:

- (1) What (a) protocol has his Department taken and (b) entities are informed by the South African Police Service (SAPS) when a child is reported missing;
- (2) what (a) alert systems and (b) social media is used by SAPS in an effort to find the missing child, can she kindly provide the relevant details for both alert systems used and social media form used;
- (3) whether the general public is always informed of a missing child; if so, how are they informed; if not, why;
- (4) what technology is used to (a) locate the child, (b) retrieve the child and (c) inform the public;
- (5) what information is needed when reporting a child missing and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) whether other departments are liaised with once a child is reported missing; if so, (a) which departments, (b) what information is requested from said departments and (c) how long does it generally take to obtain the information requested and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (7) what database currently exists that assists officials in finding the missing child and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (8) what information is included in the database mentioned above;
- (9) who maintains and updates the database mentioned in (7) above and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (10) with regard to the database, (a) how often is it updated and (b) when last was it updated;
- (11) who has access to this database and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (12) whether any DNA related information is retrieved in order to find the missing child; if so, (a) where is the DNA information retrieved from and (b) how long does it take to obtain this information;
- (13) when is a case considered to be 'cold' and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

With reference to children who have been abducted, abandoned or trafficked in this province:

- (1) How many (a) abandoned, (b) abducted and (c) trafficked children were there for 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 she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) what is the breakdown of the abovementioned abandoned children, per police cluster 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;
- (3) what is the breakdown of the abovementioned (a) abandoned, (b) abducted, and (c) trafficked children, per age group, as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how many cases of (a) abandoned, (b) abducted and (c) trafficked children were opened 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) of the cases mentioned above, how many were (a) successfully and (b) unsuccessfully prosecuted 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;

- (6) with regard to (5) above, (a) why were the cases unsuccessful and (b) what measures has her Department put in place or anticipates to put in place in the future with a view to ensuring that they are successful;
- (7) how many of the (a) abandoned, (b) abducted and (c) trafficked children mentioned in (1) above were (aa) injured or (bb) killed 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;
- (8) what tests are done on children to ensure their (a) mental and (b) physical health;
- (9) what tests are done on children to determine if any (a) mental and/or (b) physical treatment is needed and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (10) how are (a) abandoned, (b) abducted and (c) trafficked children identified and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (11) what records are kept of (a) state cared and (b) privately cared for children and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) What (a) record keeping system and (b) reporting system does her Department use, per programme, with regard to progress made on performance indicators and reporting for quarterly and annual reports;
- (2) whether her Department deems these systems reliable; if not, why;
- (3) how long has her Department used these systems;
- (4) what are the consequences of not having adequate (a) record keeping and (b) reporting systems in place?

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

- (1) How many service contracts has her Department awarded in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years to (a) family members, (b) partners or associates of employees who have/had private or business interest in contracts and who failed to disclose such interests 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 employees has her Department investigated with regard to (1) above and (b) what was the outcome in each case;
- (3) what consequence management has her Department instituted against each employee who was found guilty of this transgression?

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

- (1) Whether she and/or her Department official have gone on any international and or national trip upon invitation in the last four months; if so, what was the purpose of this trip;
- (2) whether she can kindly provide a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred by her Department in relation to the aforementioned trip; if not, why;
- (3) whether any other provincial organizations or municipalities shared the cost in respect of the travel undertaken; if so, what (a) are the names of the organizations and/or municipalities in question and (b) total amount was provided in each case?

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

With reference to the Eastern Cape Cricket:

- (1) What (a) is the status of the Eastern Province Cricket Board and (b) engagements has her Department had with the Eastern Province Cricket (EP) as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what is the current status of the EP Cricket women's team and their progress at local and national level;
- (3) whether her Department has given the EP Cricket women's team any support; if so, what support; if not, why;

- (4) whether she has been informed of the challenges faced by the aforementioned women's team in that they are reported to be presently struggling to get access to basic facilities and equipment to ensure that they can perform accordingly; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is her Department's stance on this matter;
- (5) whether her Department anticipates it will be willing to engage the Eastern Province Cricket Board and respective teams with a view to addressing their challenges; if so, can she kindly provide a (a) time-frame in this regard and (b) report to be tabled to the portfolio committee for deliberation and recommendations?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has put any measures in place with the view to protecting the Bayworld Museum from further decay given its alleged status and contribution to the people of Nelson Mandela Bay; if not, why; if so,
- (2) (a) what measures and (b) when her Department envisages these measures will be put into place;
- (3) whether her Department intends to hold the municipality accountable; if not, why?

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

Noting that Mazibuko Senior Secondary School in Cacadu has allegedly not benefitted from scholar transport since 2013 to date:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that learners from the aforementioned school have reportedly not had scholar transport since 2013; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide reasons as to why have they allegedly not benefitted from scholar transport;
- (2) what is the total number of learners that qualify for scholar transport from the school mentioned above;

- (3) whether her Department has any budget available with a view to providing scholar transport to the aforementioned school; if not, why; if so, what total amount has her Department budgeted in this regard;
- (4) when her Department envisages qualifying learners from the school mentioned above can expect to receive scholar transport?

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

With reference to the R334 between Motherwell and Colchester:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that this road is alleged to be in a terrible state and is in urgent need of repair; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that the aforementioned road is repaired;
- (2) can she kindly provide reasons as to why has this road not been maintained;
- (3) whether her Department has any budget available to repair the road mentioned above; if so, how much has her Department budgeted in this regard;
- (4) (a) when her Department anticipates work will begin with a view to repairing this road and (b) by when her Department envisages it will be complete?

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

With reference to Prince George Drive in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) that starts at the end of the racetrack and winds along the coastline to Fullers Bay and joins the R72:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the said road is alleged to be in an appalling condition, to such an extent whereby the road is wearing away at the sides and is filled with large potholes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plans has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that the abovementioned road is repaired;
- (2) whether her Department has any budget available to repair the road mentioned above; if so, how much has her Department budgeted in this regard;
- (3) when her Department anticipates the aforementioned road can be expected to be repaired?