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### INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2019

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

- (1) Which municipalities have had their electricity (a) interrupted or (b) threatened interruption for the non-payment of electricity as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) when were the (a) interruptions effected or (b) notices of intention to interrupt made;
- (3) what has been the effect of electricity interruptions on (a) residents and (b) business in the municipalities which have experienced interruptions;
- (4) (a) how much is owing by each municipality and (b) what payment plans has each municipality put in place with a view to ensuring that electricity supply is returned;
- (5) which municipalities are currently in payment agreements with Eskom and can he kindly outline the details of these arrangements?

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

- (1) What (a) are the current dam levels in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) is the latest available average dam levels;
- (2) if there are different statistics available in respect of the dams utilized for agriculture purposes and domestic use, can he kindly provide the respective latest dam levels in this regard;
- (3) when last (which year) were the average dam levels in the province recorded at these current levels;
- (4) whether the province receives any water from any scheme/s outside of the province; if so, what volume of water does the province receive from each of these schemes on a daily basis;
- (5) given the fact that the drought is reportedly now widespread throughout the country, whether there is any possibility that the aforesaid allocation/s can be cut by the scheme/s and/or the Department of Water Affairs; if so, (a) what ensuing effects would such possible cut/s in allocation have for the province and (b) whether the province has made any contingency plans of any nature with a view to countering the effects of such possible cut/s in allocation/s herein; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) (a) which municipalities in the province are currently experiencing water shortages and (b) of these municipalities, which ones have implemented water restrictions;
- (7) what plans in general did his Department and/or the province put in place in order to mitigate the effects of the on-going drought in the province?

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

- (1) How many municipal workers has his Department allocated in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) to assist during the festive season with beach and street clean-ups;
- (2) of the allocated municipal workers, how many his Department envisages will be operating in the Gonubie area and can he kindly provide a breakdown of the operating times from Monday to Sunday;

- (3) whether his Department has any formal record management system in place with a view to ensuring that municipal workers are monitored; if not, why; if so, what consequence management steps his Department anticipates will be taken in terms of employees who do not report for work;
- (4) whether the municipal workers have the suitable protective clothing and equipment to conduct the work; if not, (a) why and (b) when his Department anticipates they will receive the clothing and equipment;
- (5) (a) during the 2018/19 financial year, what was the absenteeism rate of municipal employees allocated for beach and street clean-ups as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what steps has his Department taken with a view to mitigating this challenge?

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

*Regarding the alleged decision taken by the provincial cabinet to invoke Section 139 (1) (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act no. 108 of 1996) for the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM):*

- (1) Whether his Department has issued the Municipal Council of the aforementioned municipality with a directive describing the extent of the alleged failure to fulfil its obligations; if so, can he kindly provide a copy of the letter; if not, when his Department anticipates such directive will be issued;
- (2) whether his Department has issued the Municipal Council of the municipality mentioned above with a directive describing steps required to meet its obligations; if so, can he kindly provide a copy of the letter; if not, when his Department envisages such directive will be issued;
- (3) what steps his Department anticipates will be taken if the aforementioned municipality fails to comply with the resolution mentioned above;
- (4) whether his Department has been furnished with a response from the aforementioned Municipal Council; if so, can he kindly provide a copy of the response?

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

*Noting that the Coega Development Corporation is reported to be responsible for a large number of infrastructure projects across the province:*

How many infrastructure projects being implemented by the Coega Development Corporation have been stalled in the (past three) (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the answer according to either (a) the contractor that has pulled out of the project, (b) the client departments that have failed to pay them, (c) Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMMEs) that have shut the project down ( if so, can he kindly state their reasons), (d) form of industrial action and (e) for any other reason?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of a student (*name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply*), who allegedly rewrote her National senior Certificate (NSC) in 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) when his Department envisages the aforementioned student will receive her NSC;
- (3) whether he can kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delays in issuing the NSC;
- (4) what steps must the student mentioned above take in order to obtain her NSC;
- (5) how many matriculants, who wrote the NSC examinations in the last 5 academic years are still awaiting their certificates;
- (6) can he kindly provide the reasons for the reported delays?

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

*Subsequent to the response to question 430 of IQP 18 dated Friday, 11 October 2019 regarding Sandisulwazi High School in Paterson in the Sundays River Valley Municipality in the Sarah Baartman Education District:*

- (1) Whether he can kindly clarify how many requests for an Afrikaans-speaking teacher were received by his Department from the aforementioned school over the past 5 academic years;
- (2) how many Afrikaans-speaking teachers, who teach in Afrikaans, are currently employed at the school mentioned above;
- (3) can he kindly provide each individual teacher's (a) subject allocation, (b) the number of classes taught, per grade, (c) the number of periods relevant to the teaching cycle of the school and (d) post level, as requested in question 430 (9) of IQP 18 as stated in the preamble above?

**547. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he can kindly list the top 20 creditors of his Department those whom his 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) was owed to each of these 20 creditors as at the end of the aforementioned financial year and (b) is currently owed to each of these 20 creditors as at October 2019;
- (3) whether he can kindly list the 20 creditors of his Department with the longest outstanding accounts (the outstanding accounts that were the oldest) of the the abovementioned financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) (a) how many days were these accounts overdue in each of the 20 cases and (b) what amount was due and payable by his Department in each of the 20 cases;
- (5) what amount is currently owed to each of these 20 creditors as at October 2019;
- (6) what amount has his Department spent on (i) overtime, (ii) subsistence and travel, (iii) petrol/diesel, (iv) office furniture, (v) stationary, (vi) vehicle / fleet rental and (vii) rental of office space/buildings in the aforementioned 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

- (1) How many teachers in the province are still waiting to receive outstanding salary payments from January 2019 to date, per district as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether he can kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delay in payments;
- (3) what steps has his Department implemented in order to prevent this happening in the future?

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

*Regarding Schoombee Primary School in the Cradock District:*

- (1) Whether he has been informed that the school mentioned above is allegedly located on land that is owned by the Schoombee School Trust and that his Department is set to pay rent to the trust for the use of the school building; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether his Department has paid the trust all the rent that is due to them for the 2019 academic year thus far; if so, can he kindly provide proof of payment; if not, (a) can he kindly provide the reasons as to why has the rent allegedly not been paid and (b) what plans has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring that rent is paid timeously;
- (3) whether his Department envisages any teachers who currently teach at the aforementioned school will be redeployed to other schools; if so, can he kindly provide the reasons in this regard, (b) to which schools his Department anticipates the teachers will be redeployed, (c) how far are these schools from the teacher's homes and (c) whether the teachers would now qualify for a rural allowance as they are working far from home; if not, why;
- (4) how many children are currently registered at the abovementioned school, per grade;
- (5) how many teachers (a) are currently employed at the school and (b) his Department anticipates will be employed at the school after the redeployment?

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

*Regarding Lutateni Senior Secondary School (SSS):*

- (1) Whether the abovementioned school was informed that it will receive prefab classrooms from Zakhele JSS; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether the prefab classrooms that are to be sourced from Zakhele JSS have been completed; if not, why; if so,
- (3) when his Department anticipates Lutateni SSS will receive these classrooms;
- (4) can he kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delays;
- (5) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to providing additional infrastructure to Lutateni SSS; if not, why; if so, (a) what plans are there and (b) by when his Department envisages the plans will be implemented;
- (6) whether his Department has earmarked Lutateni SSS earmarked for the building of a new school; if not, why; if so, by when?

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

*Noting that medico-legal claims against the Department of Health have allegedly created financial challenges which affect all the programmes within the department and further noting that the contingent liability created by pending legal cases against the Department of Health have reportedly now reached figures in excess of the total budget for the provincial Department of Health:*

- (1) How far old are the medico-legal cases against her Department;
- (2) (a) what is the statute of limitations on such cases being brought to her Department and (b) if there is no such statute, what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to investigating whether such a statute can be initiated;
- (3) which five financial years represent the highest number of cases that have been brought against her Department in the past 25 years;

- (4) what (a) are the five most common conditions for which her Department is being held liable and (b) percentage of the total medico-legal cases do each of these conditions represent;
- (5) which districts have brought the highest number of claims against her Department in the past five years as at the latest specified date for which information is available, can she kindly provide the response in order of the (a) number and (b) value of the claims brought against her Department;
- (6) which medical institutions are responsible for the highest number of claims against her Department in the past five years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the response in order of the (a) number and (b) value of the claims;
- (7) whether she has been informed of any other provincial Health Department that has been able to budget successfully for at least a portion of the contingent liability caused by medico-legal claims that they face annually; if so, which province or provinces do/does so?

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

*Noting that the Port Alfred Hospital and the Settlers Hospital in Grahamstown are reportedly both public-private partnership hospitals which have a reputation for being efficiently managed and offer effective health services to their communities:*

- (1) Whether any other hospitals in the province have indicated their willingness to or interest in partnering with the private health sector in order to become a public-private partnership facility; if so, which hospitals have indicated such;
- (2) whether her Department is actively encouraging such partnerships at hospitals in the province, as they allegedly seem to display high levels of success in terms of health care delivery; if not, why?

**553. Mr N Bhanga to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

- (1) (a) How many DNA labs are currently in the province and (b) which of these labs are fully functional;



- (2) where there is no DNA lab nearby, whether she can kindly indicate (a) the referral labs for cases around the province, (b) how long it takes for samples to reach the referral labs and (c) the average turnaround time to receive DNA results;
- (3) when is the new DNA lab expected to be completed;
- (4) what (a) total budget has her Department set aside for the new DNA lab and (b) is the cost analysis for the development of the abovementioned lab to be completed;
- (5) (a) where is the lab intended to be established and (b) which area(s) her Department anticipates the lab will service and (c) why has her Department chosen this area as the site for the DNA lab;
- (6) whether her Department has established a report prior to the decision to establish a new DNA lab; if so, can she kindly make the report available?

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

*Subsequent to a response provided on Wednesday, 31 January 2018 to Question 318 of IQP 49 of the Fourth Session of the Fifth Legislature dated Friday, 19 January 2018:*

- (1) Whether her Department has any invoices that have not been paid to creditors and/or suppliers within the stipulated 30 day period as per Treasury Regulation 8.2.3 per receipt of invoice as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, can she kindly provide reasons in this regard;
- (2) (a) how many suppliers and or creditors are affected by the non-payment mentioned in (1) above and (b) can she kindly provide (aa) their names and (bb) the expected time-frame within which suppliers/contractors can expect payment;
- (3) what total amount her Department owes to contractors and/or suppliers mentioned above;

- (4) whether her Department undertakes any consequence management in case the officials of her Department are at fault; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether there are any municipalities that her Department is supporting with the Housing Needs Register in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) how many municipalities and (b) what progress is made by the said municipalities;
- (2) whether her Department envisages it will offer support to all other municipalities in the province with regard to (1) above; if so, (a) when her Department anticipates the support will be rendered, (b) can she kindly list such municipalities and (c) what is the time-frame of the support;
- (3) (a) whether her Department has the human resources to render the support in (2) above; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard and (b) what are the financial implications to her Department for the support offered?

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

*Noting that the Department of Human Settlements has reportedly adopted the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) strategy 2013-2016 which was meant to harness internal and external service delivery efficiency and effectiveness of operations:*

- (1) What part of the strategy to provide ICT solutions has her Department implemented to date;
- (2) what infrastructural improvements has her Department undertaken in implementing the strategy mentioned above;
- (3) what were the cost implications of the improvements in (2) above in the (i) 2013/14, (ii) 2014/15 and (iii) 2015/16 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) whether her Department has noted any improvements and critical success factors since the implementation of the ICT strategy; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**557. Mr N Bhanga to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

*With regard to the Florida Heights housing project near Despatch in the Eastern Cape:*

- (1) Whether he can kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delay in the construction of the housing project mentioned above;
- (2) what is the current stage of completion of the project, to date;
- (3) what was the (a) the original completion date set for project and (b) what are the current amended time-frames for the project;
- (4) what total budget has his Department (a) set aside for the project and (b) spent to date;
- (5) who is the company/companies contracted for the development of the project;
- (6) how many beneficiaries has his Department earmarked for the aforementioned project;
- (7) (a) how many other housing projects in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) are experiencing delays and (b) can he kindly cite the reasons for the delays;
- (8) how much has his Department budgeted for each project?

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

*Regarding an article published in the Daily Dispatch on Tuesday, 29 October 2019, titled "Finances delay completion of new inner-city school", noting that construction work at Grens Primary School had allegedly been suspended and alleged vandalism had been taking place:*

- (1) What assessment has his Department made on issues regarding (a) repairs to vandalised structures, (b) on-site security concerns and (c) theft of building material;

- (2) whether his Department has opened a case with the South African Police Service (SAPS) regarding the alleged theft of building material; if not, why; if so, what is the case number;
- (3) whether there has been any departmental official who has been implicated in the vandalism of the construction site; if so, what consequence management steps has his Department undertaken in this regard;
- (4) at what stage of progress is the construction project currently standing;
- (5) what is the expected time-frame for the completion of the construction project?

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

- (1) Whether she can kindly list the experimental farms and/or facilities of this nature of her Department in the province;
- (2) (a) what research work and/or experimental work is carried out at each of these facilities and (b) how her Department utilizes this research work to benefit farmers and/or other agricultural entities/organizations in the province;
- (3) whether her Department has any livestock at any of the aforementioned facilities; if so, what livestock were being kept at the respective facilities as at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019 respectively;
- (4) whether there were any of the aforementioned livestock sold in the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, what (a) number of livestock was sold and (b) was the income received from each unit of livestock sold during the aforementioned financial year as at the latest specified date for information is available;
- (5) whether her Department has suffered any losses as a result of livestock being stolen at any of its facilities during the financial year mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) at which facilities and (b) what was the extent of the loss in both unit number of livestock as well as monetary value thereof;
- (6) whether any livestock has died at any of the aforementioned facilities during the financial year specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) at which facilities and (b) what was the

extent of said loss in both unit number of livestock as well as monetary value thereof;

- (7) what (a) crops were planted at each of the aforementioned facilities, (b) was the yield, per hectare, in each instance and (c) is the industry standard yield, per hectare, in comparison with the yield per hectare that were received in each instance at these facilities?

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

- (1) How many members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) should there be ideally 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) how many members of SAPS should there actually be for 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) how many vacancies are there currently within the SAPS and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what is the breakdown, per vacancy, per cluster and per rank in the province for 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;
- (5) for how long have these vacancies been vacant and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) when are these vacant positions expected to be filled;
- (7) why has it reportedly taken so long for these vacancies to be filled;
- (8) how many acting positions are there currently and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (9) what is the breakdown of these acting positions, per cluster, in the province;
- (10) for how long have these acting positions been in place and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (11) what are the consequences of these positions not being filled by a permanent position?

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

- (1) How many (a) commercial crimes and (b) cyber-crimes were committed in the province 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;
- (2) what is the breakdown, per category, for (a) commercial crimes and (b) cyber-crimes committed in the province for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how many arrests has the South African police Service (SAPS) made with regard to the abovementioned crimes committed for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether the SAPS is fully equipped and trained to handle any sort of (a) commercial crimes and (b) cyber-crimes being committed; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) whether her Department has identified a trend in terms of cyber-crimes increasing; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) (a) how often do SAPS officials go on training to deal with these cyber-related crimes, (b) when was the last training that was attended that related to battling cyber-related crimes and (c) how many SAPS officials attended the training;
- (7) what steps is the SAPS taking with a view to capacitating themselves to combat cyber-crimes and fraud;
- (8) how often does training take place each year, specifically for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (9) when is the next cyber-crime related training expected to take place and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (10) who is expected to attend this training and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*With reference to the crime stats not being available for certain sub-questions of Question 266 of IQP 11 dated Friday, 30 August 2019 regarding Katkop Police Station:*

- (1) What are the main crimes that are reported to the aforementioned police station 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;
- (2) how many cases have been opened for the crimes mentioned above for 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) how many stock theft cases were reported in 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?

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

*Subsequent to the response received to Question 416 of IQP 17 dated Friday, 4 October 2019:*

- (1) Whether she can kindly clarify the answer to question 416 (4) as the table is separated into two tables and refers to “all employees below” which makes reference to only half the table;
- (2) can she kindly clarify what the grand total amount of R4 851 167.05 is for as the total sum of the amounts in the table does not accumulate to the grand total amount indicated;
- (3) what total amount has her Department paid to each employee who has been suspended while investigations into allegations are being investigated and can she kindly stipulate how (a) long each person has been on suspension and (b) much has each employee been paid while on suspension?

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

*With reference to the Springboks winning the Rugby World Cup as led by Captain Siya Kolisi born and raised in Port Elizabeth and had a rare opportunity to go to a good school which moulded his sport abilities:*

- (1) What plans has her Department put in place done to bridge the gap in terms of sport between disadvantaged schools and those that fall within quintile 1;
- (2) what agreement or memorandum, if any, has her Department established with the Department of Education with a view to addressing inequality gap in schools;
- (3) what (a) support has her Department provided for schools 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 and (b) positive impact has this support provided;
- (4) how her Department anticipates to ensure that it can hold municipalities accountable where there has been a lack of support for sports and providence of sporting facilities;
- (5) what support and/or plans has her Department put in place with a view to promoting sports and recreation within rural areas, can she kindly provide the relevant details as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

**565. 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 Permit Committees in the province have been meeting regularly; if so, can she kindly provide details regarding the dates and names for the past 6 months from January 2018 as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why have they not been meeting;
- (2) whether the ECHRA has been fulfilling its duties as required in Section 24 of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (Act no. 25 of 1999); if so,



can she kindly provide a report of the committee activities from January 2018 as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why is the committee in breach of this Act;

- (3) whether the ECHRA is competent to perform any function in terms of the aforementioned Act; if so, can she kindly provide motivation in this regard; if not, why?

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

*With reference to the article in the Daily Dispatch, published on Friday, 1 November 2019, titled "Guitar Man out to revive EP boxing":*

- (1) How many boxing tournaments has her Department sponsored in the (i) 2016/17 and (ii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) what amounts has her Department given to each sponsored tournament in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 financial years and (iii) from 1 April 2019 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how many persons attended the specified tournaments in each of the specified years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) (a) who were the promoters of these events and (b) what (aa) amounts has her Department given to each specified promoter and (bb) benefit did the provincial government gain from sponsoring these events?

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

*With reference to Schoombe Primary School between Cradock and Middelburg:*

- (1) How many learners qualify for scholar transport at the aforementioned school;
- (2) of the qualifying learners, how many learners is her Department transporting to the school mentioned above;
- (3) how many scholar transport operators are there in the abovementioned area;

- (4) how many routes do the scholar transport operators use in the area mentioned above;
- (5) what are the routes that the operators use?

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

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the drone licensing process; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly explain in detail the steps of this process;
- (2) what are the requirements to apply for a drone license;
- (3) how many people have applied for their Air Services License in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) of those that applied in (2) above, how many applicants were successful for each of the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) how long does the process take for a drone license to be approved;
- (6) how long is the drone license valid for?

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

*With reference to Seplan Junior Secondary School in the Chris Hani District:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the school mentioned above has allegedly not benefited from the scholar transport programme; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, why have they allegedly not benefited;
- (2) whether she has been informed of the number of learners that qualify for scholar transport at the abovementioned school; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the total number of qualifying learners;
- (3) whether her Department has any budget available to transport learners from the school mentioned above; if so, how much has her Department budgeted in this regard?

