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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2019

Premier:

***1. Ms T Gaya to ask the Premier:**

Noting that the youth of the province are reportedly most affected by the rising tide of unemployment, as such, the flagship youth development programmes are a welcome intervention by the Office of the Premier and the relevant departments:

- (1) Whether he can kindly provide details as to how sustainable is the Youth-in-Maritime Development Programme going forward;
- (2) what other programmes is his Office contemplating in this regard?

***2. Ms N Nyalambisa to ask the Premier:**

Noting that service delivery protests are alleged to be a regular occurrence in our communities wherein they sometimes turn violent:

- (1) What underlies these protests from a vantage view of his Office;

- (2) whether his Office has put any plans in place with a view to detecting these violent protests earlier than is currently the norm; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if not, why?

***3. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:**

Noting that the District Coordinated Development Model was reportedly launched in the OR Tambo District Municipality on Tuesday, 17 September 2019 and further noting that 383 projects were allegedly planned for the OR Tambo District Municipality to be implemented by the District Coordinated Development Model (the Model):

- (1) What is the current status of implementation of the District Coordinated Development Model in the (a) OR Tambo District Municipality and (b) rest of the province;
- (2) (a) which projects make up the 383 projects set to be implemented by the aforementioned model and (b) what is the total budget for the implementation of the abovementioned model;
- (3) (a) which of the abovementioned projects are (aa) new projects and (bb) were readjusted from other programmes to be implemented by the model mentioned above and (b) can he kindly indicate which programmes were affected;
- (4) whether the time-frames for the projects have been readjusted; if so, can he kindly indicate the (a) original time-frames as well as the (b) adjusted time-frames;
- (5) whether his Office has (a) allocated any additional funds or (b) reprioritised any existing funds for the completion of the projects through the model mentioned above; if so, can he kindly indicate the amounts?

***4. Mr R Odendaal to ask the Premier:**

- (1) What was the amount in unpaid invoices/debt to creditors as at (a) 31 August 2019 and (b) 30 September 2019;
- (2) what was the amount in unpaid invoices/debt to creditors as at 31 August 2019 where such unpaid invoices/debt to creditors have been outstanding for more than 30 days;

- (3) what was the amount in unpaid invoices /debt to creditors as at 30 September 2019 where such unpaid invoices /debt to creditors have been outstanding for more than 30 days;
- (4) if there are any unpaid invoices/debt to creditors that have remained unpaid for a period of more than 30 days, why is his Office allegedly not keeping to its public commitment to the people of the province with a view to ensuring that all invoices are settled within a 30 day period as is required by law;
- (5) given the yearly accruals in the Department of Health and the fact that it is envisaged that said accruals will exceed R2 billion for the financial year at hand, what plan has his Office put in place with a view to keeping its commitment of payment to creditors within a 30 day period in the aforementioned department?

MEC's:

***5. Ms N Maqubela to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) What mechanisms has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring the visibility of the reported 507 war rooms;
- (2) how does his Department ensure that the war rooms are fully utilised by the public?

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

- (1) Whether his Department intends to place Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) under administration in terms of Section 139 of the Constitution of Republic of South Africa (Act no. 108 of 1996); if so, what are the intended deadlines to do so;
- (2) whether the current Mayoral Office has responded to his Department's intention to implement Section 139; if so, can he kindly provide the details of the response;

- (3) noting that a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) has allegedly not been appointed to the aforementioned municipality to date, what financial implications has this had on the (a) budget allocation that the municipality is to receive from National Treasury, (b) existing programmes and (c) projects in the municipality;
- (4) whether the acting Municipal Manager has the requisite qualifications for the position; if not, what effect does this have on the decisions that she implements in the municipality mentioned above;
- (5) if the municipality fails to respond to intervention of his Department, whether his Department intends to dissolve the aforementioned Municipal Council and effect new elections?

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

Regarding the traditional initiation summer cycle which is reportedly taking place during the period of November till January and noting that there were alleged tragic deaths of 16 Xhosa initiates across the province during the winter cycle:

- (1) What is the state of the initiation working committee at the level of Traditional Councils in the province;
- (2) what monitoring plans has the aforementioned structure put in place ahead of the initiation season;
- (3) how many other departments has his Department consulted with regard to the monitoring plans for the initiation cycle and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what is the composition of the Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee and the Provincial Initiation Technical Task Team?

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

- (1) What are the terms of the agreement between Walter Sisulu Local Municipality and ESKOM;

- (2) whether the aforementioned municipality is adhering to the agreement; if not, what is the nature of the breach of the agreement;
- (3) whether the abovementioned municipality received any communication from ESKOM regarding an intention to implement load-shedding or power cuts as a result of the debt owed to ESKOM; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) how much is owed to ESKOM currently by the aforementioned municipality;
- (5) (a) when was the last meeting between ESKOM and the municipality mentioned above and (b) what were the discussion points?

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

- (1) (a) What is the total amount of debt owed to ESKOM by the municipalities in the province as of November 2019, (b) which five municipalities owe ESKOM the most and (c) how much does each municipality owe ESKOM as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) which five municipalities owe ESKOM the least and (b) how much does each municipality owe ESKOM;
- (3) whether ESKOM has communicated with any municipality in the province to express the intention to implement load-shedding or power cuts due to debts owed to ESKOM; if so, with which municipalities has the communication been shared;
- (4) what (a) is the provincial plan of action to assist and support the owing municipalities to settle ESKOM's debt and (b) plans has the province put in place with a view to preventing load-shedding and power cuts due to municipalities owing money to ESKOM;
- (5) (a) which municipalities have agreements with ESKOM in terms of settling their debts, of these municipalities, (b) which municipalities are adhering to the agreements and (c) what consequence management his Department anticipates will be instituted to these municipalities?

***10. Ms V A Camealio-Benjamin to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

Noting that municipalities are reportedly charged with regulating the location of taverns and liquor retailers in relation to schools and religious establishments, as supported by the Liquor Amendment Bill:

What role does his Department play in ensuring an integrated approach among municipalities, the Department of Safety and Liaison and his Department to realise this?

***11. Ms M Keleku to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

Noting that Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ) allegedly remains a strategic asset to boost economic development within the province:

Whether he can kindly provide an update in terms of the investments and the sustainability of the corporations in terms of current and future investments?

***12. Ms M Keleku to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

Noting that the province is alleged to be very rich when it comes to non-gold commodities:

Whether he can kindly share some light of the progress in terms of promoting tourism and cannabis within the province?

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

Regarding the waste recycle plants in the province:

- (1) How many waste recycle plants are currently (a) operational and (b) non-operational in the province;
- (2) whether he can kindly provide reasons as to why are some plants non-operational;

- (3) what amount of (a) Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), (b) Wet Trade Waste (WTW) and (c) Pure Organic Waste (POW) is collected in the province on a daily basis;
- (4) where is this waste taken to after collection;
- (5) what is the waste used for?

***14. Mr M Sondaba to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed that learners studying at Mcheni Primary school in Qumbu are alleged to be writing exams without shelter because there are no classrooms; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) what plans has his Department put in place in so far as putting temporary classes for the school in question?

***15. Ms N Maqubela to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

Regarding Dimbaza Primary School, which was reportedly established in 1967 and is alleged to be highly dilapidated with very old infrastructure and its condition reportedly imposes health perils to both learners and educators, further noting that the school was reportedly left behind even during Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (ASIDI) programme though the school is alleged to have convincing enrolment and lastly nothing that the school was reportedly approved to be built in the 2017/18 financial year but up to this far there is reportedly no contractor that has been appointed:

- (1) Whether he has received any representations regarding the condition of the aforementioned school; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) why has it allegedly taken his Department so long to appoint a contractor to build the school mentioned above;
- (3) can he kindly provide details as to what happened to the budget that was allocated to build the aforementioned school in the financial year specified above?

***16. Mr K P Anilkumar to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the alarming activities of gender-based violence against women and children and social ills that are prevalent in the provincial schools as a result of substance abuse by our learners; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether his Department has partnered with any Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the fight against this scourge; if not, why; if so, what is the NGO's clear mandate in this regard?

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

- (1) How many schools are there in the province in total;
- (2) of these schools, how many (a) are in need of infrastructure upgrades, (b) are mud structures, (c) do not have running water, (d) do not have electricity, (e) still use pit latrines, (f) need new or upgraded sanitation/ablution facilities, (g) are connected to the internet, (h) have computer labs, (i) have sports facilities and (j) are in need of fences?

***18. Ms K C Fihlani to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

- (1) Whether he can kindly update the House on how the invoice tracking system for Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) is performing;
- (2) what is the percentage of the invoices which have been captured and paid within prescribed time-frames?

***19. Ms K C Fihlani to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

Noting that provincial departments are reportedly facing a challenge on the amount of budget spent on consultants:

Whether he can kindly update the House on whether there are any improvements on reducing the reliance on consultants by the departments or not and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether the province was advised that grant funding to the province will be cut/reduced in the 2020/21 financial year; if so, to what extent his Department anticipates the grant funding will be reduced;
- (2) what effect his Department envisages the reduction will have on the provincial budget;
- (3) what contingency plans has his Department put in place with a view to dealing with the potential shortfall in the provincial budget?

***21. Ms A N Ponco to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

Whether she has been informed that at Knessie Knight Hospital in Qumbu, the buildings are alleged to be in a dilapidated state; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plans has her Department put in place with a view to maintaining or renovating the hospital?

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

Noting that the Isilimela Hospital and Gateway Clinic near Mngazana are reported to be grossly understaffed to the extent that nurses are exhausted and demotivated and cannot take advantage of opportunities for further studying and further noting that the hospital and clinic infrastructure allegedly requires upgrading and/or replacing:

- (1) What plans, if any, has her Department put in place with a view to developing and upgrading the aforementioned hospital over the next three years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what plans, if any, has her Department put in place with a view to developing and upgrading the abovementioned clinic over the next three years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that the staff organogram is properly populated so that staff is able to function effectively;
- (4) what steps her Department envisages it will take with a view to encouraging nurses and medical practitioners to commit to staying at the aforementioned

institutions for definite periods of time, as currently the staff turnover is allegedly very high?

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

With regard to illegally occupied houses in the province as a result of being unoccupied for a long time:

- (1) Whether there are any evictions which her Department anticipates will be carried out by various municipalities and/or her Department to evict people in illegally occupied houses; if so, (a) how many evictions her Department anticipates will be carried out, (b) in which municipalities and (c) how many people her Department envisages will be affected by these evictions in each municipality, per project;
- (2) whether there are any pending court actions that are ready to be executed by various municipalities and /or her Department with regard to the evictions as mentioned above; if so, (a) how many and (b) which areas are they targeting;
- (3) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to providing alternative accommodation to all the people evicted in RDP houses across the province; if not, why;
- (4) what will happen to vandalized houses as a result of the evictions carried out in the province, like the ones allegedly torched in Fynbos in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM);
- (5) whether her Department has put any other plans in place with a view to ensuring that houses are occupied by correct beneficiaries immediately they are completed to avoid these evictions; if so, what plan; if not, why?

***24. Mr M Dlelanga to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

What is her Department's position on food security now that there is a paradigm shift towards commercialisation?

***25. Mr M Dlelanga to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

Noting the severe drought experienced by farmers in areas such as the O R Tambo:

What plans has her Department put in place with a view to alleviating the plight of the farmers in the aforementioned areas?

***26. Ms V A Camealio-Benjamin to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

- (1) How is her Department coordinating the integration of services and the utilisation of the Gender-based Violence Command Centre;
- (2) at what intervals does her Department determine or ensure that the South African Police Service (SAPS) officials are trained in gender sensitivity and appropriate practice in dealing with victims of sexual offences and domestic violence?

***27. Mr M Sondaba to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

Noting the persistent rate of stock theft in areas such as Tsolo and Qumbu:

What plans has her Department put in place with a view to curbing stock theft in the aforementioned areas?

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

- (1) How many suspected political-related murders in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) have been reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) whether SAPS keeps statistics with regard to politically-related murders; if not, why and (b) with regard to the alleged increase in politically-related murders in the aforementioned municipality, whether her Department anticipates consideration will be given to keeping accurate records; if not, why;

- (3) (a) what steps SAPS envisages it will take or has taken with a view to dealing with politically-related murders in the aforementioned municipality and (b) whether her Department has established specialized task teams to address the matter; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if not, why;
- (4) whether SAPS has made any arrests with regard to politically-related murders in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) of the abovementioned arrests, how many prosecutions were (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful 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?

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

- (1) How many South African Police Service (SAPS) divers (a) are there and (b) should ideally be in the province 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;
- (2) how many of the abovementioned divers are qualified and thus have all the requisite qualifications needed 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 qualifications are needed to become a SAPS diver and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether the SAPS divers are fully equipped with all the necessary equipment in order for them to complete their jobs in the most effective and efficient manner possible; if not (a) why and (b) can she kindly provide the specific details of what is still needed in this regard;
- (5) (a) how often are the SAPS divers trained as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) whether SAPS has scheduled any training session in this regard; if so, when is the next training session scheduled for; if not, why?

***30. Ms N H Konza to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

How far has her Department gone in its objective of ensuring that Victim Empowerment Centres, Victim Support Units and Thuthuzela care centres are being strengthened and fully resourced, including ensuring the availability of social workers at these centres and in schools?

***31. Ms N H Konza to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

- (1) (a) What comprehensive strategy has her Department implemented for the protection of vulnerable groups as well as its coordination and monitoring, led by her Department and (b) how her Department envisages it must be resourced to enable effective protection of children, the elderly, people with disabilities and people with albinism across relevant departments and spheres of government;
- (2) what strategies has her Department put in place with a view to protecting vulnerable groups and to ensure that her Department meets (and exceeds) its people with disability employment target?

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

- (1) (a) How many of her Department's (aa) service offices and (bb) district offices are in need of critical resources such as (i) vehicles, (ii) internet connection and (iii) computers/laptops and (b) can she kindly elaborate with respect to the numbers given in (a);
- (2) for how long have said offices been without the abovementioned resources;
- (3) when her Department anticipates the officials who work at these offices will be supplied with the resources mentioned above;
- (4) (a) how has the work of these officials been affected by the shortage indicated in (1) above and (b) when her Department envisages rectification in this regard?

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

- (1) Of the annual targets that are set for each programme and sub-programme within her Department, what percentage of the statistics is obtained by duties/work executed by (a) department officials based at a department service or regional office and (b) Non- Profit Organisations (NPOs) within the province;
- (2) how is the statistics forwarded to her Department;
- (3) (a) how and (b) by whom is the statistics monitored and validated in order to prove total correctness;
- (4) what steps has her Department taken in an event where statistics has not been forwarded or when statistics is of a misleading nature;
- (5) whether her Department has put any corrective measures in place with a view to ensuring that statistics received is credible; if so, what corrective measures; if not, why?

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

With regard to money budgeted and paid to boxing organisations within the province:

- (1) How much money, in rands and cents, her Department anticipates is to be/has been paid in the current financial year to boxing organisations for the development of boxers within the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) which organisations her Department envisages will receive the funding in the current financial year;
- (3) which organisations received funding in the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what is her Department's position on the possibility of the World Champion Nozipho Bell losing her title due to the failure of the Mayor of Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) in upholding his alleged promise to fund her;

- (5) what further support has her Department provided to boxing as a sport in the province?

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

Noting that during the policy speeches at the start of the Sixth Administration, the MEC indicated several projects, plans and resolutions to be implemented:

- (1) Of the promises made specific to her Department, how many has her Department achieved, can she kindly provide a list in this regard;
- (2) of those that have not been achieved, why has her Department not achieved in this regard and can she kindly provide reasons in each case;
- (3) what action has her Department taken against officials who failed to implement these promise(s)/plan(s) and/or resolution(s) against the pronouncements made;
- (4) what impact has the failure to implement those listed in (2) above had on the provincial communities;
- (5) by when her Department anticipates the outstanding promises/plan(s) and/or resolution(s) will be implemented?

***36. Ms S S Mbonzana to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

Noting that the MEC in her policy speech stated that the rail route from Mthatha to East London will be resuscitated for freight services in the current financial year:

Whether the aforementioned project has started yet; if so, can she kindly provide an update on the operations in terms of successes and challenges encountered in this regard?

***37. Ms S S Mbonzana to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

Noting that Mayibuye Bus Corporation, AB350 and the People Movers are intended to provide safe, sustainable and affordable transport to the poor:

Whether there are any obstacles hampering the operations of these entities to their fullest in changing the people's lives for the better; if so, what plans has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that the intended objectives of the aforementioned entities are met?

***38. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

Noting that the road from Cop Shop down to the Mthatha River Mouth is reportedly in a dire condition which impacts very negatively on all the road users, particularly those medical practitioners working at the Canzibe Hospital, Philani Clinic, Lwandile Clinic and Mtakatye Clinic, further noting that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have allegedly experienced avoidable patient mortalities because of the length of time it takes them to drive on the road and lastly noting that repairs to the road are allegedly still on-going:

Whether she can kindly give (a) a full progress report on the repairs to this road, (b) reasons for the alleged delays in completing the road and (c) the immediate steps that her Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that this work is completed as a matter of urgency?

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

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide an update in terms of the 24-hour traffic law enforcement roll-out; if not, what are the reasons for the delay; if so,
- (2) can she kindly provide a detailed report on how her Department envisages this will be rolled-out and in which areas?

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

Subsequent to a response received to Question 335 of IQP 13 dated Friday, 13 September 2019 which states that the R335 (surfaced section) and R336 have reportedly been transferred to SANRAL and that the MR450 (R335) is under the provincial department:

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide a clear time-frame as to when her Department anticipates the MR450 (R335 under her Department) will be reconstructed instead of continuing with maintenance; if not, why; if so, what steps her Department envisages it will take with a view to ensuring that the reconstruction of this road is high on her Department's priority list;
- (2) whether she can kindly provide the relevant information as to where on SANRAL's priority list is the R335 surfaced section and R336;
- (3) whether her Department anticipates it will erect warning signs for motorists on this road; if not, why;
- (4) whether her Department anticipates it will declare this road as a disaster road; if not, why;
- (5) how does the state of this road impact on the economy and tourism in the area?

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY TRANSFERRED TO THE QUESTION PAPER IN TERMS OF RULE 184.3

(Extracted from IQP 20 dated Friday, 25 October 2019)

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?

(Extracted from IQP 21 dated Friday, 1 November 2019)

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)?

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?