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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2019

597. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

- (1) What is the current status of the implementation of the broadband in the province;
- (2) how much of the approved budget has his Office spent to date;
- (3) what are the revised time-frames for the project?

598. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

- (1) How many bursaries has the provincial government given 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) what field of studies were the abovementioned bursaries for;
- (3) whether he can kindly indicate the (a) demographics, (b) age and (c) gender of the recipients of the bursaries;
- (4) how much has his Office (a) budgeted and (b) spent to date for the allocation of bursaries for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (5) what effective mechanisms does the provincial government use with a view to aid recipients for job placements upon completion of studies?

599. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

Noting that during the State of the Province Address (SOPA) at the start of the Sixth Administration, the Premier indicated several projects, plans and resolutions to be concluded within the first 100 days of office:

- (1) Of the promises made specific to his Office, can he kindly list how many have been achieved;
- (2) of those that have not been achieved, (a) why have they not been achieved and (b) what are the reasons in each case;
- (3) what action has his Office taken against officials who failed to implement these promise(s)/plan(s) and/or resolution(s) against the pronouncements made at SOPA;
- (4) what impact has the failure to implement these promise(s)/plan(s) and/or resolution(s) listed in (2) above had on the people of the province;
- (5) by when his Office anticipates the outstanding promises/plan(s) and/or resolution(s) will be implemented?

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

Regarding the bucket eradication programme reportedly set out by the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) to remove the 30 000 bucket toilets in 2015:

- (1) How many bucket toilets has his Department removed between the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how much has the aforementioned municipality budgeted for the (a) financial years specified above and (b) current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how many bucket toilets has his Department removed in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (4) what is the current number of bucket toilets in the municipality;
- (5) what are the challenges faced by the abovementioned municipality in removing the remaining bucket toilets;
- (6) what plan of action and time-frame has his Department set with a view to eradicating the remaining bucket-toilets?

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

Noting that it is alleged that the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) has appointed a selection committee to award tenders outside the Bid Adjudicating and Evaluation committees:

- (1) Whether he has been informed that the aforementioned municipality has a selection committee that awards tenders outside the legislated Bid Adjudicating and selection committees; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, why;
- (2) what is the legislated framework for a selection committee to be appointed in the awarding of tenders;
- (3) how many tenders has this committee awarded since its appointment;
- (4) what is the total value of the contracts awarded by this selection committee;
- (5) what are the names of the contractors that this selection committee awarded contracts to;
- (6) (a) who are the members of this selection committee, (b) what are its terms of reference and (c) for how long is said committee appointed for;
- (7) whether there has been any concurrence by the Treasury for such appointment outside the legislated bodies which adjudicate tenders; if not, why?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any trees that have been planted in an attempt to lessen the effects of global warming in the province; if so, how many trees have been planted in the province in the (i) 2014/15, (ii) 2015/16,

- (iii) 2016/17, (iv) 2017/18 and (v) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) in which districts and specific regions were these trees planted;
- (3) whether these initiatives were paid for or partially sponsored by his Department; if so, what was the total cost per project;
- (4) whether his Department is planning on planting any more trees in the near future; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) what are the reasons for planting trees?

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

- (1) How (a) has his Department paid to the implementing agents with regard to an administration management fee for school infrastructure projects in the province and (b) is the fee determined;
- (2) how much has his Department paid in administration management fees to implementing agents in the (i) 2014/15, (ii) 2015/16, (iii) 2016/17, (iv) 2017/18 and (v) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) if the project is abandoned for any reason, whether it is required by the implementing agent to repay the administration management fees; if so, how much is still owed to his Department with regard to the repayment of the administration management fees for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

Noting that at St Barnabas Hospital, a 69 bed Mental Health Unit was allegedly scheduled to open in September of this year but is as yet still not open, further noting that patients with problem pregnancies are reportedly not adequately catered for and lastly noting that the hospital pharmacy is alleged to be currently using a refrigerator that regularly breaks down and the air conditioning unit which is required to keep medication at a consistently cool temperature is faulty:

- (1) What are the reasons for the alleged delay in the opening of the Mental Health Unit at the aforementioned hospital;

- (2) when her Department anticipates this unit will be ready to accommodate mental health patients;
- (3) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to either build a unit or supply a prefabricated structure to accommodate between 6 and 8 patients with problem pregnancies, in order to mitigate against these patients having to travel long distances from feeder clinics if in need of urgent medical assistance, as this would guard against potential legal claims against her Department; if not, why;
- (4) what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that the faulty refrigerator and air conditioning in the pharmacy are replaced in order to maintain the integrity and viability of the medication in stock?

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

Noting that at the Isilimela Gateway Clinic, a desperate shortage of staff and working space allegedly continue to hamper the output of the clinic, further noting that of the two professional nurses provided to the clinic, one is persal-restricted and thus unable to work until this matter is resolved, and the other is about to go on maternity leave from December and lastly noting that the clinic reportedly has only one female general worker who is not able to lift heavy items and offload trucks and vehicles:

- (1) How far are the plans of her Department to supply the clinic with two more park homes which would provide for much needed space in order for nurses to consult patients in privacy, as the hall structure at the hospital is completely unsuitable for the functions of a clinic;
- (2) when her Department anticipates these two park homes will be installed;
- (3) what immediate steps her Department envisages it will take with a view to replacing the persal-restricted professional nurse with a nurse that is able to fulfil his/her duties, so that the clinic is no longer hamstrung by administrative processes relating to this nurse and which have nothing to do with them;
- (4) what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to providing the clinic with a temporary professional nurse to assume duty while the second professional nurse is on maternity leave, so that the clinic can continue to function effectively;

- (5) what plans has her Department put in place with a view to providing the clinic with a male general worker, to assist with heavier duties and provide support to the current general worker?

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

Noting that at the Canzibe Hospital, the infrastructure of the hospital buildings, the staff quarters, the water treatment works and the sewage system are alleged to be in a shocking state of disrepair, further noting that huge gum trees on the premises have reportedly caused structural damage and will continue to do so until removed, also noting that the damaged roofs are mostly made of asbestos, further noting that phase one of repairs has allegedly had no impact on any of the abovementioned problems and lastly noting that there is reportedly no connectivity at all at the hospital:

- (1) Whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to hiring a professional tree felling company to remove all gum trees which are in close proximity to the hospital buildings, as they reportedly pose a huge threat to the buildings; if so, what plans; if not, why;
- (2) what immediate steps her Department envisages it will take with a view to upgrading the (a) staff and nurses accommodation, (b) water treatment works (reportedly exposed and dangerous), (c) sewage works (reportedly exposed and dangerous, broken pumps), (d) workshop and operating theatre as it is alleged that none of the mentioned infrastructure meets Health and Safety standards and this allegedly compromises the wellbeing of employees and patients;
- (3) what immediate steps her Department envisages it will take with a view to ensuring that the (a) fuel storage system and generator housing, (b) washing machines and tumble dryers (allegedly broken since 2010), (c) industrial stoves in main kitchen and the TB kitchen and (d) pharmacy fridge (which is a domestic fridge and is allegedly faulty) are replaced as a matter of urgency so that the hospital can function effectively again, without having to depend on St Barnabas and other institutions a great distance away from the hospital;
- (4) what immediate steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that the hospital is properly equipped with essential items such as (a) a water testing equipment, (b) a vehicle for loading and transporting heavy items to and from the hospital, (c) an isolation door between the TB ward and the general ward, which are reportedly housed in the same building and (d) internet connectivity, as the staff reportedly currently have to drive all the way to Mthatha to capture data in order for the hospital to function effectively?

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

With reference to an article which appeared in the Daily Dispatch of Thursday, 14 November 2019 titled "Elderly residents fear for their safety in unfinished RDP homes" in Gabazi Village in Qumbu:

- (1) How many RDP houses has her Department built in the abovementioned project;
- (2) how many RDP houses has her Department (a) completed, (b) not completed and (c) given to beneficiaries in the project;
- (3) (a) what are the detailed reasons for non-completion and (b) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to completing the project; if so, what are the timelines for completion;
- (4) (a) who was the initial contractor of the project, (b) how much has her Department paid to the contractor and (b) what was the total cost of the project;
- (5) whether her Department has appointed any contractor to date with a view to completing the building of houses; if so, what is the name of the contractor?

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

Noting that with regard to Fynbos 1 and 2 projects in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) there are allegations of manipulation of beneficiary lists by a Ward Councilor:

- (1) Whether there are any cases that her Department has investigated in the past three financial years on allegations of manipulation of lists in all municipalities in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) what were the outcomes of those investigations, (b) how many cases were investigated, (c) how many ward councilors were involved and (d) in which municipalities were these cases; if not,
- (2) (a) why, (b) when her Department anticipates to conduct an investigation and (c) when can the House expect the outcomes of such investigations;

- (3) what plans has her Department put in place with a view to remedying the situation in (1) above;
- (4) whether her Department has put any plans or programs in place with a view to screening the beneficiary lists as submitted by Ward Councillors; if so, what plans; if not, why?

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

Subsequent to response furnished to Question 397 of IQP 17 dated Friday, 4 October 2019:

- (1) What long-term plan has his Department put in place for the rebuilding of municipal offices that were allegedly vandalized due to protests at Amahlathi Local Municipality;
- (2) whether his Department has budgeted for the re-construction of the government buildings; if not, why; if so, how much has his Department (a) budgeted in this regard and (b) used for the reconstruction of the government buildings, can he kindly provide a comprehensive breakdown on the current expenditure;
- (3) (a) what plan has his Department put in place for the re-construction of the clinic and (b) whether her Department has received any mandate from the Department of Health; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

Regarding the fire which allegedly took place at the Premier's Office building on the administrative block in 2017:

- (1) How many government buildings under the custodian of his Department currently don't have Occupational Health and Safety certificates and (b) why did these buildings not meet the criteria;
- (2) which buildings do not have Occupational Health and Safety certificates;
- (3) which government departments are accommodated in these offices which do not have safety certificates;

- (4) how many government buildings under the custodian of his Department failed to attain Occupational Health and Safety certificates for the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) what steps has his Department taken with a view to ensuring that the buildings which have failed to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act no.85 of 1993) and relevant by-laws meet the requirements?

611. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:

- (1) Whether her Department has employed any individuals or organisation to cut trees down in the province; if so, in which districts and specific regions were people employed to cut trees down in the (i) 2014/15, (ii) 2015/16, (iii) 2016/17, (iv) 2017/18 and (v) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether her Department has paid for or partially sponsored these initiatives; if so, what was the total cost per project;
- (3) what are the reasons for cutting the trees down?

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

- (1) What are the latest official numbers of livestock in the province in respect of (a) cattle, (b) sheep and (c) goats;
- (2) what are the latest official numbers of livestock owned by emerging farmers in respect of (a) cattle, (b) sheep and (c) goats;
- (3) what are the latest official numbers of livestock owned by commercial farmers in respect of (a) cattle, (b) sheep and (c) goats;
- (4) how was the aforementioned data/information compiled or in the alternative, where do these statistics and/or information come from;

- (5) what are the latest, official numbers of livestock affected by the drought/found in drought stricken districts in respect of (a) cattle, (b) sheep and (iii) goats?

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

- (1) What was the number of boreholes, as well as the average cost per borehole, drilled and supplied with borehole equipment (thus made operational) by her Department for the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2016/17 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what was the number of dams scoped as well as the average cost per dam scoped by her Department for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) (a) how many meters of livestock fencing has her Department erected and (b) what was the average cost per running meter of said fencing erected for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) where was this aforementioned fencing erected;
- (5) what was the average price paid for lucerne, per bale and/or per ton, in the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

- (1) Who or what entity/department owns the Kangela Citrus Farm;
- (2) what was the nature of the involvement of her Department or the Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA) in the aforementioned operations;
- (3) what is the current status of the farming operations at the farm mentioned above;

- (4) whether the aforementioned farm is currently fully operational; if so, what was the yield in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2016/17 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) what financial investment has her Department or the ECRDA made in the abovementioned farm to date;
- (6) what future plans, if any, does her Department or the ECRDA have with the farm mentioned above?

615. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:

With reference to the protea farm project:

- (1) What is the status of the project mentioned above;
- (2) (a) what was the overall budget allocated to the Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA) for the implementation of the project, (b) how much has the ECRDA utilised thus far and (c) for what purpose;
- (3) whether the aforementioned farming project is operational; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what has been the intended impact of this project to the surrounding communities;
- (5) what measures has her Department taken with a view to ensuring that the allocated funds have been utilised accordingly and the officials held accountable;
- (6) what other pending projects does her Department have 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?

616. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:

- (1) How many robberies and/armed robberies have been reported from Middledrift Police Station in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19

financial period as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (2) whether her Department has noted an increase in the crimes mentioned above; if so, (a) can she kindly provide reasons for the increase and (b) what measures has her Department taken with a view to addressing this matter;
- (3) how many cases of (a) rape, (b) attempted rape and (c) domestic violence have been reported in the municipality covering Middledrift in the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how many police officers (a) would generally be working, per shift and (b) should be present in a normal working shift at the aforementioned police station;
- (5) whether there has been any incident reported since 1 January 2019 where police officers have been injured/fatally wounded in the aforementioned area; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

With reference to all police stations in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality within the East London cluster, Mdantsane cluster and King William's cluster:

- (1) What is the average response time for calls that are made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls 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 per police station within all the abovementioned clusters;
- (2) what is the provincial average response time for calls made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) in respect of the police stations above, how many calls were made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details per police station within all the above mentioned clusters;

- (4) how many of the calls mentioned above were (a) dropped, (b) followed up on and (c) hoax 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?

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

With reference to all police stations in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality:

- (1) What is the average response time for calls that are made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls 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 per police station within all the abovementioned clusters;
- (2) what is the provincial average response time for calls made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) in respect of the police stations above, how many calls were made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details per police station within all the above mentioned clusters;
- (4) how many of the calls mentioned above were (a) dropped, (b) followed up on and (c) hoax 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?

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

With reference to all police stations in the Mthatha policing area:

- (1) What is the average response time for calls that are made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls 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 per police station within all the abovementioned clusters;

- (2) what is the provincial average response time for calls made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) in respect of the police stations above, how many calls were made to the 10111 line in terms of (a) Alpha, (b) Bravo and (c) Charlie calls for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details per police station within all the above mentioned clusters;
- (4) how many of the calls mentioned above were (a) dropped, (b) followed up on and (c) hoax 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?

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

Subsequent to the response received to Question 390 of IQP 16 dated Friday, 27 September 2019 in which her Department indicated that it has dispatched officials to liaise with the affected municipalities to get information:

- (1) Whether she can kindly indicate the progress her Department has made to source the requested information; if not, why;
- (2) when was the commencement date for the construction of the Kwelera Sports Field, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) (a) whether the aforementioned facility is being utilised for its intended purpose; if not, why and (b) what was its allocated budget;
- (4) what challenges, if any, has her Department faced in its quest to source the requested information?

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

With reference to Nokusapho Senior Secondary School where learners allegedly must walk approximately 6.5km daily:

- (1) What is the total number of learners that qualify for scholar transport at the abovementioned school;
- (2) of the qualifying learners, what is the total amount of learners that benefit from the scholar transport programme;
- (3) whether her Department has made a budget available to transport learners from the surrounding areas to the school mentioned above; if not, why; if so, how much has her Department made available in this regard?

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

Noting that Faltein Senior Secondary School has reportedly submitted applications for scholar transport since 2016 and have not benefited from the scholar transport programme and further noting that learners allegedly walk approximately 14km daily to get to school:

- (1) What is the total number of learners that qualify for scholar transport at the abovementioned school;
- (2) of the qualifying learners, what is the total amount of learners that benefit from the scholar transport programme;
- (3) (a) why has her Department allegedly not attended to the applications since 2016 and (b) when can this school expect a response to their applications;
- (4) whether her Department has made a budget available to transport learners from the surrounding areas to the school mentioned above; if not, why; if so, how much has her Department made available in this regard?

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

Noting that in 2016 Raubex Road Construction Company reportedly constructed a road to Isilimela Hospital, 17km from the R61 in the OR Tambo Municipality area, further noting that the heavy machinery allegedly caused residents' houses to form cracks in the walls and damaged properties, further noting that in November 2018 two officials from the Department of Roads and Transport (names furnished for the

purpose of the reply) allegedly made a commitment to pay R1500.00 per affected household for damages and lastly noting that the residents were reportedly unhappy with this and the officials were going to revise the offer and return with a new offer before Thursday, 28 February 2019, which allegedly did not happen:

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the situation mentioned above in the OR Tambo district; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details;
- (2) whether there is a revised offer for the affected residents; if not, why; if so, what is the revised offer;
- (3) why have the officials reportedly not returned to the community with feedback and a revised offer;
- (4) what has been the delay in officials not returning to the community by the aforementioned date;
- (5) when her Department anticipates these officials will return to the community?