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### INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2019

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

- (1) How much has each provincial department paid in legal claims 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) whether he can kindly furnish information as to the cause which gave rise to each of the claims in (1) above;
- (3) what steps has his Office put in place with a view to mitigating the (a) number and (b) cost of claims, per department;
- (4) whether he can kindly furnish the (a) names of the law firms / legal practitioners contracted to represent the various departments in each legal claim and (b) fees paid to each law firm / legal practitioner for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) (a) how many internal legal officers each provincial department employs and (b) whether he can kindly provide the (i) title and (ii) highest qualifications of each of the aforementioned officials;

- (6) in each of the cases in (1) above, whether any official(s) have been found to be liable; if so, (a) what consequence management has been implemented against the official(s); if not, can he kindly provide the reasons in this regard?

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

*Noting that the provincial government and State Information Technology Agency (Sita) have allegedly entered into a broadband project:*

- (1) How much has his Office budgeted for the allocation of broadband for each department 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) can he kindly (a) list the provincial government sites that his Office has enabled with broadband connectivity and (b) furnish details as to each department's rollout plan;
- (3) whether he can kindly furnish the departments that have completed the following automated systems: (a) e-recruitment, (b) e-records, (c) e-PILLIR and (d) e-leave; if not, why;
- (4) where departments have not yet implemented the abovementioned automated systems, can he kindly furnish the dates that each department intends to implement the automated systems;
- (5) how much has his Office budgeted for the implementation of the aforementioned automated systems for each department;
- (6) (a) which schools, if any, have been equipped with broadband, (b) can he kindly (aa) furnish the reasons for the delay in rolling out broadband in the remaining schools and (bb) indicate which of these schools are special schools;
- (7) (a) which hospitals, in the province, have been equipped with broadband, (b) can he kindly furnish the reasons for the delay in rolling out broadband in the remaining hospitals and (c) what time-frames has his Office put in place with a view to ensuring that all hospitals in the province receive broadband?

**80. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the Premier:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of R9.6 billion that has reportedly been set aside to offer structured support to Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how his Office anticipates this budget and allocation of funds will be monitored;
- (3) how often his Office anticipates reports relating to the expenditure of this budget will be supplied to his Office;
- (4) whether his Office anticipates the reports will be made available to the portfolio committee; if not, why; if so,
- (5) whether his Office envisages a list of identified SMMEs, which received funding, will be submitted to the portfolio committee once SMMEs have been identified; if not, why;
- (6) through which structures/process his Office anticipates benefitting SMMEs will be identified;
- (7) whether the ward councillors will play any role in identifying SMMEs which can apply for funding; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**81. Mr T Coetzee to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) (a) How many Traditional Leaders are registered at his Department in the province and (b) can he kindly indicate the areas in which are they from;
- (2) whether his Department has a list of the Traditional Leaders in (1) above; if so, can he kindly provide the list in this regard;
- (3) whether a leader can apply to register; if so, can he kindly provide the procedure to be followed in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether his Department has conducted a forensic report into the housing project list for the Buffalo City East Bank area for Wards 8 and 10; if not, why; if so, (b) can he kindly provide the report in this regard;

- (2) whether his Department has provided alternative accommodation for the individuals evicted from the houses in the area mentioned above; if so, (a) what type of accommodation has his Department provided, (b) what is the location of the accommodation and (c) how much has his Department (i) budgeted and (ii) spent to date to provide alternative housing for those affected?

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

*Noting that National Treasury reportedly allocated R64 million to fund the Amathole District Municipality medium-term drought mitigation projects:*

- (1) How much has his Department (a) budgeted and (b) spent on the various mitigation plans; per project, to date;
- (2) in accordance with Section 38 (1) (c) (ii) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) (Act 1 of 1999), whether there has been any unauthorized, irregular or wasteful expenditure; if so, can he kindly provide a comprehensive breakdown of how much?

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

*Noting the alleged tragic death of 16 Xhosa initiates attending circumcision schools across the province till to date, 13 of which reportedly emanating from the O R Tambo District during this June season:*

What plans has his Department, in conjunction with the House of Traditional Leaders, put in place with a view to curbing and mitigating against the deaths of initiates?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed that Zone 7 flats in Zwelitsha, with about 900 households, have allegedly been without electricity for over 8 months; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) can he kindly provide the reasons for the alleged cutting of electricity;

- (3) (a) when and (b) how his Department anticipates the situation will be corrected;
- (4) when his Department anticipates the electricity of the aforementioned residents will be reconnected?

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

*Noting that plastic pollution in our ocean has reportedly reached such high levels and it is alleged that all edible fish now have particles of plastic in them, further noting that ships along our coastline allegedly empty their bilges illegally and are adding to an already severe ocean pollution problem and finally noting that bunkering, particularly in Algoa Bay, is reportedly becoming a viable business opportunity:*

- (1) Whether his Department has done any research on the viability of stricter law enforcement regarding the emptying of bilges at sea, as it is reported this may encourage shipping companies to make use of waste bunkering facilities when docked in harbour; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) whether his Department has done any research on the viability of developing Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) to offer waste bunkering facilities to ships docked off Algoa Bay; if so, how many jobs could this potentially create, including downstream job opportunities;
- (3) whether his Department has investigated the viability of establishing a facility for the conversion of plastic and solid waste to biofuels, such as the facility in Athlone in Cape Town which is reportedly owned by New Horizons Energy; if so, how many job opportunities could this potentially create, including downstream job opportunities?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of an Early Child Development (ECD) practitioner, *(name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply)* at Lungisa Primary School in Tsholomnqa, who has reportedly not received the correct stipend since being qualified in 2017; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so;
- (2) when his Department anticipates the aforementioned ECD practitioner will receive (a) the correct stipend and (b) her back pay;

- (3) whether there are any other ECD practitioners in the province who are not receiving the correct stipend; if so, how many of the aforementioned practitioners are not receiving the correct stipend according to their qualifications;
- (4) what total amount has his Department budgeted for salaries of ECD practitioners in the province for the 2019/20 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) how many vacant posts are there for the aforementioned practitioners currently, per district?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed that youth that are patients at Ernest Malgas Treatment Centre are reported to have no access to teachers in order to assist them with their academic work; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) what plans has his Department put in place with a view to providing these youth with teachers;
- (3) whether he has received representations with regard to learners who have completed the inpatient treatment programme at the treatment centre mentioned above and are reportedly experiencing difficulties in being integrated back into their schools due to principals not accepting them back into the school; if not, what is the position in this regard;
- (4) what measures his Department anticipates it will implement with a view to assisting with the reintegration of these learners into their schools?

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

- (1) Whether he has received representations with regard to a R280 million budget that has allegedly been made available for the refurbishing of old and broken school desks; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many companies/warehouses has his Department contracted for (a) making new school desks from scratch, (b) refurbishing school desks and (c) transporting old desks to and from relevant warehouses and schools;

- (3) can he kindly provide the location of each of the companies/warehouses that his Department has contracted for transporting and refurbishing of school desks;
- (4) (a) what total amount has his Department contracted to each company and (b) over what time period;
- (5) how many desks has each warehouse (a) produced and (b) refurbished since the inception of the project;
- (6) what is the total cost to (a) refurbish an old desk and (b) build a desk from scratch?

**90. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed that his Department reportedly approved the creation of permanent posts for 500 school administration contracts in Mt Frere and Libode Districts, through the Superintendent General, on 14 March 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, when has his Department implemented this exercise;
- (2) whether his Department has created the posts mentioned in (1) above; if not, can he kindly provide the reasons for non-implementation;
- (3) what (a) corrective measures and (b) time-frames his Department envisages it will put in place with a view to rectifying the situation;

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

Whether there are any provincial departments which have any outstanding accounts with the Special Investigations Unit (SIU); if so, (a) what amounts are outstanding, (b) for which matters were these, (c) which departments are responsible for the payment thereof and (d) when were the invoices/accounts rendered?

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

*Noting the implementation of the Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA) in municipalities in the province:*

- (1) Whether the Provincial Treasury monitors the implementation of mSCOA in local governments in the province; if so, which municipalities are (a) fully compliant and/or has fully implemented, (b) partially compliant and/or has partially implemented mSCOA and (c) struggling to make progress with the implementation of mSCOA or in the alternative have made the least amount of progress in implementing mSCOA;
- (2) whether the Provincial Treasury provides assistance to any municipalities with regard to the implementation of mSCOA; if not, why; if so,
- (3) (a) which municipalities has the Provincial Treasury provided with assistance and (b) what was the nature of such assistance?

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

- (1) Which municipalities in the province have, over the last three months, (a) failed to submit their Section 71 reports and (b) failed to submit their Section 71 reports timely to the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what remedial action/intervention has the Provincial Treasury taken with a view to ensuring the timeous submission of the reports mentioned above;
- (3) what is the (a) average collection rate, (b) cost coverage ratio, (c) liquidity ratio, (d) average creditors repayment rate (in days) and (e) total cash reserves for each municipality for the 2018/19 financial year as at 31 March 2019?

**94. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*With reference to the Mortuary in Nelson Mandela Bay:*

- (1) How many deaths were recorded in total at the abovementioned mortuary for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;



- (2) how many cases of gunshot deaths has the aforementioned mortuary recorded for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how many of the above cases were bodies of (a) men, (b) women and (c) children for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what is the average number of gunshot wounds, per person, experienced at the mortuary stated above for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) whether she has been informed that these gunshot deaths are associated with gang violence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details;
- (6) (a) how many gunshot deaths are associated with gang violence and (b) can she kindly provide the statistics as per the breakdown in (3) above;
- (7) whether she has been informed of the point of origin of the gunshot cases, in terms of suburbs in Port Elizabeth; if not, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if so, where and can she kindly provide the relevant details?

**95. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*With reference to the Livingstone Hospital:*

- (1) How many gunshot victims were recorded at the above stated hospital for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many of the above cases were of (a) men, (b) women and (c) children for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what is the average number of gunshot wounds received, per person, per month at the abovementioned hospital for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how many of the gunshot victims (a) survived their wounds and (b) passed away from the severity of their wounds for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (5) how many of the gunshot victims mentioned in (4) above were (a) men, (b) women and (c) children for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) what is the general breakdown of gunshot patients who (a) survived their wounds and (b) passed away from their wounds as per the most common areas within Port Elizabeth for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

**96. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*With reference to the Dora Nginza Hospital:*

- (1) How many gunshot victims were recorded at the above stated hospital for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many of the above cases were of (a) men, (b) women and (c) children for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what is the average number of gunshot wounds received, per person, per month at the abovementioned hospital for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how many of the gunshot victims (a) survived their wounds and (b) passed away from the severity of their wounds for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) how many of the gunshot victims mentioned in (4) above were (a) men, (b) women and (c) children for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) what is the general breakdown of gunshot patients who (a) survived their wounds and (b) passed away from their wounds as per the most common areas within Port Elizabeth for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*Noting that an individual (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply), who was reportedly employed in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Sarah*

*Baartman district but whose employment was allegedly terminated in September 2018 in terms of Section 17 (3) (a) (i) of the Public Service Act (Act no.103 of 1994), further noting that her termination was reportedly approved by the Superintendent General (SG), further noting that her termination of service was allegedly fraudulently overturned and changed into a resignation so that her pension fund would be far higher and lastly noting that when her full pension was paid, it is alleged that none of the days of incapacity leave, which were reportedly not approved, were ever deducted:*

- (1) Who was responsible for allegedly overturning the termination of service and converting it into a resignation;
- (2) what action steps her Department anticipates it will take against such a person, who has allegedly acted fraudulently against her Department;
- (3) if the pension fund of the aforementioned individual is much higher because of this alleged fraudulent action, as it would have been after the termination of service, what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that the (a) termination of service is reinstated, (b) difference in pension value is reclaimed from the individual mentioned above and (c) incapacity days which were reportedly not approved are deducted from her pension?

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

*Noting that the weekly Mobile Clinic Service in the Alexandria Farming District was reportedly terminated as from May 2019, further noting that this has allegedly had a very negative impact on access to medication for the elderly and the indigent, as they reportedly cannot afford to travel to town to access their medication, further noting that the termination of this mobile clinic has allegedly also impacted very negatively on tuberculosis (TB) patients who also reportedly cannot afford to travel to town for their meds and has allegedly resulted in some of these patients defaulting on their treatment and finally noting that not having this mobile clinic service has also allegedly impacted negatively on women who require monthly contraception for their reproductive wellbeing:*

- (1) Why was the aforementioned mobile clinic service terminated when it is reported that it was playing such a crucial role in the health of the rural communities it was serving;
- (2) whether her Department envisages it will be taking any steps with a view to reinstating this service; if not, why?

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

*Noting the announcement made in the State of the Province Address (SOPA) that further attention will be given to provide housing for military veterans:*

- (1) What exact housing projects has her Department (a) identified and (b) implemented so far in fulfilling the announcement mentioned above;
- (2) of the projects implemented in (1) above, can she kindly provide a breakdown of the (a) districts in which these projects are implemented and (b) total budget for each project;
- (3) how many military veterans have benefited in each project;
- (4) whether her Department has a clear final database of all military veterans in the province; if not, (a) why and (b) when her Department anticipates it will have a complete final database?

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

*Noting the recent reports of evictions of people who occupy houses illegally in and around Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM):*

Whether her Department has a consolidated list of beneficiaries for the (a) entire province and (b) BCMM; if not, (aa) why and (bb) when her Department anticipates the consolidated list of beneficiaries will be in place?

**101. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Public Works:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any incomplete infrastructure projects in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) can he kindly provide a list of (a) completed and (a) uncompleted infrastructure projects stating, (i) the current progress of the project, (ii) when the project was started, (iii) when the project was set to be completed, (iv) if the project has not yet been completed, the new date for completion, (v) the reasons as to why the project has not been completed, (vi) the total cost of each project, (vii) which department is responsible for the payment of each project and (viii) where the project is located?

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

*Noting that concerns were allegedly raised in terms of the construction upgrade on the dilapidated Lincoln Primary School and Asherville Secondary School in Graaff-Reinet:*

- (1) Whether his Department has paid the contractors on the project, which reportedly stopped working in August 2017 because of non-payment for 18 months; if not, (a) why and (b) by when his Department envisages the contractors will be paid;
- (2) whether the construction upgrade work at the aforementioned schools has restarted; if not, (a) why and (a) when her Department anticipates the work will commence;
- (3) (a) how much has his Department allocated to the upgrade project of the two schools mentioned above and (b) of the amount, how much has his Department spent to date;
- (4) what is the estimated completion time-frame of the project?

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

- (1) Whether she has received representations with regard to any Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the province who have reportedly not received all the subsidy payments owed to them; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many NGOs in the province have (a) received and (b) not received all subsidy payments owed to them by her Department;
- (3) how many NGOs in the province have not received any subsidy payments in 2019 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) can she kindly supply a list of NGOs who are owed subsidy payments indicating, (a) the name of the institution, (b) the date the institution received their last subsidy payment from her Department, (c) how much money is owed to each institution and (d) what services the NGO provides;
- (5) can she kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delays in paying NGOs;

- (6) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to ensuring that all NGOs are paid their subsidy on time; if so, (a) what is the cost involved and (b) when her Department anticipates the plans will be implemented;
- (7) what implications does the late payment of subsidies have on the (a) NGO and (b) people who are reliant in the services offered by the NGO;
- (8) can she kindly provide reasons as to why has it reportedly taken her Department so many years to rectify a matter of this importance and a problem that has allegedly been crippling NGOs for so long?

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

*Noting a revelation that a total of R6 million to fund sport in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) has allegedly not been utilized due to officials having uncertainty over who should administer funds and further noting that a task team has reportedly been formed “for the operationalization of BCMM”:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the reported delay in the distribution of the R6 million fund for sport in the aforementioned municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard;
- (2) what (a) measures has her Department put in place with a view to resolving the issue and (b) support did her Department give to the council;
- (3) what is the (a) mandate of the task team and (b) scope of their work;
- (4) what is the provisional time given to the task team to conclude its work;
- (5) why has the municipality mentioned above allegedly refused to continue to provide procurement services to the BCMM sports council;
- (6) what (a) proposed/ interim relief her Department anticipates will be provided with a view to addressing this issue (b) is the long-term solution in this regard;
- (7) how many (a) entities and (b) teams have been affected by this matter;
- (8) can she kindly provide the (a) names and (b) impact that this has had on the teams and entities in (7) above?

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

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide the reason for the continued closure of the Nelson Mandela Museum;
- (2) (a) can she kindly indicate the cause of the delay in the renovation and (b) when her Department anticipates the abovementioned museum will re-open;
- (3) how much revenue did the museum mentioned above generate in the (i) 2014/13, (ii) 2013/12 and (iii) 2012/11 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how much has the Department of Public Works made available for the renovation of the aforementioned museum;
- (5) (a) how many other museum projects has her Department placed on hold and (b) what is the cause of the delays;
- (6) how many individuals have lost their source of income due to the reported closure of the museum?

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

- (1) (a) How many sport academies are there presently, in the province and (b) can she kindly provide their (i) names, (ii) location and (iii) sporting codes;
- (2) can she kindly provide the reason for the increase/decrease of these sport academies;
- (3) how much has her Department spent in providing financial support to these academies, can she kindly provide the breakdown, per institution;
- (4) whether her Department is currently supporting any high school learners; if so, (i) how many learners, (ii) from which schools and (iii) what total funds has her Department spent in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (5) whether her Department is currently owing any schools; if so, (a) how much and (b) can she kindly provide the reason for lack of payment made or delays in payment;
- (6) whether her Department has entered into any agreement/ Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with any high schools; if so, (a) can she kindly provide the (aa) names of the schools and (bb) terms of reference and (b) how many young people her Department anticipates will benefit?

**14. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Transport: (Redirected)**  
*[Withdrawn from IQP 1 dated Friday, 28 June 2019]*

- (1) Whether he has been informed that his Department allegedly promised to construct a bypass from Butterworth to East London in 2019; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how far is the process of this project as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*With reference to the Daily Dispatch article titled "14 die on EC roads as traffic volumes rise with schools set to re-open, dated Tuesday, 9 July 2019:*

- (1) How many (a) pedestrian deaths and (b) road accident fatalities occurred in the province, per district, in the last financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many of the aforementioned were (a) adults and (b) minors and can she kindly provide the relevant statistics, (i) per month and (ii) per district in the province, in this regard;
- (3) what steps or initiatives, if any, has her Department put in place or envisages to put in place with a view to curbing the number of pedestrian deaths and road accident fatalities on our roads?

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

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide details, per district, of the number of accidents that have been caused by stray animals from December 2018 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many rangers, per district, are available to patrol stray animals;



- (3) what are the ranger's working hours;
- (4) whether the rangers receive a stipend or a fixed salary;
- (5) how many trucks, per district, are available to impound stray animals;
- (6) what is the fine or penalty, if any, that animal owners have to pay to release their animals from the impound?

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

*With reference to The Herald article titled 'Hundreds of faulty traffic fines binned' dated Monday, 15 July 2019:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the current issue in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) regarding the alleged faulty traffic fines; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether her Department anticipates it would consider establishing and implementing a provincial commission of inquiry into the function of the NMBMM traffic department; (b) if not, why; if so,
- (3) when her Department anticipates it will consider implementing this;
- (4) whether she has been informed if other municipalities had similar issues; if so, (a) which municipalities and (b) what consequence management steps has her Department taken with regard to the affected municipalities;
- (5) what consequence management steps has her Department put in place for officials (a) that are reported to be issuing faulty traffic fines and (b) who allegedly capture the traffic fines incorrectly on her Department's system?