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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST 2019

218. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the Premier:

- (1) Whether he has been informed of bursaries reportedly offered by his Office to students in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many bursaries has his Office awarded to students in the province for the (i) 2013, (ii) 2014, (iii) 2015, (iv) 2016, (v) 2017 and (vi) 2018 academic years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how many students, who received bursaries from his Office, have completed their degrees/diplomas in the aforementioned academic years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how many of these graduates has his Office placed within the provincial government departments and can he kindly specify the number of graduates placed in each department;
- (5) how many graduates have not yet been absorbed by any provincial department for each academic year specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (6) what total amount has his Office paid for bursaries for the abovementioned academic years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (7) whether any of the graduates, who received a bursary, have left the province; if so, how many?

219. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

- (1) How many sick leave days have officials in his Office taken 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 outline the number of officials that are on extended sick leave for more than (i) 3 months, (ii) 6 months, (iii) 1 year, (iv) 2 years, (v) 3 years and (vi) longer, per provincial department as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what is the estimated total cost to the province of the extended sick leave of the abovementioned civil servants as at the latest specified date for which information is available, can he kindly outline the breakdown of the cost per department;
- (4) whether his Office has put any plans in place with a view to curbing excessive prolonged sick leave by officials; if so, can he kindly outline the plans; if not, why;
- (5) can he kindly provide (a) reasons as to why has the human resources department of each of the provincial departments reportedly struggled to address the problem of excessive absenteeism and (b) details as to what effect does this have on service delivery?

220. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With reference to an article published on Times Live 'You've got two weeks to fix our roads, EC villagers tell government' dated Friday, 16 August 2019, wherein an ultimatum was reportedly given by the residents of Magwala in Cofimvaba, ordering Intsika Yethu Municipality to fix the gravel road from R61 in Upper Luxhomo to Mcungo:

- (1) Whether he has been informed that work on the road mentioned above reportedly came to a halt soon after elections were held; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the reasons as to why did construction allegedly stop soon after elections were held;
- (2) what amount has his Department spent to start construction on this road on Tuesday, 2 April 2019;
- (3) whether his Department has made a budget available to complete construction on this road; if not, why; if so, what total budget has his Department allocated in this regard;
- (4) when his Department envisages (a) construction on the road will recommence and (b) the work on said road will be completed?

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

- (1) Whether an increment settlement has been reached between Amathole District Municipality (ADM) and the municipal officials; if so, can he kindly provide the particulars of the agreement;
- (2) what is (a) the total cost to the municipality of increments that must be paid to workers and (b) the timeline for when these payments must be made;
- (3) whether funds will be relocated by the municipality in order to meet the financial demands of the increment settlement; if so, whether he can kindly indicate how (a) much of the operational budget will be reprioritised for salaries and (b) his Department anticipates service delivery will be impacted as a result of the relocation of funds;
- (4) (a) what is the current Cost of Employees to the municipality and (b) whether the salaries of employees are in line with the grading of the municipality; if not, why;
- (5) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to containing the current wage bill of the municipality; if so, can he kindly outline these plans;
- (6) (a) what is the total amount of municipal officials employed by the aforementioned municipality, (b) how many vacancies are there in the municipality mentioned above, per department and (c) how many officials are

currently on paid suspension as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (7) how much is the total debt of the aforementioned municipality 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;
- (8) whether he can kindly outline the (a) total revenue collection percentage as well as the (b) breakdown of revenue collection for the municipality mentioned above for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (9) whether he can kindly indicate which services have been affected by an alleged decrease in revenue collection by the aforementioned municipality;
- (10) what is the abovementioned municipality's current expenditure on salaries and wages for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (11) how much of the aforementioned municipality's (a) capital budget, (b) operating budget and (c) conditional grant was spent during the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

With reference to the portfolio committee report tabled on Monday, 15 July, which indicated that the committee seeks to invoke sections 154(1) and 139(1) (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act no. 108 of 1996) to allow the province to intervene in the running of metros and place them under administration:

- (1) (a) What is the stance of his Department in placing these metros under administration and (b) why;
- (2) (a) what is the state of the (i) Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) and (ii) Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), in terms of their governance and (b) what did the committee find in its oversight visits, can he kindly provide the (aa) dates of the visits and (bb) areas of concern;

- (3) (a) how much was the capital grant for the NMBMM for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19 and (iv) 2019/20 as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how much did the metro spend for these financial years respectively;
- (4) (a) how much was the capital grant for the BCMM for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) whether there has been a decline or increase in the revenue collection and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) (a) what is the financial revenue that was generated by the NMBMM in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 and (b) what was its contribution towards the province's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the financial years specified in (a) as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

In relation to the alleged fraud committed by the former Speaker of Walter Sisulu Municipality regarding the submission of false travel claims between March 2011 and February 2016:

- (1) What procedural precautions has his Department set in place with a view to ensuring that political office-bearers do not misuse their authority to conduct illegal activity such as the allegation above;
- (2) why (a) was the alleged continuous submission of false travel claims not identified early and reported to the Council and (b) has his Department reportedly not taken action in this regard?

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

- (1) (a) Which schools has his Department earmarked for infrastructural maintenance upgrades and (b) can he kindly outline (aa) what the maintenance requirements are for each of the earmarked schools as well as (bb) the total budget for the maintenance of the each of the aforementioned schools;
- (2) whether he can kindly provide the time-frames for when each of the abovementioned schools will undergo infrastructure maintenance;

- (3) (a) how much (aa) is the total budget for the maintenance of school buildings in the province, (bb) has his Department spent and (b) can he kindly provide a breakdown of how his Department has spent the budget to date;
- (4) whether his Department has conducted an investigation into the state of the infrastructure of schools; if so, can he kindly make the findings available;
- (5) whether he can kindly indicate how many (a) mud schools are there in the province and (b) scholars attend these schools;
- (6) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to upgrading these schools and can he kindly provide the time-frames for the upgrades?

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

In light of the article in the Daily Dispatch titled "Contractor strips loo roof to get paid", dated Friday, 16 August 2019:

- (1) How many departments have outstanding payments to contractors, can he kindly provide the (a) names of the departments, (b) names of the contractors and (c) value of the outstanding amounts;
- (2) whether there are any departments that are currently in court/have court orders due to unpaid suppliers; if so, can he kindly provide the (a) names of the departments and (b) status of their cases;
- (3) what number of consulting firms or companies are currently contracted by (a) the respective departments and (b) the entities reporting to the departments;
- (4) in light of (3) above, (a) can he kindly provide the (aa) names of each consultant and (bb) relevant details of the service provided in each case and (b) what is the (i) start date, (ii) time period and (iii) monetary value in rands of each contract;
- (5) whether is there any department with a contract that has been deemed irregular or unprocedural; if so, (a) which departments and (b) and how his Department intends to address this issue?

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

With regard to provincial infrastructure projects that reportedly had budget overruns (projects that had to be allocated additional budget and /or are due to be allocated additional budget):

- (1) Whether there are any provincial infrastructure projects that had budget overruns for the 2017/18 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) how many, (b) which projects were these and (c) which provincial departments were responsible for the project management in each of the projects;
- (2) what was the reason for the budget overrun on each specific project;
- (3) what was the extent/total of the budget overrun;
- (4) what (a) was the original budget of each of the specific project and (b) is the final budget allocated/spent on said individual project?

227. Ms V Mvenya to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:

- (1) How much is the provincial informal economy worth;
- (2) how much, in terms of percentage and rand value, is owned by (a) South Africans and (b) foreign nationals in the province?

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

Noting that the Camdeboo Hospice has allegedly not been able to apply for funding from the Department of Health as the funding tender was reportedly withdrawn due to a fault in the process and further noting that without funding the aforementioned hospice will reportedly be unable to continue offering palliative care to terminally ill patients in Graaff-Reinet, Jansenville, Klipplaat and Aberdeen:

- (1) Whether her Department has taken any remedial actions with a view to fast tracking the funding tender process for the aforementioned hospice to keep its doors open; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) in the event that the tender process cannot be fast tracked, whether her Department anticipates it will take any immediate steps in order to ensure that

the hospice mentioned above continues to deliver palliative care to the broader Dr Beyers Naude Municipality community; if so, what steps; if not, why;

- (3) whether her Department anticipates to put any steps in place with a view to ensuring that this funding tender process is not disrupted in the future; if so, what steps; if not, why?

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

Noting that the Linton Grange Clinic in ward 9 in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) has reportedly not had any medication for patients for several weeks and further noting that there is an alleged shortage of chronic medical practitioners and doctors and most patients are reportedly not attended to:

- (1) How many medical practitioners and doctors does the clinic have;
- (2) what immediate steps her Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that the clinic is effectively staffed with qualified medical practitioners so that patients are not turned away;
- (3) what immediate steps her Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that the clinic has sufficient quantities of chronic and other medication so that patients are not turned away when they require such medication?

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

Noting that community health workers within the Department of Health are allegedly receiving a stipend of R3 500 per month, further noting that a stipend is reportedly paid to a trainee, apprentice or intern to offset expenses and finally noting that the former MEC referred to this payment of community health workers as “non-service remuneration”, but remuneration is money paid for a service:

- (1) Whether the community health workers earn a salary; if so, whether the salary is compliant in terms of the minimum wage; if not, why;
- (2) if the community health workers do earn a salary, whether they are still on contract to her Department; if so, (a) for how long and (b) what are terms of the contract;

- (3) if the community health workers do not earn a salary but rather a stipend, what training are they receiving in exchange for their stipend;
- (4) what steps is her Department taking with a view to ensuring that the community health workers either (a) become permanently employed with a salary and other benefits and or (b) remain on stipend but receive the necessary training and up skilling to justify the stipend?

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

With reference from a report in Herald Newspaper dated Wednesday, 14 August 2019 titled "Metro fails to spend 7, 1 million rand on new housing structures":

- (1) Whether he has been informed that Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) allegedly utilized an amount of R7,1 million meant for temporary structures to beautify open spaces, leaving residents affected by disaster without relief; if not, what is the position in this regard;
- (2) whether her Department, working with the municipality, has put any plans in place with a view to providing temporary structures to the people of Walmer Township whose shacks were reportedly destroyed by fire as reported in newspaper article; if not, why; if so,
- (3) (a) how many households her Department anticipates to assist in the area and (b) when her Department anticipates to erect and distribute these temporary structures;
- (4) whether there are any other areas which have been hit by disasters in the province which her Department is assisting with temporary structures; if so, (a) in which districts and (b) how many temporary structures, per district;
- (5) whether her Department has put any long-term plans in place with a view to providing the areas in (4) above with houses; if not, why; if so, what plans;
- (6) (a) by when her Department envisages construction will commence and (b) which affected areas her Department anticipates will benefit from the plans in (5) above?

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

Noting that the province is alleged to have challenges of a weak beneficiary management system, also noting that there is reportedly rampant corruption in the compilation of housing beneficiary lists as acknowledged by the MEC in her Policy Speech and finally noting that the province is reportedly faced with many illegally occupied houses whose beneficiaries have never occupied said houses and that many of them have reportedly accumulated municipal debts whilst not staying in these houses:

- (1) Whether her Department has the updated and verified data base of all the houses that are illegally occupied; if not, why; if so,
- (2) how many houses are (a) illegally occupied, can she kindly provide the number per district or municipality, citing (aa) the name of the project in each district and (bb) when were these houses occupied and (b) legally occupied;
- (3) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to remedying the situation in each district or municipality mentioned in (2) above; if not, why; if so, what are the details of the plans;
- (4) whether she has been informed that many beneficiaries of houses have reportedly never occupied their houses because of illegal occupation and are alleged to have escalating municipal debts in their names; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (5) (a) when was she informed of the situation in (4) above, (b) whether her Department has held any (aa) interaction with the said affected beneficiaries and (bb) engagements with various municipalities regarding this issue; if so,
- (6) what (a) are the outcomes of the engagements and (b) is the status of these municipal debts;
- (7) whether her Department has an accurate data base of the people affected by the situation mentioned in (4) above; if so, (a) how many people in each district and or municipality and (b) in which projects;
- (8) what is the total municipal debt owed by the beneficiaries mentioned in (4) above for each municipality;
- (9) whether her Department, working with various municipalities, has put any comprehensive plans in place with a view to addressing the challenge raised in (4) above; if so, what plans; if not, why?

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

Noting that the community of Kleinpoort, in Sundays River Municipality has allegedly never had a housing project in their area since 1994 and further noting that some residents have allegedly been occupying houses that belong to Transnet as the area was built close to a railway station:

- (1) whether her Department is planning any housing project at Kleinpoort in the Sundays River Valley Municipality for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, what are the (a) relevant details, (b) time-frames and (c) budget implications in this regard; if not,
- (2) when her Department anticipates to put a housing project plan in place for the aforementioned community;
- (3) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to entering into a formal agreement with Transnet to get security of tenure for the occupiers of the properties; if not, why?

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

With reference to the article in the Daily Dispatch dated Tuesday, 20 August 2019, entitled "State blunder to cost well over R120 m":

- (1) Whether his Department, in 2016, waived the in duplum rule which allowed Ikamva Architects to claim additional funding; if so, why;
- (2) whether he can kindly provide the name of the company which was appointed as the service provider for the R1.3 billion upgrades to Frere Hospital in 2003;
- (3) whether his Department has instituted or anticipates to institute any remedial action with a view to ensuring that misconduct, as in this case, is accounted for; if so, what remedial action; if not, why;
- (4) whether his Department has put any processes and systems in place with a view to ensuring that such tender irregularities are detected early; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if not, why;
- (5) how much in total has his Department been instructed by the Constitutional Court to pay out to Ikamva Architects?

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

- (1) How many firearms belonging to the South African Police Service (SAPS) were (a) reported missing, (b) stolen and (c) found 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;
- (2) how many rounds of ammunition belonging to the SAPS have been (a) reported missing, (b) stolen and (c) found in the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what happens to the (a) firearms and (b) ammunition once they have been retrieved and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what plans has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that firearms are properly safeguarded;
- (5) what steps has her Department taken with a view to ensuring that ammunition is thoroughly accounted for and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) can she kindly provide the reasons as to why these rounds reportedly go missing;
- (7) what steps has her Department taken with a view to stopping the theft of firearms and ammunition?

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

With special reference to Algoa Park Police Station:

- (1) Whether there has been an upsurge in crime in the abovementioned policing area compared with the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) what are those crimes, (b) how many cases, relating to those crimes, have been (aa) opened and (bb) successfully prosecuted; if not, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) (a) whether she can kindly provide details of the main crimes that took place in the aforementioned policing area over the last 6 months as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) which crimes have (aa) increased and (bb) decreased;

- (3) how many police officers (a) are actually stationed and (b) should ideally be stationed at the abovementioned policing area;
- (4) how many (a) detectives are actually stationed and (b) should ideally be stationed at the abovementioned policing area;
- (5) what is (a) the average case load for detectives and (b) the ideal case load for detectives at the abovementioned policing area and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) (a) how many vehicles (aa) are available and (bb) should be available on average each day for scheduled patrols and (b) whether the South African Police Service (SAPS) experiences any vehicle shortages in the abovementioned area; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (7) how many staff has the SAPS appointed in the abovementioned policing area in (i) 2017, (ii) 2018 and (iii) 2019 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (8) whether the staff's language proficiency in the abovementioned policing area is sufficient to interact and assist the public with their queries and reports in their preferred language of communication; if not, can she kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
- (9) whether the policing area mentioned above experiences any shortage of stationary and equipment to ensure the smooth running of the day to day activities; if so, (a) why is there a shortage and (b) what is the breakdown of the shortage;
- (10) what plans has the SAPS put in place with a view to ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of this policing area?

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

With reference to the Kamesh policing area:

- (1) Whether there has been an upsurge in crime in the abovementioned policing area compared with the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) what are those crimes, (b) how many cases, relating to those crimes, have been (aa) opened

and (bb) successfully prosecuted; if not, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (2) (a) whether she can kindly provide details of the main crimes that took place in the aforementioned policing area over the last 6 months as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) which crimes have (aa) increased and (bb) decreased;
- (3) how many police officers (a) are actually stationed and (b) should ideally be stationed at the abovementioned policing area;
- (4) how many (a) detectives are actually stationed and (b) should ideally be stationed at the abovementioned policing area;
- (5) what is (a) the average case load for detectives and (b) the ideal case load for detectives at the abovementioned policing area and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) (a) how many vehicles (aa) are available and (bb) should be available on average each day for scheduled patrols and (b) whether the South African Police Service (SAPS) experiences any vehicle shortages in the abovementioned area; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (7) how many staff has the SAPS appointed in the abovementioned policing area in (i) 2017, (ii) 2018 and (iii) 2019 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (8) whether the staff's language proficiency in the abovementioned policing area is sufficient to interact and assist the public with their queries and reports in their preferred language of communication; if not, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (9) whether the policing area mentioned above experiences any shortage in stationary and equipment to ensure the smooth running of the day to day activities; if so, (a) why is there a shortage and (b) what is the breakdown of the shortage;
- (10) what plans has the SAPS put in place with a view to ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of this policing area?

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

- (1) Whether she has been informed of any rent being paid for buildings, utilised by her Department in the province, where there are no lease agreements in place; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many buildings does her Department pay rent for on a monthly basis;
- (3) (a) for how many of these buildings are there no lease agreements and (a) what is the total cost to rent for buildings where there are no lease agreements;
- (4) can she kindly provide reasons as to why there are no lease agreements in place for the buildings mentioned in (3) above;
- (5) (a) what are the risks for her Department where no lease agreements are in place and (b) where are these buildings based?

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

- (1) How many Social Workers are based at each of her Department (a) Service Offices and (b) District Offices in the province;
- (2) how many vehicles are available to Social Workers at each (a) Service Office, and (b) District Office;
- (3) (a) how many department vehicles are currently not being utilised due to being in for repairs/services and (b) when has her Department sent each vehicle in for repairs/services;
- (4) how many vehicles does her Department need, per district, to ensure that enough vehicles are available for Social Workers to utilise;
- (5) when her Department envisages buying/receiving vehicles to be utilised by the Social Workers;
- (6) for what purpose do Social Workers utilise department vehicles;
- (7) what are the effects of not having enough vehicles available for Social Workers to use?

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

Subsequent to the response received to Question 44 of IQP 6 containing Questions for Oral Reply, dated Thursday, 4 August 2019, a letter was reportedly sent to the National Lotteries Commission in the 2017/18 financial year to motivate for the building of facilities in rural and township schools:

- (1) (a) What is the progress of the motivation sent to the National Lotteries Commission to help fund these facilities and (b) when her Department anticipates the matter will be finalized;
- (2) whether her Department has put any other plans in place, outside of this request to other stakeholders, with a view to assisting in the funding of the building of these facilities; if so, (a) which stakeholders have they engaged, (b) what are the terms of reference and (c) which schools have been identified which are in need of sport facilities;
- (3) whether her Department has any agreements with any of the institutions of higher learning in the province for the use of their facilities for the training and development of learners; if so, (a) which institutions, (b) what is the period and (c) terms of reference of the agreement?

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

Noting that the MR43/1 and R329 has allegedly not been provided with a surface area since 1954, further noting that submissions were reportedly made to the Department of Transport to upgrade this road and has reportedly not been attended to and finally noting that this road is alleged to be in an extremely unsafe condition and has reached the end of its lifetime:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the aforementioned road is reported to be in a dilapidated condition; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plans has her Department put in place with a view to upgrading this road;
- (2) whether her Department has made a budget available for this road; if not, why; if so, what total budget has her Department set aside in this regard;
- (3) when can the Baviaans community expect this road to be (a) upgraded and (b) completed?

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

- (1) How many new road projects are there in the province, can she kindly provide the list, per district;
- (2) whether her Department has stopped any road projects; if so, why and can she kindly give a detailed report of these projects, per district;
- (3) what steps has her Department put in place with a view to kick start the projects that were stopped;
- (4) how much, in rand value, has her Department lost due to projects being stopped;
- (5) what is the total budget available for road construction;
- (6) how many bridges (a) has her Department built in the 2018/19 financial year and (b) her Department anticipates will be built in the 2019/20 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (7) whether her Department has put any steps in place with a view to preventing any further loss of life when crossing dangerous terrain; if not, why; if so, what steps?

243. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the bridge in Jelemane village is allegedly in a state of collapse; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plans her Department intends to put in place with regard to the state of the bridge in the aforementioned village;
- (2) (a) what was the cause of the collapse of the bridge and (b) when was it last accessed, can she kindly provide the (aa) date and time and (bb) areas of concern which were identified in the report;
- (3) what interim relief her Department envisages will be provided for this community to ensure that they are able to cross, particularly school children who commute every day to school;
- (4) (a) when her Department intends to start rehabilitating the bridge and/or alternatively, construct a new bridge and (b) by when can completion be expected?