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### INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2019

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

*Noting that a Special Council meeting was allegedly scheduled for Thursday, 29 August 2019 in order to table the Forensic Audit Report for the Great Kei Municipality and further noting that the meeting was reportedly postponed indefinitely by the Speaker on the same day:*

- (1) Whether he can kindly provide reasons as to why was the Special Council meeting reportedly cancelled;
- (2) whether his Department anticipates the Council meeting will be re-scheduled to take place; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) why has the Forensic Audit Report reportedly not been tabled at a meeting of Council;
- (4) when his Department anticipates the Forensic Audit Report will be tabled at a meeting of Council;

- (5) whether the Speaker of the Council has the authority to postpone the meeting; if so, under which section or regulation of Local Government Legislation or Rule of Council can the Speaker perform such function;
- (6) why was the alleged postponement not done by the Municipal Manager?

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

*Regarding the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs' Policy Speech 2019/20 delivered by the MEC which reportedly highlighted the aspect of sound financial management and noting that the department reportedly budgeted R1.8 million for the training of Supply Chain Management officials in all thirty-nine municipalities:*

- (1) When is the training of the Supply Chain Management officials scheduled to take place;
- (2) what strategic outcomes does his Department envisage with a view to assist specifically municipalities which have (a) regressed and (b) achieved adverse and disclaimer audit outcomes?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the Amatola Water Board's alleged R18.7 million irregular expenditure and R1 million wasteful expenditure and that they have reportedly since applied for condonation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether his Department is in support of the condonation; if so, why;
- (3) what is the cause of the alleged irregular and wasteful expenditure;
- (4) noting that the water board accounts to the Minister of Water and Sanitation, what interventions has his Department made with a view to ensuring there is stability in the utility as it is reported to be a supplier of an essential service in the province;

- (5) whether his Department has taken any action against officials who are responsible for the alleged irregular expenditure in the utility; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*Noting that the Andrew Turpin Dam water level reportedly dropped from 40% to 1%, as reported by the South African Broadcasting Association (SABC) News in an article entitled, "Amathole District Municipality probes sudden dam level drop", dated Monday, 26 August 2019:*

- (1) What is the current water capacity of the dam;
- (2) whether a technical team has conducted an investigation into the reported water reduction in the dam; if so, what were the (a) reasons found for the reduction and (b) recommendations made by the team;
- (3) whether an Amathole District Municipal employee left the dam valves open; if so, (a) for how long were the valves left open and (b) how much water was lost during that time;
- (4) whether his Department has instigated any consequence management against the employee; if so, can he kindly indicate the nature of the consequences in this regard;
- (5) (a) how has the municipality been able to substitute the lost water and (b) what was the cost of replacing the water that was lost;
- (6) whether (a) the municipality has received assistance from the Department of Water and Sanitation; if so, (b) how much monetary assistance has the municipality received to procure water;
- (7) whether the aforementioned municipality has applied for a further grant; if so, how much has the municipality requested;
- (8) (a) which towns were affected by the water loss from the Turpin Dam and (b) can he kindly outline the extent of the consequent water loss for each town?

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

- (1) Whether the Amathole District Municipality makes use of the Systems, Applications, Products (SAP) billing system; if so, can he kindly indicate which systems currently run on the municipality's SAP system;
- (2) when was the SAP system installed in the municipality;
- (3) what were the (a) initial installation and (b) subsequent maintenance costs for the upgrading and maintenance of SAP;
- (4) (a) can he kindly outline each time the SAP system experienced problems in the past financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) what was the nature of the problem and (c) how much did it cost the municipality to repair the system for each logged problem;
- (5) can he kindly outline the incidents where incorrect statements were sent to customers during the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) how many officials have received official training to use the SAP system during the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (7) whether the system (a) has been completely and successfully implemented and (b) is Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA) compliant; if not, why;
- (8) (a) who is the service provider contracted to implement the SAP system and (b) whether there are any outstanding monies currently owed to the contractor; if so, (aa) how much is outstanding and (bb) can he kindly provide the reasons in this regard;
- (9) (a) who is the service provider contracted to maintain the SAP system, (b) how much has his Department budgeted for this contract and (c) what is the duration of the contract?

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

*Noting that the Mcheni Primary school in Tsolo was reportedly built on an unsuitable foundation which has allegedly resulted in the school sinking into the ground:*

- (1) How much has his Department (a) initially budgeted and (b) spent on the construction of the reported defective school;

- (2) who was the appointed contractor for the construction of the school mentioned above;
- (3) whether he can kindly outline the reasons as to why is the school allegedly not safe for occupation;
- (4) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to rebuilding the mortar and brick school; if so, (a) can he kindly outline the exact construction that his Department anticipates will be required with a view to ensuring that the school is safe for occupation, (b) when his Department envisages the school will be ready for occupation, (c) how much has his Department (aa) budgeted and (bb) spent on the reconstruction of the aforementioned school as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) what disciplinary measures and consequence management has his Department taken against (a) officials and (b) the contractor(s) for the construction of the alleged defective school;
- (6) whether his Department has conducted an environmental impact assessment before the commencement of construction; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the outcomes of the assessment thereof;
- (7) (a) how many mud schools are there in the province, (b) which of these schools are intended for upgrades, (c) what are the agreed upon time-frames for the upgrading of the schools, (d) what total budget has his Department set aside in this regard and (e) what is the budget, per mud school, that his Department has earmarked for upgrades;
- (8) (a) which mud schools have already undertaken construction and (b) at what stage of construction are these schools currently;
- (9) whether his Department has entered into a contract with a service provider in order to provide alternative technology classrooms for the aforementioned school; if so, (a) can he kindly outline what the nature of the alternative technology is, (b) what has been delivered by the service provider to date, (c) how much has his Department paid to the service provider to date and (d) whether the contract between the service provider and his Department has been terminated; if so, why;
- (10) whether he can kindly outline the conditions of the structures that are currently being used by the pupils and teachers of the school mentioned above;

- (11) whether the sanitation facilities such as (a) water tanks, (b) toilets and (c) taps are available at the school; if not, why?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any (a) Grade R and (b) Grade 9 workbooks, volume 1 and 2, that were allegedly not delivered to schools in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) can he kindly provide the reasons for the alleged delays in providing these workbooks to schools;
- (3) how many schools are still to receive the aforementioned workbooks;
- (4) (a) how many schools are still awaiting Learning and Teaching Support Materials (LTSM) from his Department and (b) when his Department anticipates the schools will receive their LTSM;
- (5) what (a) are the reasons for the delays in the provision of LTSM and (b) measures has his Department implemented with a view to ensuring that all schools receive their LTSM timeously?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of a learner (*name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply*) who reportedly wrote his National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination at St Thomas Senior Secondary School in 2017; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) when his Department anticipates the learner will receive his NSC as he has allegedly only received a statement of results;
- (3) what are the reasons for the delays in sending the NSC;
- (4) what measures his Department anticipates to implement with a view to ensuring that matriculants receive their NSC timeously?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed that learners from grade R to grade 12 at East London Secondary School allegedly all attend school on the same premises even though re-alignment reportedly took place at the school in March 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether his Department has completed the re-alignment process; if so, whether the school is currently separated into a primary and secondary school; if not, why;
- (3) whether each school has its own Education Management Information System (EMIS) number; if not, why;
- (4) whether each school has its own premises; if not, (a) why and (b) what are the risks of having a primary and high school on the same premises;
- (5) how many schools, which are in different categories, e.g. primary school, high school etc. are there currently in the province, which share the same premises and can he kindly supply the name and location of each school?

**284. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he has received representations regarding an application for admission to Grade 8 at George Randal High School in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) which was reportedly received from a learner (*name furnished for the purpose of the reply*) for the 2020 academic year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether the application has been successful; if not, can he kindly provide the (a) reasons for the application not being successful and (b) alternative options for schools in the Sunnyridge area;
- (3) who is the contact person and contact details for the school's admissions in the Buffalo City area?

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

- (1) Whether he has received representations regarding a former educator (*name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply*) who reportedly retired on Monday, 31 December 2018 and who has allegedly not yet received his leave gratuity payment from his Department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

- (2) when his Department anticipates the aforementioned former educator will receive the outstanding monies owed to him by his Department?

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

- (1) Whether his Department has sought the services of any consultants in the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, can he kindly provide the (a) the reason in this regard, (b) total cost of their services rendered and (c) length of their contracts;
- (2) whether any department has hired consultants in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, how much did this cost;
- (3) whether his Department has found that there is any improvement as a result of the services rendered; if so, how;
- (4) whether his Department has recorded and/or condoned any irregular expenditure relating to contracts in each case; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*Subsequent to a response received to Question 53 of IQP 3, dated Friday, 12 July 2019 about an appeal reportedly lodged by Fluxline Properties Pty Ltd on the retrospective fine imposed by the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:*

When his Department anticipates to notify, in writing, Fluxline Properties Pty Ltd about the results of their appeal which has reportedly been reduced to R10 000 since they have allegedly not received any notice in writing?

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

- (1) What was the total number of (a) functioning and (b) non-functioning mobile clinics in the province for each district, for the (i) 2012/13, (ii) 2013/14, (iii)



2014/15, (iv) 2015/16, (v) 2016/17, (vi) 2017/18 and (vii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (2) what was the total number of mobile clinics in repairs, for each district, in the financial years mentioned in (1) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what was the total number of mobile clinics written off, in each district, for the financial years mentioned in (1) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what is current number of mobile clinics in the province for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*With reference to the Cecilia Makiwane Hospital:*

- (1) How many gunshot victims were recorded at the above stated hospital 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 of the above cases were of (a) women, (b) men 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 financial years mentioned above 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 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) women, (b) men and (c) children for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*Noting that the rectification process is reportedly an ongoing programme of the Department of Human Settlements and further noting that the programme is reportedly implemented mainly due to poor quality of houses built that do not meet the required building standards:*

- (1) How many housing units formed part of the rectification programme in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) can she kindly indicate (a) the name of each project identified in (1) above and (b) in which municipalities were these projects located for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what were the detailed reasons identified by her Department which caused these houses to be rectified for each of the projects in (2) above;
- (4) what was the total cost of the rectification mentioned above in the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) who were the contractors of each of the said projects that formed part of the rectification programme in the last three financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) whether her Department has taken any steps relating to each of the contractors mentioned in (5) above; if so, what amounts has her Department recovered;
- (7) whether her Department has blacklisted the contractors in (5) above; if not, why;
- (8) whether there are any other projects that have been undertaken by said contractors; if so, (a) why has her Department allocated the contractors other work in the province and (b) where are these projects;
- (9) whether her Department has conducted inspections on the projects before rectification; if so, (a) what were the outcomes of the inspections and (b) how many inspectors does her Department have?

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

*Subsequent to the response received to Question 99 of IQP 4, dated Friday, 19 July 2019 on houses for military veterans:*

- (1) What is/was the commencement date(s) and finalisation date(s) for each of the projects outlined in the response mentioned above;
- (2) of the units planned for implementation, as per the response, how many units for each project has her Department completed to date;
- (3) can she kindly provide reasons as to why there are reportedly currently no beneficiaries allocated for such projects in (a) Mbizana and (b) East London?

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

*Subsequent to the response received to Question 38 of IQP 2, dated Friday, 5 July 2019 on projects in Nyandeni Municipality that have been funded by the Department of Human Settlements in the last 5 years:*

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide the (a) names of each of the 12 incomplete projects in the aforementioned municipality and (b) number of units that her Department envisages will be built for each of the incomplete projects;
- (2) at what stage is each of the 12 incomplete and funded projects mentioned in (1) above;
- (3) (a) which of these projects her Department anticipates will be completed in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) (a) how many projects her Department anticipates will not be completed in the current financial year and (b) can she kindly provide the (aa) names of the projects which will not be completed and (bb) reasons for non-completion in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*Subsequent to the response provided for Question 102 (1) (a) of IQP 4, dated Friday, 19 July 2019:*

- (1) How much is owed to his Department to date, on debts due to non-refund by various departments on (a) completed infrastructure work and (b) under-construction projects;
- (2) whether his Department has undertaken any measures with a view to mitigating the non-payment of departments; if so, what measures; if not, why?

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

- (1) Whether there is any progress regarding the lodging of land claims in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) whether her Department has taken any steps with a view to designing and implementing the land restitution programme; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) what amount of land claimed has her Department returned to the people as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

- (1) What is the national norm for the ratio of police to population for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) what is the actual ratio of police to population in the province 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;
- (3) what is the actual ratio of police to population in (a) Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM), (b) Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), (c) King Sabata Dalindyebo District Municipality and (d) every District Municipality in the province for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details per cluster?

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

- (1) How many political-related (a) assaults, (b) attempted murders and (c) murders have been reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS) 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) whether the SAPS keep statistics with regard to political murders; if not, why;
- (3) with regard to the reported increase in political murders in this province, whether her Department anticipates consideration will be given to keeping accurate records; if not, why;
- (4) what steps her Department envisages it will take or has taken with a view to dealing with political murders in the province;
- (5) whether her Department has established specialized task teams to address the matter; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if not, why;
- (6) whether the SAPS has made any arrests with regard to political murders in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (7) what steps the SAPS anticipates it will take with a view to dealing with the rising trend and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) How many protest-related arrests has the South African Police Service (SAPS) made in the the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) how many of those arrests have resulted in (a) successful prosecution and (b) unsuccessful prosecution as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) can she kindly provide details as to what happens in the case of people who are arrested for protest action, are granted bail but cannot pay;

- (4) what is the breakdown, per police station cluster, of where these protests occurred and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**298. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

- (1) Whether her Department has established a mechanism to oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of the South African Police Service (SAPS) in line with Section 206 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act no. 108 of 1996); if not, (a) why and (b) by when her Department anticipates such a mechanism will be established; if so,
- (2) can she kindly provide details of (a) the composition of such a mechanism, (b) the mandate of such a mechanism, (c) the process her Department has followed to collect and collate information to monitor police conduct, promote good relations between the police and communities, assess the effectiveness of visible policing and assist in the fight against crime in the province and (d) any successes achieved by such a mechanism to date;
- (3) whether her Department has provided any funding to neighbourhood watches (i) in each of the last three financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2019 as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in each case;
- (4) what are the details of the her Department's funding of rural safety operations?

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

*Regarding Ubuntu Service Centre, registration number 217-785:*

- (1) Whether she has received representations with regard to the registration of the aforementioned organization; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether her Department has conducted inspection visits at the organization mentioned above; if not, when her Department anticipates the organization will be visited; if so,
- (3) what were the outcomes of the visits, in relation to funding organization?

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

- (1) How many people are said to live in poverty in the province and can she kindly provide the breakdown per (a) age group, (b) gender and (c) district for 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) what (a) programmes/initiatives did her Department implement in order to fight poverty in the province and (b) were the total financial implications of each programme in the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) whether the programmes, that her Department has implemented, have been successful; if not, why?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has been informed that the Bunkers Hill sporting facility is being misused due to lack of fencing; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details on the matter;
- (2) can she kindly indicate (a) why has this field reportedly not been fenced and (b) when her Department anticipates the facility will be fenced;
- (3) (a) what is the current purpose of the stadium and (b) can she kindly indicate (aa) which stakeholders use the field and (bb) for what purpose;
- (4) whether there is any revenue that is generated by the aforementioned sporting facility; if so, how much was it in the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) whether there are any sporting facilities in the province that have been misused due to lack of security and/or lack of fencing; if so, can she kindly provide (a) the names of the sporting facilities and (b) the reasons as to why have these facilities remained unsupervised and/or unfenced?

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

- (1) Whether she has received representations regarding the alleged vandalism and neglect of the Route 67 project in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether her Department has engaged the aforementioned municipality in this regard; if not, why;
- (3) whether criminal cases have been registered for investigation by the South African Police Service (SAPS); if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide a case number(s) in this regard;
- (4) whether there are any other monuments or provincial sites that have been reported as vandalised or neglected in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) whether her Department has engaged in a cost analysis of damages incurred to these respective sites; if not, why;
- (6) what security measures her Department anticipates will be put in place with a view to preventing similar vandalism and damage?

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

*Noting that the Blekane Bridge was allegedly flooded in 2010 and later totally collapsed in 2013 and further noting that this bridge has reportedly not been repaired to date:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the aforementioned bridge reportedly collapsed in 2013 and has not been repaired to date; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide reasons as to why has the bridge allegedly not been repaired since it collapsed;
- (2) what plans has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that the bridge is repaired;
- (3) whether her Department has made a budget available to repair the bridge; if so, how much has her Department set aside in this regard;
- (4) when her Department anticipates (a) repairs to this bridge will commence and (b) the community can expect the bridge to be completed?

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



- (1) What are the penalties for late payment of vehicle licence renewals in the province;
- (2) whether there is still a grace period of 21 days; if not, why;
- (3) (a) what penalties are charged, per day, in addition to the amount charged for renewal and (b) how much, in rand value, has her Department collected in this regard in the last three financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how (a) many vehicles were fined due to expired licenses in the last three financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) much revenue did her Department collect regarding the fines in the last three financial years as the latest specified date for which information is available?