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### INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

Note:

1. Questions for oral reply will be printed in full in the Question Paper for the day for which they have been set down for reply.
2. \*Indicates a question for oral reply.

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

FRIDAY, 1 JULY 2018

*Premier:*

**\*1. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:**

*With reference to the letter reportedly submitted to the Office of the Premier, dated Tuesday, 23 July 2019, addressing the challenges faced by big businesses in the Enoch Mgijima Municipality:*

- (1) Whether his Office has met with the business sector of the aforementioned municipality in order to address the challenges facing big businesses in the area; if not, why; if so, can he kindly outline the resolutions from that discussion;
- (2) whether he can kindly outline how many (a) businesses operate in the area mentioned above and (b) people are employed by the businesses operating in the aforementioned area;
- (3) how much do the businesses in 2 above contribute to the gross domestic product of the province;
- (4) what (a) challenges are faced by businesses in the aforementioned area and (b) measures does his Office anticipate to implement with a view to correcting / alleviating these challenges;

- (5) how his Office intends to intervene with a view to ensuring that businesses do not close down, a situation which would allegedly result in large-scale job losses?

**\*2. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:**

*Noting the prolonged industrial action at the Port of Ngqura and the dire economic consequences of said action to the provincial economy and further noting the correspondence the Democratic Alliance had allegedly sent to the Office of the Premier with regard to the industrial action:*

- (1) (a) Whether he has been informed of the reasons for the alleged continued industrial action, in the form of a go-slow, at the Port of Ngqura; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (b) what plans has his Office put in place with a view to ending the industrial action and (c) can he kindly provide the reasons for the delay in ending the go-slow;
- (2) (a) how many jobs have been lost as a result of the go-slow industrial action to date, (b) what has been the loss of income as a result of go-slow and (c) what plans has his Office put in place with a view to retrieving income lost over this period;
- (3) (a) which industries / sectors have been the most affected as a result of the industrial action and (b) which (aa) imports and (bb) exports have been cancelled or delayed as a result of the industrial action;
- (4) whether his Office has engaged with Transnet in order to find ways to solve the industrial action; if so, (a) when and (b) can he kindly provide the outcomes of that discussion; if not, why;
- (5) whether he can kindly provide a response to the correspondence mentioned above, dated Wednesday, 10 July 2019, relating to the aforementioned industrial action; if not, why; if so, when?

**\*3. Mr R Odendaal to ask the Premier:**

- (1) How many provincial officials are currently on cautionary or other suspension for misconduct, can he kindly indicate (a) which departments are affected and (b) the number of provincial officials on suspension in each of the departments;
- (2) what is the total employment related cost of all suspended officials for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years to date;
- (3) (a) what is the total legal cost to the province in relation to said disciplinary matters in the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can he kindly indicate how his Office anticipates the legal costs will be paid/funded;

- (4) how many disciplinary matters were finalized in the financial years specified above to date?

**\*4. Ms N Nyalambisa to ask the Premier:**

*Noting that the Integrated Service Delivery Model (Masiphathisane) was reportedly launched with much fanfare and reportedly enjoyed the necessary support across the spectrum:*

- (1) Whether his Office has learnt any lessons during the implementation of the aforementioned programme; if so, what lessons;
- (2) what mechanisms does his Office anticipate to put in place with a view to ensuring the sustainability of this programme?

**\*5. Ms N Nyalambisa to ask the Premier:**

*Noting that the Provincial Development Plan reportedly remains the guiding vision for the province going forward:*

- (1) What plans has his Office put in place with a view to ensuring the alignment of all components within the plan mentioned above;
- (2) what strategies does his Office envisage to employ with a view to popularising the programme?

**\*6. Ms G B Fanta to ask the Premier:**

*Noting that August is recognised as the Women's Month:*

- (1) Whether he can kindly inform the House on how much, in percentage terms, did the Women-Owned Enterprises benefit from provincial government procurement within the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether he can kindly provide information regarding provincial government compliance with gender equity, in particular within senior management of the various provincial departments and its public entities?

*MEC's:*

**\*7. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*Noting that Councillors reportedly derive their authority as Commissioners of Oath from the Governance Notice R1687 of 24 December 1998:*

- (1) What is entailed in the authority of Ward Councillors to complete Proof of Address forms;

- (2) where is such authority referred to in terms of Local Government Legislation;
- (3) noting that such responsibility may result in exposure to undue legal liabilities for Councillors, whether Councillors may refuse to conduct such a service; if not, why;
- (4) whether all municipal offices in the province have dedicated Commissioners of Oath, except for Councillors, to assist the community with requests for Proof of Address forms; if not, why?

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

*Noting that there were alleged irregularities in the Matatiele Council Meeting of Monday, 29 July 2019, where a report which did not first serve before the portfolio committee was allegedly tabled and further noting that the Speaker of Council was allegedly so advised of this irregularity and proceeded regardless:*

- (1) In light of the alleged irregularity, whether his Department envisages any decision, in terms of the report tabled at council, will be set aside; if so, what is the timeline in this regard; if not, why;
- (2) noting that the Corporate Services General Manager was allegedly appointed and reportedly continues such employment without the concurrence of the MEC; whether his Department has granted any concurrence, either by the current or the previous MEC; if not, why;
- (3) whether the Council has agreed to increase the salary bracket of the position; if so, by how much;
- (4) whether his Department anticipates the increase will be subject to back-pay; if so, (a) how much and (b) why;
- (5) what (a) is the nature of the legality of the employment of the aforementioned employee, if there is no concurrence and (b) steps his Department anticipates to take with a view to rectifying the situation?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed that there is a day zero since June 2019 in Butterworth and surroundings areas; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how much has his Department allocated the Amathole District Municipality for dealing with the matter in (1) above;

(3) can he kindly provide details as to how his Department anticipates the budget allocated to the aforementioned municipality will be used;

(4) when can water be expected back again?

**\*10. Mr M Sondaba to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(1) Noting that the winter initiation season has recently been concluded; can he kindly appraise the House on how the province has fared in the initiation process, with particular reference to adherence to the Eastern Cape Customary Male Initiation Practice Act (Act 5 of 2016);

(2) noting that the Department's planning documents depict an achievement of more than 40 000 Community Works Programme (CWP) recruits; can he kindly appraise the House on the number of recruited CWP from 2011 to date?

**\*11. Mr L Magqashela to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*Noting that, in the recent past, the province is reported to have witnessed relative instability to some of the provincial municipalities, as evidenced by violent public protest, adverse audit outcomes, political instability etc.:*

(1) Whether his Department has put any concrete measures in place with a view to stabilizing and supporting the municipalities within the province; if not, why; if so, what measures;

(2) whether his Department has any plans in place with a view to ensuring that municipalities have sufficient capacity to spend and account for their allocated budgets; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*12. Ms K C Fihlani to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

(1) What progress has his Department made in creating awareness of opportunities with regard to the provincial oceans economy, particularly with the communities found along the coastal line;

(2) what support his Department anticipates will be given to the entrepreneurs interested in the industry (especially the youth)?

**\*13. Ms K C Fihlani to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

(1) Whether his Department has established a task team to conduct the research with regard to the successful plantation of the cannabis; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (2) how far is his Department in the acquisition of the trading licence which is reported to bear a cost of an estimated R5 Million?

**\*14. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*Regarding the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) oversight visits to Lutateni Senior Secondary School and Khaya Senior Secondary School in March 2018:*

- (1) Whether the Lutateni SSS, at any time, appears on the list to have the infrastructure attended to; if not, why; if so,
- (2) whether his Department has attended to the infrastructure of the school in (1) above; if not, why;
- (3) whether the abovementioned school still appears on the list to have the infrastructure attended to; if not, why; if so when his Department anticipates the construction will (a) start and (b) be completed;
- (4) whether his Department has provided the school mentioned above with the prefab classrooms; if not, why;
- (5) regarding Khaya SSS; (a) whether his Department has (i) allocated the correct EMIS numbers to Khaya SSS and Khaya Naledi Combined School, (ii) appointed a maths and science teacher, (iii) rectified their transport issue, (iv) provided the school with a fence, (v) completed the access road, (b) can he kindly provide reasons why each of the above issues have not been addressed, (c) if all the abovementioned issues have been addressed, what are the relevant details and (d) whether the teachers of the aforementioned schools receive a rural allowance; if not, why; if so, what are the relevant details?

**\*15. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any schools, in the province which were temporarily closed due to protests; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) (a) how many schools has his Department temporarily closed as a result of protests by learners and/or parents since the beginning of the 2019 academic year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can he kindly supply a list of the schools in this regard, indicating the (i) district the school is located in, (ii) reasons for the protests by learners and/or parents, (iii) action taken by his Department in each case and (iv) the plans, with timelines, his Department anticipates to implement in order to deal with the issues at the abovementioned school?

**\*16. Ms N Maqubela to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed that Special Schools allegedly do not benefit from no-fee school programme and yet they are the most vulnerable group of learners; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) whether his Department has any plans in place with a view to ensuring that Special Schools benefit from this programme; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) what strategy his Department anticipates to implement with a view to ensuring that all Special Schools have hostels and that the specifications for building the special schools are regulated such that there is uniformity in structures built in rural and urban areas?

**\*17. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

*With reference to the work of the Inter-Ministerial Task Team on the constitutional, systematic and structural challenges in electricity reticulation and the progress of its work:*

- (1) Whether he can kindly (a) state how many municipalities in the province currently have arrear Eskom accounts and (b) specify (i) the names of the municipalities, (ii) the amount that each of these municipalities owes to Eskom and (iii) how they accumulated this debt;
- (2) whether Eskom has threatened to disconnect the electricity to any of these municipalities; if so, can he kindly specify which municipalities;
- (3) whether his Department or any other provincial department has (a) assisted any provincial municipality in negotiating a repayment plan with Eskom and (b) provided any provincial municipality with financial assistance in order to meet its debt/ repayment commitments to Eskom; if so, which municipalities (i) were assisted in this regard and (ii) are currently adhering to such repayment arrangements and (c) what was the extent of the financial assistance in this regard;
- (4) whether any municipalities have defaulted on their repayment arrangements; if so, why;
- (5) whether his Department has (a) received the report of the task team mentioned above and (b) implemented any of the resolution therein; if not, why; if so, whether there has been any noticeable change for the province and the said municipalities?

**\*18. Ms K Vimbayo to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

- (1) Whether he can kindly indicate if the province is nearing the achievement of Good Governance practice within all spheres of government such that

audit results are improved; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (2) whether his Department has conducted an investigation into government officials doing business with government; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the outcomes of the investigation;
- (3) what steps, if any, has his Department taken against those that have been found to be doing business with government?

**\*19. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*Noting that the installation of the catheterisation laboratory at the Provincial Hospital in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality reportedly went out to tender earlier this year:*

- (1) Whether the tender process was followed in an open process or a closed process; if it was a closed process, why;
- (2) (a) what is the total value of the tender to install the catheterisation laboratory and (b) which company has her Department awarded the tender to undertake the project and (c) why is the variation order threshold reportedly more than 20% of the total cost of the project;
- (3) whether the company that her Department has awarded the tender is a registered entity according to Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC); if not, why has her Department allegedly awarded the tender to the company;
- (4) whether she has been informed that the project was reportedly first initiated in the previous financial year; if so, whether (a) there is any budget for it this financial year and (b) it has been approved by Treasury before it can go ahead; if not, why;
- (5) (a) how far behind is the project in terms of schedule now and (b) when her Department anticipates the project will be finalised?

**\*20. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*Noting that Forensic Pathology laboratories in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM), Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), Mthatha and eKomani were reportedly issued with new X-Ray equipment in the previous term, further noting that this equipment was allegedly hardly ever used and is thus practically brand new, also noting that the staff using the equipment was reportedly never trained and were therefore exposed to radiation which potentially could result in further medico-legal litigation against the department and finally noting that the department is allegedly planning to purchase other new upgraded X-Ray equipment as suppliers and managers have allegedly been visiting facilities to measure up where the new machines would be installed:*



- (1) Whether she can kindly provide the reasons as to why has her Department reportedly decided that its necessary to purchase new upgraded X-Ray machines;
- (2) whether her Department has put any measures in place with a view to capacitating and training staff members to operate the machinery; if so, what measures; if not, why;
- (3) whether there was any consultation with staff members about the procurement and operation of the new machines; if not, why;
- (4) what will be the final cost of the (a) new X-Ray machines for all forensic pathology laboratories in the province, (b) extension to buildings in order to fit the machines, if any and (c) addition of extra air conditioning units to maintain cooling, as these machines are reportedly giving excessive heat;
- (5) what is the name of the supplier of the new X-Ray machines?

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

*Noting that mental health reportedly remains one of the challenges, as exposed at Tower Hospital in Fort Beaufort and other mental health care facilities:*

Whether her Department has any strategy in place with a view to ensuring a turnaround in this area; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide details of the comprehensive strategy?

**\*22. Ms A N Ponco to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*Noting that the number of new HIV infections has allegedly risen despite the introduction of new condoms which were reportedly purposefully marketed to appeal to young people who are sexually active:*

Whether her Department has conducted any research into the matter mentioned above with a view to determine the causal factors and possible preventative programmes that can be instigated; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*23. Ms Z U Mngini to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

Whether she can kindly appraise the House on how her Department intends to improve Pathology Services which are alleged to be in an unsatisfactory state in various facilities?

**\*24. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

- (1) What is the total staff complement in her private office that has been employed this financial year;

- (2) whether she can kindly provide the (a) job title, (b) job description, (c) qualifications, (d) salary levels and (e) total remuneration of each of the staff members employed;
- (3) whether her Department has any vacancies available, both in the provincial office and the district offices; if so, (a) how many vacancies (aa) are there and (bb) her Department anticipates will be filled in the current financial year, (b) how long have these vacancies been there, (c) what are the minimum requirements of these vacancies both at provincial and district level and (d) when her Department anticipates these vacancies will be advertised?

**\*25. Mr T Matiwane to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed that numerous projects planned in old towns are reportedly slow to take off due to ailing infrastructure; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) can she kindly provide details as to how her Department plans to engage the Local Government Sphere in ensuring that such areas are prepared for the installation of bulk infrastructure services?

**\*26. Mr T Matiwane to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

*Noting that the Department of Human Settlements has allegedly been receiving an unqualified audit opinion with matters of emphasis for a consecutive number of years:*

- (1) What plans has her Department put in place towards addressing such matters of importance;
- (2) whether she can kindly appraise the House on the realistic probability of a clean audit at the end of the financial year; if not, why, if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*27. Ms N H Konza to ask the MEC responsible for Public Works:**

- (1) To what extent are the Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) effective in monitoring Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers whilst on duty;
- (2) what (a) is his Department's success rate in EPWP coordination of other government departments and municipal authorities and (b) challenges does his Department experience in this regard?

**\*28. Ms N H Konza to ask the MEC responsible for Public Works:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of his Department's alleged reliance on the expertise of external and private service providers; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details;

- (2) how many vacancies of professionals such as engineers, architects, quantity surveyors and land surveyors exist within his Department;
- (3) whether he can kindly elaborate on the support garnered by his Department to young professionals in capacitation programmes?

**\*29. Mr L Magqashela to ask the MEC responsible for Public Works:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed that there are departments that are reported to be without permanent office space or location; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) can he kindly update the House on the measures his Department has taken with a view to ensuring that every department is properly housed so as to enhance service delivery?

**\*30. Mr M Dlelanga to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

*Noting that in her Policy Speech, the Honourable MEC stated that the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform will develop a well capacitated disaster management unit to ensure a fully effective early warning, awareness, climate change mitigation and response capability for natural disasters and further noting that the department will be installing 86 automatic weather stations that will be integrated into the national grid:*

Whether she can kindly provide details as to how her Department envisages to achieve the set targets within the budgeted R91 000 allegedly set aside for this function?

**\*31. Mr M Dlelanga to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

*Noting that the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform reportedly plans to construct a mechanization centre and grain silos in Intsika Yethu, King Sabata Dalindyebo and Elundini Local Municipalities:*

Whether she can kindly provide details as to how her Department envisages to operate in the aforementioned municipalities without a Mechanisation Policy?

**\*32. Ms M Keleku to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

*Noting that the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform has allegedly targeted to support four Aquaculture Projects in the 2019/20 financial year:*

- (1) Whether her Department anticipates the previously disadvantaged farmers will benefit from the plan mentioned above; if not, why; if so,

- (2) can she kindly appraise the House on the (a) nature of support to be provided, (b) districts that are to benefit from the support and (c) cost imperative thereof?

**\*33. Ms M Keleku to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform:**

*Noting that the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform reportedly plans to invest in the "Mabhengu access to water campaign" in Hlangalani, Gobothe, Qwindlana and Emazeni to the amount of R3.4 million:*

What activities her Department anticipates will be carried out in supporting this investment?

**\*34. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

*With reference to the satellite police station in Walmer Township:*

- (1) When her Department anticipates the abovementioned satellite police station will be reopened, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) can she kindly provide the reason for the station allegedly not being currently operational;
- (3) whether there is any possibility of the station being reopened in the future; if so, by when; if not, why;
- (4) whether there has been an upsurge in crime in the aforementioned area in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) whether her Department anticipates to consider engaging South African Police Service (SAPS) to reopen the satellite police station in the aforementioned area so as to improve service delivery; if not, why?

**\*35. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

*With reference to an alleged possible upsurge in crime in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM):*

- (1) Whether there has been any increase in reported (a) armed robberies, (b) house robberies, (c) burglaries from residential premises, (d) hijackings, (e) sexual offences and (f) murders over the last six months compared with the previous six months as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so,
- (2) can she kindly provide the relevant details in respect of (a) each of the categories above and (b) the policing areas concerned;

- (3) what steps has South African Police Service (SAPS) taken with a view to dealing with any possible upsurge?

**\*36. Ms V A Camealio-Benjamin to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

*Noting that gender-based violence remains a stubborn social ill in our society and further noting that there is an upsurge in cannibalism, witchcraft, killings of people with albinism, forced marriages and stock theft:*

- (1) What programmes has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that priorities are implemented and delivered to reduce crime;
- (2) whether she can kindly provide details as to how her Department plans on involving all affected stakeholders in ensuring that gender-based violence is combatted;
- (3) to what extent does her Department engage Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and communities to ensure that they are at the forefront in combating crime without enforcing violence?

**\*37. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed of a large number of social work graduates, who received bursaries from the government and remain unemployed; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many unemployed social workers, who received the bursary from the national Department of Social Development, are there currently in the province;
- (3) how many vacant posts are there currently in her Department;
- (4) when her Department anticipates these vacancies will be filled?

**\*38. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed of any Social Development service offices in the province which do not have access to the internet; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so;
- (2) how many of her Department service offices do not have any network connectivity, per district;
- (3) how long has each service office been disconnected from the internet;
- (4) how has this affected the service delivery of these offices;

- (5) (a) when her Department anticipates these offices will be connected to a network and (b) what (aa) is the total budget needed in order to connect all the currently non-connected service offices and (bb) provision has her Department made in the budget for the current financial year in order to connect these offices to the internet?

**\*39. Mr T Coetzee to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

*With regard to outstanding grants to Non-Profit Institutions and Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs):*

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide the reasons as to why NPIs and NGOs are allegedly still waiting for their urgently needed grants;
- (2) what plan of action has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that the NPIs and NGOs receive their grants as a matter of urgency?

**\*40. Ms S S Mboyana to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

*Noting that the 2018 Presidential Summit on gender-based violence resolved, among other things, on the fast-tracking of educational programmes aimed at offering psychological and social support to vulnerable learners and to work with young children to change social attitudes:*

Whether she can kindly provide details as to how far her Department is in implementing such programmes?

**\*41. Ms G B Fanta to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

- (1) With the upsurge in gender-based violence incidents, particularly in the rural areas, what programmes has her Department put in place with a view to counteracting such occurrence and reduce the victimisation rate in society;
- (2) whether her Department has any Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR) partnerships with the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Department of Education in this regard; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*42. Ms S S Mboyana to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

What provisions has her Department made for Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres that are in informal settlements?

**\*43. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:**

*Noting that it is allegedly common cause that the province is reportedly found to be one of the poorest provinces in the country with unequal access to resources and while strides have reportedly been made to address this, much remains to be done, further noting that opening opportunities reportedly begins with access to*

*information and libraries play a crucial role in bridging the technology gap and providing information and finally noting that the majority of libraries in the province are allegedly not equipped with Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services:*

- (1) How her Department anticipates to roll-out internet services to public libraries;
- (2) how much her Department envisages the roll-out project will be;
- (3) what is the (a) progress of the broadband services and (b) implementation plan therein;
- (4) what are the success and failures of the pilot project on E-books?

**\*44. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:**

*With reference to the MEC policy speech where she highlights the importance of developing partnerships with municipalities, noting that there seems to be challenges in that in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) R6 million that was allegedly allocated for sport was hanging in limbo due to tensions between officials and in Mbashe municipality, R11.4 million allocated to a state-of-the-art stadium has allegedly been dried up, yet no stadium has been built:*

- (1) How her Department anticipates to address these cases;
- (2) how her Department envisages to strengthen partnerships between the sport sector, business and government to develop community built and well managed facilities;
- (3) how her Department anticipates to leverage investment in infrastructure and ensure the province has state-of-the-art facilities even in our rural areas?

**\*45. Ms T Gaya to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:**

*Noting that the history of any nation can best be captured in its archive records:*

- (1) What mechanisms her Department envisages to put in place with a view to ensuring that the provincial archive materials are converted into a format compatible with the Fourth Industrial Revolution;
- (2) what steps is her Department taking with a view to ensuring that the provincial archive records, which lie outside of the province, are brought back into the province;
- (3) whether her Department is playing any role to popularise the liberation struggle archive records stored at the University of Fort Hare; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**\*46. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

*With reference to The Herald article titled 'Bhisho bosses' R2m piggy bank' dated Monday, 20 May 2019:*

- (1) Whether her Department has done any business with an individual (*name furnished for the purpose of the reply*) or any of the individual's businesses; if so, (a) what business was done, (b) how much was spent, (c) when was this business conducted and (d) can she kindly provide a breakdown, per transaction, for the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether her Department has been involved in any business with Mandla Limitless; if so, (a) what business was conducted, (b) how much was spent, (c) when was business conducted with Mandla Limitless and (d) can she kindly provide a breakdown, per transaction, for the aforementioned financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how has her Department benefitted from doing business with Mandla Limitless?

**\*47. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

*With regard to the Mthatha Airport:*

- (1) Whether she has been informed if the original service provider delivered the fire engine at the aforementioned airport; if not, which service provider provided the fire engine;
- (2) whether she has been informed if the original service provider was paid for the fire engine; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what was the total amount paid;
- (3) whether there was sufficient budget to meet all the Rescue and Fire Fighting Services requirements for the airport mentioned above; if not, why;
- (4) whether her Department has any plans afoot with a view to recovering the money; if so, what amount has her Department budgeted in this regard;
- (5) (a) how many fire fighters have Fire Fighter 2 Training and (b) when her Department anticipates fire simulator training will be conducted at the aforementioned airport?

**\*48. Mr M Sondaba to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

- (1) Whether she can kindly give a detailed explanation (a) on the number of road infrastructure projects that were abandoned within the province and (b) the



municipalities in which they are found and can she kindly provide the reasons in this regard;

- (2) whether her Department has any plans in place with a view to revisiting such projects; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide details of the plans?

**\*49. Mr M Sondaba to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

Whether her Department and municipal authorities have played any role on the maintenance of bus ranks across the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

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

- (1) Whether he can kindly provide the list of functional high schools in Nieu Bethesda;
- (2) can he kindly indicate how many (a) learners attend each of the abovementioned schools and (b) teachers has his Department employed at each school;
- (3) (a) which high schools has his Department closed 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 and (b) can he kindly furnish the reason(s) for the closures;
- (4) whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to constructing new schools for the aforementioned community; if so, can he kindly provide the (a) budget and (b) time-frames for the construction of the schools?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any gang-related violence within schools in the province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many incidents of gang-related violence have been (a) reported and (b) effectively dealt with in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years, per district, as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) can he kindly provide the (a) names of the schools that have been affected by gang violence in the years stipulated above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) districts these schools are located in;

- (4) how many (a) learners and (b) teachers have been injured due to gang-related violence in schools in the aforementioned financial years, per district, as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) whether there has been any fatalities as a result of gang violence at schools in the province; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) what programmes has his Department put in place or anticipates it will put in place with a view to ensuring the safety of teachers and learners regarding gang-related violence in schools;
- (7) whether his Department has engaged with the South African Police Service (SAPS) regarding gang violence in schools; if not, why?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any schools in the province which are in need of any form of infrastructure; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many schools in the province currently (a) do not have (aa) access to water, (bb) adequate, or any, sanitation facilities and (b) have pit latrines;
- (3) how many learners are affected in each case stated in (2) above;
- (4) how many schools in the province (a) did not have (aa) access to water, (bb) access to adequate, or any, sanitation facilities and (b) have to make use of pit latrines 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;
- (5) when his Department anticipates all schools will be provided with the abovementioned needs;
- (6) how many schools are in need of additional classrooms to accommodate all its learners;
- (7) what is the estimated cost needed to supply the abovementioned facilities to schools that are in need of them?