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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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140. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

Noting that the broadband internet connection project will allegedly be implemented over a ten year period:

How his Office envisages ensuring that the current broadband technology will still be up to date and relevant after the ten year period?

141. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

- (1) What are the critical vacancies in the province;
- (2) (a) how does his Office determine when a position is critical and (b) can he kindly provide the criteria that his Offices uses in this regard;
- (3) (a) how much has his Office budgeted in respect of filling the vacancies in (1) above and (b) what are the time-frames that his Office anticipates will be implemented with a view to ensuring that the vacancies are filled?

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

Noting the alleged reappointment of the company Afrisec at the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) to install safety upgrades at the City Hall precinct:

- (1) Why has the aforementioned municipality allegedly granted authority to Afrisec to complete works in terms of security upgrades to the City Hall;
- (2) whether the municipality mentioned above has followed appropriate Supply Chain Management process in reappointing the aforementioned company; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide minutes of the meeting approving the company;
- (3) whether he can kindly provide an extract of the court order that stipulates explicitly that the municipality must award Afrisec R 5.7 million to complete the work it started; if not, why;
- (4) what procedure has the aforementioned municipality followed in granting Afrisec permission to complete the work and pay monies towards such completion;
- (5) who authorized the continuation of work and payment of Afrisec;
- (6) (a) what steps his Department anticipates will be followed with a view to rectifying this alleged highly irregular and unlawful process and (b) can he kindly provide the timelines involved?

143. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Noting that in Ezibeleni Township of eKomani in Enoch Mgijima Municipality, the supply of electricity is allegedly so unreliable that the clinics and the day hospital are reported to be adversely affected and thus the health of the residents is jeopardised:

- (1) What are the main reasons for the alleged malfunctioning of electricity supply to Ezibeleni;
- (2) whether his Department intends to put any measures in place with a view to ensuring that electricity supply to the communities of Ezibeleni is restored and remains constant; if so, what measures; if not, why;

- (3) whether there is any current debt owed by the municipality to Eskom; if so, (a) can he kindly specify the amount of the debt, (b) for how long has the debt been there and (c) what immediate steps his Department and the administrator anticipate will be put in place with a view to settling the debt?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of pit latrines that were allegedly built at Myolwa Senior Primary in KwaNyathi village, Lusikisiki; if not, what is the position in this regard if so;
- (2) (a) how many pit latrines were built and (b) can he kindly specify whether the project was completed; if not, why;
- (3) what was the total cost of the project;
- (4) whether his Department has spent any other funds on the school's infrastructure; if so, can he kindly specify what (a) infrastructure was built/repaired and (b) was the total amount spent on infrastructure at the school;
- (5) what is the current infrastructural state of the current school building/classrooms;
- (6) whether his Department has received any communication from the school regarding infrastructure needs; if so, (a) when was the initial communication received, (b) what was the response from his Department;
- (7) whether there are enough (a) classrooms, (b) desks, (c) chairs and (d) administration buildings/rooms for all the learners and teachers at the aforementioned school; if not, why and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed of any unregistered Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres that his Department has closed in the province, as reportedly indicated by his Department spokesperson in an article in the Business Day, dated Monday, 29 July 2019; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

- (2) how many unregistered ECD centres has his Department closed thus far in the 2019 academic year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how many children have been displaced as a result of closing the centres;
- (4) what measures has his Department taken before the centres were closed;
- (5) whether his Department has offered any assistance in registering the centres in order to prevent displacing any children who attended those centres; if not, why;
- (6) whether his Department has assisted in placing any children, who were attending the centres which have been closed, in new centres; if not, why;
- (7) whether his Department anticipates it will be closing any further ECD centres; if so, how many (a) are estimated to be closed and (b) learners will be displaced?

146. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:

Regarding the East London Special Economic Zone (SEZ) which was reportedly awarded funding to the value of R450 million in the 2018/19 financial year:

- (1) Of the R450 million, (a) how much of this total has his Department used and (b) on what, can he kindly provide the response in tabular form stating the (i) project, (ii) amount spent on the project, (iii) projected date of completion and (iv) current status of the project;
- (2) of the 4 new factories that his Department reportedly envisioned to be built, (a) how many have been built, (b) what is the current building status of each and (c) what amount of money has his Department spent on each building thus far;
- (3) how many (a) permanent and (b) part-time jobs has his Department created from the abovementioned developments?

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

- (1) Whether he can kindly indicate (a) how many government officials (aa) are registered on the Central Supplier Database (bb) are/have conducted business with the state and (b) how much did they receive;

- (2) (a) when his Department envisages the task team, as led by the Anti-Corruption Unit, will commence with its work and (b) what is the mandate and scope of its work;
- (3) whether his Department envisages there will be any cost implications in the establishment of this task team; if so, (a) how much and (b) where his Department anticipates the funding will come from;
- (4) whether his Department has instituted any disciplinary processes against any official with respect to (1) above; if not, why; if so,
- (5) whether there are any pending disciplinary cases and/or pending Special Investigating Unit (SIU) investigations; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (6) whether his Department owes any suppliers for services rendered; if so, can he kindly specify (a) their names and (b) how much does his Department owe each;
- (7) whether there is any other provincial department that owes a supplier; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) What is the total expenditure in relation to legal costs for the province for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19 and (iv) 2019/20 financial years to date;
- (2) what is the total amount recovered in terms of legal costs where cost awards for recovery of legal costs were made by the courts in favour of the province in the aforementioned financial years to date;
- (3) what is the total value of cost awards made in favour of the province in respect of legal costs but not yet recovered for the aforementioned financial years to date;
- (4) which department(s) have incurred legal debt for the province, can he kindly specify the (a) names of the respective departments and (b) total costs for each department(s);
- (5) which department(s) have received cost awards in their favour, can he kindly specify the (a) name of department(s) and (b) cost of the award?

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

Noting that in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), the Pefferville and Fynbos Clinics are reportedly opening late and patients are allegedly left waiting for long hours before they are served by nurses and also noting that in some cases it is reported that patients are not attended to at all:

- (1) (a) What is the official time that clinics are supposed to open each day in the morning, (b) whether her Department has put any measures in place with a view to monitoring that all clinics open on time; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) whether her Department has put any monitoring system in place with a view to ensuring that patients are served as when the clinic opens; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) whether her Department has put any ticketing system in place with a view to ensuring that patients are attended in the order in which they arrive at the clinic; if not, (a) why and (b) when her Department anticipates the system will be in place;
- (4) whether she has received representations with regard to any reasons that make nurses in the abovementioned clinics not to attend to patients when they open their doors; if not, what is the position in this regard;
- (5) what steps her Department envisages to take with a view to ensuring that nurses behave with professionalism and serve residents with appropriate skill and care?

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

Noting that payments for medicines from the 2018/19 financial year have allegedly not yet all been effected and that there are outstanding payments due for medication in each district:

- (1) How many accounts are due for medication for each district as at (i) 30 days, (ii) 60 days, (iii) 90 days and (iv) 120 days as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether her Department experiences any delays in payments to suppliers; if so, can she kindly provide the reasons in this regard;
- (3) what steps her Department envisages to take with a view to ensuring that these payments are effected immediately to prevent interruption of medical supplies in the province?

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

Noting that the Department of Human Settlements has allegedly approved six individual subsidies on existing erven in Rosedale, Uitenhage and the approval was reportedly granted on Tuesday, 13 April 2010 in terms of the Developer Driven Individual Subsidy Policy of the department, further noting that it was allegedly the prerogative of the 6 beneficiaries collectively to appoint a contractor and they had to enter into an agreement with the contractor and finally noting that the 6 beneficiaries reportedly appointed Flex Design Construction and Siviwe Architects to commence with the project:

- (1) Whether her Department has completed and handed over the six houses to beneficiaries; if not, (a) how many units of the six houses has her Department completed and handed to beneficiaries, (b) what are the reasons for non-completion, (c) which of the six sites has her Department completed and (d) whether her Department has put any plan in place with a view to finishing the project; if not,
- (2) (a) why and (b) when her Department anticipates a plan will be put in place in this regard;
- (3) what is the total cost of the completed houses;
- (4) (a) who was or is the ultimate contractor of the houses and (b) when did the contractor (aa) commence with and (bb) finish the project;
- (5) whether the beneficiaries received their occupational certificates before occupying the houses; if not, why?

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

Noting the alleged influx of young graduates from rural communities, migrating to urban centers and cities looking for job opportunities to better their lives:

- (1) Whether her Department has been informed of the need to build accommodation for these young job seekers; if so, when did her Department become aware of the aforementioned challenge;
- (2) whether her Department has put any plan in place with a view to providing accommodation to the young job seekers; if not, (a) why and (b) when her Department anticipates the plan will be put in place in this regard;

- (3) whether she can kindly provide a list of those identified for the accommodation needs above; if not, (a) when her Department anticipates the completed list will be in place and (b) what criteria her Department envisages will be used in compiling the list;
- (4) what is the total financial implications to provide the accommodation to the young graduates, can she kindly include time-frames in this regard?

153. Mr N Bhanga to ask the MEC responsible for Public Works:

- (1) How much is the (a) total budget and (b) the budget, per department for the maintenance of department buildings 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) how much is the (a) total expenditure and the (b) expenditure, per department on the maintenance of department buildings for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) whether he can kindly outline the nature of the maintenance that his Department has performed on the department buildings for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

With reference to a complaint allegedly received from a resident in relation to the ownership and occupation of ERF 202 in Cofimvaba:

- (1) Under whose ownership is title deed ERF 202 in Cofimvaba registered, (between Intsika Yethu Municipality, Eastern Cape Developmental Corporation or other);
- (2) to whom has his Department given permission to occupy and utilize the property located on the aforementioned ERF number;
- (3) what steps his Department envisages will be taken to rectify the situation?

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

With regard to the Policy and Budget Speech 2019/20 delivered by the MEC outlining various projects to be undertaken for planning and construction:

- (1) At what stage are the (a) Komani Office Park in Queenstown, (b) refurbishment of building housing the Office of the Premier in Bhisho and (c) construction of Mt Fletcher Cluster Office Park projects;
- (2) of the allocated amount, how much has his Department utilized currently in relation to the aforementioned projects?

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

With reference to the Policy Speech of the MEC responsible for Finance who indicated that the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform would make use of Magwa Tea products to support local content:

- (1) How her Department anticipates the facilitation and distribution of the aforementioned products will take place;
- (2) in which departments does her Department envisage the products will be rolled out;
- (3) (a) what is the expected revenue from the Magwa Tea products and (b) how many jobs her Department envisages will be created;
- (4) whether her Department has been informed of any posts that are yet to be filled at Magwa Tea Estate; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) can she kindly specify which ones and (c) what has been the cause for the delay?

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

- (1) How many (a) vehicles does the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the province (aa) currently have and (bb) should have and (b) new vehicles her Department anticipates the province will receive in the new financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether the SAPS experiences any vehicle shortages in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (3) with regard to the existing SAPS vehicles in the province, how many vehicles are (a) currently non-operational and (b) in the process of being boarded and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) with regard to the existing SAPS vehicles in the province that are currently undergoing repairs, (a) how many are undergoing repairs, (b) what is the average time for repairs, (c) how long have the vehicles gone in for repairs and (d) when her Department anticipates these vehicles will be completely repaired and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) (a) what is the longest period of time that a vehicle has been in for repairs and (b) why;
- (6) how many of the current SAPS vehicles in the province have done more than (a) 150 000km, (b) 200 000 km, (c) 250 000 km and (d) 300 000 km and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) Whether all of the South African Police Service (SAPS) vehicles are fitted with the Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) system; if not, (a) why and (b) how many of these vehicles are (aa) not fitted and (bb) are fitted with the aforementioned system and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) how many vehicles (a) are currently available and (b) should be available, on average, each day for visible policing in the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) What (a) is the current ratio of vehicles to detectives in the province, (b) is the target ratio that should ideally be and (c) was the ratio of vehicles to detectives in the province for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many (a) detectives are there and (b) should there be currently in the province for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what is the current average case load of detectives in the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (4) what should be the ideal number of cases that a detective should carry on average and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) Currently, how many department service centres are there in the province which cater for the needs of older persons, per district;
- (2) (a) what services are rendered to older persons through her Department service centres and (b) can she kindly specify how many service centres deliver a specific service, per district;
- (3) how many older persons benefitted from her Department service centres in the (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17, (iii) 2017/18 and (iv) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

- (1) (a) Which museums, in the province, have a board of trustees, can she kindly provide their names and location and (b) when her Department envisages the rest of the museums will get a board of trustees;
- (2) what (a) is the current state of the Bayworld Museum in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality and (b) remedial plan has her Department put in place with a view to addressing the challenges in the museum;
- (3) whether her Department has sourced any funding for the revamp of the museum; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) (a) how many other museums has her Department assessed and set aside to be revamped and (b) what is the total cost for this project;
- (5) what is the (a) progress on the establishment of the Home of Legends Museum and (b) total cost of the project;
- (6) (a) whether her Department has appointed a new Provincial Resources Authority Council; if not, why and (b) how much her Department envisages the new board will cost, noting that they are reported to become part of the employee workforce and be remunerated as such?

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

With reference to the MEC's Policy Speech in which she stated that the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, in partnership with the Department of Public Works, will create 124 work opportunities for unemployed youth:

- (1) (a) When her Department anticipates the roll out of this project is expected to take place and (b) how long her Department envisages the project will be operational;
- (2) (a) which (aa) categories and (bb) training areas her Department anticipates to focus on and (b) why;
- (3) (a) what is the allocated budget for the aforementioned project and (b) whether this budget is inclusive of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) budget from the Department of Public Works; if not, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what (a) other job opportunities has her Department put in place in the province and (b) is the estimated number of individuals who will benefit from these projects?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has incurred any (a) irregular, (b) fruitless and (c) wasteful expenditure 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, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if so,
- (2) in each case, (a) why was the specified expenditure incurred, (b) who were the recipients and (c) what tender processes were followed;
- (3) whether her Department has attempted to recover any of the specified expenditures in any of the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why;
- (4) whether her Department has taken or anticipates to take any steps with a view to recovering the specified expenditures; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in each case?

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

(a) What is the total number of vacancies in her Department, can she kindly provide a breakdown on each of the district offices, including the Head Office and (b) by what date her Department anticipates the vacancies will be filled in each case?

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

- (1) Whether any Drivers' Licence Testing Centres (DLTCs) owe money to her Department; if so, can she kindly (a) list the DLTCs and the accompanying outstanding amounts as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) provide reasons for their failure to settle their debts with her Department;
- (2) what steps her Department anticipates to take with a view to recovering the outstanding money and can she kindly provide time-frames in this regard?