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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2019

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

With reference to the Daily Dispatch article, titled "R600 000 SPLURGE ON HIRING CARS", dated Monday, 12 August 2019:

- (1) (a) What is the total allocation grant to the Ingquza Hill Municipality and (b) how much of the budget has the abovementioned municipality spent in the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what is the (a) make, (b) model, (c) price and (d) date on which each vehicle was hired for use by (aa) the Mayor and (bb) the Speaker of Council in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19 and (iv) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (3) what is the (a) make, (b) model, (c) price and (d) date on which each vehicle was purchased for use by (aa) the Mayor and (bb) the Speaker of Council in the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) whether the abovementioned municipality is currently in debt to any creditors; if so, can he kindly provide (a) names and details and (b) how much does the municipality owe to these creditors;
- (5) whether the aforementioned municipality has followed all due process in the hiring of these vehicles; if not, (a) why and (b) what action his Department envisages it will take with a view to holding those responsible accountable?

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

Noting that the Public Protector, (name furnished for the purpose of the reply), allegedly found that there was improper conduct and maladministration in the awarding of the tender to construct 66 000 toilets to Siyenza, trading as Blue Nightingale Trading 397 (Pty Ltd):

- (1) Whether his Office has awarded the aforementioned contract to another company; if so, can he kindly state (a) the name of the company, (b) when his Office has awarded the contract, (c) what the budget for the project is and (d) how much of the budget has his Office spent to date;
- (2) can he kindly outline what the intended time-frames for the project are;
- (3) at what stage of construction is the project, currently;
- (4) whether his Office anticipates to institute any consequence management against officials who allegedly attempted to manipulate Supply Chain Management (SCM) processes; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if not, why?

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

- (1) What are the highest qualifications for the Amathole District Municipality Municipal Manager;
- (2) whether he can kindly outline the increments received by the Municipal Manager of the aforementioned municipality for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) whether his Department has conducted a skills audit into the qualifications of municipal officials; if so, can he kindly provide the results of the report?

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

Noting the alleged illegal strike by Amathole District Municipality employees after a reported deadlock of wage negotiations from Wednesday, 07 August 2019, which reportedly resulted in a disruption to water supplies in the following towns; Butterworth, Peddie, Fort Beaufort, Bedford, Adelaide, Komga and Alice:

- (1) Whether the aforementioned municipality has conducted an investigation into the illegal strike action; if so, can he kindly provide the results of the report;
- (2) what damage to infrastructure has resulted from workers' sabotage to infrastructure in order to disrupt water supplies;
- (3) which employees has the abovementioned municipality (a) dismissed or (b) suspended as a result of strike action;

- (4) of the above cases, (a) how many have led to disciplinary hearings and (b) what were the outcomes of the disciplinary hearings;
- (5) whether the municipality mentioned above has made an arbitration award in relation to the increments of the municipal employees; if so, (a) when was the award made, (b) what was the settlement amount for the award and (c) whether the municipality mentioned above has implemented increments as outlined in the arbitration award; if not, why?

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

With reference to the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No. 56 of 2003) (MFMA), noting Section 131 report reportedly submitted to the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Committee on the audit performance of the 39 municipalities across the province and also noting that four municipalities allegedly regressed for the 2017/18 financial year:

- (1) Whether his Department has put any support systems in place with a view to ensuring that these municipalities are provided assistance in meeting the recommendations of the Auditor-General; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide details of the plans;
- (2) whether his Department has taken any steps with a view to ensuring that the six municipalities that have reportedly been placed under administration are capacitated to be able to become self-sustainable; if not, (a) why and (b) when his Department anticipates such plans will be put in place;
- (3) what consequence management his Department envisages will be undertaken with municipalities which regressed in their audit outcome?

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

In relation to the alleged low revenue collection of the Amathole District Municipality sitting at 30%, displaying a lack of financial management within the municipality in collecting revenue:

What assistance his Department anticipates will be provided to ensure that the aforementioned municipality is able to collect sufficient revenue to financially sustain the affairs of the municipality?

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

- (1) Whether he has been informed that Kuyga Primary School in Nelson Mandela Bay District has allegedly been victim to numerous break-ins over the past few months; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many times, if any, has his Department received communication regarding break-ins at the school;
- (3) what steps his Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring the safety of the school premises and equipment?

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

Subsequent to the reply received to Questions 91, 92 and 93 of IQP 4 dated Friday, 19 July 2019:

- (1) (a) Whether there are any municipalities that have outstanding repayments from creditors and (b) what is the repayment rate for all municipalities in the (i) 2016/17 (ii) 2017/8 (iii) 2018/19 and (iv) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) whether there are any municipalities that have failed to meet their financial obligations and/or service their debts and (b) what is the cost coverage ratio for

all municipalities in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (3) whether (a) he can kindly provide a breakdown of the municipal revenue collection rates, can he kindly state their (i) names and (ii) revenue collection for the (i) 2017/18 , (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years and (b) there are any municipalities that have failed to meet their revenue collection targets; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what is the status of municipalities that still have monthly returns that have not been submitted in terms of their Section 71 reports?

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

Subsequent to the response received to Question 33 of IQP 2 dated Friday, 5 July 2019:

- (1) Of the mentioned funded projects 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, how many (a) are still operational and (b) people do these projects, if still operational, currently permanently employ;
- (2) what measures does his Department take with a view to ensuring that the projects funded by his Department are sustainable;
- (3) can he kindly provide reasons as to why the details could not be provided in response to Question 33 (4) with regard to the financial output of the projects mentioned?

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

- (1) In the current financial year, how many international investors have invested in the province;

- (2) (a) how many international investors have invested in the province 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 and (b) can he kindly provide a list of the international investors for each financial year listed above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) (a) how many international investors have discontinued investing or have withdrawn their investments in the province in the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can he kindly specify the reasons in each case?

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

Noting that the Premier of the province, (name furnished for the purpose of the reply), reportedly announced the arrival and distribution of 157 medical vehicles for the province and further announced that a further 150 were to be purchased:

- (1) How many of the 157 vehicles already purchased and arrived are (a) ambulances, (b) patient transfer vehicles and (c) vehicles for administrative purposes;
- (2) what is the total breakdown of how her Department envisages it will distribute (a) ambulances and (b) patient transfer vehicles per district across the province;
- (3) whether the towns of Riebeeck East, Alicedale and Aberdeen, where deaths have allegedly occurred whilst people were waiting for ambulances, will be receiving any of the ambulances above in order to address their waiting times, which are reportedly sometimes in excess of eight hours; if not, (a) why and (b) when her Department anticipates they will receive ambulances?

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

Noting that an employee (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply) has reportedly been granted a three month contract as an enrolled nurse at the Middledrift Health Centre in the Raymond Mhlaba Sub District, further noting that this contract started on Monday, 1 July 2019 and will end on Monday, 30 September 2019 and finally noting that his remuneration reportedly states that he will be paid R19 565, 00 per month, with 37% included over a period of three months:

- (1) When her Department anticipates the employee above will receive his remuneration as stated in the three month contract;
- (2) whether the 37% payment over and above is the fixed amount; if so, (a) what is the 37% allocated for and (b) what is the total package that the employee can expect every month?

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

Noting that on Tuesday, 4 June 2019 the Democratic Alliance (DA) reportedly led a peaceful picket to the Dora Nginza Hospital, protesting the fact that ambulances had allegedly been removed from Motherwell Community Health Centre and relocated to the Dora Nginza Hospital which reportedly had dire consequences for the Motherwell community, further noting that in the memorandum, which was reportedly signed by an official (name furnished for the purpose of the reply), the DA reportedly requested feedback within 14 days as to the plans to address the situation and lastly noting that the only feedback the DA received from the official was that he had submitted a report to another official (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) from the district office:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that ambulances have allegedly been removed from Motherwell Community Health Centre to Dora Nginza Hospital; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide reasons as to why were the ambulances reportedly removed;

- (2) what is her Department's response to the memorandum allegedly submitted on Tuesday, 4 June 2019;
- (3) whether her Department has any plans in place with a view to remedying the situation in Motherwell and across the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) in ensuring that there is adequate ambulances; if not (a) why and (b) when her Department anticipates the plan is going to be in place?

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

- (1) How many deaths has her Department recorded in total for every mortuary in the province for the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many cases of gunshot deaths have they recorded for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) how many of the above cases were bodies of (a) men, (b) women and (c) children, as per the breakdown for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what is the average number of gunshot wounds, per person, experienced for every mortuary in the province for 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;
- (5) whether she has been informed that these gunshot deaths are allegedly associated with gang violence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard and (b) how many are associated with gang violence as per the breakdown in (2) above;

- (6) whether she has been informed of the origin of these gunshot cases, in terms of a breakdown in relation to each police cluster in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has any approved projects for Social Housing in the province for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why; if so,
- (2) in which municipalities are the projects in (1) above situated;
- (3) what total amount has her Department transferred to the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) for the (i) 2012/13, (ii) 2013/14, (iii) 2014/16, (iv) 2016/17 and (v) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) (a) what is the total amount of irregular expenditure by the SHRA on funds transferred by her Department for each of the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she kindly provide the reasons for this alleged irregular expenditure;
- (5) whether her Department has applied for the condonation to the Provincial and National Treasury for the irregular expenditure; if so, whether the Provincial Treasury has approved the condonation; if not, why;
- (6) whether the SHRA has taken any legal processes against social housing institutions in the province; if so, (a) what kind of legal processes, (b) which social housing institutions and (c) at what stage are the legal processes?

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

- (1) Whether her Department has over-committed on any human settlements projects in the last financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) can she kindly provide the reasons in this regard, (b) what is the status of these projects, (c) in which districts are these projects, (d) what are the names of the projects and (e) who are the approved contractors of said projects;
- (2) whether her Department has put any comprehensive plan in place with a view to reducing over-commitments; if so, what is the plan; if not,
- (3) (a) why and (b) when her Department anticipates a plan will be in place;
- (4) what is the total value of over-committed projects in the last financial year in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

206. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Public Works:

- (1) Whether any Members of the Executive Council (MECs) have requested any specific fittings or improvements to their ministerial houses and/or specified suppliers of such fittings or improvements since May 2019; if not, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if so,
- (2) (a) which MECs have made each request and (b) what was the nature of each specified request;
- (3) (a) how much has his Department spent on ministerial houses 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 and (b) what was the cause of the increase/decrease of the amounts;
- (4) what (a) amount has his Department allocated for the renovations, improvements and maintenance of (aa) ministerial houses, (bb) parliamentary houses, (cc) the parliamentary precinct and (dd) all other Prestige Portfolio

assets in his Department's 2019/20 budget and (b) are the details of the planned renovations, improvements and maintenance in each case;

- (5) by what date(s) does his Department envisage the projects in (4) above will (a) commence and (b) be concluded;
- (6) what number of (a) buildings, (b) properties and (c) facilities does her Department currently (aa) own and (bb) rent;
- (7) what is the value and purpose of each (a) owned and (b) rented property in (6) above;
- (8) (a) for how long has his Department rented each property and (d) from whom has his Department rented each property?

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

- (1) How many crimes against women and children were reported in the province 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 can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) what was the nature of these crimes mentioned in (1) above in the province in respect of the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what is the breakdown of the top 10 police stations for sexual offences against (a) children and (b) adults for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what is the percentage breakdown, per age, in respect of (i) 0 – 6 years, (ii) 7 – 13 years, (iii) 14 – 20 years, (iv) 21 – 27 years, (v) 28 – 34 years, (vi) 35 – 41 years, (vii) 42 – 48 years, (viii) 48 – 55 and (ix) 55 and older for reported (a) child and (b) adult sexual offences for 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;

- (5) how many sexual offences against (a) children and (b) adults have been reported within the province for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard as per the age breakdown mentioned in (4) above;
- (6) how many of these crimes resulted in either the deaths or injuries of (a) women and (b) children as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (7) how many convictions were there regarding the abovementioned crimes reported against women and children in the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (8) can she kindly provide the contributing factors for these sexual offences towards (a) children and (b) adults and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (9) what steps is her Department taking with a view to ensuring that a higher conviction rate of crimes reported against women and children is achieved;
- (10) what steps has (a) her Department and (b) the South African Police Service (SAPS) put in place with a view to curbing these sexual offences from taking place in the province against both (aa) children and (bb) adults and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) How many drug-related crimes were reported in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19 and (iv) 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 drug-related arrests has her Department made in 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 are the main areas in the province where drug-related crimes took place in the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) what steps is the South African Police Service (SAPS) taking with a view to dealing with these drug-related crimes and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (5) (a) how many drug rehabilitation centers are there in the province and (b) where are they currently located?

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

Regarding statistics for each programme under the Department of Social Development:

What percentage of the total statistics, per programme, is generated from (a) the department and/or department officials and (b) Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) 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?

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

Regarding the Social Development helpline:

- (1) What total budget has her Department allocated for the helpline 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) how many (a) calls and (b) emails has the helpline (aa) received and (b) resolved;
- (3) (a) how many queries has the helpline received but are still not resolved and (b) when was each one received;
- (4) how many staff members has her Department employed to only deal with the hotline?

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

- (1) How many Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres are not funded in the province;
- (2) of the centres mentioned above, how many qualify to be funded;
- (3) when her Department anticipates these ECD centres will be funded;
- (4) how many ECD centres are needed in the province to cater for all children of relevant age?

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

- (1) Whether her Department and/or entities reporting to her Department has awarded any contracts and/or tenders to certain companies 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; if so,

- (2) in each case, (a) what service was provided, (b) what was the value and length of the tender and/or contract, (c) who approved the tender and/or contract and (d) whether the tender and/or contract was in line with all National/Provincial Treasury and departmental procurement guidelines; if not, why;
- (3) whether her Department has recorded and/or condoned any irregular expenditure relating to the contracts, in each case; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (4) whether her Department has any standing contracts that may negatively affect the current financial year's budget; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

- (1) (a) How many museum personnel have received artisan training 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 and (b) of those artisans, (aa) how many has her Department placed and (bb) where have they been placed;
- (2) what has been the cause of the increase/decrease in the number of personnel being trained;
- (3) whether her Department is still in partnership with the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSETA); if so, what is the progress of the development of unemployed graduates;
- (4) whether her Department is in partnership with any other company/organization that has a specific focus on youth development and can she kindly provide the relevant details of such partnerships?

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

- (1) How many museums is her Department providing financial support to, can she kindly provide their names and location;
- (2) (a) which museums has her Department excluded, can she kindly provide their names and location and (b) can she kindly provide reasons for their exclusion;
- (3) regarding inspections to museums, (a) how many inspections has her Department carried out and (b) can she kindly list (aa) their names and location and (bb) specific matters of concern affecting respective museums;
- (4) (a) which museums are due for renovations and/or improvements and (b) what is the expected (aa) cost of these renovations and/or improvements and (bb) date of completion?

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

- (1) Whether she has been informed if her Department has issued traffic officers with bullet proof vests; if so; (a) how many traffic officers has her Department provided with the vests in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18, (iii) 2018/19 and (iv) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) in which districts; if not,
- (2) whether this is in line with the Basic Conditions of Employment Act (Act No. 75 of 1997); if not, why;
- (3) whether she has been informed if the bullet proof vests are in line with the national norms and standards; if not, what is the position in this regard;
- (4) whether her Department has provided flashlights to all traffic officers in the province; if not, why; if so, (a) how many flashlights has her Department provided and (b) in which districts;

- (5) whether her Department has provided enough bullets to traffic officers; if not, why; if so, (a) how many bullets has her Department provided and (b) in which districts?

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

- (1) Whether she can kindly provide information regarding overtime payment for traffic officers for the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (2) can she kindly provide the outstanding cases of overtime payment, per district in the province;
- (3) when her Department anticipates traffic officials can expect to be paid their overtime payment?

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

- (1) Whether she can kindly please provide information as to when has her Department bought new uniforms for traffic officers;
- (2) whether her Department has spent the total budget on purchasing the uniforms; if not, why; if so,
- (3) what total amount has her Department (a) budgeted and (b) spent from the total budget;
- (4) what steps her Department envisages to put in place with a view to preventing fruitless and wasteful expenditure when purchasing uniforms for traffic officials;

- (5) whether the current service provider for uniforms has delivered the uniforms on time; if not, (a) why and (b) what steps her Department anticipates will be taken against the current service provider for not delivering on time;
- (6) whether the correct uniforms were delivered; if not, why?