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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**289. Mr J P J Botha to ask the Premier:**

1. What was his Office’s budget for the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21 and (iv) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

1. what percentage is the last budget cut for his Office and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. what is the breakdown of how his Office plans on adapting to this budget cut and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. (a) how his Office anticipates this budget cut will affect the (aa) organogram and (bb) service delivery of his Office and (b) what is the breakdown thereof and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
4. (a) what is the breakdown of programmes/projects that his Office anticipates will be reprioritized to accommodate the budget and (b) how will this be achieved, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. whether his Office has a history in terms of over/under expenditure as per the financial years mentioned above; if so, can he kindly elaborate further; if not, why and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
6. what percentage of the budget goes towards civil salaries, per district, as per the financial years mentioned above and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
7. what (a) percentage of vacant posts does his Office currently have and (b) his Office anticipate will happen to the vacancies in terms of the latest budget cut and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
8. what (a) alternative plans has his Office put in place with a view to making up for the budget cuts, for example, collaborating with the private sector and (b) effect his Office anticipates this will have on its overall performance and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
9. (a) how much of the current budget has his Office spent to date and (b) what total amount has his Office spent as a percentage of the budget?

**290. Mr J P J Botha to ask the Premier:**

*With regard to the province’s plans in progressing towards the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR):*

1. What progress has his Office and all other departments within the province made with regard to 4IR and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. (a) what budget, in rands and cents, has been allocated for the aforementioned initiative and (b) how much has been spent thus far, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. whether his Office has made any progress in conducting extensive research on best practice and the needs of the people of the province; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard; if not, why;
4. with regard to (3) above, whether his Office has established the 4th Industrial Revolution Advisory Panel/Task team; if so; (a) by when will this panel start its work, (b) how often does the panel meet, (c) how many members make up the panel/task team, (d) what are the qualifications of the panel members, (e) how were they selected and (f) what is the scope of this panel?

**291. Mr J P J Botha to ask the Premier:**

*Subsequent to the response received to Question 89 of IQP 5 date Friday, 19 March 2021:*

1. Whether he can kindly clarify how much was spent, each month, on (a) local and (b) foreign travel and accommodation for the period 1 March 2020 to date as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. whether he can kindly provide a breakdown on (a) when the travels took place and (b) how many officials undertook the travel, noting the strict lockdown regulations which were imposed in the aforementioned period;
3. whether he can kindly outline the scope of the work which was conducted during the aforementioned period and can he kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard;
4. how much has his Office spent on Subsistence and Travel (S&T) allowance in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21 and (iv) 2021/22 financial years as per the latest specified date for which information is available?

**292. Mr R Odendaal to ask the Premier:**

1. How many acting Heads of Department (HODs) are there in the provincial departments currently; if any, (a) which departments have acting HODs, (b) for how long have each of the aforementioned individuals acted in the position, (c) what are the reasons for having acting HODs in the respective departments and (d) when his Office envisages permanent HODs will be appointed in each of the respective departments;
2. how many acting Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) are there in the provincial departments currently; if any, (a) which departments have acting CFOs, (b) for how long have each of the aforementioned individuals acted in the position, (c) what are the reasons for having acting CFOs in the respective departments and (d) when his Office envisages permanent CFOs will be appointed in each of the respective departments?

**293. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the Premier:**

1. How much has the province budgeted to address and prevent gender-based violence (GBV) and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. what measures has the province put in place with a view to stopping GBV and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. how many cases of GBV have been reported in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21 and (iv) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. how many of the above cases were (a) adults and (b) minors, as per the financial years mentioned above and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. what is the breakdown of (a) and (b) above, per district, in the province as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
6. what is the breakdown of the provincial government’s expenditure on measures aimed at preventing and addressing GBV from 2018 to date and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
7. what is the breakdown of programmes, per department, that are aimed at address and preventing GBV in the province and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
8. when referring to the programmes in (4) above, whether they are deemed to be successful in terms of (a) prevention and (b) addressing GBV in the province; if not; why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
9. when talking about GBV, (a) where are the ‘high-risk areas’ in the province and (b) why;
10. (a) who can the victims of GBV in the province contact in terms of safe houses and (b) where are these safe houses based and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**294. Mr Y Tetyana to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*Noting a letter from the Alfred Nzo Municipality dated Tuesday, 28 January 2020 wherein it was allegedly stated that the son (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) of an individual (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) was reportedly awarded a bursary of R65 223.00:*

1. Whether he can kindly provide the reasons as to why was the aforementioned individual’s son allegedly awarded the bursary;
2. what criteria has the aforementioned municipality used to award the bursary to the son of the individual mentioned above;
3. (a) for what qualification was the son of the aforementioned individual planning on pursing and (b) whether the bursary was set up for the qualification; if not; why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
4. how many more deserving learners/students has the abovementioned municipality awarded bursaries in the 2020/21 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*With reference to the prolonged drought on the western side of the province:*

1. Which bulk water projects has the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWA) or his Department completed over the last 10 years (2011 to date) in the (a) Sarah Baartman District Municipality, (b) Chris Hani District Municipality or (c) Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) what is the status of each of these respective projects, (ii) when were each of these respective projects completed, (iii) what was the estimated cost of each of these respective projects and (iv) what has been the benefit of each of these respective projects to each of the respective local or district municipalities;
2. whether he has been informed of any bulk water projects that are planned by DWA and planned to be built in due course in the aforementioned municipalities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) which projects are these, (ii) when will construction of each of these projects commence, (iii) what is the total anticipated cost of each of these respective projects and (iv) what benefit will each of the respective local or district municipalities receive from these projects?

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

*With regard to the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act (Act No. 6 of 2004):*

1. Whether each district municipality within the province has an established Valuation Appeals Board; if so, how many members serve on each board; if not, why;
2. whether each district municipality within the province has at least one Professional Valuer registered in terms of the Property Valuers Profession Act (Act No. 47 of 2000); if not, why;
3. whether each municipality within the Sarah Baartman District has updated their valuation roll in accordance with the Act; if not, why;
4. whether all currently registered members of Municipal Appeal Boards have been issued with an identity card in the prescribed format containing a photograph; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*With regard to the Alfred Nzo District Municipality:*

1. Whether the aforementioned municipality has a bursary policy; if so, can he kindly provide a copy of the policy;
2. how many bursaries has the municipality awarded for the 2021 academic year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. whether he can kindly provide a list of all successfully awarded bursary holders for the academic year mentioned above, inclusive of names and amounts allocated;
4. whether he has been informed of the alleged awarding of a municipal bursary to the Mayor’s son; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what action has his Department taken with a view to investigating such allegations?

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

*With regard to constituency offices within the Sarah Baartman Region which serve as a link between communities and the Provincial Legislature:*

1. How many constituency offices are located within the region for each party which has representation in the Legislature;
2. whether he can kindly provide a breakdown of the constituency offices mentioned above that have accounts in arrears within their respective municipality; of which, how much originates from (a) services and (b) lease agreement;
3. which constituency offices have had their debts written-off as bad debts due to non-payment;
4. whether the (a) outstanding debt on the ANC constituency office in Pearston has been settled; if not, (a) why and (b) how much is currently owed to the Blue Crane Route Municipality;
5. what support his Department anticipates will be provided with a view to ensuring that outstanding municipal accounts are settled?

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

*Noting that in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), the Nahoon Point Nature Reserve is reported to be a vital green belt in the city which contains unique historical features such as Khoisan middens and Stone Age tools from between 30 000 and 120 000 years ago, further noting that the area reportedly has a rich paleoanthropological history which includes sandstone tracks that are 124 000 years old and are the oldest Homo Sapiens tracks on earth and further noting that this reserve is allegedly extremely popular with overseas tourists who visit the BCMM by ship and it has the potential to create employment opportunities and generate income and thus become a sustainable entity, further noting that because there is allegedly no access control and no fencing around the perimeter of the reserve, it has reportedly become inundated with vagrants, litter and huge crowds of people drinking alcohol and swimming while under the influence of alcohol, further noting that educational and environmental assets are allegedly being destroyed and there are reportedly no environmental law enforcement officers or public policing agencies on site, also noting that once the reserve has been declared as a provincial reserve, it will be easier to manage access but the process of declaring the reserve a provincial reserve has allegedly been stalled by the fact that a detailed and correctly surveyed map of the reserve is required at national level but the city does not have the funding for a land surveyor to complete the task and lastly noting that at a Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) committee meeting last year, the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) reportedly indicated that they do have funding for Corporate Social Responsibility projects within the metro and could entertain projects that enhance investment in the area:*

1. What immediate steps can his Department take with a view to ensuring that the Integrated Environmental Management Planning component of the BCMM is held to account and protects such important assets to prevent further damage to our heritage sites;
2. what steps his Department anticipates will be taken with a view to engaging with the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture to ensure that such heritage sites are protected and promoted as educational tools from which future generations can learn about their past;
3. what steps his Department envisages will be taken with a view to ensuring that (a) this reserve is further promoted as a tourism destination and (b) any environmental and asset degradation is mitigated and/or reversed in order to maintain the appeal of the tourism industry;
4. what immediate steps his Department anticipates will be taken with a view to engaging with ELIDZ to invest in the finalisation of (a) a survey map and (b) the cost of a perimeter fence so that the area can be secured, cleaned up and ultimately declared as a provincial reserve?

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

1. What is the (a) total budget and (b) budget per district, for the School Nutrition Programme (SNP) for the 2021/22 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how many learners, per district, (a) were provided with food and (b) qualified to receive food under the SNP, per month, for the (i) 2018/19; (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. how many meals, per month, are provided to each learner;
4. what (a) other expenses, besides the food, are covered by the SNP budget and (b) were the annual expenses for these other items for the financial years mentioned in (2) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
5. with the rotation of learners being implemented at most schools so as to comply with the COVID-19 regulations, whether learners are still provided with meals when not at school; if so, how are these meals provided; if not,
6. (a) whether his Department has put any mechanisms in place with a view to ensuring that these learners receive meals even when not attending schools; if so, what are those mechanisms;
7. if all learners are not fed every day, what happens to the surplus funds earmarked for the SNP?

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

*Regarding a former principal (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) who was the principal of Jeffrey’s Bay Comprehensive High School:*

1. (a) When was the former principal employed by his Department, (b) what was his position and (c) how long did he serve in this position;
2. whether the former principal was, at any time during his employment by his Department, placed on special leave; if so, (a) when was he placed on special leave, (b) what was the duration of the special leave, (c) what were the reasons for him being placed on special leave and (d) what is his current employment status within his Department;
3. during his placement on special leave, whether the former principal has received his salary; if so, what total amount, in rands and cents, was paid to him while on special leave;
4. during the time that the former principal was on special leave, whether his Department has employed a temporary replacement for his position at the time; if so, (a) how long was the temporary substitute in the position and (b) what total amount was paid to the person who temporarily replaced the former principal;
5. whether there are any on-going legal cases between his Department and the former principal; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
6. whether his Department has appointed a permanent principal at the aforementioned school; if so, when was the principal appointed;
7. (a) what is the current status of the case in (5) above and (b) whether the former principal has met with his Department; if so, can he kindly provide the (i) dates of the meeting(s), (ii) nature of the meeting(s) and (iii) outcomes of the meeting(s)?

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

*Regarding the article that appeared in the Daily Dispatch dated Friday, 30 April 2021 entitled “Thousands of rural pupils to get internet access”:*

1. (a) How many schools his Department anticipates will be connected to the internet by 1 June 2021, per district (b) can he kindly supply a list of the schools that will be connected;
2. whether his Department anticipates that the learners at these schools will be able to utilise the internet connection; if so, how;
3. of the schools mentioned in the response to (1) above, (a) how many computers are available for the learners to utilise to access the internet, per school, (b) what other equipment can be utilised by the learners to access the internet and (c) what are the (i) specific devices available and the (ii) quantity of devices available in each school;
4. (a) what is the total cost of the project, (b) who is the service provider, (c) who is responsible for the payment of the service provider and (d) what is the duration of the project;
5. whether the aforementioned project has been approved by the State Information Technology Agency (SITA); if not, why?

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

*Noting that a former employee of the Department of Health (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply) who reportedly worked at the Khotsong T.B. Hospital near Matatiele has allegedly made several attempts to query alleged non- payment and under payment of monies due to her for night duty, long service, PMDS, annual leave from 2013 to 2015 and bonus, but to no avail, further noting that the Department of Health reportedly arranged a meeting with the former employee on the 11 June 2019, but the former employee had no union representation at the meeting and thus felt her rights had been violated and further noting that all the necessary paperwork had reportedly been submitted to the Human Resources Department because if it had not, she would not have received any payment of her pension and other monies but she has only received partial payment of such:*

1. What immediate steps her Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that the matter is fully investigated so that any outstanding monies are paid to the former employee as a matter of urgency;
2. what steps her Department envisages will be taken with a view to communicating the outcomes of the investigation with the former employee;
3. what time-frames her Department anticipates will be required to resolve this matter fully;
4. what further steps her Department envisages will be taken with a view to ensuring that employees that have gone on pension or who are at pensionable age are ensured of a smooth process in obtaining their pension and that their queries are dealt with in a thorough and sensitive manner, as this is reportedly not an isolated case and many pensioners are struggling to secure their full pensions?

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

*Noting that the Department of Health is reportedly focussed on preparing for the vaccination rollout as from Monday, 17 May 2021 and further noting that a third wave of the COVID-19 virus is reportedly inevitable and is likely to coincide with the vaccine roll-out in the province:*

1. How many testing and Track and Trace teams are currently deployed in the province, per district;
2. what is the current number of active cases of COVID-19 infections in the province, per district;
3. where can the public access the daily statistics of active COVID-19 cases, deaths and recoveries in the province;
4. where can the public access the daily Epidemiological Reports from her Department and the National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) for the province?

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

*Noting the reported latest briefing made by the MEC of Human Settlements which was live on social media platforms such as Facebook on Friday, 30 April 2021 and also noting that in the briefing the MEC allegedly indicated that the department is facing a challenge of contracts being awarded to contractors who are from other provinces whilst disadvantaging Small Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMME) contractors from the province:*

1. How many contracts has her Department awarded to contractors from outside the province in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20 and (iii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. with regard to the contracts mentioned in (1) above; (a) which housing projects do those contracts relate to, (b) what is the number of units delivered for each project, (c) in which municipalities are those contracts situated, (d) what is the name of the contractor, per contract and (e) who are the directors of the companies awarded the contracts for each of the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. what is the total value of each of these contracts in the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. whether the contracts noted in (1) above were part of an open and competitive bidding process; if so, what process has her Department followed for awarding each contract; if not, (a) which contracts were not a part of an open and competitive bidding process and (b) what were the reasons for the deviation;
5. whether her Department has put any concrete plan in place with a view to ensuring that all contracts awarded to companies do not disadvantage SMMEs from the province as noted in her briefing; if so, can she kindly provide the plan/details in this regard; if not, why?

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

*Noting a media statement reportedly issued by the Department of Human Settlements on Tuesday, 27 April 2021 titled, “Eastern Cape Human Settlement Department warns the public of an ‘RDP houses for sale and jobs for sale scam’ which is ripping off the poor thousands of rands”:*

1. Whether her Department has any data base of houses which have been illegally sold in the province; if so, what is the total number of houses illegally sold; if not, why;
2. whether there are any houses that have been offered back to the state by beneficiaries after the 8 years of occupancy; if so, (a) how many houses and (b) in which projects;
3. whether there are any cases of illegally sold houses that have been reported to the fraud hotline to date; if so, what (a) is the number of cases and (b) measures has her Department put in place regarding these cases;
4. whether there are any consumer education programmes that her Department has and or is undertaking with the view of educating communities and beneficiaries about illegally selling their houses; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

1. How many employees and/or departmental officials has her Department suspended whilst still receiving salaries in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19, (iii) 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how much in total (rands and cents) has her Department paid to the employees while on suspension for the years mentioned above as the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. for what duration was each of the employees and/or departmental officials suspended for initially in each of the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. what is and/or were the (a) outcomes and (b) progress of each of these cases mentioned above for each of the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
5. what are and/or were the reasons for the suspension for each of these cases in all the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*Noting the alleged recent outbreak of Avian (Bird) Flu at poultry farms in Gauteng:*

1. What measures, if any, has her Department put in place with a view to either (a) preventing such an outbreak or in the alternative, (b) mitigating against the spread of the virus in the province;
2. (a) when was the last time that there has been an outbreak of Avian Flu in the province, (b) what was the extent of the outbreak and (c) how did her Department assist to control the outbreak;
3. whether her Department has issued any warning to poultry farmers in the province regarding a possible outbreak of the Avian Flu; if so, when; if not, why?

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

1. Whether any members of the South African Police Services (SAPS) in the province have had any criminal charges laid against them in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20 and (iii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) how many, (b) what was the nature of these charges in each case and (c) what are the further relevant details in each case;
2. whether any of the aforementioned SAPS members were convicted; if so, (a) how many and (b) for which charges;
3. whether any cases with regard to SAPS members are still pending in this regard; if so, (a) how many, (b) for which charges and (c) when is it anticipated that these cases will be finalised;
4. whether any of the aforementioned charges laid were in connection with (a) domestic disputes and (b) domestic violence; if so, (i) how many, (ii) what is the current status of the charges in this regard and (iii) what are the further relevant details in respect of each such case;
5. what is the policy of the South African Police Services (SAPS) in the province in respect of persons who have criminal records;
6. whether persons with criminal records are allowed to (a) be employed by the SAPS and (b) join the reservists; if so; (i) how many members employed by the SAPS have criminal records as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (ii) for which crimes and (iii) whether her Department has complied with its policy in this regard; if not, why?

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

1. How many South African Police Service (SAPS) members in the province were accused of committing the following offences:- (a) complaint of discharge of official firearm(s), (b) death as a result of police action, (c) non-compliance with Section 29 of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate Act (Act No.1 of 2011), (d) assault, (e) rape in police custody, (f) death in police custody, (g) rape by police officer, (h) corruption (i) torture (j) systemic corruption and (k) other criminal matters in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20 and (iii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in each case;
2. how many claims of the crimes mentioned above are either (a) still pending or (b) were withdrawn in 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;
3. how many SAPS officers in the province were found guilty of the crimes mentioned above as per the financial years previously stated as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
4. whether her Department has put any steps in place with a view to counteracting these acts of the SAPS members; if so, what steps; if not, why;
5. what are the repercussions facing SAPS members when they are found guilty of the abovementioned crimes and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
6. whether any SAPS member, who has been found guilty of either of the abovementioned crimes, has been given a warning for their crime committed; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
7. (a) how many SAPS members who were found guilty of the crimes mentioned above are currently still employed as SAPS members as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) why;
8. what is the (a) station breakdown and (b) number of SAPS members who were found guilty 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;
9. what is the current breakdown of rank of each SAPS member that was found guilty of committing said crimes and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
10. what consequence management has her Department put in place for SAPS members when they are found guilty of the abovementioned crimes and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*With regard to the alleged dismissal of three top brass Brigadiers from the Humewood and Gelvandale Police Stations:*

1. Whether she has been informed of the alleged dismissal of these officials from office; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what were the reasons provided for their dismissal;
2. with regard to (1) above, whether her Department accepts these dismissals as being within the parameters of the law; if not, whether her Department anticipates an investigation will be conducted into this matter; if not; why;
3. whether her Department has followed all the necessary labour practices before the officials were dismissed; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide evidence of such, for each dismissed official;
4. whether she can kindly produce the minutes of the disciplinary hearing of the dismissed officials;
5. what is the current status of the case involving six senior officers, who allegedly perjured themselves in the disciplinary case against the three Brigadiers;
6. whether she has been informed that the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) allegedly refused to take on the case against the six officers mentioned above; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what reasons were given by the IPID for declining to investigate the case;
7. whether the vacant post of Mount Road Cluster Commander has been filled; if not, why; if so, whether her Department accepts this is in direct contravention of a court order; if not; why?

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

1. Whether her Department has provided any services such as trauma counselling to employees of the Department of Health such as Nurses, Doctors and hospital staff from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; if not, (a) why and (b) whether her Department plans on providing these types of services to frontline workers from the Department of Health; if so,
2. what (a) type of services will her Department offer and (b) are the details regarding the nature and number of services that will be provided?

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

*Regarding Westview, Somerset East in the Blue Crane Municipality:*

1. How many (a) people in total, (b) elderly over the age of 60 and (c) children aged 6 and younger reside in the aforementioned area;
2. (a) how many (aa) state-funded organisations/ Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) and (bb) state-run facilities cater to the needs of the elderly, over the age of 60 and (b) of these, how many are residential care facilities for children aged 6 and younger;
3. how many (a) registered and (b) department-funded Early Childhood Development Centres (ECD) centres are currently in the area?

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

1. How many state-run facilities are there in the province that offer (a) in-patient substance abuse rehabilitation programmes for adults (over 18 years of age) and (b) substance abuse prevention programmes for adults (over 18 years of age), per district;
2. how many state-funded facilities are there in the province that offer (a) in-patient substance abuse rehabilitation programmes for adults (over 18 years of age) and (b) substance abuse prevention programmes for adults (over 18 years of age), per district;
3. what substance abuse rehabilitation programmes does her Department offer for adults, per district;
4. what impact does substance abuse have on communities in the province?

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

1. How many employees/department officials have been suspended and still received their salaries in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how much in total (rands and cents) has her Department paid to the officials while on suspension for the years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. when was each employee suspended initially;
4. what is the outcome or current progress of each case;
5. what was the reasons for suspension in each case?

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

1. How much has her Department spent on private security for officials for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years to date as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. whether there has been any official that has requested private security and/or reported a potential threat to their lives; if so, (a) can she kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard and (b) what steps has her Department taken with a view to assisting in the matter;
3. which (a) officials within her Department are entitled to private security and (b) what does such security entail;
4. which security service providers has her Department used in the past five years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*With reference to the Old Harbour Board Building in Port Elizabeth:*

1. (a) What is the current status of the building and (b) whether it is under the curatorship of her Department or the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM);
2. whether she can kindly provide a detailed report of the result of (a) an assessment of the damage and (b) the amount it cost to repair the damage;
3. who is responsible for the (a) security and (b) maintenance of the building;
4. what was the (a) budget for (i) the security and (ii) maintenance of the building and (b) actual spend in this regard;
5. whether her Department and/or the NMBMM has taken any action in the past 18 months with a view to addressing the challenges within the site; if so, can she kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard; if not, why?

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

*With regard to the R331 from the N2 towards Loerie:*

1. Whether her Department has conducted an inspection of the condition of the road; if so, what were the outcomes of the inspection;
2. whether her Department has a grass-cutting contract with a contractor within the Sarah Baartman Region; if so, when will the R331 be serviced;
3. whether her Department has put any intervention plan in place with a view to ensuring that the road is maintained; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
4. when does her Department plan to upgrade the road infrastructure on the R331;
5. how much has her Department earmarked for the upgrading of road infrastructure within the Sarah Baartman District Municipality for the 2021/22 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*With regard to the MN 10229 Road leading to the Bellafides Private School in East London:*

1. Whether the road is under the jurisdiction of her Department; if so; what (a) short, (b) medium and (c) long-term plans has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that the road is maintained;
2. how much her Department anticipates will be required for the upgrading of the road;
3. (a) how much has her Department earmarked for the upgrading of road infrastructure within the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality for the 2021/22 financial year and (b) what is the breakdown of the areas to be upgraded as at the latest specified date for which information is available?