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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

FRIDAY, 27 AUGUST 2021

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

*Noting that during the state of the Province Address on Tuesday, 25 February 2020, the Premier indicated several projects, plans and resolutions to be implemented:*

1. Of the promises made, whether he can kindly list how many has his Office achieved;
2. of those that have not been achieved, can he kindly provide the reasons as to why have they not been achieved, per project, plan or resolution;
3. what action has his Office taken against officials who failed to implement these promise(s)/ plan(s) and/or resolution(s) against the pronouncements made;
4. what impact has the failure to implement those listed in (2) above had on our communities;
5. by when his Office anticipates the outstanding promises / plan(s) and/or resolution(s) will be implemented?

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

1. Whether any provincial department owes any municipality money; if any, (a) which municipalities have outstanding debt owed to them by provincial departments and (b) what amount is outstanding in each case;
2. whether any provincial department is owed money by municipalities; if any, (a) which departments have outstanding debt owed by municipalities and (b) what is the amount outstanding in each specific case;
3. what interventions have been made at provincial level in order to ensure fees owed to respective municipalities are paid;
4. what interventions have been made by the respective provincial departments in order to ensure fees owed by respective municipalities are recovered;
5. what has been the impact of the aforementioned debts on service delivery in the province?

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

1. Whether the lifestyle audit process for the Members of the Executive, as reportedly announced by his Office last year, has commenced; if not, why; if so,
2. (a) at what stage is the process and (b) whether the process has been finalised; if so,
3. whether his Office anticipates the public will be advised of the outcome of said audits; if not, why?

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

*With regard to King Sabata Dalindyebo, Nyandeni and Mhlontlo Local Municipalities:*

1. Whether there are any on-going internal investigations of corruption in the local municipalities mentioned above; if so, (a) how many investigations, (b) what is the status of the investigations and (c) when is the expected completion date of these investigations;
2. how much, in rand value, is under investigation for alleged corrupt practices within each municipality;
3. how much, in rand value, has each municipality spent on the cost of investigations and/or litigation in corrupt practices;
4. which municipal officials have been implicated in the investigations within each municipality;
5. what other consequence management steps has his Department and/or the municipality followed in each case where a municipal official was implicated;
6. with regard to finalised investigations into corrupt practices by officials, (a) how much has been recovered by the state in the past two financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available, of which (b) how much was spent on making the recoveries?

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

*Noting that in Hofmeyr in the Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality, a large section of the village is alleged to be regularly without electricity due to trees that have grown into the electrical wires between electricity poles, which results in the wires touching ultimately causing outages and further noting that several electrical poles are allegedly falling over and this also results in wires being too low and coming into contact with other wires, which also causes outages:*

1. What immediate steps his Department anticipates will be undertaken with a view to ensuring that urgent repairs are effected on the electricity poles in Hofmeyr to prevent further outages and prevent potential harm to community members;
2. what immediate steps his Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that all trees that are interfering with the electrical lines are trimmed or removed so as to ensure that electrical wires no longer touch one another and cause outages;
3. what immediate steps his Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that the municipal officials tasked with the above repairs and maintenance are suitably equipped to do the work effectively so that this issue is effectively dealt with?

**746. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. What is the total amount in outstanding accounts/invoices owed to creditors by the Raymond Mhlaba Municipality as at 31 July 2021;
2. what is the total amount in outstanding accounts/invoices owed to creditors of the aforementioned municipality that have been outstanding for more than 30 days as at (i) 31 July 2021 and (ii) August 2021;
3. what plan has the abovementioned municipality put in place with a view to addressing outstanding accounts/invoices to creditors;
4. what interventions has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring that creditors/suppliers are paid within the 30 day period;
5. what has been the impact of unpaid creditors/suppliers to service delivery within the municipality, can he kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard?

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

1. Whether his Department offers any form of incentive as a reward to schools; if so, what incentives are offered to (a) schools, (b) learners, (c) teachers and (d) department employees;
2. what are the compliance criteria for each incentive;
3. in each case, for the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19, (iii) 2019/20, (iv) 2020/21 and (v) 2021/22 financial years, (a) how many schools/learners/teachers/officials qualified to receive incentives, (b) how many incentives were awarded, (c) what was the incentive(s) awarded, (d) how much was spent in total for each incentive and (e) what is the budget for incentives?

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

1. Whether he has been informed of any pilot projects within his Department with regard to (a) supplying or upgrading of water supply, (b) upgrading/building pit latrines/sanitation facilities, (c) infrastructure in general and (d) any other pilot projects; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details;
2. whether his Department anticipates any of these pilot projects will be implemented; if so, (a) which pilot projects, (b) when will they be implemented and (c) what is the total cost in each case?

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

1. What is the role of (a) Education Social Support Services (ESSS) officials and (b) Learner Support Agents (LSAs);
2. how many (a) ESSS officials and (b) LSAs are there, per district;
3. how many schools are there, per district;
4. how many learners are registered within schools, per district?

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

Whether he can kindly outline the total material losses suffered by provincial government departments for the following items: (a) laptop damages, (b) replacement of laptops (c) replacement of cell phones (d) late cancellation of accommodation, (e) catering invoice in excess of quote, (f) government vehicle damages and (g) damage to hired vehicles for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*Regarding the provincial local government finance for the 2020/21 financial year:*

1. Whether he can kindly advise if any municipality in the province has unspent conditional grant funding for the 2020/21 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) which municipalities, (b) what grant funding is this in each specific case, (c) what is the amount in question in each specific case and (d) what are the reasons for the underspending in each specific case;
2. whether any municipality in the province has conditional grant funding that was awarded in the 2019/20 financial year which remains unspent as at the end of the 2020/21 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) which municipalities, (b) what grant funding is this in each specific case, (c) what is the amount in question in each specific case and (d) what are the reasons for the underspending in each specific case;
3. whether any municipality in the province has grant funding and/or equitable share outstanding and due and payable to it; if so, (a) which municipalities, (b) what grant funding is this in each specific case, (c) what is the amount in question in each specific case and (d) what measures has his Department put in place in order to secure and/or receive this money by the municipality;
4. what is the total capital budget spend by the respective municipalities in the province for the financial year mentioned in (1) above (as a percentage of total budget) as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
5. what is the total operating budget spend by the respective municipalities in the province for the financial year mentioned in (1) above (as a percentage of total budget) as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
6. what is the cost coverage ratio for all respective provincial municipalities as at the end of the financial year mentioned in (1) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
7. what is the liquidity ratio for all respective provincial municipalities as at the end of the financial year mentioned in (1) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
8. what is the collection rate for all respective provincial municipalities as at the end of the financial year mentioned in (1) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

**752. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

1. How many suppliers to the province are owed money by provincial departments in excess of (i) 30, (ii) 60 or (iii) 90 days and over as at the end of June 2021 or as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. what is the total amount owed to suppliers by provincial departments in excess of the abovementioned period as at the end of June 2021 or as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. what is the breakdown, per department, in respect of the amount owed in excess of the abovementioned period as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. whether any provincial departments are experiencing problems in making timeous payments to suppliers; if so, (a) which departments and (b) what steps is his Department taking with a view to resolving the issues and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**753. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

*With reference to each municipality in the province:*

1. What is the total amount owed by consumers to municipalities as at the end of June (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020 and (d) 2021 and in excess of (i) 30, (ii) 60 and (iii) 90 days as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in each case;
2. what is the breakdown for the current total amount owed by consumers to municipalities in excess of the abovementioned days as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in each case;
3. what is the total amount owed by municipalities in the province to creditors for the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20 and (iii) 2020/21 financial years in excess of the abovementioned period as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details, per municipality;
4. what is the breakdown of the major classes of creditors such as (a) electricity, (b) water and (c) outstanding invoices to suppliers for the years mentioned in (3) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**754. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

1. What is the rand value of outstanding arrears owed to municipalities by provincial departments, per department, as at the end of June 2021 in excess of (i) 30, (ii) 60 and (iii) 90 days as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in each case;
2. what is the breakdown thereof in (1) above as at the end of June 2021 as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. what is the rand value of outstanding arrears owed to municipalities by entities as at the end of June 2021 as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
4. what is the breakdown thereof in (3) above as at the end of June 2021 as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. what steps has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring that all payments in arrears are paid and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
6. what steps has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring that all future payments owed to the municipalities are made timeously and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*Noting that at the Martje Venter Hospital in Tarkastad there are reportedly several vacant funded posts which have yet to be filled, further noting that there is reportedly only one permanent Doctor who works the day shift until 4 pm and thereafter there is no Doctor at the hospital except for sessional Doctors for part of the weekend and lastly noting that there remains confusion at this hospital and other hospitals in the province as to where the responsibility of the family ends and where the duty of the medical staff resumes regarding hospital premises:*

1. When her Department anticipates the following posts, which were allegedly advertised and for which interviews were conducted and finalised, will be filled: (a) two Professional Nurse posts, (b) three General Assistant posts and (c) one Radiographer post;
2. whether the aforementioned hospital qualifies for a (a) Porter post and (b) second Human Resources post; if so, what immediate steps her Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that these posts are allocated to the hospital and filled as a matter of urgency;
3. what steps her Department envisages will be taken with a view to ensuring that the community of Tarkastad has access to a Medical Officer after 4 pm every day during the week, as patients reportedly currently have to travel all the way to eKomani in the event of serious illness or injury, provided an ambulance is available;
4. at what contact point (e.g. hospital gate or hospital entrance, etc.) do the medical personnel take responsibility for the care of a patient who is brought to the hospital premises by family members, particularly when there is no Porter to assist with the transfer of the patient into the premises?

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

*Noting that at the Hofmeyr Town Clinic, human resource shortages and infrastructural challenges are allegedly hampering the rendering of effective healthcare services to the Hofmeyr community:*

1. When her Department anticipates the following personnel shortages will be addressed: (a) two Professional Nurse posts (one for the clinic and one for the mobile clinic), (b) one Data Capturer, (c) one Porter, (d) a second General Assistant (taking into consideration the sheer size of the premises), (e) one Caretaker and (f) one permanent Medical Officer (as there is allegedly currently only a sessional Doctor for one morning a week and a community service intern);
2. whether she can kindly confirm that the Pharmacy Technician, who has reportedly been on a COVID-19 contract, will be made permanent before his contract expires at the end of November 2021;
3. whether she can kindly indicate whether a temporary Assistant can be made available to assist with the roll-out of the vaccination programme, as Professional Nurses at the institution are allegedly still not registered to assist with such;
4. whether she can kindly indicate whether the Enrolled Nurse who has reportedly been on contract since 2016 and who is the Ward Based Outreach Team (WBOT) Outreach Team Captain *(name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply)* will be made permanent, as she has reportedly shown her loyalty and dedication to her work and the institution and would benefit from a permanent post;
5. in terms of infrastructural challenges, whether she can kindly indicate (a) when and (b) how her Department anticipates the following challenges will be addressed: (i) irregular or no supply of diesel for the generator (as the town is allegedly beset with electrical supply challenges), (ii) data room with no burglar bars and no security gate and without the new more secure filing cabinets, (iii) dilapidated building which reportedly requires a substantial upgrade to address damp walls, peeling paint, broken doors and lack of security at the back of the building, (iv) only one landline which is allegedly not functioning and no extensions of the line to three of the four buildings, (v) no internet and very limited data per month for reporting purposes, (vi) no streetlights outside the clinic which means that healthcare workers arrive and leave in the dark in the winter months, which is very dangerous and (vii) no signage to the clinic from the provincial roads as per Ideal Clinic requirements?

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

1. Whether there are any municipalities that are still struggling with the implementation of housing development in the province; if so, which municipalities;
2. what support mechanisms has her Department put in place with a view to supporting the struggling municipalities;
3. whether she can kindly provide the reasons that make these municipalities to struggle with the implementation of housing development;
4. how many housing units are planned to be constructed by each municipality in the province in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
5. what is the total budget for human settlements in each municipality in the province;
6. what total amount, in rands and cents, has been spent for human settlements in each municipality in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

1. Whether there any women contractors that are contracted by her Department in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) what are the names of women contractors, (b) what projects are they involved in, (c) in which municipalities are these projects and (d) what are the Directors of these women contractors;
2. what is the total value of the businesses that her Department has contracted to women-led contractors in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. whether all these women contractors mentioned in (1) above are from the province; if not, where are they from?

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

1. How many internship and or mentorship programmes are offered by her Department in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how many interns are placed in her Department in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. in which departments are these interns placed;
4. whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to appointing theses interns; if not, why?

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

*With regard to the provision of offices for provincial departments which service the Alfred Nzo District:*

1. Whether his Department sources office accommodation from outside the province; if so, which province;
2. with regard to (1) above, how much, in rand value, does his Department lease the offices;
3. which provincial departments are situated at these satellite office accommodation which falls outside the borders of the province;
4. for how many financial years have these provincial departments been utilizing these offices;
5. whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to ensuring that these office accommodations are relocated to within the Alfred Nzo District?

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

*With regard to the recent completion of the Themba Kojana, Thobile Bam and the Bathandwa Ndondo Office Park, noting the Provincial Development Plan, Goal 5.2:*

1. What green technology innovations has his Department implemented in the construction of these state buildings;
2. what environmental sustainability measures his Department anticipates will be incorporated in these state buildings to limit the effect of climate change?

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

1. How many members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) have (a) completed their firearm competency testing and (b) not yet completed their firearm competency testing;
2. how many members of the SAPS reservists (a) have undergone and (b) have not undergone firearm competency testing;
3. what steps has the SAPS taken with a view to expediting firearm competency testing among (a) SAPS members as well as (b) police reservists in the province?

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

1. Whether the South African Police Services (SAPS) K9 units based in (a) Gqeberha, (b) Kariega and (c) Despatch have a sufficient number of (i) dog-capable vehicles, (ii) radios, (iii) firearms and (iv) bulletproof vests at their disposal as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why; if so,
2. what steps, if any, has the SAPS put in place or anticipates will be put in place with a view to addressing this situation?

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

1. How many awareness campaigns/programmes or any initiatives has her Department executed with regard to Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19, (iii) 2019/20 and (iv) 2020/21 financial years, per district as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how many (a) parents and (b) children has her Department assisted in this regard in the aforementioned years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. what support services, if any, has her Department offered to (a) other provincial departments and (b) the public with regard to FAS in the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

1. Whether her Department provides any services with regard to suicide prevention; if so, (a) what services are offered and (b) where are these services advertised;
2. how many people has her Department assisted in this regard in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19, (iii) 2019/20 and (iv) 2020/21 financial years, per district as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. how many people have committed suicide in the financial years mentioned above, per district as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. whether her Department has embarked on any suicide prevention/awareness campaigns in the aforementioned financial years; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

1. How many homeless people are there currently in the province, per district, that her Department has been informed of;
2. how many homeless people has her Department assisted in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19, (iii) 2019/20 and (iv) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. what services/assistance has her Department offered to the homeless people;
4. how many homeless people has her Department assisted in terms of (a) shelter, (b) reunification, (c) obtaining an identity document and (d) registering for any form of grant in the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
5. which department is responsible for the care and well-being of the homeless in the province;
6. what is her Department’s responsibility in relation to homeless people?

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

1. What plans has her Department put in place with a view to funding bursaries and/providing funding for high school learners within the province; if any, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. (a) which schools, if any, her Department anticipates will receive funding and (b) how many learners her Department envisages will benefit from the funds provided;
3. what criteria her Department anticipates will be used to fund these learners;
4. whether her Department envisages any learners will be removed from their schools and placed in a different school; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. which sporting codes her Department envisages the funds will be provided for;
6. what will the funds and/or bursaries being provided, cover;
7. what long-term plan has her Department put in place with a view to supporting sport in high schools within the province;
8. what engagements and/or agreements has her Department put in place with the department of Education with a view to ensuring the success of sports in schools within the province?

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

1. Which sports federations are in existence in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. what amount, if any, has her Department allocated to each specific sports federation in the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. whether sport federations have furnished her Department with annual financial statements and/annual reports; if not, why;
4. whether her Department is experiencing any challenges with regard to sports federations in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*With reference to the MR397, MR411 and the MR370 roads in the Baviaans area:*

1. Whether she has been informed of the alleged dilapidated condition of these roads; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
2. whether her Department has made any budget available to maintain and repair these roads; if not, why; if so, how much has her Department made available in this regard;
3. where are these roads on her Department’s priority list;
4. what plans has her Department put in place for the aforementioned roads;
5. whether she can kindly provide a time-frame as to when her Department anticipates work will commence on these roads?