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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

*With reference to the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in the province:*

1. How many EPWP workers has his Office employed in the past five financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard;
2. whether his Office has extended the contracts of the EPWP workers; if so, how has his Office justified the extension;
3. (a) what is the term of the contract and (b) how much did the provincial government budget for the programme mentioned above;
4. how much has the provincial government spent on the abovementioned programme;
5. whether his Office has noted any over-expenditure in terms of the aforementioned programme; if so, (a) from what budget was it paid and (b) how was it justified?

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

1. Whether he can kindly provide the (a) total number of vacancies available in his Office and (b) titles of these positions for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

1. how many of the abovementioned vacancies has his Office filled in the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. what is the budget for these specified vacancies for the financial years specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. whether he can kindly provide reasons, if any, for his Office’s delays in filling the abovementioned vacancies in the financial years specified above?

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

1. How much has each Department spent on office rental space for 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. what plans has his Office put in place with a view to mitigating these costs in the long term and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

**800. Ms V Knoetze to ask the Premier:**

*With regard to Mfuraa Projects and General:*

1. What is the list of all tenders awarded to Mfuraa Projects and General over the last five financial years by any provincial department, inclusive of the (a) value, (b) scope and (c) status of each tender;
2. whether the contractor has even been cited and or reported for poor workmanship/ non-performance; if so, what steps has the provincial government taken with a view to ensuring that no further tenders are awarded to the contractor?

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

*Noting that Dordrecht in Emalahleni Local Municipality in the Chris Hani District Municipality has allegedly struggled with issues related to sewerage:*

1. (a) What is the reason for the fact that none of the four pump stations are in working order, (b) since when have these pumps been out of order and (c) when his Department anticipates they will be repaired;
2. noting that in 2020, one of the four pumps was reportedly repaired at a cost of R 1,7 million, but only functioned for a short period, (a) who was the contractor responsible, (b) what steps has his Department taken in terms of non-performance and warranty on the work done, (c) how much money was the district municipality or local municipality able to recover from the allegedly failed contract;
3. (a) what is the impact on the environment as a result of the flowing and standing sewerage dams in Dordrecht over the past years and (b) whether any of the sewerage is contaminating either the rivers, streams or other fresh-water sources; if so, what steps has his Department taken with a view to mitigating and preventing harm to the environment;
4. what is the status and condition of the sewerage-works station;
5. what is the status and condition of the water plant;
6. what (a) immediate steps his Department anticipates will be taken with a view to addressing the sewerage issues in Dordrecht and (b) is the expected time-frame in this regard?

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

*Noting that the Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality Quarterly Financial Oversight report tabled to Council and the Quarterly Financial Oversight report tabled to Treasury are reportedly two different reports:*

1. Whether his Deaprtment anticipates it will initiate an investigation into why two different reports were allegedly tabled to Council and the Provincial Treasury;
2. whether he can kindly provide the reason for the alleged different reports;
3. whether he can kindly provide an outline of the differences in the report to Council and the report to the Provincial Treasury?

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

*With regard to the Lower Saxony, Hybrid Renewable Energy mini-grid in the Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality:*

1. When was the initiative conceived;
2. how much has the (a) provincial government and (b) Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality allocated towards the initiative;
3. what is the current progress of the initiative;
4. what energy mix his Department anticipates the Lower Saxony hybrid mini-grid will implement;
5. how (a) his Department envisages the hybrid energy system will function post-completion and (b) many Megawatts does the aforementioned municipality anticipate will be generated?

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

*With regard to the Beacon Bay Library in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM):*

1. What is the current state of the Beacon Bay Library;
2. whether his Department acknowledges that there are structural defects on the Beacon Bay Library; if so, what are these defects;
3. how much, in rand value, is required to refurbish the Beacon Bay Library;
4. how much has his Department (a) budgeted for the maintenance of the Beacon Bay Library for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available, of which, (b) utilized in this regard?

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

*With reference to the financial sustainability of the Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality (IYM):*

1. What is the collection rate as at (i) 30 June 2020 and (ii) 30 June 2021;
2. what is the cost coverage ration as at the aforementioned dates;
3. what is the creditors repayment rate as at the dates mentioned above;
4. what is the debt coverage ratio as at the abovementioned dates;
5. what is the total capital expenditure as a percentage of total spend for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
6. what is the cash/investments at hand as at the end of the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
7. what is the allocation for post-retirement benefits as at the end of the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*With reference to the financial sustainability of the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality (DBN):*

1. What is the collection rate as at (i) 30 June 2020 and (ii) 30 June 2021;
2. what is the cost coverage ration as at the aforementioned dates;
3. what is the creditors repayment rate as at the dates mentioned above;
4. what is the debt coverage ratio as at the abovementioned dates;
5. what is the total capital expenditure as a percentage of total spend for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
6. what is the cash/investments at hand as at the end of the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
7. what is the allocation for post-retirement benefits as at the end of the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*With reference to the financial sustainability of Kou-Kamma Local Municipality:*

1. What is the collection rate as at (i) 30 June 2020 and (ii) 30 June 2021;
2. what is the cost coverage ration as at the dates mentioned above;
3. what is the creditors repayment rate as at the aforementioned dates;
4. what is the debt coverage ratio as at the abovementioned dates;
5. what is the total capital expenditure as a percentage of total spend for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
6. what is the cash/investments at hand as at the end of the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
7. what is the allocation for post-retirement benefits as at the end of the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*Noting that the fish species Lichia Amia, more commonly known as Garrick or Leervis, is reportedly not a commercial fish species, further noting that stocks of this fish are scientifically proven to be over-exploited, further noting that they are reportedly extremely vulnerable on their annual spawning migration to KwaZulu-Natal and utilise the Umzimvubu Estuary in Port St Johns as a resting place on their migration route, further noting that these fish, while resting in the estuary are not feeding, which means that they are not vulnerable to being caught using legal means i.e. a baited hook or artificial lure, further noting that fishermen in the area are alleged to be illegally catching these fish in vast numbers by jerking their hooks or jigs in the water with the intention of impaling them, which is in contravention of the Marine Living Resources Act (Act No. 18 of 1998) which clearly states that anglers may not …”(c) engage in fishing, collecting or disturbing any fish, except for octopus, cuttlefish or squid, by the jerking of a hook or jig in the sea with the intention of impaling the fish thereon, also known as jigging or snatching” and lastly noting that Law Enforcement Officers are reportedly aware of these illegal activities but are not enforcing the law:*

1. What immediate steps her Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that the alleged plundering of this vulnerable fish resource in the Umzimvubu Estuary is stopped with immediate effect;
2. what consequences his Department anticipates will follow for Law Enforcement Officers who have allegedly wilfully allowed this plunder of an over-exploited fish species to continue unabated in the Umzimvubu Estuary;
3. what steps his Department envisages will be taken with a view to ensuring that this annual migration of *Lichia Amia*, which includes a resting period in the Umzimvubu Estuary, is protected from such illegal activity in the future?

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

*Noting that the Paterson Clinic has a mobile clinic which has reportedly gone in for repairs, further noting that for two consecutive months, chronic patients who live in the rural areas that are serviced by this mobile clinic have allegedly not received their chronic medication and further noting that the vast majority of these patients are reportedly indigent and cannot afford to travel to town in order to get medication at the Paterson Clinic:*

1. What is the status of the repairs being done to the mobile clinic;
2. when can the Paterson Clinic expect that the mobile clinic will be functional again;
3. what interim steps her Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that the patients serviced by the mobile clinic receive their chronic medication as a matter of urgency;
4. what steps has her Department taken insofar as decentralising the repair of mobile clinics and ambulances away from the Government Fleet Management Services to local and district service providers, as per House resolutions;
5. when is it envisaged that this process will be complete?

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

*Noting that the new Spokesperson for the Health Department in the province (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) is allegedly currently still employed at the Herald Newspaper as their Politics Editor:*

1. Whether her Department does not consider it to be a flagrant conflict of interest for a Spokesperson to continue working at a media house while representing a government department; if not, why;
2. what steps her Department anticipates will be taken with a view to ensuring that this situation is resolved with immediate effect?

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

*With regard to housing projects in the Dr Beyers Naude Municipality*:

1. (a) How many housing projects are currently being implemented within the aforementioned municipality and (b) in which town/s;
2. how many (a) units are projected to be built, of which (b) of these units have been completed;
3. how much has her Department (a) budgeted for the projects, of which (b) utilized to date;
4. when is the expected completion date of the projects;
5. whether the project is proceeding as planned; if not, why?

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

*With regard to housing projects in the Blue Crane Route Municipality:*

1. (a) How many housing projects are currently being implemented within the aforementioned municipality and (b) in which town/s;
2. how many (a) units have been projected to be built, of which (b) of these units have been completed;
3. how much has her Department (a) budgeted for the projects, of which (b) utilized to date;
4. when is the expected completion date of the projects;
5. whether the project is proceeding as planned; if not, why?

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

1. What is the total number of domestic violence cases that were reported in the province in the (i) 2020/21 and (ii) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how many victim-friendly centres are there in the police stations in the province as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. which police stations have not established the abovementioned services for victims in the province;
4. why don’t the abovementioned police stations have the services mentioned in (2) above for victims in the province;
5. whether there is a trained officer who specializes in domestic violence cases in each police station in the province; if not, which police stations do not have the abovementioned trained officers;
6. whether officers in each police station in the province regularly undergo training in domestic violence matters; if so, what was the last day that training took place and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
7. whether trained psychologists are accessible at each centre to debrief traumatised victims; if not, (a) why, (b) what is the alternative in this instance and (c) whether this has proven to be successful; if not, why and can she kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard?

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

1. How many violations of domestic violence protection orders were reported in the province in the (i) 2019/20 (ii) 2020/21 and (iii) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. how many arrests has her Department made in this regard in the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. how many cases (a) went to court and (b) were successfully or (c) were unsuccessfully prosecuted in the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. what measures has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring a higher prosecution rate in this regard and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. (a) how effective is a protection order and (b) what alternatives can be considered if this does not keep the perpetrator away and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*With reference to the South African Police Service (SAPS) Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Units (FCS):*

1. What is the number of calls received by the aforementioned unit for the (i) 2019/20 (ii) 2020/21 and (iii) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details, per police station clusters;
2. at what stage will it be necessary to dispatch the FCS unit to a specific case;
3. what is the role of this unit in respect of (a) abandoned, (b) missing, (c) abducted and (d) trafficked children;
4. how many cases have been reported to this unit for 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;
5. with regard to the cases mentioned above, how many of them relate to (a) abandoned, (b) missing, (c) abducted and (d) trafficked children and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
6. how many of the abovementioned cases were (a) successfully and (b) unsuccessfully prosecuted 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;
7. with regard to (6) above, (a) why were the cases unsuccessful and (b) what measures has her Department put in place or anticipates to put in place in the future with a view to ensuring that they are successful?

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

1. (a) How many department offices have been closed, either temporarily or permanently for any reason in the (i) 2018/19, (ii) 2019/20, (iii) 2020/21 and (iv) 2021/22 financial years, per district as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) if closed temporarily, can she kindly state the duration of the closure;
2. what are the reasons for each closure;
3. what steps has her Department taken with a view to ensuring that office closures are avoided at all costs;
4. what impact does office closures have on service delivery?

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

1. How is each (a) district office and (b) service office connected to the internet;
2. of those connected to the internet, who is the service provider;
3. whether all officials/Social Workers of every office have connectivity to the internet at all times; if not, why;
4. what impact does the lack of internet connectivity have on service delivery;
5. who is responsible for the (a) supply and (b) payment of internet services;
6. with reference to department officials/Social Workers who work remotely, (a) how many staff members (aa) are supplied and (bb) are not supplied with data to connect to the internet, (b) what are the reasons for not supplying data to all staff, (c) how much data is supplied to staff and (d) whether the amount of data is sufficient; if not, why?

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

*With reference to the green transport strategy for South Africa for 2018 to 2050:*

1. Whether her Department has taken the green transport strategy into consideration; if not, why; if so, what steps has her Department taken in this regard;
2. whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to developing a green transport system in the province; if not, why;
3. what initiatives or programmes has her Department (a) developed and (b) implemented towards realising a green transport system since 2018?

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

1. What is the total number of employees that her Department has outsourced from private companies in the (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21 and (iii) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. what (a) is the name of each company or contractor and (b) amount is each employee paid, can she kindly provide a breakdown for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*With reference to the roads in the Baviaans sub-region:*

1. (a) What amount has her Department budgeted for the area mentioned above for the 2021/22 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) of the amount, how much has her Department spent and (c) what has the money been spent on;
2. what was budgeted for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. whether she can kindly provide a detailed report on all (a) road issues and (b) road issues that were successfully completed in the Baviaans sub-region for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 and (iii) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. which contractor was appointed in the (i) 2020/21 and (ii) 2021/22 financial years for the area mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
5. whether the contractor appointed in the 2020/21 financial year completed work on all road issues for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why;
6. what road issues are currently being attended to in the area mentioned above, can she kindly provide a detailed report in this regard;
7. whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to upgrading the MR43/1 from the Willowmore side as it is a major access road; if not, why; if so, what are the plans;
8. whether she has been informed of the alleged dangerous condition the MR397 is in; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plans has her Department put in place for the road;
9. noting that it is alleged that her Department has asked the Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve to do road maintenance, whether her Department has provide them with adequate budget to do the maintenance; if not, why; if so,
10. (a) how much has her Department given to the Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve, and (b) when was this budget given?