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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

1. Whether he can kindly indicate if there are any vacancies within his Office; if so, (a) how many vacancies and (b) how did these vacancies arise;
2. when his Office anticipates these vacancies will be filled;
3. whether he can kindly confirm the resignation of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) within his Office; if so, what were the reasons provided for the resignation of the CFO;
4. whether the former CFO was facing any charges and currently within a disciplinary process; if so, can he kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard;
5. what methods has his Office explored in addressing consequence management and holding officials to account?

**927. Ms N Zibonda to ask the Premier:**

1. What is the current unemployment rate within the province, can he kindly provide a breakdown in terms of (a) age groups and (b) geographical location;
2. whether the provincial government has implemented any programmes aimed at job creation for the youth; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. what (a) has been the impact of the aforementioned projects and (b) adjustments, if any, has his Office made with a view to ensuring that these interventions yield results;
4. whether the provincial government has put any plans in place with a view to assisting unemployed graduates in the province, particularly in rural areas; if not, why;
5. what support has the provincial government provided to emerging entrepreneurs and/or developing Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) 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?

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

*Noting that the performance of local municipalities across the province has reportedly decreased in recent years:*

1. Whether his Office has developed any strategies with a view to improving the functioning of municipalities; if so, can he kindly outline (a) what these strategies entail and (b) the anticipated outcomes for each municipality;
2. whether he can kindly outline (a) which municipalities has his Office prioritized for intervention (in order of priority) and (b) what criteria has his Office used to make this determination, per municipality;
3. (a) what total budget has his Office set aside for the intervention to assist the municipalities noted in (2) above, (b) what is the budget, per municipality, per strategic intervention and (c) how much has his Office spent to date, per municipality, to achieve these goals;
4. which officials in his Office he anticipates will be responsible for ensuring that the strategic interventions are implemented effectively?

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

1. What percentage of each municipality’s budget has been allocated to salary increases, per title, per municipality 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. (a) which municipalities have a moratorium on increments and (b) can he kindly provide the relevant details for each municipality;
3. which municipalities will update or have updated their organograms for 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 each instance;
4. what factors have contributed to the amendment to the abovementioned municipality’s current organograms, per municipality?

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

*With regard to the construction of the Teko Kona Sports Facility in Mnquma Local Municipality:*

1. Whether he can kindly provide the (a) name of the appointed main contractor and (b) name(s) of the sub-contractors for the project mentioned above;
2. (a) what is the scope of work for the project and (b) whether the scope of the project was altered; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. whether he can kindly provide the (a) bid register and (b) bid award document for the Construction of the Teko Kona Sports Facility;
4. how much (a) has his Department budgeted for the construction of the sports facility and (b) was utilized in this regard;
5. whether he can kindly provide a breakdown of each of the costs incurred for the project;
6. whether the aforementioned sports facility is in a functional condition; if not, why;
7. what security measures has the aforementioned municipality instituted with a view to protecting the sports facility from being vandalised;
8. whether the sports facility has (a) ablution facilities, (b) water supply and (c) electricity supply; if not, why;
9. whether the sports facility mentioned above was officially handed over to the abovementioned municipality after completion; if so, when;
10. whether the aforementioned municipality was satisfied with the workmanship; if not, why?

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

*With regard to the construction of the Tsomo Taxi Rank in Intsika Yethu Local Municipality:*

1. Whether he can kindly provide the (a) name of the appointed main contractor and (b) name(s) of the sub-contractors for the project mentioned above;
2. (a) what is the scope of work for the project and (b) whether the scope of the project was altered; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. whether he can kindly provide the (a) bid register and (b) bid award document for the Construction of the Tsomo Taxi Rank;
4. how much (a) has his Department budgeted for the construction of the Tsomo Taxi Rank and (b) was utilized in this regard;
5. what is the breakdown of each of the costs incurred for the aforementioned project;
6. whether the sports facility has, (a) ablution facilities, (b) water supply and (c) electricity supply; if not, why;
7. whether the Tsomo Taxi Rank was officially handed over to the aforementioned municipality after completion; if so, when;
8. whether the municipality mentioned above was satisfied with the workmanship; if not, why?

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

*With regard to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant allocation for Mnquma Local Municipality:*

1. How much was received by the aforementioned municipality in infrastructure grant allocation for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. (a) how much was utilized for each financial year and (b) can he kindly provide a breakdown of the infrastructural projects which were funded;
3. with regard to (2) above, how many of these projects are linked to the construction and/or maintenance of the municipal road network;
4. how much was returned to National Treasury due to non-expenditure?

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

*Noting that according to the Premier, the Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency is working with the Mbashe Municipality in order to implement the marine tilapia project which is set to create 4700 jobs and benefit 150 000 small scale farmers who will provide the feedstock for fish feed and further noting that refrigeration units and fishing tackle have reportedly been procured for small scale cooperatives:*

1. Where are the marine tilapia aquaculture farms situated in the province;
2. where are the processing facilities for the aquaculture farms based;
3. where are the four refrigerated containers that were reportedly procured for small scale cooperatives currently situated;
4. what (a) fishing gear was procured for the small scale cooperatives and (b) was the value of the fishing gear;
5. whether the small scale cooperatives have fishing licences; if so, what category of fishing licences do they hold;
6. (a) what fish species are the small scale cooperatives targeting and (b) to whom are they selling their catch?

**934. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

1. What are the requirements that must be met for the establishment of a tavern;
2. whether the Malabar taverns in Bridget Street, West End in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) meet the requirements to operate; if not, what action steps his Department anticipates will be implemented in this regard;
3. (a) when were the abovementioned establishments visited for inspection and (b) whether each of these establishments mentioned above has been issued with liquor licences; if so, when;
4. whether he can kindly provide a list of establishments that are (a) in possession of liquor licences for the following wards in the NMBMM: (i) 10, (ii) 11, (iii) 12, (iv) 13, (v) 29, (vi) 31, (vii) 32, (viii) 33, (ix) 34, (x) 35, (xi) 37 and (xii) 38 and (b) when were they issued with licences;
5. whether he can kindly provide a list of establishments that are (a) in possession of liquor licences for the following areas in the NMBMM: (i) Parkside, (ii) Galvan Park, (iii) Galvandale, (iv) Springdale and (v) Malabar and (b) when were they issued with these licences?

**935. Mr J P J Botha to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:**

1. What is the total Cost of Employment (CoE) for each of the provincial departments for the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

1. what is the total CoE for each of the provincial entities for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. what is the average increase in the total CoE for each of the provincial entities for the past five years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. what is the total CoE for each of the respective Heads of Departments (HoDs) 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;
4. what is the total CoE for all Directors/Executive Managers of the respective provincial entities for the financial years mentioned in (4) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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

*Noting that October every year is Breast Cancer Awareness month:*

1. How many Oncologists are employed in her Department in the province, per district;
2. where in the province are breast cancer patients referred to when they require either (a) chemotherapy or (b) radiation therapy;
3. how many breast cancer patients has her Department treated, per district, per annum, for the past five financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. if the number of patients receiving treatment for breast cancer has dropped significantly in the past two years, whether this can be directly linked to lockdown restrictions due to COVID-19 and fears of exposure to the virus; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. what range of strategies does her Department employ in order to raise awareness of breast cancer, particularly among the rural women in the province?

**937. Mr Y Tetyana to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*Noting that there are allegedly Community Health Workers from the province who are contract workers with the Department of Health, further noting that some of them allegedly receive grants for their children from the* South African Social Security Agency *(SASSA) however, they cannot receive the grants anymore as they are reportedly labelled as permanent workers on the SASSA system, with nothing on paper to show for it:*

1. Whether she can kindly provide the reasons as to how are these workers labelled as permanent employees yet they reportedly still earn a stipend when there was allegedly no communication stating that they are now classified as permanent employees;
2. whether she has been informed that their reported labelled status has resulted to them not being able to earn grants and take care of their families; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details;
3. noting an announcement reportedly made by the former Minister of the Department of Health (*name furnished for the purpose of the reply)*  that these workers would be absorbed into the system and earn R8500-R9500, however, this has allegedly not been implemented, can she kindly provide the reasons in this regard;
4. what has prevented these workers from being permanent?

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

1. How many boreholes did her Department install during the 2020/21 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. in which communities and/or on which farms were each of these boreholes installed;
3. what was the (a) specific total cost to her Department for each of the respective boreholes installed, (b) average cost per borehole and (c) average price, per meter, that was drilled by her Department;
4. who were the service providers that attended to the drilling of the specific boreholes and the installation of supporting borehole infrastructure;
5. (a) how many boreholes did each contractor drill, (b) how many unsuccessful boreholes (where no borehole could be established) did each contractor drill, (c) what was the wasted cost per failed borehole drilled and (d) why could no borehole be established on the specific sites;
6. what total amount has her Department paid to each contractor that attended to drilling work for her Department?

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

*With regard to the Facebook Amber Alert feature:*

1. Whether she has been informed of the new Amber Alert feature that was made available on Facebook; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. how her Department anticipates the feature will (a) be monitored and (b) process requests for the Amber Alert feature;
3. whether her Department has a team that will solely focus on Amber Alerts and the processing and monitoring thereof; if not, (a) why and (b) in what other manner her Department anticipates this feature will be managed;
4. when was this feature officially launched in the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. whether her Department has informed the general public of this feature; if so, what specific areas has her Department informed in this regard; if not, why;
6. how many Amber Alerts have been made to date and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
7. from what geographical location was the alert made/focused and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
8. how does the public utilize this feature in reporting a missing child and informing the feature of important information and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
9. whether any children were found via the use of this new feature on Facebook; if so, (a) how many children were found, (b) where were they found and (c) what steps has her Department followed with a view to making it known that the child has been found;
10. whether her Department has made any successful prosecutions in relation to the Amber Alerts; if so, how many and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
11. what are all the estimated costs involved in running this alert on Facebook and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
12. whether her Department considers this feature to be useful in finding missing children and potentially the abductor as well; if not, why; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

*With regard to the 10111 centre in East London:*

1. How many personnel (a) should her Department employ at the 10111 centre mentioned above and (b) are actually employed at the centre in the abovementioned town 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 response per centre;
2. whether her Department has received any complaints for telephone calls not being answered at the abovementioned centre for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. how many dropped calls have been recorded in respect of this centre in the abovementioned town for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
4. how many hoax calls have been recorded at this centre 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. what steps has her Department taken with a view to ensuring that the centre is fully staffed;
6. by when her Department expects that these staff positions will be filled and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
7. (a) why has it reportedly taken so long for these vacant posts to be filled and (b) how can this be corrected going forward and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
8. whether the centre mentioned above is fully operational in terms of (a) Wi-Fi connection, (b) clean and functioning bathrooms for (i) men, (ii) women and (iii) the disabled, (c) computers, (d) printers, (e) stationery, (f) air conditioners, (g) back-up generators, (h) chairs and (i) other items; if so,
9. can she kindly (a) elaborate on other items and (b) indicate how much of each is currently available that is in working order; if not,
10. (a) why and (b) by when her Department envisages this issue will be resolved in respect of each of the items mentioned above;
11. what is the average response time for this centre 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;
12. what (a) measures her Department anticipates will be put in place with a view to improving the efficiency of this centre and (b) time-frame can be given in this regard and can she kindly provide the relevant details?

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

*With regard to Walmer Police Station in Port Elizabeth:*

1. How many Police Officers (a) are actually stationed and (b) should be stationed at the abovementioned police station and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. how many Detectives (a) are actually stationed and (b) should be stationed at the abovementioned police station and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
3. what is the average caseload of Detectives at the abovementioned police station and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
4. (a) how many vehicles (aa) are available and (bb) should be available on average each day for scheduled patrols at the abovementioned station and (b) whether the South African Police Service (SAPS) experiences any vehicle shortages in the abovementioned station; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
5. how many staff members have the SAPS appointed in the abovementioned police station in 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;
6. what shortage of resources is the abovementioned police station currently experiencing in terms of (i) staff (office-based and patrollers), (ii) vehicles, (iii) office equipment, (iv) Wi-Fi, (v) working bathrooms, (vi) stationery, (vii) generator and (viii) other (specify) and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
7. what is the average response time of the abovementioned police station and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
8. whether the aforementioned police station is taking any steps with a view to reopening the Fountain Avenue Satellite Station; if not, why; if so, what is the way forward and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

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

1. What number of (a) local artists and (b) art festivals have received funding from (aa) her Department and/or (bb) entities reporting to her Department in the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. what (b) was the name of each artist and/or art festival and (b) amount did each receive in each case as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. what methodology does her Department use to assess (a) the impact of their support and (b) the needs of artists;
4. (a) how many art centres/theatres and/or art showcasing spaces are within the province and (b) of these how many are operational;
5. whether her Department has put any plans or projects in place with a view to assisting developing artists to acquire their own centres and/or working spaces to showcase their work;
6. what number of (a) local films and (b) film producers have received funding from her Department and each of the entities reporting to her Department?

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

1. Whether she can kindly indicate what plans has her Department put in place with a view to funding bursaries and/providing funding for high school learners for the 2021/22 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if any, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
2. (a) which schools her Department anticipates will receive funding and (b) with respect to plans in place, how many learners her Department envisages will benefit from the funds provided;
3. (a) what criteria her Department anticipates will be used with a view to funding these learners and (b) whether her Department envisages any learners will be removed from their schools and placed in a different school and (c) which sporting codes will the funds be provided for;
4. what will the funds and/or bursary provided cover and can she kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard;
5. what is her Department’s long term plan in supporting sport in high schools within the province?

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

*With reference a response to Question 564 (4) of IQP 23 of the Second Session of the Sixth Legislature dated 7 August 2020 which states that funds will be made available in 2021/22 financial year:*

1. Whether she has been informed that work has allegedly not started on the road in question; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, when her Department anticipates work will begin;
2. whether funds were made available for the road as stated in the previous response; if not, why; if so, how much was made available;
3. what plans has her Department put in place with a view to repairing all the potholes on the gravel and tarred section of the road?

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

1. How many sick leave days have officials in her Department taken 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. whether she can kindly outline the number of officials that are on extended sick leave for more than (i) 3 months, (ii) 6 months, (iii) 1 year, (iv) 2 years, (v) 3 years and (vi) longer at her Department as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. what is the estimated total cost to the province of the extended sick leave of the abovementioned civil servants as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she kindly outline the breakdown of the cost;
4. whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to curbing excessive prolonged sick leave by officials; if so, can she kindly outline the plans in this regard; if not, why?