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GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

QUESTION PAPER

Tuesday, 19 September 2023
(Not a Question Day)

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO THE PREMIER (i.t.o. Rule 138(5))

For next Question Day
none

PREMIER'S QUESTION TIME (i.t.o Rule 138)

For next Question Day
none

URGENT QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE (i.t.o Rule 135)

1. SD001. Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

According to media reports, the Albert Street Building which burnt the last week of August 2023 with many people losing their lives was owned by the City of Johannesburg (COJ), leased to Gauteng Department of Social Development (GDSD) and GDSD had an NPO or NPO running a shelter. With that in mind:

- (i) what were the terms and conditions of the lease between GDSD and COJ;
- (ii) in this agreement, who was supposed to look after the maintenance of the building;
- (iii) from when (date) to when (date) did GDSD lease the building from COJ;
- (iv) which NPO or NGO did GDSD contract to run the shelter at this building; and
- (v) what type of shelter was the NPO / NGO running and how much people were they assisting?

1. SD002. Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

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the City of Johannesburg (COJ), leased to Gauteng Department of Social Development (GDSD) and GDSD had an NPO or NPO running a shelter. With that in mind:

- (i) for the duration of the contract how much in rands and cents were they paid and what were the terms and conditions of this contract? (please include SLA);
- (ii) from when (date) to when (date) did GDSD contract this NPO / NGO;
- (iii) while the building was being used as a shelter, which department or municipality was responsible for the maintenance;
- (iv) as GDSD, were they satisfied with the maintenance that was done on the building; and
- (v) if not, which areas of dissatisfaction did they raise?

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY TO THE EXECUTIVE (i.t.o Rule 134)

(i.t.o Rule 133(4) [♦♦Questions carried over from the previous Question Day]

For next Question Day

4. PS001.

Hon. J J Hoffman (VF-Plus) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

Due to many complaints, I have received from active CPF members and members of the community regarding slow response times from the police in respect to pathology services from the SAPS. Further it is alleged that bodies laying on the street for hours.

Can the MEC indicate:

- (i) how many state hearses there are;
- (ii) what is the response time of these hearses to a scene; and
- (iii) how many personnel does the SAPS have that work in their pathology department?

4. PS002.

Hon. J J Hoffman (VF-Plus) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

As per Timeslive article on 7 January 2023: "Police call centres understaffed and number of dropped calls is 'shocking'"

(<https://www.timeslive.co.za/amp/news/south-africa/2023-01-07-police-call-centres-understaffed-and-number-of-dropped-calls-is-shocking/>)

Can the MEC indicate:

- (i) how many calls to 10111 have been dropped in Gauteng 2022/23;
- (ii) how many Gauteng calls do the 10111 call centre receive on a monthly basis;
- (iii) how many staff does the Gauteng 10111 call centre have;
- (iv) how many staff is needed to handle all the Gauteng 10111 calls; and
- (v) how many Gauteng 10111 calls have been cut mid conversation due to Loadshedding?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR ORAL EXPLANATION & TABLING IN THE HOUSE (i.t.o Rule 137(5) [****** Request for extension of time (i.t.o Rule 137(2))] (i.t.o Rule 133(4))
 [♦♦Questions carried over from the previous Question Day]

For next Question Day

MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY:

5. PS054. Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

With regard to the Cable Theft/Infrastructure Unit for the SAPS Kempton Park, Norkem Park SAPS, Sebenza SAPS and Edenvale SAPS, can the MEC please indicate:

- (i) do Kempton Park SAPS, Norkem Park SAPS, Sebenza SAPS and Edenvale SAPS have Cable/ Infrastructure Theft Units;
- (ii) if yes to question (i), please providing the Name, Surname and contact details for the commander of the Cable/Infrastructure theft Unit in each of the SAPS stations;
- (iii) if yes to question (i), please indicate at which level (National/Provincial/District level) is Cable/Infrastructure theft unit in each of the SAPS stations;
- (iv) if yes to question (i), please provide a detail list of successes that the Cable/Infrastructure Theft Unit achieve from January 2023 till July 2023 in each SAPS station;
- (v) please provide the case numbers of the list of successes mentioned in question (iv);
- (vi) which of the cases mentioned in question (iv) have been placed on the court roll;
- (vii) which of the cases mentioned in question (iv) were closed before being placed on the court roll;
- (viii) which of the cases mentioned in question (vi) were withdrawn from the court roll;
- (ix) which of the cases mentioned in question (vi) have had successful convictions; and
- (x) can the department provide the duration of the sentence in each case for question (ix)?

5. PS055. Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

With regard to Kempton Park Community Police Forum (CPF), could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) please indicate if the Elected Ward Councillors form part the Kempton Park CPF? (please provide the Constitution/ Policy/ Legislation/Act that confirm the answer);
- (ii) please provide clarity the role of the Ward Councillor at the Kempton Park CPF;
- (iii) please indicate if Ward Councillors are allowed to attend the AGM of the Kempton Park CPF;
- (iv) when will AGM be for the Kempton Park CPF? (please provide the date venue and time);
- (v) when will the AGM be for Sector Crime Forums? (Please provide the date, venue, and times per Sector);
- (vi) will the AGM of the Kempton Park CPF take place before the Sector Crime forms take place;

- (vi) if the Answer is yes to question (vi), please provide the Constitution/Policy/Legislation/Act that confirm the Answer;
- (viii) does Kempton Park CPF have a bank account;
- (ix) if Question (viii) is yes, please provide the audited statement as prescribe in the Constitution of the Kempton Park CPF; and
- (x) please provide AGM minutes of the Kempton Park CPF and the Sector crime forms per sector?

5. PS056. Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

With regards Community Police Forum (CPF) Ekurhuleni District, could the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) please provide the latest constitution of the Ekurhuleni District police forum;
- (ii) is the District Chairperson a volunteering position or does the Chairperson get a stipend from the Community Safety Department;
- (iii) if the answer in question (ii) is that the District Chairperson receives a stipend, please provide the amount of the stipend;
- (iv) are the Police Stations Community Police Forums Chairpersons volunteering positions or do the Chairpersons receive stipends from the Community Safety Department;
- (v) if the answer in question (v) is that the Police Station Community Police Forum Chairperson receives a stipend, please provide the amount of the stipend per SAPS in Ekurhuleni;
- (vi) how many patrollers in the Ekurhuleni District are registered at the Department of Community Safety;
- (vii) please indicate if patrollers from question (vi) received a stipend;
- (viii) please provide the amount of stipend the patrollers received from the Community Safety Department;
- (ix) please provide the total of patrollers that volunteer per police station; and
- (x) does the Department plan to provide a stipend to all patrollers registered at the MEC Community Safety office?

5. PS057. Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

With regards to the installation of security cameras of private security companies at stop/road intersections in the Kempton Park Area, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) are private security companies allowed to monitor the movement of people in public open spaces;
- (ii) if yes to question (i), please provide a copy of the Legislation/Policy that support your answer;
- (iii) if no to question (i), please provide a copy of the Legislation/Policy that support your answer;
- (iv) do private security companies need to apply for permission to erect and install the security cameras at stop/road Intersections;
- (v) if yes to question (i), please provide the relevant authority they need to apply to for permission;
- (vi) please provide the procedure to be followed when applying to the relevant authority;
- (vii) does SAPS have access to these private security cameras;
- (viii) if no to question (vii), please provide the procedures to be followed for SAPS to access these private security cameras; and

- (ix) if yes to question (i), what measures has SAPS taken to stop the erection of private security cameras at stop/road intersections?

5. PS058. Hon. C Bosch (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

As the custodian of all the taxpayer's money in the province, with regards to the following appointments by the Premier regarding the Crime Prevention Wardens, could the MEC indicate:

- (i) how much has been budgeted for each programme/initiative for the 2023/24 financial year;
- (ii) what amount in rands and cents has been budgeted for each programme/initiative;
- (iii) in which department/programme budget have these funds come from for each; and
- (iv) was each programme/initiative budgeted for at the start of the current financial year?

5. PS059. Hon. N du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

With regard to employees who previously worked for the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many former GPL employees are now working for the Department;
- (ii) how many former GPL employees are now working for entities of the Department;
- (iii) please provide a breakdown per entity;
- (iv) how many officials who have resigned from the GPL are now doing business with the Department;
- (v) have any declarations been signed; and
- (vi) is there any regulation preventing former GPL employees from doing business with the Department for a certain period?

5. PS060. Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

Appointment of a service provider to provide training and accommodation facilities for the crime prevention wardens. Tender number GT/GDCS/060/2023, could the MEC please provide:

- (i) please provide a copy of the advert for mentioned tender as the link provided to access the advert is not responding;
- (ii) please explain the need for this tender for training and accommodation of crime prevention wardens after an amount of R350m was already awarded to Solan Accountants for 4 months for the training and accommodation of the crime prevention wardens;
- (iii) please explain why no details of a briefing session is available for the bidders on this tender as advertised on the Open Tender system;
- (iv) please indicate the total R-value of this advertised tender; and
- (v) please indicate how many crime prevention wardens still needs to be trained still?

5. PS061. Hon. C Bosch (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for Quarter 4 2022/23 and Quarter 1 2023/24, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

MEC FOR FINANCE:

5.FN020 Hon. P Atkinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Finance:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for **Quarter 4 2022/23** and **Quarter 1 2023/24**, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

MEC FOR HEALTH:

◆◆ 5. HL084. Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:

With regard to the MEC's recent trip to China, will the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) what was the motivation for the trip;
- (ii) who was on the trip and what was the motivation for them to be on it in each case;
- (iii) what is a breakdown of the costs for this trip in each category in rands and cents, as well as the total cost, in rands and cents;
- (iv) what was the itinerary for the trip;
- (v) from which budget item was the money taken for this trip;
- (vi) what was the motivation for a whole day of sightseeing in Beijing;
- (vii) what was learnt on this trip that could not be achieved through desktop research;
- (viii) what are the details of all overseas trips done by previous Health MECs since January 2018 (please give details of the country visited, the number of days and the motivation for these trips in each case); and
- (ix) what was the cost in rands and cents of each of the trips in question (viii) above?

MEC FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:

5.HS035

Hon. F P Nel (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:

With regard to employees who previously worked for the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many former GPL employees are now working for the Department;
- (ii) how many former GPL employees are now working for entities of the Department;
- (iii) please provide a breakdown per entity;
- (iv) how many officials who have resigned from the GPL are now doing business with the Department;
- (v) have any declarations been signed; and
- (vi) is there any regulation preventing former GPL employees from doing business with the Department for a certain period?

5.HS036

Hon. E du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for Quarter 4 2022/23 and Quarter 1 2023/24, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

MEC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:

5.INF029

Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

With regard to the tender awarded to the Ngwato and Manzi Group as well as Modipadi Nokaneng for fire extinguishing, can the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) what was the Rand value awarded for the tender;
- (ii) what does the 'Maintenance Term Contract Panel of Service Providers for a Period of 36 Months Fire Detection and Suppression' entail; and
- (iii) can the MEC give guidance on what criteria formed the basis of the awarding of the tender to these companies?

5.INF037

Hon. A Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for Quarter 4 2022/23 and Quarter 1 2023/24, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;

- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

5.INF038

Hon. S J P Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

With regard to Barcelona Primary school infrastructure project, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is delaying the construction of Barcelona Primary School with brick and mortar structure;
- (ii) which companies have been appointed regarding the construction of the school to date;
- (iii) how much in rands and cents has been spent to date (please give breakdown for each company and the work done to date);
- (iv) there are claims that the land where the school is located, there are land disputes (please give details on this);
- (v) if yes to question (vi), why is the department spending money before resolving the land dispute matter; and
- (vi) when will the department start with the construction?

5.INF039

Hon. N Ramulifho (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

With regard to Semphato Secondary school, will the MEC please indicate;

- (i) why is the project is on hold;
- (ii) what has the department done since March 2023 to date to ensure that the work continues;
- (iii) how much money has been spent to date to pay the service providers;
- (iv) which service provider is responsible for delivering this project (please indicate the total budget, scope and time frame);
- (v) what are the reasons causing delays or service providers abandoning school infrastructure projects;
- (vi) why are there ongoing cases of this nature in the following schools Rustervaal; Nancefield; Mayibuye; Hillcrest; etc
- (vii) why does this trend occur mostly after the department has already spent more than 60% of the allocated budget;
- (viii) what is the consequence management for both the department officials and service providers involved in failing to deliver these projects on time and within budget;
- (ix) please list all officials and service providers involved in this project; and
- (x) please list officials and service providers who faced consequence management and the nature of the consequences to date?

MEC FOR CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT:

♦♦ 5. COGTA075. **Hon. W Peach (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:**

Further to COGTA057, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) has the municipality used service providers in the last 5 years to provide the following services:
 1. Fixing of Water leaks

2. Fixing of Potholes
 3. Unblocking of manholes
 4. Fixing of sewer leaks
 5. Finding and fixing electrical faults
- (ii) in addition to question (i) Has the municipality used service providers in the last 5 years to provide the following services:
1. Refuse removal
 2. Road markings
 3. Clearing of dump sites
- (iii) if yes to (i), how much has the municipality spent in the last 5 years each of the mentioned functions;
- (iv) who were the service providers that were used by the municipality;
- (v) how much was paid to each service provider; and
- (vi) if the municipality did not use services, please indicate how did they perform these functions?

5. COGTA079. Hon. W Peach (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

With regard to the land that has been sold by the Emfuleni municipality in the last 3 financial years could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) did the municipality dispose or sell land;
- (ii) where is this land located;
- (iii) how much in rands and cents was the land sold for;
- (iv) who did the municipality sell the land to;
- (v) what was the value of the land in rands and cents;
- (vi) did the municipality follow all the correct procurement processes when selling land;
- (vii) how many bids were received by the municipality; and
- (viii) please provide the details of all the bids?

5. COGTA083. Hon. M H Cirotta (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for **Quarter 4 2022/23** and **Quarter 1 2023/24**, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

5. COGTA084. Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

With regard to the annual ladies' soccer tournament hosted by Emfuleni local, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how much in rands and cents did the municipality spend on this tournament in the past two financial years;
- (ii) how much in rands and cents was spent for each financial year;

- (iii) how many teams participated in each financial year;
- (iv) what prizes were given to teams for each year;
- (v) did the municipality receive donations or sponsorships;
- (vi) if yes to (v), what kind of donations or sponsorship did the municipal received for each year;
- (vii) did the municipality purchase trophies/medals or were they donated for each year;
- (viii) if they purchased, please provide details of the purchase; and
- (ix) how much in rands and cents did the municipality pay for these medals/trophies?

MEC FOR E-GOVERNMENT:

5. E-GOV010.

Hon. P Atkinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for e-Government:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for **Quarter 4 2022/23** and **Quarter 1 2023/24**, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

MEC FOR ROADS AND TRANSPORT:

5. TR040.

Hon. F P Nel (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Transport and Logistics:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for **Quarter 4 2022/23** and **Quarter 1 2023/24**, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

5. TR041.

Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Transport and Logistics:

With regard to R24 Albertina Sisulu Highway, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) when will the broken lights on the R24 Albertina Sisulu Highway be repaired;
- (ii) when will the broken fencing along R24 border of Edenvale be repaired;

- (iii) when will the installation of Armco barriers along the R24 be completed;
- (iv) residents in Edenvale have become vulnerable to criminal elements due to the broken fence along the R24. When will the broken fencing along the section of R24 from Van Riebeeck to Cunningham be repaired; and
- (v) are you aware of cable theft and where it is taking place;
- (vi) has a specialized cable theft unit been initiated; and
- (viii) if so how many arrests have been made in the past 12 months?

MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

5.SD058

Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

Further to 5.SD048. with each of the 172 Gauteng NPOs that are losing funding and the R258 million that is unallocated, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) from each of the 172 NPOs, which NPOs are absorbing their beneficiaries to ensure that there is no interruption in services rendered;
- (ii) as NPOs are absorbing beneficiaries from non-compliant NPOs, is the funding also being increased for the absorbing NPOs?
- (iii) if it is not from the R258 million, where is the additional funding coming from;
- (iv) which other mechanism has been used to absorb beneficiaries to ensure there is a continuation of services;
- (v) as NPOs are absorbing beneficiaries from non-compliant NPOs, are staff/employees also being transferred to the absorbing NPOs;
- (vi) if yes, how many staff/employees have been affected by this process;
- (vii) of these, how many are social workers, auxiliary social workers, caregivers, and other skills that were contributing to the function of NPOs;
- (viii) of the unallocated R258 million, how much in rands and cents has been reallocated to this process;
- (ix) please provide a breakdown of how much has been allocated to each of the absorbing NPOs; and
- (x) how many beneficiaries have stopped accessing services because the absorbing NPO has become inaccessible?

5.SD059

Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

Recently as part of the "Nasi Ispani" – the Gauteng Department of Social Development advertised for "76 Service Delivery Brigade Supervisors" at R6000 stipend for 12 months, "529 team leaders at R5000", and "5380 Service Delivery Brigades". With that in mind, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) in order for the department to hire 5985 people, what problem was identified that they are hoping to address;
- (ii) where are these jobs budgeted for (under which programme or sub-programme of the Gauteng Department of Social Development);
- (iii) which wards will be targeted for profiling (please outline municipality and ward numbers);

- (iv) what is the total salary bill (in rands and cents) for these employees for the year;
- (v) why is the program only running for 12 months;
- (vi) what will happen to these 5885 people after 12 months of the program;
- (vii) to whom (name, surname and directorate) in the department will this team be reporting to;
- (viii) under which program/ sub-program will this team be reporting to?
- (ix) where will the team leaders and supervisors be based (please provide addresses); and
- (x) after the information is collected, how will the department use the data?

5.SD060**Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:**

Further to the responses to 5.PR031:

- (i) in response 2, the Premier states that “the report from the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) is still the subject of the upcoming disciplinary hearing”. Was this not a consideration when Ms Matilda Gasela applied to be the HOD for Gauteng Social Development;
- (ii) in response 3, the Premier stated that the case would be handed over to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for consideration and further processing: With this kind of statement, how was the candidate considered to be fit for office;
- (iii) after considering the responses to 5.PR031, why was the position of HOD for GDSD not advertised;
- (iv) in Question 1 of 5.PR031, the Premier states that the HOD was being investigated for the “supply chain management process”. Noting that GDSD is struggling with supply chain management, especially with regards to meeting targets for dignity packs and school uniforms and also deals with transfers to NPOs – was there further consideration of the size and scope of work done by the GDSD and do the Premier and MEC still believe Ms Gasela to be a suitable HOD; and
- (v) looking at all the staff that were reporting directly to the previous HOD, were none of them suitable for promotion?

5.SD061**Hon. A Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:**

With regard to employees who previously worked for the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many former GPL employees are now working for the Department;
- (ii) how many former GPL employees are now working for entities of the Department;
- (iii) please provide a breakdown per entity;
- (iv) how many officials who have resigned from the GPL are now doing business with the Department;
- (v) have any declarations been signed; and
- (vi) is there any regulation preventing former GPL employees from doing business with the Department for a certain period?

5.SD062

Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for Quarter 4 2022/23 and Quarter 1 2023/24, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents; and
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

MEC FOR AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT:

5.ARD&ENV043

Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment:

With regard to the cancellation of tender referenced:

GT/GDARDE/018/2023, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) why was the tender for the supply, delivery, and installation of agro-processing machineries and equipment in Gauteng Province cancelled;
- (ii) when was the decision to cancel the tender made including the reasons for this cancellation;
- (iii) were there any specific issues or concerns raised during the evaluation of the bids that led to the cancellation of the tender;
- (iv) what impact does the cancellation of this tender have on the agriculture and rural development projects or initiatives in Gauteng Province;
- (v) will there be a re-evaluation of the procurement process, or is the department planning to reissue the tender in the future;
- (vi) are there alternative plans in place to ensure that necessary agro-processing machinery and equipment are still acquired to support agricultural development in the province; and
- (vii) can you provide a timeline or any specific details regarding the next steps the department will take to address the need for agro-processing machinery and equipment in Gauteng Province?

5.ARD&ENV044

Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment:

As the custodian of all the taxpayer's money in the province, with regard to the following appointments by the Premier regarding the Cleaning and Greening Expanded Public Works Programme, could the MEC indicate:

- (i) how much has been budgeted for each programme/initiative for the 2023/24 financial year;
- (ii) what amount in Rands and cents has been budgeted for each programme/initiative;
- (iii) in which department/programme budget have these funds come from for each; and
- (iv) was each programme/initiative budgeted for at the start of the current financial year?

5.ARD&ENV045

Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment:

With regard to employees who previously worked for the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many former GPL employees are now working for the Department;
- (ii) how many former GPL employees are now working for entities of the Department;
- (iii) please provide a breakdown per entity;
- (iv) how many officials who have resigned from the GPL are now doing business with the Department;
- (v) have any declarations been signed; and
- (vi) is there any regulation preventing former GPL employees from doing business with the Department for a certain period?

5.ARD&ENV046

Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for **Quarter 4 2022/23** and **Quarter 1 2023/24**, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION:

5.SP044

Hon. W Peach (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation:

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for Quarter 4 2022/23 and Quarter 1 2023/24, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;
- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

5.SP045

Hon. W Peach (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation:

With regard to employees who previously worked for the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many former GPL employees are now working for the Department;

- (ii) how many former GPL employees are now working for entities of the Department;
- (iii) please provide a breakdown per entity;
- (iv) how many officials who have resigned from the GPL are now doing business with the Department;
- (v) have any declarations been signed; and
- (vi) is there any regulation preventing former GPL employees from doing business with the Department for a certain period?

5.SP046

Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation:

With regard to the closure of Johannesburg central library, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) why is the library currently closed;
- (ii) when will the library be reopened;
- (iii) can the department please provide the reasons for closure;
- (iv) if there are repairs been done, what kind of repairs are these;
- (v) when did they start, include the time frames;
- (vi) how much in rands and cents will it will cost the department;
- (vii) which service providers have been appointed to do the repairs;
- (viii) how much in rands and cents has been paid to these service providers to date; and
- (viii) how much in rands and cents has the department spent on restorations and alterations over the past three financial years?

5.SP047

Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation:

With regard to the 8th annual celebration of Madiba as a boxer, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what was the budget for this event;
- (ii) how much did the department spend on the event;
- (iii) who is the service provider that was appointed;
- (iv) how many service providers submitted bids to host this event;
- (v) please provide details of each bid submitted;
- (vi) please provide proof of submission for each bid; and
- (vii) what was the closing date for submission?

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (i.t.o Rule 136) (□□ Indicates New Questions for the Current Week)

[♦♦ Oral Questions converted to Written Questions by Resolution of the House]

[** Request for extension of time (i.t.o Rule137(2))]

PREMIER:

** 5. PR039.

Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Premier:

Further to the reply to Question 5.PR030, will the Premier please indicate:

- (i) why did the forensic investigation HEA4/FOR/1415033 into allegations of fraudulent activity take so long to be concluded as the case was first received on 2 July 2014 and finalised on 15 November 2021;
- (ii) who did this investigation, and what did it cost in rands and cents;
- (iii) what was the mandate/terms of reference given for this investigation, including the department concerned;
- (iv) what were the findings and the recommendations of this investigation;

- (v) what action was taken based on this investigation;
- (vi) why did forensic investigations 300000000331, 300000000183, 200000000203, 400000000092 and 400000000161 Part C take so long to conclude (please give reasons for each case separately);
- (vii) who did the investigations in (vi) above, and what did it cost for each investigation? (please give for each case separately)
- (viii) what were the mandate/terms of reference for each investigation in (vi) above, including the department concerned? (please give for each case separately)
- (ix) what were the findings and recommendations for each investigation in (vi) above? (please give for each case separately); and
- (x) what action was taken based on the findings and recommendations for each investigation in (vi) above?

** 5. PR040.

Hon. S T Msimanga (DA) to ask the Premier:

As the custodian of all the taxpayer's money in the province, with regard to the following appointments by the Premier regarding the Nasi Ispani Initiative, could the Premier indicate:

- (i) how much has been budgeted for each programme/initiative for the 2023/24 financial year;
- (ii) what amount in Rands and cents has been budgeted for each programme/initiative;
- (iii) in which department/programme budget have these funds come from for each; and
- (iv) was each programme/initiative budgeted for at the start of the current financial year?

** 5. PR043.

Hon. S J P Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Premier:

As the custodian of all the taxpayer's money in the province, with regard to the following appointments by the Premier regarding the Training for data capturers, could the Premier indicate:

- (i) how much has been budgeted for each programme/initiative for the 2023/24 financial year;
- (ii) what amount in rands and cents has been budgeted for each programme/initiative;
- (iii) in which department/programme budget have these funds come from for each; and
- (iv) was each programme/initiative budgeted for at the start of the current financial year?

** 5. PR046.

Hon. S T Msimanga (DA) to ask the Premier:

Regarding the emergence of reports that Crime Prevention Wardens (CPW) are conducting illegal search and seizures, physically assaulting residents, and acting in contravention of the law (article attached). Would the Premier please indicate:

- (i) what exactly do Crime Prevention Wardens do;
- (ii) under which law do they operate;
- (iii) did wardens receive training on potential abuse of power;
- (iv) can CPWs without the assistance of police randomly search and/or seize people's properties;
- (v) are CPWs held accountable for their rogue and criminal conduct;
- (vi) if not, why not;

- (vii) if yes, how (please provide legislation);
- (viii) please provide interventions in place to ensure that CPWs do not abuse their powers while executing their duties;
- (ix) who will be held responsible for the lawsuits that follow their illegal operations; and
- (x) what channels are available for legal recourse for affected members of society?

□□ 5. PR047. WITHDRAWN

MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY:

5. PS062. **Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:**

With regard to the 2022/23 annual report findings, the department failed to achieve targets on the percentage reduction in irregular expenditure. The department achieved 41% instead of 50%. The department claimed that only R32.4 million was condoned due to investigations that are still ongoing. In light of this, will the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) what specific actions or measures did the department take to address irregular expenditure during the reporting period;
- (ii) why did these measures fall short of achieving the 50% reduction goal;
- (iii) given the failure to achieve the 50% reduction target, what strategies and timelines are in place to ensure that future targets related to irregular expenditure are met;
- (iv) are there any systemic issues or challenges within the department that contributed to the ongoing irregular expenditure;
- (v) if so, what steps are being taken to address these issues; and
- (vi) could the department elaborate on the investigations that are still ongoing?

5. PS063. **Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:**

With regard to the fire at the Bank of Lisbon building in inner city Johannesburg on 5 September 2018, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what police investigations have been done concerning this fire;
- (ii) when were these investigations concluded;
- (iii) what were the findings and recommendations of the investigation reports;
- (iv) what accounts for any delay in concluding a police investigation into this fire;
- (v) who is accountable for initiating and concluding this report;
- (vi) how is it possible that there is no police report concerning this fire five years after it occurred;
- (vii) when is it anticipated this report will be concluded;
- (viii) will reports in this matter be made public;
- (ix) if not, why not; and
- (x) what action is being taken to ensure that a full police report concerning this matter is completed and made public?

- 5. PS064. Hon. J J Hoffman (VF-Plus) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:**
As per DefenceWeb article on 1 February 2023: "Policeman among six arrest for hijacking" (<https://www.defenceweb.co.za/security/civil-security/policeman-among-six-arrest-for-hijacking/>)
Can the MEC indicate:
- (i) how many Gauteng SAPS and Metro police officials have been found guilty for partaking in high jackings; and
 - (ii) how many of the above-mentioned officials were on duty during these high jackings?

- 5. PS065. Hon. J J Hoffman (VF-Plus) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:**
As per As per BusinessTech article on 4 August 2023: "Over 1,000 murders in South Africa were committed using police guns" (<https://businesstech.co.za/news/government/709214/over-1000-murders-in-south-africa-were-committed-using-police-guns/>)
Can the MEC indicate:
- (i) how many SAPS and Metro firearms have been found that was used in Gauteng related crimes since the start of 2022/2023;
 - (ii) how many saps and metro firearms have been stolen or lost in Gauteng since the start of 2022/2023; and
 - (iii) how many Gauteng saps and metro officers have successfully been charged/prosecuted for firearm negligence?

- **5. PS066. Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:**
With regard to the police investigation into the murder of Babita Deokaran on 23 August 2021, will the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what information was taken from her laptop and cellphone;
 - (ii) if no information was taken, why was this the case;
 - (iii) what is the normal practice concerning the retrieval of information from laptops and cellphones that could assist in investigations;
 - (iv) which person was responsible for ensuring that relevant information was taken from her laptop and cellphone (please give name and position);
 - (v) what is the present position of this person;
 - (vi) why has this person not been disciplined for negligence in this matter;
 - (vii) what is the latest situation with regard to the investigation in this case;
 - (viii) what accounts for any deficiencies in the investigation of this case;
 - (ix) why has the most valuable information relating to this case come from independent journalists who analysed he laptop and cellphone; and
 - (x) what steps are being taken to ensure that all leads are properly investigated in this case?

MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- 5. ECD047. Hon. A Randall (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development:**
With regard to the Ga-Rankuwa Hotel School project it is scheduled to be finalised by September 2023, would the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what is the current state of the building;

- (ii) to date, how much has been spent on the Ga-Rankuwa Hotel School project;
- (iii) how much was the initial amount budgeted for this project including the amount that it has decreased or increased by;
- (iv) what has been the cause of this increase in budget;
- (v) which projects remain outstanding to date. Please provide reasons why;
- (vi) has the process of transferring the School to Gauteng Tourism Authority been concluded;
- (vii) if not, what have been the challenges to concluding this process;
- (viii) from previous responses, R2.3 million was allocated for operational costs such as rates and taxes, and other administrative needs. Please provide a breakdown of this amount;
- (ix) how much has the Ga-Rankuwa Hotel School made in collected revenue for the past three (3) financial years; and
- (x) please provide a breakdown of the number of training opportunities and jobs created at the School in the past three (3) years?

5. ECD048. Hon. A Randall (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development:

With regard to the World Rowing Masters Regatta (WRMR) to take place on the 21-24 September 2023, could the MEC indicate:

- (i) can the MEC please explain to what extent the Dinokeng Projects entity will be involved in the WRMR 2023 at Roodeplaat Dam, in as far as marketing is concerned;
- (ii) if a marketing plan exists for this specific international event please provide a copy;
- (iii) please indicate the budget allocated for marketing Dinokeng Tourism at the WRMR 2023;
- (iv) please indicate who was in charge of the implementation of the marketing plan;
- (v) how many jobs were created for the local communities, particularly the informal settlements surrounding the Rondeplaat Dam and Kameeldrift (plot 174 and plot 175);
- (vi) which other departments or entities are involved in this event;
- (vii) did these departments or entities provide any financial support;
- (viii) if yes, please provide a breakdown of the following:
 - Amounts contributed,
 - Where contribution came from, and
 - What the funds were used for?
- (ix) will Dinokeng Projects have marketing material, e.g. Branded marquee, banners, promotional items, etc; and
- (x) what is the average number of booking for accommodation in the Dinokeng Reserve received to date from international athletes and their families (please indicate the average days they will be staying and the average rate per day)?

MEC FOR EDUCATION:

5.ED094

Hon. N Ramulifho (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

With regard to learners from Wallmannsthal in Tshwane, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) is the department aware that learners commute for more than 46km to schools in Soshanguve;
- (ii) is the department aware that buses take about two hours on the road to schools and another two hours from schools daily;
- (iii) if so, what is the department doing to ensure that foundation phase learners like grade 1 aren't subjected to almost 4 hours commuting;
- (iv) are there any plans to build schools in Wallmannsthal area,
- (v) if so please provide details (when and the scope of the project);
- (vi) if not, is scholar transport the only solution from the department;
- (vii) why are primary and secondary learners using the same transport;
- (viii) how many scholar transports are operating in the area; and
- (ix) what is the current budget in rands and cents?

5.ED095

Hon. N Ramulifho (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

With regard to Eldorado Park Secondary School, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) can you provide an update on the current status of the missing financial audit report for Eldorado Park Secondary School that was submitted to GDE in April 2023;
- (ii) what specific efforts have been made by GDE to locate the missing audit report, and has any progress been made in this regard;
- (iii) given the allegations of financial mismanagement between 2018 and 2022 financial years by the previous school leadership, Marlon Louw and Mrs Davis, will the department facilitate repeat financial audits covering these years;
- (iv) what steps is the department taking to investigate and hold accountable any individuals responsible for the disappearance of funds during the tenure of the previous school leadership, namely, Marlon Louw and Mrs. Davids;
- (v) can you provide information on the financial impact of the missing audit report and the alleged financial irregularities on the school's operations and resources;
- (vi) is there a projected timeline for resolving the financial concerns and conducting the requested repeat audit, considering the urgency of the matter; and
- (vii) what mechanisms are in place or planned to ensure transparency in financial reporting and oversight at Eldorado Park Secondary School moving forward?

5.ED096

Hon. N du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

Further to 5.ED087, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what procedures and protocols are in place when employees leave the department, especially those with access to proprietary information;

- (ii) does the department require departing employees to sign non-disclosure agreements especially those with access to proprietary information;
- (iii) if yes, have all departing employees signed non-disclosure agreements, and are these agreements regularly reviewed and updated to ensure they cover all pertinent proprietary information;
- (iv) if no, why not;
- (v) how is access to proprietary systems and data restricted once an employee departs, and how do you monitor and manage this access;
- (vi) what measures are in place to monitor the use of proprietary information, especially after an employee leaves; and
- (vii) how often are audits conducted to detect irregularities?

□□ **5.ED097**

Hon. N Ramulifho (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

With regard to independent schools operating illegally in the province, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many schools known by the department are operating illegally in the province;
- (ii) has the department established why there are so many schools operating illegally;
- (iii) is the process to register complicated;
- (iv) if not, why do they continue to operate without permission;
- (v) how many schools have been closed in the past two years because they were operating illegally;
- (vi) in ward 115, there are more than 13 schools operating from private homes, how many schools has the department closed of these schools (please list the school);
- (vii) when will the department protect the interests of both parents and learners who believe those schools to be operating legally; and
- (viii) are there any plans to build schools in Johannesburg ward 115 or around the Fourways area (please provide details)?

□□ **5.ED098**

Hon. S J P Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

In terms of forensic investigations and/or investigations into alleged financial irregularities, financial misconduct, and fraud highlighted in the 2022/23 Annual Report, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) has any action been taken against the identified officials;
- (ii) how many investigations into alleged financial irregularities, financial misconduct and fraud have taken place at various districts and schools;
- (iii) how many are ongoing;
- (iv) how many have been completed; and
- (v) what actions have been taken against those found guilty?

- **5.ED099** **Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
Regarding the ECD in Randwest City, Prototype ext 4 Mohlakeng, could the MEC please indicate:
- (i) how many children are currently attending the ECD;
 - (ii) how many staff members are employed at the ECD;
 - (iii) why do the current employees not have contracts;
 - (iv) staff say they have not been paid in two months, what is the reason for this and when will they be paid; and
 - (v) who is responsible for ordering food, and why is there a current lack of food at the ECD?

MEC FOR FINANCE:

none

MEC FOR HEALTH:

- ** **5. HL0100.** **Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:**
With regard to the MEC's official vehicles, will the MEC please indicate the following:
- (i) what does the Ministerial Handbook and or any other regulation prescribe in this matter;
 - (ii) what is the make, year purchased, and cost price, in rands and cents, of these official vehicles (please give separately for the vehicle or vehicles);
 - (iii) in each case in question (i) above, what was the justification for the purchase and what was the mileage and condition of the vehicle that it replaced;
 - (iv) in the case of any deviation from what is prescribed in question I) above, what is the justification for this;
 - (v) what was the total cost, in rands and cents, for maintenance and/or repair of the MEC's official vehicles in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively (please give separately for each year);
 - (vi) which company did the maintenance and/or repair;
 - (vii) what accounts for any increases in this regard;
 - (viii) whether any of the MEC's official vehicles were involved in an accident since 2018; and
 - (ix) if so, what are the details and who was driving?
- ** **5. HL0101.** **Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:**
With regard to contracts awarded by the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what process is followed in awarding contracts by the hospital;
 - (ii) what contracts have been awarded to Nkgodisheng Logistics and General Dealer since January 2017;
 - (iii) in the case of each contract in (ii) above, why was this company awarded the contract ahead of other companies;
 - (iv) in the case of each contract in (ii) above, what was the date awarded, what were the products supplied, and how was the

value of each contract in rands and cents (please give separately for each contract);

- (v) what was the role of Ms Winnie Thema, the Deputy Director Procurement in awarding any of these contracts; and
- (vi) was this company tax compliant and registered with the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) at all times when it got these contracts;
- (vii) if not, why were contracts awarded to them;
- (viii) is the hospital management aware that Ms Winnie Thema is the half sister (same mother) of Ms Matshabanatso Precious Malemela, who is the sole director of Nkgodisheng Logistics and General Dealer; and
- (ix) what action will be taken concerning any irregularities in this matter?

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5. HL0102. Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:

With regard to Sterkfontein Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many staff are usually on duty over weekends;
- (ii) how many staff are usually over duty on the last weekend of the month;
- (iii) what impact does this have on the care and safety of patients over weekends;
- (iv) what risk factors are there with very few staff over the weekend at a mental hospital;
- (v) will there be a review of staff arrangements over weekends in view of care and safety risks;
- (vi) if not, why not;
- (vii) what has been the functionality of the telephone switchboard at the hospital since 1 January this year, including the dates when it has not been working;
- (viii) why has the switchboard not been working and what will be done to fix it; and
- (ix) what alternative arrangements have been made to ensure that relatives can contact the hospital?

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5. HL0103. Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:

With regard to contracts awarded by South Rand Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what contracts have been awarded by this hospital since 1 January last year;
- (ii) in the case of each contract in 1) above, what is the name of the company that was awarded the contract, what date was it awarded, what product or service was provided, and how much in rands and cents was the value of the contract;
- (iii) in each case, what process was followed in awarding the contract;
- (iv) in each case above, who was responsible and who signed off the award of the contract (please give separately in each instance);
- (v) which of the companies that got contracts are not registered with SAHPRA and should therefore have been disqualified;
- (vi) what irregularities have been identified in any of the contracts; and

- (vii) what steps will be taken to ensure accountability in this matter, including disciplinary measures and criminal charges?

**** 5. HL0104. Hon. S J P Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:**

With regards to employees who previously worked for the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many former GPL employees are now working for the Department;
- (ii) how many former GPL employees are now working for entities of the Department;
- (iii) please provide a breakdown per entity;
- (iv) how many officials who have resigned from the GPL are now doing business with the Department;
- (v) have any declarations been signed; and
- (vi) is there any regulation preventing former GPL employees from doing business with the Department for a certain period?

**** 5. HL0105. Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:**

With regard to the Kopanong Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) when was the Acting CEO appointed;
- (ii) what was the process followed in making this appointment;
- (iii) when will a permanent CEO be appointed;
- (iv) what contracts have been awarded by this hospital since 1 January last year;
- (v) in the case of each contract in iv) above, what process was followed in awarding the contract, what was the name of the company awarded the contract, and what was the value of the contract in rands and cents;
- (vi) in each case of construction work at the hospital since 1 January last year, what was the scope of work and what input was made in this regard by hospital management;
- (vii) in the case of Ward 1, Ward 2 and the tar road, can proof be provided of their appointment letters and the scope of work;
- (viii) if not, why not;
- (ix) how much has been spent in rands and cents for the Ward 1, Ward 2 and tar road projects respectively; and
- (x) what action will be taken concerning any identified irregularities in (i) to (ix) above?

**** 5. HL0106. Hon. N du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:**

With regard to the tender deviations/expansions for the department for **Quarter 4 2022/23** and **Quarter 1 2023/24**, would the MEC please provide a report indicating the following:

- (i) the suppliers'/service providers' details;
- (ii) the reason for the deviation/expansion;
- (iii) the root causes of the deviation/expansion;
- (iv) the original contract value, in rands and cents;
- (v) the value of contract deviation/expansion, in rands and cents;

- (vi) what impact has the deviation/expansion had on the departmental budget;
- (vii) the contract start date and expiry date: and
- (viii) the mitigating measures (with timeframes) to resolve these?

5. HL0107. Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:

With regard to the autopsy and toxicology reports of Wesley Nel ID no: 8701285139080, case number Sandton 111/02/2023, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what accounts for the delay in completing and releasing these reports; and
- (ii) what steps will be taken to expedite these reports?

5. HL0108. Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:

With regard to Advocate Lebeloane Mpelegeng, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what position does Advocate Lebeloane Mpelegeng currently hold in the department;
- (ii) from what date has she been at home and not in the office;
- (iii) why was she told to stay at home and not do her job;
- (iv) what was the result of the Public Service Commission report into her appointment;
- (v) what has been done concerning the PSC findings;
- (vi) if not, why not;
- (vii) how much in rands and cents has she been paid since the date in (ii) above;
- (viii) if she is not in the office doing her designated job, what arrangements have been made to ensure that the functions she is supposed to be going are still carried out;
- (ix) what accounts for any delays in resolving this matter; and
- (x) what will be done to ensure that this matter is resolved in good time?

5. HL0109. Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:

With regard to Case no: 2014/10809 concerning the matter between Tswina Simangele obo Rethabile Rakauoane and the MEC for Health, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the present situation with this case;
- (ii) what money has already been paid over and on what date did this occur;
- (iii) what accounts for any delays in resolving this case;
- (iv) is it possible for this case to go to mediation if the plaintiff so requests it;
- (v) is this case considered suitable for mediation even at this stage;
- (vi) if not, why not;
- (vii) who is the contact person in the department and their contact details concerning mediation requests; and
- (viii) when it is expected that this case will be resolved in court?

5. HL0110. Hon. A Randall (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health:

With regard to contracts awarded to Fairg Holdings, Oneall Distributors, Shiloba Holdings and Meiday Trading and Projects, Mafahla Logistics and Projects, Bitbest Investment, Oneall Distributors, Mafahla Group, Tobetsa Trading, Talita Collection, Freegift Projects, Sentebala99, Malito and Seyakhuza, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what contracts have been awarded to these companies since 1 January 2020, including the date awarded, the product or service, the hospital or facility concerned, and the value of the contract in rands and cents (please give separately in rands and cents);
- (ii) in each case in 1) above, what process was followed in awarding the contract;
- (iii) in each case in 1) above, who was responsible and who signed off the award of the contract (please give separately in each instance);
- (iv) is the MEC aware that according to this amaBhungane investigation (see <https://amabhungane.org/stories/tembisa-hospital-to-masakhane-how-gauteng-healths-procurement-failures-cleared-the-way-for-a-bid-rigging-businessman/>), these companies are all linked to Mr Paul Mojalefa Mokoena, who has been linked to irregular contracts at Tembisa Hospital;
- (v) which of these companies are not registered with SAHPRA and therefore should not have been eligible for contracts;
- (vi) what irregularities have been detected in the award of any of the contracts above (please identify the cases separately);
- (vii) what steps will be taken to red flag or blacklist these companies in future;
- (viii) if not, why not; and
- (ix) what steps will be taken to ensure accountability in this matter, including disciplinary action and criminal charges?

MEC FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:

** 5.HS026

Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:

With regard to community members who were removed in 2012 from Zone 6 in Sebokeng to Evaton temporary relocation village centre in buffalo road to make space for a mall that was going to be built as part of the Evaton Renewal Project, will the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) how many families were moved from Zone 6 Sebokeng to the temporary relocation village;
- (ii) why are there still at the temporary relocation after they were told they would place them there for 6 months;
- (iii) why has it taken the department 11 years to issue them with houses;
- (iv) when will the department be issuing them with houses; and
- (v) does the department still have the database of all families that were moved to the relocation village; and
- (vi) if yes to question(v), can the MEC please provide me with the list of all families moved to that relocation village?

**** 5.HS027 Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:**

With regard to the project of a mall that's being built in Zone 6 Sebokeng as part of the Evaton Renewal Project, could the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) when did this project start;
- (ii) was MIH project management the only contractor was appointed for this project;
- (iii) if no to (ii), What are names of other contractors;
- (iv) what is the budget for this project;
- (v) how much has been paid to MIH project management and other contractors to date if there are any;
- (vi) what is the current status of this project; and
- (vii) when will this project be completed?

MEC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:

**** 5.INF030 Hon. A Randall (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

Further to 5. ED059, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) as the total amount reflected is an amount deserving of a Tender Process, was the tender procedurally published and tender processes accordingly applied to determine the best bidder as it is mentioned or was the winner just selected and confirmed herein that the service provider has already been appointed;
- (ii) what are all the specifications of the materials that will be used in the building of these reported temporal classes;
- (iii) how long is this structure intended to be temporal;
- (iv) what is the time frame of the building processes for completion;
- (v) how long is the structure's durability;
- (vi) who is the appointed contractor;
- (vii) what were/are the Terms of Reference for the procurement processes which is said to have already awarded the Tender;
- (viii) who is the company that has successfully tendered and succeeded;
- (ix) who were the other bidders; and
- (x) how is this project of building the classrooms, alleviating our local Youth Unemployment as it is a work opportunity within the Amandasig neighbourhood and traditionally so, the local Youths or unemployed work seekers, must at least be considered to put bread on the table for their families?

**** 5.INF031 Hon. A Randall (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

Further to 5.INF078 and 079 dated 04/11/2021 (please see the attachments) related to property 28/R Parallel site, Amandasig School Brits Road, Hartebeeshoek 303 JR, can the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) was the vesting process for property 28/R Parallel site finalised in October 2021, as previously stated;
- (ii) if not, why not;
- (iii) could you please provide the current status and any relevant updates on the vesting process;

- (iv) what is the current total number of Lesotho Nationals residing on this property;
- (v) how has the City of Tshwane (CoT) assisted in security operations on this property? Please provide specific dates and details of the outcomes of these operations;
- (vi) is the Pastor still running a church on the property, and if so, under what circumstances has he been allowed to stay without a lease agreement;
- (vii) if a new lease agreement has been established, could you please provide a copy of the agreement for reference;
- (viii) are there any ongoing or planned development projects or improvements for the property? If yes, please provide details and timelines;
 - (i) has there been any recent engagement with the local community or residents regarding the property? If so, please outline the nature and outcomes of these engagements; and
- (x) are there any pending legal matters or disputes related to the property? If yes, could you provide an overview of these issues and the current status of resolution?

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5.INF032**Hon. A Randall (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

Further to INF024 on schools' projects, could the MEC indicate:

- (i) in terms of Barcelona Primary School, which contractor received R6 192 223,27 for a project still at procurement phase that is experiencing delays as a result of land transfer;
- (ii) Vereeniging Gymnasium's status is listed as at procurement documentation yet expenditure amounting to R8 923 226,25 has been incurred is. Please provide breakdown of how this money was spent;
- (iii) Vereeniging Gymnasium states an additional expenditure of R6 390 702.01 above the initial amount previously stated of 2 535 524.24. Can the department provide a breakdown of how the money was spent; and
- (iv) Thabaneng Primary School had "restorative repairs" amounting to R17 244 855,24. Please provide a list of what these repairs entailed and the cost thereof?

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5.INF033**Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

With regard to the new Johannesburg Pathology Services building at the Helen Joseph Hospital site, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the current completion status of this project;
- (ii) what remains to be done on this project;
- (iii) what is the expected date for full completion of this project so that the Gauteng Health Department can move in and make it functional;
- (iv) what accounts for any delays in completing this project;
- (v) why was Maziya chosen for this project instead of other more competent companies with a proven record in this field;
- (vi) how much has been paid in total to Maziya in rands and cents;

- (vii) why have consultants and subcontractors not been paid to do necessary work to complete this project;
- (viii) how much retention money in rands and cents has been paid to Maziya;
- (ix) why was retention money paid to Maziya when they have not completed the project; and
- (x) why was Maziya's contract not terminated after there were reports that recommended they should be terminated?

**** 5.INF034 Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

With regard to the hosting of Airsoft Games at Kempton Park Hospital, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) why is the Kempton Park Hospital being used for Airsoft games;
- (ii) for how many years have the games been held at the hospital;
- (iii) who organised the Airsoft Games;
- (iv) there was an entrance fee of R250, where do the funds go;
- (v) can the department elaborate on the allegations of an individual within the department providing authorisation for these games and receiving money for it;
- (vi) what potential impact do these Airsoft games have on the abandoned Kempton Park Hospital;
- (vii) are there plans to refurbish the abandoned hospital; and
- (viii) has there ever been any internet from the private sector to acquire the property for development?

**** 5.INF035 Hon. A Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

As the custodian of all the taxpayer's money in the province, with regards to the following appointments by the Premier regarding the Gauteng Infrastructure's Vacant Land and Facilities Maintenance Programme (EPWP), could the MEC indicate:

- (i) how much has been budgeted for each programme/initiative for the 2023/24 financial year;
- (ii) what amount in rands and cents has been budgeted for each programme/initiative;
- (iii) in which department/programme budget have these funds come from for each; and
- (iv) was each programme/initiative budgeted for at the start of the current financial year?

**** 5.INF036 Hon. A Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

With regard to employees who previously worked for the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many former GPL employees are now working for the Department;
- (ii) how many former GPL employees are now working for entities of the Department;
- (iii) Please provide a breakdown per entity;
- (iv) how many officials who have resigned from the GPL are now doing business with the Department;
- (v) have any declarations been signed; and

- (vi) is there any regulation preventing former GPL employees from doing business with the Department for a certain period?

5.INF040

Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

With regard to the fire at Kempton Park Hospital, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) can you provide a comprehensive account of the incident that took place at Kempton Park Hospital on 1st August;
- (ii) what plans and measures does the Department of Infrastructure have in place to ensure the protection of public properties, especially critical facilities like hospitals, from such incidents in the future;
- (iii) please outline the current maintenance plans in place for Kempton Park Hospital;
- (iv) what is the estimated cost of the damages caused by the fire at Kempton Park Hospital;
- (v) could you provide information on how the recovery and restoration process will be funded; and
- (vi) could the department provide total cost in rands and cents for the restoration of the hospital?

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5.INF041

Hon. N Ramulifho (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

With regard to independent schools operating illegally in the province, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many schools known by the department are operating illegally in the province;
- (ii) has the department established why there are so many schools operating illegally;
- (iii) is the process to register complicated;
- (iv) if not, why do they continue to operate without permission;
- (v) how many schools have been closed in the past two years because they were operating illegally;
- (vi) in ward 115, there are more than 13 schools operating from private homes, how many schools has the department closed of these schools (please list the school);
- (vii) when will the department protect the interests of both parents and learners who believe those schools to be operating legally; and
- (viii) are there any plans to build schools in Johannesburg ward 115 or around the Fourways area (please provide details)?

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5.INF042

Hon. N Ramulifho (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

With regard to Thubelihle Secondary school in Jabavu, Soweto will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) when will the abandoned project resume;
- (ii) what is the time frame to complete the project;
- (iii) what are the reasons for abandoning the project;
- (iv) are there any consequences against the service provider for abandoning the project;

- (v) has the same service provider in Rivière received another project from the department after abandoning this one;
- (vi) if so, please share details on where, when including the scope and budget in rands and cents;
- (vii) how much was spent before the project was abandoned;
- (viii) what is the percentage of the amount paid compared to the outstanding budget of the project; and
- (ix) who signed off payment when there was so little done?

**MEC FOR CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS,
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT:**

5. COGTA085. Hon. N du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

With regard to non-functioning street lights on Mount Logan street in Lenasia south, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) can the department provide an update on the status of the street pole lights on Mount Logan Street in Lenasia South, specifically regarding the non-functioning lights;
- (ii) are there records indicating when these lights were last inspected or repaired;
- (iii) if yes to question (ii), please provide details;
- (iv) does the department have a maintenance plan for street pole lights in the City of Johannesburg;
- (v) if so, how does it ensure timely repairs and replacements; and
- (vi) can residents and community members report non-functioning street lights in the city;
- (vii) if so, what is the process for doing so; and
- (viii) what are the timelines of repairing street lights after they have been reported?

5. COGTA086. Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

With regard to 301 Pongolariver rd, Norkem Park, Ward 91, Ekurhuleni which is being used as a car wash:

- (i) is this property zoned for a car wash;
- (ii) has this property applied for a liquor licence;
- (iii) have there been complaints about noise coming from this property;
- (iv) are you aware that Norkem Park residents have complained about this property since it started operating;
- (v) does it adhere to the requirements of the liquor act;
- (vi) if not, what actions have been taken and when (date);
- (vii) does it adhere to required noise levels of residential area;
- (viii) if not, what actions have been taken and when (date);
- (iv) does Norkem Park SAPS have a liquor officer that monitors liquor outlets as required of each police station; and
- (x) if not, why not and who does this duty?

5. COGTA087. Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

With regard to the Region C youth arts festival that is hosted by the City of Joburg could the MEC please indicate, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the purpose of this youth arts festival
- (ii) has the city been supporting this program since;
- (iii) what is the support that is provided by the City of Joburg;
- (iv) how many young people benefited from this program since 2019;
- (v) how much has the City of Joburg spent on this program since 2019;
- (vi) how much has the City of Joburg spent in each financial year on this program since 2019?

5. COGTA088. Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

Further to 4.COGTA003(Oral Question) could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many mobile generators have been procured by Emfuleni municipality;
- (ii) how much did the municipality pay for each generator;
- (iii) what is the capacity of all generators procured by Emfuleni municipality;
- (iv) who are the service providers that were used by the municipality;
- (v) how much was paid to each service provider;
- (vi) what is the total amount spent by the municipality on the generators;
- (vii) how many generators did each service provide supply; and
- (viii) where are these generators stored?

5. COGTA089. Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

With regard to the road construction in Lakeside proper extension 4 (34th&35th) street could the MEC please indicate.

- (i) when did the construction of the road begin;
- (ii) when was it supposed to be completed;
- (iii) what was the budget for the construction of the road;
- (iv) how much has been by the municipality to date;
- (v) who was the service provider that was appointed and how much has been paid to him to date;
- (vi) what is the current status of the project; and
- (vii) is the municipality happy with progress of the project?

□□ **5. COGTA090. Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:**

With regard to Tembisa in Ekurhuleni:

- (i) how many petitions have been received billing issues raised by residents;
- (ii) what are the details of each of the petitions that were submitted;
- (iii) have any of these petitions been closed;
- (iv) if yes, which ones;
- (v) what are the reasons for closing these petitions;

- (vi) how many people from Tembisa are registered as indigents;
- (vii) how many applications were received;
- (viii) how many applications were processed;
- (ix) how many people or households in Tembisa have queried the valuation of their properties; and
- (x) how many of these queries have been addressed?

MEC FOR E-GOVERNMENT:

5. E-GOV011.

Hon. N du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for e-Government:

5. Further to 5.e-GOV009, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what procedures and protocols are in place when employees leave the department, especially those with access to proprietary information;
- (ii) does the department require departing employees to sign non-disclosure agreements especially those with access to proprietary information;
- (iii) if yes, have all departing employees signed non-disclosure agreements, and are these agreements regularly reviewed and updated to ensure they cover all pertinent proprietary information;
- (iv) if no, why not;
- (v) how is access to proprietary systems and data restricted once an employee departs, and how do you monitor and manage this access;
- (vi) what measures are in place to monitor the use of proprietary information, especially after an employee leaves; and
- (vii) how often are audits conducted to detect irregularities?

MEC FOR ROADS AND TRANSPORT:

5. TR042.

Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Transport and Logistics:

With regard to the sinkhole beneath Rondebult Road, Boksburg, which has left the road unusable since February 2023, could the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) what is the estimated number of vehicles that normally use Rondebult Road on a daily basis;
- (ii) which sphere of government is responsible for rehabilitating the sinkhole for the use of the Road;
- (iii) if not the Provincial Government, which steps have been taken to address the matter with the relevant sphere of government;
- (iv) when will the rehabilitation of the sinkhole begin;
- (v) by when can residents expect to use Rondebult Road, which is a provincial road, again;
- (vi) what reasons are there, or have been provided, for the non-rehabilitation up until today;
- (vii) has an assessment been done on the integrity of Rondebult Road and is rehabilitation expected for the Road; and
- (viii) if rehabilitation is needed, how soon after the sinkhole has been rehabilitated will this project commence?

MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

5.SD063

Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

Further to 5.SD055, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) can the department share copies of the SLAs signed by each contractor for the respective projects;
- (ii) how much money is still owed or outstanding to the contractors for each of these projects;
- (iii) why have contractors been fully remunerated if there is still several million rands worth of unfinished and outstanding work to be completed;
- (iv) does the department intend to claim the value of uncompleted work directly from the contractors? If not, what is the department's plan to address this issue;
- (v) who will be responsible for covering the several million rands outstanding for work that has already been paid for;
- (vi) can you provide the names of the inspectors who signed off on these projects;
- (vii) will the inspectors be held accountable for the unfinished work; and
- (viii) if not, what is the rationale behind this decision?

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5.SD064

Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

According to the 2023/23 First quarter report, the department has a vacancy rate of 479 posts. With this in mind, would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many of these are funded vacancies;
- (ii) how much is the cost of these vacancies;
- (iii) how much was budgeted for the vacant posts;
- (iv) please provide a list of these vacant posts, (names of the different positions); and
- (v) what are the contributing factors to the department having these vacant positions;
- (vi) of these posts how many are essential services;
- (vii) how does the department operate to mitigate these vacancies so that services are uninterrupted;
- (viii) what plans does the department have to fill these vacant posts
- (ix) where does the department advertise its vacant posts; and
- (x) when (date) will the department fill these positions?

MEC FOR AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT:

5.ARD&ENV047

Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment:

With regard to the wildlife poaching and protection of animals in Gauteng, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) can you provide the number of game that were poached or poisoned in Gauteng during the past financial year;
- (ii) does the department maintain records of poached game and the number of snares found on farms in Gauteng;
- (iii) if yes to question (ii), please provide the records;
- (iv) if no to question (ii), what are the reasons for not keeping such records;

- (v) does the department have an estimate of the monetary value of animals that were killed or maimed due to snares in Gauteng during the past financial year? (Please provide details);
- (vi) if not to question (v), is there a specific reason for not having this information;
- (vii) what recourse and support mechanisms are in place for farmers who experience poaching incidents and financial losses due to such activities;
- (viii) can you outline the specific laws and regulations that protect farmers in Gauteng from acts of poaching, killing, and maiming of animals on their properties; and
- (ix) what plans and initiatives does the department have in place to educate farmers about wildlife protection, reinforce law and order on farms, and prevent incidents of poaching?

□□5.ARD&ENV048

Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment:

With regard to the 2022/23 Annual Report where the department only achieved 20% against a target of 40% on procurement spend on townships, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what factors contributed to the department achieving only 20% instead of the targeted 40% increase in departmental spending in townships;
- (ii) can the department provide a breakdown of how the allocated funds for township economic development were utilised during the period under review; and
- (iii) were there any specific challenges or obstacles that hindered the department from reaching the 40% target for increasing spending in townships;
- (iv) how does the department plan to align its activities with the Gauteng Township Economic Development Bill to better support residents in townships in establishing successful businesses within their communities;
- (v) are there any specific strategies or initiatives that the department intends to implement in the future to ensure a more significant increase in departmental spending within townships; and
- (vi) can the department provide examples of successful township-based businesses or projects that have benefited from its support or funding?

MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION:

□□ 5.SP048

Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation:

The department has reported that the high vacancy rate affected the implementation of the 2022/23 APP. To address the high vacancy rate, the department implemented a post-filling plan with 257 posts being advertised in batches overlapping to 2023/24; these are reportedly in the process of being filled. In light of this would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how far is the department with the filling of posts;
- (ii) are these permanent on contract posts;
- (iii) of the 257 posts, how many have been filled to date;

- (iv) how much did the department spend on consultants for the period under review;
- (v) what was some of the work that the consultants did for the department; and
- (vi) is this the result of the high vacancy rate?

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5.SP049**Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation:**

The 2022/23 Annual Report revealed that zero new statues for heroes and heroines of the heritage liberation struggle were installed compared to target of four (4) statues. In light of this would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) is there a budget for the construction of statues in the province;
- (ii) if yes, what is the budget in rands and cents;
- (iii) what happens to the budget when statues are not built;
- (iv) does the department have a specific plan on the construction of statues; and
- (v) if yes, what does the plan entail?

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5.SP050**Hon. M S Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation:**

The 2022/23 Annual Report revealed that zero libraries were under construction against target of 6 libraries. In light of this would the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how far is the department with this process?

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