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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]

4.SP001

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

With regard to the Gauteng Sports Awards Announcement of Finalists and the Gala Event held in 2022 and 2023, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what services were rendered by the following service providers Ngrande, Victory Plus Projects and Services, Phaka Seboja, Leonb Holdings, Dream florah, Maletsatsi Holdings, MJ& LB PTY LTD, Gauteng Sports Confederation during the Gala event;
- (ii) for each Gala event, how many finalists attended;
- (iii) how many people did the department invite for each Gala event; and
- (iv) what services were rendered by service providers during the Announcements of Finalists for both 2022 and 2023?

4.SD003

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

During the committee meeting of the 1st of March, the MEC and the department indicated that "during the time when food banks did not have food, food parcels continued to be distributed". With that in mind:

- (i) which organisations were distributing food during the period when food banks had no food;
- (ii) when were these organisations recruited;
- (iii) in which media or publications were these contracts published and on which dates;
- (iv) how much (in rands and cents) were these organisations paid to distribute food; and

- (v) why were the services of these organisations sourced whilst the food-bank contracts expire end of March 2024?

4.SD004

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

In a committee meeting, the MEC indicated that forensic audits were being conducted within the department. With that in mind:

- (i) has an external service provider been appointed to conduct this audit;
- (ii) if yes to question (i) which persons or organisations;
- (iii) what is the cost of this exercise in rands and cents;
- (iv) what is the time allocated to conducting this investigation and what is the deadline for this investigation to be completed; and
- (v) what percentage of the investigation has been completed?

4.COGTA003

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

A recent social media video indicates people have been living on tombstones in Mooifontein cemetery between Birch Acres and Tembisa in Ekurhuleni. With that in mind:

- (i) which security company is contracted to secure this cemetery and when were they contracted;
- (ii) how much in rands and cents have they been paid since their appointment;
- (iii) what is the scope of the work that they have been contracted to do;
- (iv) which department in Ekurhuleni is responsible for the maintenance of this cemetery; and
- (v) when (date) last did they do the maintenance of this cemetery to ensure our loved ones last resting place remains dignified?

4.TR001

Hon. E du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:

With regard to the below issues, could the MEC please indicate:

- Traffic lights on Hendrik Potgieter
 - Traffic lights on the R25 in Ekurhuleni
 - The water leak at G-fleet in Ekurhuleni and
 - Traffic lights on the R24 at Barbara road
- (i) what specific action has the department taken to repair or replace these traffic lights? (please breakdown per area/road);
 - (ii) following the reported malfunctions, were there any temporary measures implemented to manage traffic flow at these intersections (Hendrik Potgieter, R25 in Ekurhuleni, R24 at Barbara Road) while awaiting repairs; and
 - (iii) what specific action has been taken to locate and repair the leak to prevent water wastage?

4.COGTA004 Hon. E du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

The municipalities of Merafong, Randwest City, and Mogale in the West Rand reportedly owe Rand Water and Eskom millions of rands. These debts are causing frequent water and electricity outages for residents, sometimes lasting for weeks. With this in mind:

- (i) what immediate interventions will the MEC undertake to address these critical infrastructure and service delivery failures in these municipalities;
- (ii) can the MEC outline a specific debt repayment plan for these municipalities regarding their outstanding balances with Rand Water and Eskom;
- (iii) what long-term infrastructure investment plans are in place to prevent future service disruptions in Merafong, Randwest City, and Mogale;
- (iv) how will the MEC ensure transparency and accountability in the use of any funds allocated to address these issues in the West Rand municipalities; and
- (v) has the MEC considered exploring alternative service delivery models for water and electricity in the West Rand, such as public-private partnerships or regional cooperation?

4.TR002 Hon. F P Nel (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:

The Tuk Tuk taxis in Eersterust Tshwane has been operating since 2016 and have generated work opportunities for over 600 people. However, the Tuk Tuk taxis are constantly plagued by policing actions by the TMPD as a result of various issues of non-compliance as public transport operators, including the necessary licenses. In light of the aforementioned and the economic impact ceasing operations by the Tuk Tuks will have on the Eersterust community, can the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) given the large number of taxis operating in this area, can the Department of Transport and Logistics assist the drivers with support to apply and obtain their motorcycle driver licenses;
- (ii) given the large number of taxis operating in this area, can the Department of Transport and Logistics assist the drivers with support to apply and obtain their public driver permits;
- (iii) how can the department assist them with obtaining these licences and permits;
- (iv) how quickly can the department assist them; and
- (v) if it is not possible to assist them, why not?

4.SD005 Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

With regard to NPO funding, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) NPO business plan advertisements typically go out in October. Why were they delayed in 2023;
- (ii) adjudication processes for funding usually conclude by November. Why have they not been completed yet;
- (iii) traditionally, NPO representatives participated in adjudication panels. Why are they excluded this time;

- (iv) the NPO fiscal year ends on March 31st, with no Service Level Agreements (SLAs) signed. How will NPOs survive the next 3-5 months without funding; and
- (v) the lack of funding could force NPOs to close. What will happen to the children, disabled individuals, and the elderly they serve? How will their basic needs be met?

4.SD006 Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

With regard to Motlhakeng Old Age Home, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) why is this Old Age Home not operational;
- (ii) twenty-two local residents were trained to work at the home but then dismissed. With ongoing legal cases (CCMA) against the department, can the MEC explain the rationale behind this wasted investment in training and the current status of these cases;
- (iii) another Motlhakeng old age home is overcrowded and in need of upgrades. Given the empty facility and its substantial budget, why wasn't the funding used to improve the existing home and expand its capacity;
- (iv) News reports suggest the facility lacks an occupancy certificate due to non-compliance with health and safety regulations. Can the MEC provide a clear explanation of the outstanding issues preventing the issuance of this certificate; and
- (v) the community needs a solution. What is the department's plan to address the problems hindering the Motlhakeng Old Age Home's opening?

4.ED001 Hon. T B Munyai (ANC) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

Noting the Growing Gauteng Together 2030 plan which is the Gauteng's Government Roadmap, further noting that Education and Skills revolution are among the GGT priorities, can the MEC please indicate;

- (i) what Programmes have the department of education implemented over the past five years to contribute to education and skills revolution in the province; and
- (ii) what have been the impact of those Programmes?

4.ECD001 Hon. M Mfikoe (ANC) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development:

Noting the impact COVID19 on the economy internationally, and that Gauteng Government committed itself to accelerating the economic position of the province, can the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what have the department of economic development done to accelerate Gauteng Province's economic position; and
- (ii) does the department have economic development interventions that target youth and women, if so, what are those interventions?

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]

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

5.COGTA010 Hon. W Peach (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Research and Development:

Could the MEC provide details of those persons working as support staff in the department, indicating:

- (i) the name of the person;
- (ii) their position title; and
- (v) the start and end dates of that person's employment contract?

MEC FOR E-GOVERNMENT:

5.e-GOV001 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for e-Government:

According to the 2023/24 quarter two annual report, zero sites were provided with a Wide Area Network (WAN) compared to a target of 80 sites. The department reported that the building of the 41 sites has commenced. In addition, it has been reported that a revised catchup plan will be developed by the JV/SITA[1] to provide for sites not completed in Q1 and Q2. Could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what does the revised catchup plan entail; and
- (ii) how will monitoring of the plan take place to ensure that objectives are achieved?

5.e-GOV002 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for e-Government:

According to the 2023/24 quarter two annual report, 54 facial number-plate recognition CCTVs were deployed compared to a target of 1500. Alternative supply chain management processes are being implemented since the first tender issued was unresponsive. Could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what do alternative supply chain management processes entail; and
- (ii) will correct supply chain management processes be followed?

5.e-GOV004 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for e-Government:

According to the department's third quarterly report, zero e-panic buttons were deployed compared to the target of 25 000 e-panic buttons (pg.19). The tender process was initiated in the quarter under review and was later cancelled since the scope had to be increased. With this in mind, could the MEC please:

- (i) provide an update on the progress of the tender process, particularly in light of the late cancellation due to the increased scope;
- (ii) what were the reasons for the delay; and
- (ii) what measures are being taken to ensure timely completion and adherence to the set targets?

5.e-GOV005 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for e-Government:

With regard to the revised catch-up plan, could the MEC please:

- (i) provide details on the revised catchup plan developed by the JV/SITA to address the targets for providing WAN, LAN, VOIP, and WI-FI hotspots to the designated sites that were not completed in Q1 and Q2;
- (ii) what specific measures and strategies does this plan entail to ensure the timely completion of the pending installations;
- (iii) is the revised catch-up plan currently being implemented?
- (iv) if yes to question (iii), what progress has been made in its execution;
- (v) are there any challenges or obstacles that have been encountered during the implementation;
- (vi) what mitigation strategies are in place to address them;
- (i) how will the monitoring of the revised catchup plan take place to ensure that the objectives of providing WAN, LAN, VOIP, and WI-FI hotspots to the designated sites are achieved within the set timelines;
- (ii) what key performance indicators or metrics will be used to measure the plan's effectiveness; and
- (iii) how frequently will progress be assessed and reported on?

MEC FOR ROADS AND TRANSPORT:

5.TR002

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

Could the MEC provide details of those persons working as support staff in the department, indicating:

- (i) the name of the person;
- (ii) their position title; and
- (iii) the start and end dates of that person's employment contract?

MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

5.SD004

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

With the regard to the R258 million that was unallocated after the reprioritisation: In a response the MEC indicated that there were 172 NPOs that lost funding due to non-compliance. With that in mind:

- (i) how many of the compliant NPOs absorbed the beneficiaries of the non-compliant NPOs;
- (ii) which NPOs are these? (please provide names of NPOs and addresses)
- (iii) how many beneficiaries did each of the absorbing NPOs take from the non-compliant NPO; (please indicate the name of the non-compliant NPO that lost funding, the name of the absorbing compliant NPO and number of people that were transferred)
- (iv) did the SLAs of each of the receiving NPOs change based on the increase in number of beneficiaries;
- (v) if no, why not;
- (vi) how much money in rands and cents was transferred to each of the receiving NPOs for the additional number of beneficiaries that they had to take on;

- (vii) if no money was increased, why not;
- (viii) how many beneficiaries from the non-compliant NPOs remain unallocated and not linked to another NPO;
- (ix) where are these unallocated beneficiaries receiving services since the NPO that was servicing them lost funding from the department due to non-compliance; and
- (x) has the department checked with the Department of health to determine how many HIV/Aids patients have defaulted on ARVs since their NPOs stopped receiving funding from the Department and they stopped getting the services that the department was providing them?

5.SD015 Hon. A D Alberts (VF-Plus) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

Will the MEC kindly indicate the following:

- (i) whether the Department plans to cut funding from NGO's that provide child care services and is the Department intended to take over these responsibilities from the NGO's;
- (ii) if so, kindly provide the following details:
- (iii) when it will take place;
- (ii) the scope and extend of the take-over and the services that will remain with the NGO's, if any;
- (iii) will the funding to be saved in the process – in amounts and as percentage of the total funding for NGO's generally;
- (iv) whether those savings will be allocated to any of the projects initiated by the Premier, or where the savings will be reallocated;
- (v) what is the scoping of the work to be performed by the Department from the planned date onwards in terms of the historical number of cases and an indication of the number of properly trained social workers to handle the case loads; and
- (vi) if no, can the MEC commit to the usual funding of the NGO's that provide child care services?

5.SD016 Hon. A D Alberts (VF-Plus) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

Can the MEC indicate:

- (i) how many NGO's have applied for funding at the end of last year and how many have received their funding;
- (ii) how many have received only partial funding;
- (iii) how many have not received any funding at all;
- (iv) include in the answer each applicant, whether full funding was received and where only partial funding or no funding was provided; and
- (v) the reasons for those decisions.

5.SD017 Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

With regards to substance abuse in patient treatment facilities:

- (i) how many facilities are there in the province;
- (ii) how many of them are privately owned;
- (iii) how many are run by Gauteng Department of Social Development (please include list);

- (iv) how much was transferred to each facility from 2021/22, 2022/23 and how much will be transferred in the 2023/24 financial year?
- (v) with regard to (IV), how much was paid or budgeted per patient in each year per facility;
- (vi) how many are privately run but government buys beds in them (please include lists);
- (vii) how much was transferred to each facility from 2021/22, 2022/23 and how much will be transferred in the 2023/24 financial year?
- (viii) with regards to question (VI), how much was paid or budgeted per patient in each year per facility;
- (ix) what is the capacity of each of the government facility; and
- (x) how many beds are bought or will bought or paid for at each of the private facilities for the same years?

5.SD018

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

With regard to the Ekurhuleni armoury:

- (i) according to the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000, when should the audit be conducted;
- (ii) when was the last audit conducted (please give dates);
- (iii) did this last audit report comply with the act in terms of the date of reporting;
- (iv) did this last audit report comply with the act of the state of armoury in the municipality;
- (v) were there any adverse findings on the report;
- (vi) if yes, what were the findings of the report;
- (vii) were any criminal charges opened based on the findings of the report;
- (viii) if yes to (VII), what were the cases, and what they were for;
- (ix) were any investigations opened based on the findings of the report; and
- (x) if Ekurhuleni has been non-compliant, what actions have been taken against the municipality?

5.SD019

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

Could the MEC provide details of those persons working as support staff in the department, indicating:

- (i) the name of the person;
- (ii) their position title; and
- (iii) the start and end dates of that person's employment contract?

5.SD020

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

With regard to the distribution of food parcels:

- (i) who are the organisations that are busy distributing food, whilst food banks are not;
- (ii) when did they get contracted (please provide dates);
- (iii) what are the details of the work that they are supposed to be doing and for how long;
- (iv) in which publications (print or online) was this request for proposal/business plans advertised and dates;
- (v) how much is each organisation being paid in rands and cents; and

- (vi) why was the department continuing to pay food-banks while not giving them items to distribute to beneficiaries?

5.SD021

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

Could the MEC provide contact details of those persons working in the MEC's office as:

- (i) support staff; and
- (ii) senior management staff?

OTHER ITEMS ON QUESTION PAPER

Other items will only appear in the Question Paper that is circulated to all members via email, and not in the Question Paper for distribution in the House.