
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

NOTE:

1. 🗨️ *Indicates a question for oral reply.*
2. ☆ *Indicates a question for written reply.*
3. ✨ *Indicates an original question standing over - 1st time*
4. 📌 *Indicates a supplementary question.*

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QUESTION PAPER

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Tuesday, 30 August 2022

☆ **HON. O. MOKAE ASKS THE MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS & CULTURE**

QUESTION 1:

Regarding the appointment of Oupa Phiri as Head of Department:

- a. For how long was the HOD position advertised?
- b. Which criteria did applicants have to meet to be considered for this position?
- c. How many applications did the department receive for this position?
- d. What qualifications does Oupa Phiri hold that makes him suitable for this position?

QUESTION 2:

- a. When did the Sport, Arts & Culture department finally conclude on the suspension of HOD Ruth Palm
- b. What is the current status/outcome of the investigation of allegations raised against HOD Ruth Palm and
- c. what has been the delay in the finalisation hereof?

QUESTION 3:

Regarding the Premier's announcement of name changes in respect of the renaming of important and strategic buildings, institutions and streets starting with the Kimberley and Upington Airports, as well as the newly built Greenpoint Library.

- a. How will the name changing process unfold in the absence of a Provincial Geographical Names Committee
- b. How much is budgeted for renaming each of these geographical entities
- c. When will the province have a PGNC since the Northern Cape is the only province without such a committee?

☆ **HON. P. ISAACS ASKS THE MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, NONTOBeko VILAKAZI**

QUESTION 4:

Regarding the payment of the economic stimulus package to recipients in the ECD sector in the Province:

1. (i) How much of this funding did the Northern Cape receive? (ii) How many recipients in total is registered to receive this funding in the province? (iii) How much of this funding is still outstanding and what seems to be the delay in transferring these funds to recipients?

☆ **HON. P. ISAACS ASKS THE MEC FOR EDUCATION, ZOLILE MONAKALI**

QUESTION 5:

Regarding a donation to Loeriesfontein Primary School:

- (a) (i) Did the principal of Loeriesfontein Primary School accept a donation of R500 000 from Transnet;
(ii) if so, when and;
(iii) into which account was the money paid over?
- (b) (i) was there consultation between the school principal and the SGB about the donation and if not;
(ii) does the department consider this to constitute fraud and;
(iii) what action will be taken?
- (c) for what purpose was the R500 000 utilised?
- (d) (i) was any of the donated money utilised for the VGK church hall upgrade and if so
(ii) how much
(iii) who signed the contracts between the school and the VGK church for the renovations
(iv) how were employees identified for the construction project and (v) are they receiving a stipend?
- (e) Why was the construction at the VGK church hall abruptly stopped once a complaint was lodged with the departmental staff in the Namaqua district?
- (f) (i) which criteria was used to identify suitable employees for the completion of construction;
(ii) are they receiving a stipend and if so;
(iii) from whom?

☆ **HON. R. LIEBENBERG ASKS THE MEC FOR AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT MASE MANOPOLE**

QUESTION 6:

Regarding the locust control programme:

- a) How much of the funds announced by Minister Didiza were allocated to the Northern Cape province?
- b) What is the IGR regarding the locust payments and what is the dept doing to ensure that controllers are paid on time?
- c) Provide a breakdown of how these funds are for the (i) procurement of insecticide (ii) spraying pumps (iii) protective clothing (iv) payments to controllers and (v) aerial spraying?

QUESTION 7:

Regarding relief for fire damages

- (a) Elaborate on what the department will do to assist rural agricultural fire units and district municipalities in the province to mitigate the coming fire season.
- (b) what stakeholders is the department cooperating with to achieve better:-
 - (i) fire prevention and
 - (ii) fire response initiatives and;
- (c) how much has the department budgeted for towards assisting rural fire units to mitigate fire damage?

☆ **HON G. STEENKAMP ASKS THE MEC FOR ROADS & PUBLIC WORKS, FUFU MAKATONG:**

QUESTION 8

Regarding the rail network in the province:

1. (a) To what extent is the rail network actually still functioning in the province, why are we continuing seeing this increase of heavy freight trucks on the roads and how is this situation being mitigated?
2. We have been hearing about the De Aar Logistic Hub for many years already, but we hear and see little about the development of the rail network to ease the burden on our roads. We know this is a national competency but it has a massive provincial impact. What is being done to speed up the shift from road to rail, in an effort to preserve what is left of our road network?

QUESTION 9

Regarding gravel road tenders in the province:

1. (i) Which companies were awarded the re-graveling tenders in the province in the past five years;
(ii) provide a breakdown of each contract including;
(iii) the project that was allocated and;
(iv) the value of each contract;
(v) What is the duration of each tender;
(vi) What criteria did applicants have to meet to be awarded the tender contract?

☆ **HON H. MCGLUWA ASKS THE MEC FOR TRANSPORT, SAFETY & LIAISON**

QUESTION 10

Regarding weighbridges in the province:

- (a) (i) Please indicate the whereabouts of all weighbridges in the Northern Cape and
(ii) indicate which weighbridges are currently operational;
(iii) what is the reason for the respective weighbridges being non-operational?
- (b) (i) what is the current physical state of each of the weighbridges;
(ii) and what plans are there for the maintenance and upgrading of each of the weighbridges?
- (c) (i) where else has the need for weighbridges been identified and;
(ii) are any plans underway to develop additional weighbridges in the province?
- (d) to what extent is the province reliant on weighbridges belonging to the mines?

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