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For next Question Day

none

PREMIER'S QUESTION TIME (i.t.o Rule 138)
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none

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY TO THE EXECUTIVE (i.t.o Rule 134)
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none

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)
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none

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 Rule 137(2))]

PREMIER:

5.PR001

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

With regard to the Grade 1 and 8 Online School Admission System, could the Premier please indicate:

- (i) Premier, do you genuinely believe the Gauteng online school admissions system is working, given that thousands of Grade 1 and Grade 8 learners remain unplaced at the start of the school year;

- (ii) on what evidence do you base your claim that parents are to blame, rather than acknowledging systemic failures within the Department of Education;
- (iii) if the system is working, why does this crisis repeat itself every single year, despite assurances that “lessons have been learned”;
- (iv) why does the province insist on an online-only admissions system when many Gauteng parents do not have reliable access to the internet, smartphones, or data;
- (v) what concrete measures were put in place to assist parents without digital access, and how many walk-in or assisted application centres were operational this year;
- (vi) how many parents were unable to complete applications due to system crashes, delays, or lack of access, and has the department tracked this data;
- (vii) why were alternative, decentralised application methods not prioritised, especially in townships and informal settlements;
- (viii) does the Premier accept that blaming parents who want safe, functional schools for their children is unfair, particularly when government controls school infrastructure and capacity;
- (ix) what accountability measures will be taken against officials responsible for the repeated failure of the admissions system; and
- (x) finally, Premier, will you commit to an independent review of the admissions system and meaningful consultation with parents before the next admissions cycle?

□□ **5.PR002**

Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Premier:

With regard to the political bidding and hosting, could the Premier please indicate:

- (i) what is the budget for the 2025/26 political bidding and hosting;
- (ii) how many events will be supported financially; and
- (iii) how much will be allocated for each event?

□□ **5.PR003**

Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Premier:

With regards to IGR held between the National Government, the Provincial Government and the City of Ekurhuleni regarding illegal mining in the City, could the Premier please indicate:

- (i) how many illegal miners have been removed from the City so far;
- (ii) please provide a breakdown of the above number per area;
- (iii) how many illegal miners are still suspected to be operating in the City;
- (iv) please provide a number per area under (iii); and
- (v) what future plans exist to deal with illegal mining in the City?

□□ **5.PR004**

Hon. P Makwala (EFF) to ask the Premier:

Regarding the declaration that the crime prevention wardens have transitioned into Peace officers, can the Premier answer the following questions:

- (i) what legal instruments and statutory provisions were relied upon to declare the Crime Prevention Wardens (AmaPanyaza) as Peace Officers;

- (ii) how does this declaration fully address and remedy the Public Protector's findings that the wardens were previously deployed without lawful authority;
- (iii) what specific powers, functions and limitations are attached to the Peace Officer status granted to the wardens;
- (iv) which monitoring and oversight body is responsible for supervising the conduct, discipline and operational compliance of Peace Officers;
- (v) what was the process followed to transition Crime Prevention Wardens into Peace Officers, including training, vetting, accreditation and certification requirements;
- (vi) how much public funding was spent on the transition of wardens to Peace Officers, broken down into training, equipment, uniforms, remuneration adjustments and administrative costs;
- (vii) from which budget programmes were these funds sourced;
- (viii) were there any budget adjustments or movements required to finance this transition; and
- (ix) how is coordination and command control structured between Peace Officers, SAPS and municipal law-enforcement agencies to avoid jurisdictional conflict and duplication of functions?

MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY:

5.PS001 Hon. M Sun (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

Regarding the monthly travel limits, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) does the Gauteng Department of Community Safety have a policy or any operational directive limiting the monthly travel distance of Gauteng Traffic Police vehicles to 2 000 km;
- (ii) if so, on what date was this policy became effective or directive issued, and can a copy of the authorising document be provided;
- (iii) what measures are taken when a Gauteng Traffic Police vehicle exceeds the 2 000 km monthly travel limit;
- (iv) what is the average monthly distance travelled by operational vehicles used by Gauteng Traffic Police officers;
- (v) how many Gauteng Traffic Police officers have been unable to perform their operational duties as a direct result of exceeding the 2 000 km monthly vehicle travel limit;
- (vi) what alternative duties, if any, are assigned to Gauteng Traffic Police officers who are unable to use official vehicles due to exceeding the 2 000 km limit;
- (vii) did the Director of Specialised Services, Mr Thabo Khoali, issue a directive on 17 January 2026 instructing that departmental vehicles be allocated only to uniformed personnel;
- (viii) if so, what were the reasons for issuing this directive; and
- (ix) what transport arrangements are provided for non-uniformed personnel to perform their official duties following this directive?

5.PS002 Hon. M H Cirota (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:

With regard to the recent accident where a Amapanyaza vehicle hit a four year-old, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) does the MEC confirm that the vehicle involved belongs to the Department of Community Safety and was operated by

Amapanyaza;

- (ii) is the MEC aware that the vehicle's licence disc expired on 31 August 2024;
- (iii) why was a government vehicle with an expired licence disc allowed to operate;
- (iv) which officials were responsible for renewing the licence disc for this vehicle;
- (v) what disciplinary action will be taken against those responsible?
- (vi) how many Amapanyaza vehicles are currently operating in Gauteng;
- (vii) how many of these vehicles have valid licence discs; and
- (viii) what steps will be taken to ensure all GPG vehicles operate legally going forward?

□□ **5.PS003** **Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:**
 With regards to ongoing gang-related shootings in Reiger Park, Boksburg, could the MEC kindly indicate the following:

- (i) how many separate shooting incidents have occurred in Reiger Park that were reported to SAPS over the last 3 years;
- (ii) what were the individual dates of these shootings;
- (iii) how many people have been taken into custody for their involvement in these shootings;
- (iv) how many people have lost their lives in these shootings; and
- (v) what plans are in place at a police station, district or provincial level to curb the scourge of these crimes in Reiger Park?

MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

5.ECD001 **Hon. M S Moriarty (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development:**
 Further to 5.ECD088, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) please provide the purpose of visit for tourists mentioned in question (vii) of the reply.
- (ii) what percentage of Gauteng visitors travelled for business purposes;
- (iii) can the Department provide tourism statistics for all remaining quarters of the financial year;
- (iv) how does the Department account for day visitors in the economic impact figures;
- (v) when will the report mentioned in question (vi) be made available;
- (vi) please provide a table with all arrivals and Departures in Gauteng; and
- (vii) please provide the actual report?

□□ **5.ECD002** **Hon. A Allie (BOSA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development:**
 The hosting of the G20 Summit placed significant attention on Gauteng as a global gateway for diplomatic, economic and political engagement. In preparation, the province undertook an extensive beautification and readiness programme aimed at improving urban aesthetics, transport corridors and precinct management in areas likely to be seen by international delegates. Given the magnitude of the undertaking, financial

oversight becomes essential for maintaining public trust. The absence of publicly available documentation outlining the expenditure breakdown has raised concerns around transparency.

- (i) how much did the Gauteng government spend in hosting the G20 across all the different departments?

The Gauteng Investment Conference held in April 2025 was positioned as a flagship economic initiative aimed at revitalising the provincial economy and attracting large-scale investment. The conference secured R312.5 billion in investment pledges, significantly exceeding expectations.

However, pledges are not cashflows. They are commitments that require rigorous followthrough, monitoring, and transparent reporting. Without clear timelines, implementation milestones, or evidence of disbursement, pledges remain aspirational.

- (ii) how much of the R300 billion pledged at the April Gauteng Investment Conference has been realised in the form of actual investments to date?

The Tshwane Economic Development Agency (TEDA) is mandated to support township enterprises, drive inclusive growth, and improve procurement access for previously disadvantaged communities. However, despite years of policy commitments, township procurement remains far below target.

- (iii) what challenges are inhibiting TEDA's ability to achieve its township procurement objectives?

TendaSwift was launched by the Gauteng Provincial Treasury as a digital procurement platform to strengthen transparency, reduce corruption risks and modernise tender processes. The system automates advertising, bid submissions, evaluations and invoice management, while providing real-time tracking and audit trails. The platform is positioned as a tool to improve ethical procurement and open access to township businesses and SMMEs.

- (iv) what does the refusal to commission a forensic investigation reveal about the effectiveness and credibility of Tender Swift as a tool for promoting ethical procurement?

MEC continues to downplay the seriousness of underspending by referring to rollovers. However, unspent funds ultimately translate into unmet service commitments. It is essential that expenditure is not only prudent but also executed within the required timeframes to ensure effective service delivery.

- (v) what measures is the department implementing to ensure timely and efficient spending and how will the department prevent similar underspending challenges in future financial years?

Gauteng is under increasing pressure to fund growing demands in health, education, infrastructure and safety while national transfers remain limited. To sustain its budget new ways have been posed to make revenue.

- (vi) what are the new sources of revenue and how much are you intending to inject in into the Gauteng fiscus?

MEC FOR EDUCATION:

5.ED001 Hon. S J Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:
 Regarding the nationality and documentation status of learners and educators enrolled and employed in Gauteng public schools in the 2026 academic year, could the MEC please:

- (i) how many learners are recorded as non-South African nationals;
- (ii) how many learners referred to in (a) are recorded per education district;
- (iii) what countries of origin are reflected in the Department's records, broken down numerically per country;
- (iv) how many educators are recorded as non-South African nationals;
- (v) at which schools are the educators referred to in (a) employed, listed per district;
- (vi) what posts do these educators occupy such as post level, subject area, etc
- (vii) how many learners are recorded as South African citizens;
- (viii) how many learners are recorded as non-South African nationals with valid documentation;
- (ix) how many learners are recorded as having undocumented or unverified immigration status; and
- (x) how does the Department categorise and record learners whose documentation status is pending or under review?

5.ED002 Hon. C Bosch (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:
 Regarding the nationality and documentation status of learners and educators enrolled and employed in Gauteng public schools in the 2026 academic year, could the MEC please:

- (i) how many learners recorded as non-South African, South African and with valid documentation and without valid documentation were allocated;
- (ii) how many learners were placed under each priority category, listed from first to last priority;
- (iii) what criteria were applied in each category;
- (iv) with reference to departmental policy and practice, What mechanisms are in place to verify the nationality and documentation status of learners and educators at the point of admission or appointment;
- (v) how often are these records audited or updated; and
- (vi) which national departments or entities does the Department liaise with to ensure accuracy and compliance?

5.ED003 Hon. C Bosch (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:
 Regarding temporary infrastructure provision and available learner capacity for the 2026 academic year, could the MEC please:

- (i) what total amount, in rands and cents, was allocated for the procurement of additional mobile classrooms;
- (ii) what total amount, in rands and cents, was allocated for the procurement of mobile toilets;

- (iii) how many mobile classrooms and mobile toilets were procured under these allocations;
- (iv) which schools received additional mobile classrooms;
- (v) which schools received new mobile classrooms as first-time installations;
- (vi) which schools received mobile toilets;
- (vii) which schools were newly established,
- (viii) in each case listed by school name, physical address, education district, and type of intervention;
- (ix) with reference to the Department's presentation to the Portfolio Committee indicating that 53 234 learner spaces were available; which schools are these spaces located, education districts are these schools situated in, including the learner spaces are available at each listed school; and
- (x) how does the Department account for persistent overcrowding at a significant number of schools?

5.ED004 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

Regarding the National Senior Certificate 2025 Technical Report, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) provide the National Senior Certificate 2025 Technical Report;
- (ii) if not;
- (iii) please indicate when it will be made available; and
- (iv) provide reasons for any delay?

5.ED005 Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

With regard to Birch Acres Secondary 2 located in Birch Acres:

- (i) how many learners did the school have in 2025;
- (ii) how many desks and chairs were available to learners in 2025;
- (iii) how many learners does the school have for 2026;
- (iv) how many desks and chairs were available to learners in 2026;
- (v) what is the maximum number of learners that can be accommodated at the school;
- (vi) how many teachers did the school in 2025;
- (vii) how many teachers does the school have for the 2026;
- (viii) how many chairs and desks do the teachers have in 2026;
- (ix) how many non-teaching staff does the school have such as receptionist, cleaning, finance, grounds men;
- (x) what is the total costs of the containers erected at this school in rands and cents?

5.ED006 Hon. O Madzebatela (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

With regard to Birch Acres Primary 1 located in Birch Acres:

- (i) which security company is contracted for the school?
- (ii) when (date) were they contracted;
- (iii) when (date) does their contract end;
- (iv) how much in rands and cents is the contract;
- (v) before the security was hired, was an audit done to

determine the cost of vandalism at this facility;

- (vi) if it was done, what is the cost of vandalism at the school;
- (vii) is there a maintenance plan to ensure that the grass is regularly cut;
- (viii) if yes, which company is contracted to do grass cutting at the school;
- (ix) how long is their contract (Starting date to ending date);
- (x) how much is their contract (from starting date to ending date)

5.ED007**Hon. O Madzebatela (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regard to Kempton Park Schools in Ekurhuleni, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many English medium primary schools are there in Kempton Park;
- (ii) how many learners are there in each of the schools;
- (iii) how many English medium high schools are there in Kempton Park;
- (iv) how many learners are there in each of the schools;
- (v) what was the rational for having 2 container schools in Kempton Park (Birch Acres Secondary 1 and 2);
- (vi) would the learners in the 2 containers schools not fit into Birch Acres Primary School 2;
- (vii) would that not have given the MEC enough time to build brick and mortar schools at Birch Acres Secondary 1 and 2;
- (viii) how long will the container classrooms stay at these new schools;
- (ix) what is the cost of the 2 containers schools in term of renting out or buying of the container classrooms; and
- (x) how does this cost compare against the cost of Birch Acres Primary School 2?

5.ED008**Hon. O Madzebatela (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regard to Birch Acres Primary 2 located in Birch Acres, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) which contractor has been appointed to contract this school;
- (ii) how long is their contract? (Please indicate start date and expected end date);
- (iii) what is the value of the contract in rands and cents;
- (iv) how many classrooms for each grade will the school have when its completed;
- (v) how many learners can be accommodated in the school once its completed;
- (vi) has the department identified teachers that will run the school once its completed;
- (vii) how many teaching staff will work at this school; and
- (viii) how many non-teaching staff will work at this school;
- (ix) when will the school open its doors for parents to apply for learners; and
- (x) when is it expected that classes will start in the school?

5.ED009**Hon. K Rasilingwane (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Regarding Clayville Primary School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) clayville Primary School was temporarily accommodated on the Olifantsfontein primary School site, with a clear plan to relocate it to its own permanent site. Why has this temporary arrangement persisted for more than three years;
- (ii) who was responsible to approve the original temporary colocation and what timeframes were formally committed to at the time;
- (iii) at what point did the department realise that relocation would not happen as planned and why was this allowed to continue without intervention;
- (iv) the Clayville Primary school project was approved three years ago, yet no land has been secured to date. What are the specific reasons for this failure;
- (v) how does the department justify maintaining two independent schools on one overcrowded, ageing site for more than three years? Did the department assess the impact of this arrangement on: Learner safety, Access to classroom and ablution facilities, playground and assembly space and overall learning conditions; and
- (vi) what is the current, realistic plan to relocate Clayville Primary school to its own permanent site? Please provide the exact date, land to be secured, Construction commences date?

5.ED010**Hon. K Rasilingwane (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Regarding billing issues in Tembisa Schools, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many schools in Tembisa are currently experiencing water billing disputes, excessive bills or service disconnections;
- (ii) what support mechanisms does the Department provide to schools facing unaffordable or disputed municipal water accounts;
- (iii) are schools expected to pay water bills directly from their school allocations and If so, how does the department ensure this does not compromise teaching and learning;
- (iv) has the department intervened in cases where schools face water disconnections due to billing dispute, Please provide details; and
- (v) what is the department's policy on protecting Schools from service interruptions due to municipal billing failures?

5.ED011**Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With reference to reply 5.ED367 of 2025, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what are the reasons that the reply did not stipulate all public schools affected by the cutting of school budgets, as was requested in the original question;
- (ii) can the MEC please provide the full and outstanding information requested in the original question for all public schools that were omitted from reply ED367 of 2025, including the name of each affected school; the quintile classification of each school; the extent of the budget reduction applicable to each school;
- (iii) which official or unit within the Department of Education is

responsible for ensuring quality control and completeness of replies to legislature questions before they are submitted to the Legislature;

- (iv) what are the reasons that the above-mentioned official or unit failed to ensure that reply 5.ED367 of 2025 fully and properly responded to the question as posed; and
- (v) what is the total estimated financial saving to the Department of Education arising from the cutting of school budgets, disaggregated by financial year; and category of school (including quintile where applicable)?

5.ED012

Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

The Auditor-General reported that irregular expenditure to the value of R1. 523 billion related to Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM) has been put under assessment by the department for national treasury to confirm. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the specific transactions that led to the irregular expenditure on Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM). For each transaction identified, include:

- (i) the nature of the transaction (for example, whether it was a new contract award, a contract extension or renewal, a payment made without following a required tender process, or any other relevant category of procurement or expenditure);
- (ii) the date of the transaction and the value (amount in Rand) of that transaction;
- (iii) the identity of the supplier(s) or service provider(s) involved in each transaction.
- (iv) which legal provisions or procurement regulations were allegedly contravened;
- (v) provide an update on the status of the assessment or review being conducted by National Treasury e.g. has documentation been submitted to National Treasury and by when will the assessment be completed;
- (vi) have any internal consequence steps been taken by GDE in connection with the officials or personnel involved in the transactions that gave rise to this irregular expenditure? Provide details; and
- (vii) please provide any context, clarification, or documentation that the Department can share with regards to this irregular expenditure in terms of Auditor-General reports or internal audits that first identified the issue, summaries of any internal investigations conducted and correspondence with National Treasury regarding this matter?

5.ED013

Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

With reference to reply oral question 4.ED043 of 2025, as answered by the MEC of Education on Tuesday 25 November 2025 and the letter I sent to the MEC on the 5 December 2025, which is stated below “5 December 2025

To: MEC Matome Chiloane
Gauteng MEC for Education

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Subject: Urgent Intervention Required Following Reckless
 Cancellation of School Security Contracts

Dear MEC Chiloane,

I write to you with deep concern regarding your department's decision to cancel school security contracts without conducting any risk assessment or financial impact analysis — a decision your office has now formally acknowledged in responses to questions posed in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature.

Your reply confirmed the following:

1. No cost analysis was conducted on the financial implications of cancelling security contracts.
2. No assessment was made regarding the impact of increased vandalism, burglary, and arson.
3. No risk evaluation was undertaken relating to the safety of learners, teachers, and school staff.
4. Despite the above, trained PSIRA-accredited security guards were removed from schools.

This is an extraordinary admission of administrative negligence.

1. Immediate Safety Failures

The consequences of this decision have already proven fatal. The tragic murder of the principal and an administrator at Enxiweni Primary School in Tembisa occurred after the removal of trained security. This incident underscores the profound dangers created by your department's actions.

2. Replacement with Untrained Patrollers

Your response further confirmed that schools are now relying on "patrollers" who:

- are not PSIRA-accredited,
- are not trained in security duties,
- operate only during school hours,
- are absent at night, on weekends, and during holidays, and
- are therefore incapable of providing even basic protection to school premises.

This is not a security plan — it is a clear abdication of responsibility.

3. Schools Are High-Value, High-Risk Public Assets

Public schools represent billions of rand in infrastructure investment and are already targeted for:

- theft of equipment and copper pipes;
- break-ins;
- vandalism;
- gangsterism and drug-related violence.

Removing trained security guards without any assessment demonstrates a failure in governance and a disregard for learners' safety.

In light of the above, I request the following:

A. Immediate reinstatement

That the Gauteng Department of Education immediately reinstate trained, PSIRA-accredited security guards at all high-risk schools and provide timeframes for full reinstatement across the province.

B. Full disclosure of the decision-making process

Provide:

1. The submission, memo, or internal correspondence on which the cancellation decision was based.
2. Names and positions of officials who recommended or approved this decision.
3. Whether any legal or safety advisors were consulted.

C. Risk assessments (if any exist)

Provide copies of:

1. Any previous risk assessments related to school safety;
2. Any documentation assessing patrollers as an alternative security measure.
- D. Financial analysis

Provide:

1. The cost of prior security contracts;
2. The projected cost of crime-related losses due to the absence of security;
3. A breakdown of the patroller programme costs.

E. A full plan for restoring learner and staff safety

This must include:

- measures to secure school premises after hours;
- emergency protocols for high-crime schools;
- engagement with the South African Police Service; and
- the department's strategy for preventing further loss of life.

Conclusion

Your department's failure to conduct even basic due diligence before withdrawing professional security services has exposed learners, educators, and school property to unacceptable levels of danger.

This decision must be reversed without delay.

I request a written response within seven (7) days.

Yours sincerely

Electronically Signed

Michael Waters MPL

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(i) when does the MEC intend on answering my letter?

5.ED014

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

With reference to the termination of school security services at public schools in Gauteng, the MEC is requested to state:

- (i) how many burglaries were recorded at public schools during October 2025; November 2025; and December 2025;
- (ii) for each burglary referred to in Question 1, please provide the name of the school affected, the education district in which the school is located;
- (iii) for each school mentioned in Question 2, please indicate the estimated value of damage caused to school property; the estimated value of items stolen;
- (iv) for each burglary incident referred to above, please state whether a case was opened with the South African Police Service (SAPS);
- (v) if so, the SAPS case number including the current status of each case (under investigation, closed, withdrawn, or

resulted in an arrest and/or conviction).

- (vi) in respect of each burglary incident, please indicate whether an insurance claim was submitted;
- (vii) if so, the value of each claim;
- (viii) whether the claim was approved, rejected, or is still pending including the amount paid out by the insurer, if applicable.
- (ix) for each school affected, please further indicate whether any of the stolen or damaged items have since been replaced or repaired; and
- (x) if so, the cost incurred by the Department?

5.ED015 Hon. M Sun (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

- (i) Over the past five financial years, including the current 2025/26 financial year up to 31 January 2026, please provide a district-by-district breakdown of the total number of tenders issued by each district office;
- (ii) the name and tender reference number of each tender;
- (iii) the financial year in which each tender was issued;
- (iv) the purpose and scope of each tender;
- (v) the total value of each tender.
- (vi) for each tender listed above, please indicate, the procurement process followed (including, but not limited to, open tender, quotation, deviation, emergency procurement, transversal contract, or any other);
- (vii) whether the procurement complied with National Treasury Regulations, Supply Chain Management prescripts, and departmental SCM policies;
- (viii) whether any deviations from normal procurement processes were approved; and
- (ix) if so, the reasons for such deviations and the approving authority in each instance?

5.ED016 Hon. A J Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

With regard to learner transport, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) over the past five financial years, including the 2025/26 financial year up to 31 January 2026, what was the total expenditure on learner transport, broken down per financial year;
- (ii) for each financial year referred to in Question 1, what was the expenditure breakdown by transport mode, specifically buses, minibus taxis (including scholar transport taxis); and other learner transport modes (specifying type and cost);
- (iii) during the 2025 calendar year, how many vehicles were utilised for learner transport, broken down into buses, minibus taxis, and other transport modes;
- (iv) of the vehicles referred to in Question 3, how many in each category were required to undergo roadworthiness testing;
- (v) of those required to undergo roadworthiness testing, how many vehicles in each category were presented for testing;
- (vi) how many of the vehicles presented for roadworthiness testing in 2025 passed the test, broken down by transport

mode;

(vii) which department or authority is responsible for conducting and certifying roadworthiness testing for learner transport vehicles used under GDE-supported programmes;

(viii) what monitoring and enforcement measures does the Gauteng Department of Education apply to ensure learner transport vehicles remain roadworthy throughout the year;

(ix) is the wearing of seatbelts by learners mandatory in vehicles used under GDE-supported learner transport programmes;

(x) what policies, directives, or contractual requirements are imposed on operators regarding seatbelt availability and use, and how many inspections or audits were conducted in 2025, including the number of non-compliance cases identified and sanctioned?

5.ED017 Hon. A Allie (BOSA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:
 Education remains one of the most critical public investments in South Africa, and the Gauteng Department of Education has repeatedly emphasised that access to schooling is central to social mobility, economic development, and community stability. When land is zoned specifically for educational purposes, it signals that government has recognised a community need and intends to meet it through permanent, public infrastructure.

(i) are you aware of the land zoned for educational purposes at the Ormonde ERF 132;

(ii) are you aware of the sale of that land to private owners; and

(iii) was there a pledge made by the Gauteng Department of Education to build a public high school on the land?

5.ED018 Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:
 With regards to schools in Tembisa, could the MEC please indicate:

(i) how many schools in Tembisa have faulty, unverified or shared water meters;

(ii) what process exists to audit and verify water meters at public schools;

(iii) how often does the department conduct infrastructure audits to identify leaks, burst pipes or ageing plumbing that contribute to high water bills; and

(iv) how much has the department spent in the last five years on emergency plumbing repairs at schools in Tembisa?

5.ED019 Hon. S J Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:
 Regarding learner placement, communication, and appeals arising from the 2026 admissions process, could the MEC please indicate:

(i) with reference to Grade R applications for the 2026 academic year, how many learners applied to attend their current school of placement, including the number of learners placed at that school;

(ii) how many were placed at a different school;

(iii) why were parents in several districts advised to approach schools for assistance;

- (iv) why did schools subsequently refer parents back to districts;
- (v) what measures are in place to ensure consistent and clear communication across all districts;
- (vi) how the backend of the online admissions system operates;
- (vii) which officials or structures are responsible for allocating learners to schools;
- (viii) at what stages human intervention occurs in the placement process;
- (ix) how many parents did not receive any SMS or system update by December preceding the 2026 academic year; and
- (x) what were the reasons for this failure?

□ 5.ED020 **Hon. S J Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 Regarding learner placement, communication, and appeals arising from the 2026 admissions process, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) with reference to departmental placement priorities, how many learners were placed under each priority category, listed from first to last priority;
- (ii) what criteria were applied in each category;
- (iii) with reference to school choices selected by parents, how many learners were not placed in any of their five selected schools;
- (iv) how many learners were placed in one of their five selected schools;
- (v) notwithstanding that school selections are not ranked, how many learners were placed at their first selected school;
- (vi) how many at their second selected school; and
- (vii) how many at their third selected school?

□ 5.ED021 **Hon. S J Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 Regarding learner placement, communication, and appeals arising from the 2026 admissions process, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) with reference to appeals lodged for the 2026 academic year, how many appeals were submitted;
- (ii) how many were upheld; and
- (iii) how many were rejected;
- (iv) what criteria were applied in rejecting appeals;
- (v) what was the average turnaround time for finalising appeals; and
- (vi) average time taken to communicate outcomes to parents?

□ 5.ED022 **Hon. C Bosch (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 Regarding school closures, repurposing of school facilities, and related financial obligations over the past 20 years, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many public schools have been closed by the Gauteng Department of Education;
- (ii) how many schools were closed per calendar year;
- (iii) how many schools were closed per education district;
- (iv) with reference to the schools referred to in Question (i) above, please provide a list of the schools closed, including

the school name, physical address, education district, and year of closure; the reason for closure in each case;

- (v) over the same period, how many previously closed schools have been repurposed for;
- (vi) how many schools have been reopened;
- (vii) for each repurposed or reopened school, please indicate the current use, location, and year in which the change occurred;
- (viii) with reference to closed schools, how many of these schools are the Department still paying for any operational costs, including but not limited to electricity, water, municipal services, security, or maintenance;
- (ix) what is the total cost incurred, in rands and cents, per financial year for these expenses; and
- (x) what steps are being taken to eliminate unnecessary expenditure on facilities that are no longer operational?

□□ **5.ED023**

Hon. C Bosch (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:

Regarding school safety interventions and enhanced security measures implemented by the Department, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) with reference to the Department's public statements on responding to school safety concerns through enhanced security measures,
- (ii) what specific safety and security interventions have been implemented at public schools;
- (iii) how many schools have benefitted from these interventions, broken down per education district;
- (iv) what criteria were used to prioritise schools for these measures; and
- (v) what amount, in rands and cents, has been allocated and spent on these interventions?

□□ **5.ED024**

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

Regarding the establishment, legal status, infrastructure readiness, and provisioning of Danville Secondary School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) with reference to Danville Secondary School, in which year was the school established including the date the school commence operations with learners on site;
- (ii) with reference to the property on which Danville Secondary School is located, does the Gauteng Department of Education have legal permission to utilise the site for educational purposes;
- (iii) is the property zoned for education use and owned by the Gauteng Provincial Government;
- (iv) if not, who is the registered owner;
- (v) with reference to the establishment of Danville Secondary School, how was the school approved to commence operations without the provision of adequate learner and educator furniture;
- (vi) which officials approved the opening of the school under these conditions;
- (vii) what minimum norms and standards were assessed prior to learners being placed at the school;

- (viii) with reference to furniture provisioning at Danville Secondary School, what furniture has been delivered to date including that furniture that remains outstanding;
- (ix) what measures have been taken to ensure full delivery; and
- (x) by what specific dates will all outstanding furniture be delivered and installed?

□□ **5.ED025** **Hon. A J Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 Regarding the establishment, legal status, infrastructure readiness, and provisioning of Danville Secondary School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) with reference to bulk infrastructure at Danville Secondary School,
- (ii) when will permanent, bulk infrastructure be installed on the site, including additional water supply and sewage connections;
- (iii) which department or entity is responsible for the installation of this infrastructure;
- (iv) what budget has been allocated, in rands and cents, for this work and in which financial year;
- (v) with reference to staffing at Danville Secondary School,
- (vi) how many additional educator posts are currently required at the school;
- (vii) what steps have been taken to create, advertise, or fill the required additional six educator posts; and
- (viii) by what specific dates does the Department expect these posts to be fully filled?

□□ **5.ED026** **Hon. A J Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 Regarding the cost of School Governing Body (SGB) training provided by the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) with reference to the training of School Governing Body members by the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance, what is the cost, in rands and cents, per training session;
- (ii) what does a standard training session include (including duration, number of participants, training materials, and facilitation);
- (iii) how many such training sessions were conducted during the 2023, 2024 and 2025 calendar years respectively;
- (iv) what was the total amount spent, in rands and cents, on SGB training through the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance during each of these years; and
- (v) what procurement process was followed to appoint the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance for this training?

□□ **5.ED027** **Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 Regarding the review of the scholar transport policy following the recent fatal accident involving learners in the Vanderbijlpark area, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) with reference to the fatal accident involving scholar transport in the Vanderbijlpark area which resulted in the loss of several learners' lives, what commitments were made by the Department or the MEC and Interdepartmental collaboration with the

Department of Roads and Transport in regarding a review of the existing scholar transport policy;

- (ii) on what date was such a review formally initiated, if at all;
- (iii) with reference to the promised review of the scholar transport policy, what is the scope and objective of the review;
- (iv) which aspects of the current policy are under reconsideration;
- (v) what deficiencies or risks have been identified to date;
- (vi) with reference to the process being followed, which officials and external stakeholders are responsible for conducting the policy review;
- (vii) whether any interdepartmental engagement is taking place, including with the Department of Transport, SAPS, or local traffic authorities;
- (viii) how learner safety considerations are being incorporated into the review;
- (ix) what are the timelines for the completion of the scholar transport policy review; anticipated dates for public or stakeholder consultation, expected date for the implementation of any revised policy measures; and
- (x) pending the finalisation of the policy review, how is the Department ensuring that learners are not exposed to unsafe or illegally operating transport services?

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5.ED028

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

Regarding schools constructed by the Gauteng Department of Education over the past five financial years, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many brick-and-mortar public schools were constructed and completed by the Gauteng Department of Education;
- (ii) how many satellite schools were established;
- (iii) how many schools were established through mobile classroom infrastructure;
- (iv) for each school referred to in Question 1, the MEC is requested to provide the following details, listed separately for brick-and-mortar schools, satellite schools, and mobile classroom schools, the EMIS number, the official name of the school; the district in which the school is located; the physical address of the school;
- (v) for each school in (i) please provide the financial year in which construction commenced; the financial year in which the school was completed and handed over for use;
- (vi) for each school in (i) please provide the total cost of construction, reflected in rands and cents, including all associated costs and delay costs or additional costs to approved budget;
- (vii) in respect of the schools listed in Question 1, which of these schools were intended as temporary interventions;
- (viii) what was the original planned duration for their use;
- (ix) which of these schools are still operational beyond their originally intended timeframe, if any; and
- (x) whether any of the schools listed in Question 1 were constructed as replacements for previously closed or decommissioned schools; including which schools and reasons?

□ 5.ED029 **Hon. F Ngobeni (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 Regarding the satellite schools opened in 2026, can the department answer the following questions:

- (i) how many satellite schools were opened for the 2026 school year;
- (ii) can the department provide the locations and enrolment figures of these schools;
- (iii) in terms of the provision of mobile classrooms, how many has the department planned to procure for 2026;
- (iv) there are concerns that some of these newly established satellite schools, such as Railway Secondary in Rosslyn, are facing major infrastructural challenges, including sewage issues and a shortage of furniture, despite being new. How is the department ensuring that the conditions at these schools are suitable for teaching and learning;
- (v) can the department provide an update on the infrastructural challenges at Railway Secondary in Rosslyn, as well as at other newly established satellite schools experiencing similar issues?

□ 5.ED030 **Hon. F Ngobeni (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 On the 15th of January, the Economic Freedom Fighters conducted an oversight at Windmill Park Secondary in Ekurhuleni. Shockingly, the school has over 3,300 learners, and during the course of our visit, learners were being sent in large numbers despite the school being full.
 Regarding the conditions at the school as well as the progress of the satellite school, can the department answer the following questions:

- (i) as of the date, how many learners are enrolled at the school? Please provide a breakdown per grade as well as the total number of learners;
- (ii) how many teachers does the school have;
- (iii) how many ablution facilities are functional at the school;
- (iv) in terms of the satellite school being constructed, how is the department ensuring the fast-tracking of all necessary construction and repairs to ensure that an occupancy certificate is obtained; and
- (v) can the department provide an estimate of when the satellite will be operational?

□ 5.ED031 **Hon. F Ngobeni (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**
 Regarding In terms of the performance of the online application system for the 2026 school year, can the MEC answer the following questions:

- (i) at the start of the 2026 school year, how many learners who applied using the online application system had been placed;
- (ii) how many learners were still unplaced at the beginning of the school year;
- (iii) how did the department mitigate the issue of unplaced learners, particularly those whose parents had launched appeals;
- (iv) what is the total number of parents who launched appeals;

- (v) how many appeals remained unprocessed at the start of the school year;
- (vi) parents once again expressed that the online system placed some learners far away from the nearest schools they had applied to. Can the department explain how it is attending to these instances, where parents who apply early and provide adequate documentation that they reside sometimes meters or less than 10 km from the chosen schools still get rejected;
- (vii) does the online system work on a first-come, first-served basis? If not, can the department elaborate on its inner workings that inform admissions, resulting in the instances explained in question 6;
- (viii) how is the department looking to improve this system, which over the last few years has seen very little praise and has been shrouded in complaints from learners and parents; and
- (ix) there have also been complaints that district officials manipulate waitlists, and even at the school level, the playing fields aren't fair; it is essentially about who you know. How is the department working to improve the system to avoid such manipulation?

MEC FOR FINANCE:

5.FN001 **Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Finance:**

With regard to the MIG given to Emfuleni, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how much was given to Emfuleni for 2024/2025 financial;
- (ii) how much was spent by Emfuleni;
- (iii) how was the money spent;
- (iv) which service providers were appointed;
- (v) how much was paid to each service provider; and
- (vi) what services did they render?

5.FN002 **Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Finance:**

With regards to JOT INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD TR and OS, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) has any Gauteng department or municipality directly contracted JOT INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD TR and OS;
- (ii) if yes, please list the departments/municipalities, project names, and value of the contract from 2020 to date;
- (iii) has JOT INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD TR and OS been subcontracted by any other company for government or municipal projects;
- (iv) if yes, please list the main contractors, departments/municipalities involved, project names, and subcontract values from 2020 to date;
- (v) what are the total number and combined value of all contracts (direct or subcontracted) awarded to JOT INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD TR and OS since 2020; and
- (vi) further to (v) please include a breakdown by project, department/municipality, and contract dates?

□ 5.FN003 **Hon. E du Plessis (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Finance:**
 With reference to the Equitable Share transfers made to the City of Ekurhuleni (CoE) during the 2025/26 financial year, please indicate:

- (i) whether the City of Ekurhuleni notified or reported to the Provincial Treasury regarding the utilisation of Equitable Share funds for creditor payments;
- (ii) whether Provincial Treasury approved, condoned, or objected to such utilisation;
- (iii) what monitoring or oversight actions were taken by Provincial Treasury in this regard;
- (iv) in light of the City of Ekurhuleni's persistent breach of Section 65(2)(e) of the MFMA relating to the 30-day payment of creditors, please indicate;
- (v) whether Provincial Treasury considers the use of Equitable Share funds to settle historical creditor backlogs to be a sustainable or compliant intervention; and
- (vi) what corrective measures, if any, have been required or imposed on the City to prevent the recurring use of Equitable Share funds to address cash-flow failures?

MEC FOR HEALTH:

** 5.HL001 **Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 With regard to the Thelle Mogoerane Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what contracts have been awarded to Mohlodi 247 Business Solutions in the last two years;
- (ii) in the case of each contract in (i) above, what was the process in awarding the contract;
- (iii) in the case of each contract in (i) above, if it did not go out to tender, why was this case;
- (iv) in the case of each contract in (i) above, what was the date of the Purchase Order, delivery date; the product, the quantity ordered, including the cost in rands and cents;
- (v) in each case, what was the justification for so many refuse bags being ordered;
- (vi) what is the usual approximate number of refuse bags used every month at the hospital;
- (vii) why was this contract routed through the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital instead of through Thelle Mogoerane Hospital;
- (viii) in each case, what is the name of the person who initiated and/or authorised the contract;
- (ix) what irregularities have been picked up in this matter; and
- (x) what investigation will be made into these contracts to ensure all due procedures were followed for a needed product procured with value for money?

** 5.HL002 **Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 With regard to the Cardiothoracic Surgery Department at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what vacant positions are there in this Department;

- (ii) how do the vacant posts, including those of anaesthetists and fulltime consultants, affect service delivery for patients;
- (iii) how many staff have resigned since 1 January last year, and what were their positions;
- (iv) what were the mortality and morbidity figures in the Department in 2025, and how do these compare with previous years and to the normally acceptable figures for such a Department;
- (v) why are trainees not supervised when they operate, including reportable incidents occurred as a result of this in 2025;
- (vi) how many patients have been harmed or died while in the ICU as a result of registrars left on their own at night;
- (vii) what complaints have been received about the Head of Department/Clinical, including to the Vice Chancellor's office at the University of the Witwatersrand;
- (viii) what has been done and will be done to address these complaints as well as the staff vacancies and high morbidity and mortality figures;
- (ix) how many patients are on the waiting list for cardiothoracic surgery, including the waiting times for the various procedures;
- (x) why has a commission of inquiry not been set up into the deaths of patients and alleged cover-ups in this matter?

** **5.HL003 Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regard to the department's finances, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) whether National Treasury has written to them to provide reasons why they should not be put under administration;
- (ii) what specific concerns has National Treasury expressed in this letter or any other communication in the last six months;
- (iii) what response had the department given to these concerns;
- (iv) what conditional grant money is projected to be underspent in this financial, the projected amounts in rands and cents, including the reasons in each case;
- (v) how much in rands and cents that was allocated by National Treasury specifically to fill staff vacancies has not been spent on filling vacancies but on something else;
- (vi) why was the full amount not spent on filling staff vacancies;
- (vii) what is the total amount of accruals to date in rands and cents;
- (viii) what are the amounts in rands and cents of money owing to suppliers for more than six months, more than one year, and more than two years respectively (please give separately for each period);
- (ix) how many suppliers are owed money for more than six months, more than one year, and more than two years respectively (please give separately for each period); and
- (x) what is being done to spend the budget properly?

** **5.HL004 Hon. C Bosch (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

Further to the reply to Question HL.237 in 2025 concerning Falan Lara Schmidt 8506220171084, case number 150/11/2021 (Roodepoort), body number 1471/2021, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what effort is being made to get the complete toxicology report as

the family say they have the one for blood alcohol but not for overdose of psychiatric medications, nor the results from stomach contents, bile & urine (Kit no: T 8411)?

** **5.HL005** **Hon. M Hicklin (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 MEC in 2022 and 2023 a series Communiques regarding the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) with regards to specific categories of nurses currently working within the Gauteng Department of Health were issued. These related to the alignment of Nursing Qualifications with Higher Education Bodies and the South African Nursing Colleges, the Gauteng College of Nursing and students who would be eligible to study further, taking into account their RPL. With this mind, please explain:

- (i) how many Certificates in Auxiliary Nursing, Enrolled Nursing, Bridging/Diplomas in General Nursing and Midwifery were awarded, taking into account RPL by GCON in 2023;
- (ii) how many Certificates in Auxiliary Nursing, Enrolled Nursing, Bridging/Diplomas in General Nursing and Midwifery were awarded, taking into account RPL by GCON in 2024;
- (iii) how many Certificates in Auxiliary Nursing, Enrolled Nursing, Bridging/Diplomas in General Nursing and Midwifery were awarded, taking into account RPL by GCON in 2025;
- (iv) how many nurses have been identified to be considered for courses for 2026, specifically taking into account RPL; and
- (v) how many lecturers are available to run the programme, taking into account RPL?

** **5.HL006** **Hon. M S Moriarty (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 With regard to certain companies, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what contracts has KGDEE Mash (Pty) Ltd received from any entity of the department since 1 January 2020;
- (ii) in each case in (i) above, when was the contract awarded, what was the nature of the contract, what entity was involved, and how much was the contract in rands and cents;
- (iii) what contracts have Pulse Management Consultants and Cedmas Funeral Services received from any entity of the department since 1 January 2020;
- (iv) in each case in (iii) above, when was the contract awarded, what was the nature of the contract, what entity was involved, and how much was the contract in rands and cents (please give separately for each contract);
- (v) whether any irregularities have been detected in the award of contracts to all three companies;
- (vi) what investigation will be done in this matter; and
- (vii) if not, why not?

□□ **5.HL007** **Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 With regard to ambulances in the West Rand District, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many working ambulances are there in this district;
- (ii) how many ambulances are ideally required for the population of the area;

- (iii) how many ambulances are broken;
- (iv) why are these ambulances not useable;
- (v) how many ambulances are operational on the night shift and the day shift respectively;
- (vi) why are there fewer ambulances at night than in the day;
- (vii) what are the staff shortages in each category;
- (viii) what are the reasons for the ambulance and staff shortages;
- (ix) why is Gauteng the only province that does not pay for overlapping hours; and
- (x) what is being done to ensure enough operational ambulances, qualified staff around the clock, and payment for overlapping hours?

□□ **5.HL008**

Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:

With regard to the allegations of sexual misconduct arising from a grievance made by Ms E Mabuse working at the Steve Biko Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what investigation has been made in this regard;
- (ii) what was the outcome of this investigation
- (iii) what disciplinary action had been taken as a result;
- (iv) if no disciplinary sanction has taken place, why is this the case;
- (v) why is there a second report on this matter that has not been given to Ms E Mabuse;
- (vi) will a copy of this report be given to her;
- (vii) if not, why not;
- (viii) what accounts for any delays in disciplinary action taken; and
- (ix) when will this matter be concluded?

□□ **5.HL009**

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

With regard to Thelle Mogoerane Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what investigations into irregularities at this hospital have been undertaken in the last four years;
- (ii) in each case in (i) above, what was investigated, what officials were investigated, what officials were suspended, and what was the outcome, including the dates for the initiation of the investigations, the suspensions and the outcomes;
- (iii) what accounts for any delays in the above;
- (iv) what building work has been done at the hospital in the past four years;
- (v) in the case of each building/renovation project in iv) above, what was built, the justification for it, including the start, finish and cost in rands and cents;
- (vi) in the case of the Wellness Centre, who authorised it, including the justification for this and cost to date in rands and cents;
- (vii) is this Wellness Centre currently utilised;
- (viii) if not, what are the reasons for this;
- (ix) what irregularities have been identified in any building/ renovation projects; and
- (x) what is being done to ensure the recommendations of all investigations are carried out, including corrective action taken concerning irregularities in building/renovation projects?

□□ **5.HL010** **Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 With regard to building and/or renovation operations at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what building and/or renovation work has been done at the hospital in the past four years;
- (ii) in the case of each building/renovation project in (i) above, please indicate what was built, the justification for it, the start and finish date, including cost in rands and cents;
- (iii) in the case of each project, who authorised it, what was the justification for this, including the cost to date in rands and cents;
- (iv) what irregularities have been identified in any building/renovation projects;
- (v) what is being done to ensure corrective action is taken concerning irregularities in building/renovation projects;
- (vi) in the case of the maternity and neonatal units, what is their current assessed building state in terms of providing an optimum working and healing environment for the volume of patients handled;
- (vii) how many patients were seen in each of these units in 2025;
- (viii) how many Severe Adverse Events were recorded in each of these units respectively;
- (ix) what were the reasons for these SAEs;
- (x) what is being done to correct any deficiencies identified in (v) above, as well as the deficiencies that caused the high number of SAEs in these units?

□□ **5.HL011** **Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 With regard to personnel matters, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what funded posts are currently vacant (please give the name of each post, and which hospital or clinic it is at, or at head office);
- (ii) what are the effects on patients of these vacant posts;
- (iii) why are these posts vacant;
- (iv) in the case of Ms B Baloyi, the DDG Corporate Services, why has she not been removed as recommended by the Public Service Commission in March 2023;
- (v) what accounts for any delays in this regard;
- (vi) what will be done to speedily remove her;
- (vii) which posts in the department have been vacant for more than three years;
- (viii) in the case of each post in (vii) above, what is the date since the post became vacant, and why is it not filled (please give separately for each post);
- (ix) why has the department not implemented the Auditor General's recommendations concerning the audit findings that were communicated to the Head of the Gauteng Health Department on 18 July 2024, Reference Communication 192 of 2023/24, which deal with irregularities in the appointments of the CEOs of the Chris Hani Baragwanath, Steve Biko, and Dr George Mukhari hospitals;

(x) what will be done to fill all the vacant posts and implement key personnel recommendations by the PSG and the Auditor General?

5.HL012 **Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 With reference to the reply to Question 5.HL232 of 2025 regarding the future of Kempton Park Hospital, and specifically the involvement of the Gauteng Infrastructure Financing Agency (GIFA): Please indicate:

- (i) whether the final option analysis report prepared by GIFA was completed and formally tabled with the Gauteng Department of Health in or around November 2025;
- (ii) if so, on what exact date the report was tabled, and to whom it was submitted;
- (iii) if the final option analysis report was tabled;
- (iv) what options were assessed in the report;
- (v) what recommendations were made in respect of each option;
- (vi) which option, if any, has been accepted or preferred by the Department;
- (vii) if the final option analysis report was not tabled, please provide the reasons for the failure to table the report;
- (viii) whether the report has been finalised, and if not, what remains outstanding; and
- (ix) by what date the report is expected to be completed and tabled.

5.HL013 **Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**
 With reference to the reply to Question 5.HL232 of 2025 regarding the future of Kempton Park Hospital, and specifically the involvement of the Gauteng Infrastructure Financing Agency (GIFA), please indicate:

- (i) the estimated financial implications associated with each option assessed by GIFA, including capital and operational costs;
- (ii) whether any funding allocations have been made, earmarked, or applied for in relation to any of these options; and
- (iii) whether any expenditure has already been incurred in relation to the option analysis process, and if so, the total amount spent to date.
- (iv) in light of the prolonged uncertainty surrounding Kempton Park Hospital, What interim measures, if any, are currently in place to ensure continuity of health services in the area; and
- (v) whether the Department has communicated the status of the project and the GIFA report to affected communities, and if so, when and how?

MEC FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:

5.HS001 **Hon. M H Cirota (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:**
 With regard to the allocation of housing/stands in Chris Hani extension 4 Ekurhuleni, will the MEC please advise

- (i) how many stands have been allocated? Please advise whether these stands are for the purpose of housing and/or if they will be serviced stands;

- (ii) how many stands have been allocated thus far/. Please provide details and a timeline;
- (iii) is the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements driving this project? Please provide details;
- (iv) has Mr ET Ndluzela ID no 8504226173089 been allocated site number 11/75 Etatwa Ext 34 -Phase1 as previously indicated;
- (v) if so, when will he receive occupation; and
- (vi) how many Title Deeds have been issued for Etatwa Ext 34? Please provide details?

□ 5.HS002 **Hon. R Abrahams (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:**

Regarding the living conditions at Midvaal flats as well as Heatherly Flats can the MEC answer the following questions:

- (i) what budget has been allocated in the 2025/26 financial year for the repair and upgrading of the flats in Midvaal Ward 10;
- (ii) how much of the allocated budget for the Midvaal Ward 10 flats has been spent to date;
- (iii) what steps is the department taking in collaboration with the municipality to address sewage leaks, electrical faults, and structural instability in these flats;
- (iv) when did the department or its agents last engage with residents of Heatherly Flats regarding maintenance plans;
- (v) what formal mechanisms exist for residents of Heatherly Flats to report issues and receive feedback;
- (vi) when did the department or its agents last engage with residents of the flats in Midvaal Ward 10 regarding maintenance plans;
- (vii) what formal mechanisms exist for residents of the flats in Midvaal Ward 10 to report issues and receive feedback;
- (viii) does the department have a plan to temporarily relocate residents if urgent repairs make Heatherly Flats uninhabitable;
- (ix) does the department have a plan to temporarily relocate residents if urgent repairs make the Midvaal Ward 10 flats uninhabitable; and
- (x) are there any long-term redevelopment or regeneration plans for Heatherly Flats?

□ 5.HS003 **Hon. A Allie (BOSA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:**

The eradication of informal settlements remains a top priority for the Department, including the allocation and disbursement of houses and land.

To address these challenges, the Department has implemented programmes such as the Mega Projects and various housing developments aimed at improving the living conditions of community members. Despite these efforts, there have been instances where land intended for community development has been mismanaged, raising concerns about the effectiveness of these interventions.

- (i) were any funds disbursed to the City of Johannesburg for the protection or safeguarding of land earmarked for the development of community members of Ivory Park Extension 6 Mabena informal settlements;

- (ii) can you confirm that part of the funds referred to in Question 1 were allocated for the appointment of a private security service provider;
- (iii) which security company was appointed to secure the land in this area; and
- (iv) are you aware that the land is still being invaded despite the presence of appointed security company?

MEC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:

5.INF001 Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:

Regarding amounts owed by the Gauteng Infrastructure Department to municipalities, could the Mec please indicate:

- (i) what is the total outstanding amount that the Department of Infrastructure Development owes to all metropolitan and local municipalities in Gauteng for municipal services (including rates and taxes, water, sanitation, electricity, refuse removal and other levies);
- (ii) please provide the value of arrears broken down by municipality (City of Johannesburg, City of Tshwane, City Of Ekurhuleni, Sedibeng Distract/ Midvaal/ Emfuleni, West Rand Distract / Lesedi, Mogale City, Merafong,);
- (iii) for each municipality listed above, indicate the period for which arrears have been outstanding (e.g., 30 days + 60days+ 90 days; and
- (iv) what are the primary reasons for these arrears (e.g., budget reprioritisation, cash-flow constraints, payments delay by treasury, billing disputes with municipalities)?

MEC FOR CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS:

5.COFTA001 Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to general workers employed by Emfuleni since 2024, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many general workers have been employed by the municipality;
- (ii) what are their main responsibilities;
- (iii) what is the monthly salary bill for all general workers;
- (iv) how much has the municipality paid them to date; and
- (v) how much overtime has been paid to them to date?

5.COFTA002 Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to grass cutting in Emfuleni, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) who are the service providers that have been contracted by the municipality to do grass cutting;
- (ii) where are they expected to cut grass;
- (iii) how much was paid to each service provider in the last 5 financial years; and
- (iv) what is the total amount paid to all service providers in the last 5 years?

5.COFTA003 Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to cleaning/clearing of dumping sites in Emfuleni, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how much has the municipality spent in the last 5 financial years;
- (ii) what are the names of the service providers that have been used by the municipality in the last 5 financial years;
- (iii) how much has been paid to each service provider in the last 5 financial years; and
- (iv) which areas were mostly targeted?

5.COFTA004 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to the constructed bridge in Emfuleni on U Road in 2024, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) when did the project start;
- (ii) what was the budget for the project in rands and cents;
- (iii) when was it completed;
- (iv) who was the service provider; and
- (v) how much was paid to the service provider?

5.COFTA005 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to all Gauteng municipalities, could the MEC please:

- (i) list all projects that have been delayed due to non-payment;
- (ii) in each case in (i) list the reason for non-payment;
- (iii) in each case in (i) list the contractor name and value of contract; and
- (iv) in each case in (i) list the amount to be paid to each?

5.COFTA006 Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to the Gauteng Provincial Disaster Management Centre, could the MEC please:

- (i) is the Gauteng Provincial Disaster Management Centre currently fully operational;
- (ii) if not, since when has it been partially or fully non-operational;
- (iii) what specific functional gaps exist (staffing, command systems, facilities, IT, funding);
- (iv) what budget has been allocated to the PDMC in the current and previous financial years, including the proportion that has been spent;
- (v) has any internal audit, assessment or risk report been compiled on the operational status of the PDMC during the past 24 months;
- (vi) if so, please provide dates and findings;
- (vii) if not, why not;
- (viii) if not operational, by what date will the Gauteng Provincial Disaster Management Centre be fully operational;
- (ix) who is the accounting officer responsible for restoring its functionality; and
- (x) what disciplinary or remedial steps are envisaged if delays are found to be the result of administrative failures?

5.COGTA007 Hon. S T Msimanga (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Regarding the decision to rescind the suspension of the Sedibeng Municipality CFO, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) please provide the minutes of the Council meeting where the precautionary suspension of the CFO was discussed and approved;
- (ii) please confirm whether a Council meeting took place to discuss the rescinding of the CFO's suspension;
- (iii) if such a meeting took place, please provide the full minutes of that meeting;
- (iv) if no Council meeting took place, please indicate which meeting or structure discussed the rescinding of the CFO's suspension and provide the relevant minutes;
- (v) when was the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) formally placed on precautionary suspension, and what were the stated reasons for this decision;
- (vi) did the MEC receive a memorandum, letter, or any form of communication indicating that Council had requested or approved the rescinding of the CFO's suspension;
- (vii) if the MEC did receive such communication:
- (viii) on what date was it received;
- (ix) who was the sender; and
- (x) did the MEC provide any directive, guidance, or instruction to the municipality regarding the reinstatement of the CFO?

5.COGTA008 Hon. S T Msimanga (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Regarding the Rand West Mayor's VIP protection, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) who authorised the allocation of eight (8) bodyguards to the Executive Mayor of Rand West City Local Municipality;
- (ii) on what date was the decision taken to appoint more than the two (2) bodyguards per shift as prescribed in the 2024/25 Gazette;
- (iii) what legal or regulatory basis was used to justify the allocation of eight (8) bodyguards in contravention of the Gazette;
- (iv) was Council approval obtained for the appointment of eight (8) bodyguards;
- (v) if yes, please provide the Council resolution and minutes;
- (vi) what is the total monthly and annual cost of employing all eight (8) bodyguards, including salaries, overtime, and benefits;
- (vii) what was the original budget allocation for bodyguards in the 2024/25 financial year;
- (viii) by how much does the cost of eight (8) bodyguards exceed the approved budget;
- (ix) has any portion of the expenditure on the additional bodyguards been classified as irregular or unauthorised expenditure; and
- (x) what steps are being taken to ensure immediate compliance with the Gazette requirement of two (2) bodyguards per shift while protecting the municipality's financial sustainability?

5.COGTA009 Hon. K Rasilingwane (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to the water outages in the City of Ekurhuleni in December, can the MEC please respond to the following question:

- (i) given that access to water is a constitutional right, how does the City justify communities living for weeks without water;
- (ii) which specific reservoir, pump stations or bulk supply points failed including maintenance that had not been done prior to December;
- (iii) which wards and communities were affected;
- (iv) how many days or weeks did each area go without water;
- (v) why did the City resort to outsourced water tankers instead of using an internal emergency capacity;
- (vi) how many service providers were appointed to deliver water tankers during this period;
- (vii) can the City provide the names of services providers, the duration of their contracts and the procurement reference numbers;
- (viii) what was the cost per tanker per day;
- (ix) how does this compare to previous emergency water provision costs; and
- (x) what is the City concrete plan to ensure that communities are never again without water for weeks? Please provide clear upgrades plans, refurbishments with clear timelines and budgets?

5.COGTA010 Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to the City of Ekurhuleni Senior management positions:

- (i) can the city provide a comprehensive list of all senior management positions (Municipal manager, Heads of department, CFO and Executive Directors together with, their minimum qualification requirements as per legislation and job descriptions;
- (ii) the actual qualifications held by each incumbent in (i);
- (iii) how many senior managers currently in office do not meet the minimum competency or qualifications requirements prescribed by the municipal System Act;
- (iv) were any exemptions or condonations granted to allow unqualified individuals to occupy senior posts;
- (v) if so, who approved these exemptions;
- (vi) on what legal basis were they granted;
- (vii) what due diligence processes are followed during recruitment to verify academic qualifications including prior management experience;
- (viii) can the City confirm whether independent qualification verification (SAQA or Third party verification) was conducted for all senior appointment in the last 5 years; and
- (ix) has any senior manager been disciplined, suspended, or dismissed specifically for misrepresentation of qualification or qualification?

5.COGTA011 Hon. M S Moriarty (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regards to the firefighting capacity of the City of Ekurhuleni, and with reference to the South African National Standard (SANS) 10090: Community Protection Against Fire, please indicate:

- (i) how many fire engines are allocated to each fire station in the City of Ekurhuleni;
- (ii) what is the year of manufacture and age of each fire engine at every fire station;
- (iii) how many fire engines at each station are currently operational, and how many are non-operational;
- (iv) for each non-operational fire engine, on what date did it stop working;
- (v) what is the reason each non-operational fire engine is out of service;
- (vi) what is the estimated cost to repair or replace each non-operational fire engine;
- (vii) how many firefighters are currently employed at each fire station;
- (viii) what is the minimum number of firefighters required at each station in terms of SANS 10090, and how many posts are currently vacant;
- (ix) of the vacant firefighter posts, how many are funded and how many are unfunded; and
- (x) when last was protective firefighting gear issued to firefighters at each station, and does this gear meet current safety standards?

□□ 5.COGTA012 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

The Johannesburg Heritage Foundation and Friends of JAG (JHF/FOJ) have raised serious concerns regarding the Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA) and City of Johannesburg's plan to relocate invaluable artworks from the Johannesburg Art Gallery (JAG) to Museum Africa and other sites.

In a statement dated 3 February 2026, JHF/FOJ detailed significant deficiencies identified during their inspection of the Museum Africa storage facility, and noted the lack of meaningful consultation despite being acknowledged as legitimate stakeholders. In light of this, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) on what basis was the decision made to relocate the JAG artworks to Museum Africa, and who made this decision;
- (ii) what criteria were used to determine that Museum Africa is a suitable location for storing the priceless JAG collection;
- (iii) which officials, departments, or bodies were consulted before this decision was made, and what were their recommendations;
- (iv) was the Gauteng Provincial Government consulted or informed about this decision, and if so, what role did it play in approving or overseeing the relocation plan;
- (v) has approval been obtained from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for the removal and relocation of artworks from JAG, as required by law;

- (vi) if SAHRA approval has been obtained, will the relevant reports and conditions be made publicly available;
- (vii) has a properly constituted Art Gallery Committee (AGC) been established and has it approved the relocation plan; and
- (viii) what measures are in place to ensure compliance with the National Heritage Resources Act and other relevant legislation governing the protection of cultural heritage?

□□ **5.COGTA013 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

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In a statement dated 3 February 2026, JHF/FOJ detailed significant deficiencies identified during their inspection of the Museum Africa storage facility, and noted the lack of meaningful consultation despite being acknowledged as legitimate stakeholders. In light of this, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) why has the JDA failed to respond to the Partnership Agreement drafted by JHF/FOJ, despite acknowledging them as legitimate stakeholders;
- (ii) why was the relocation plan announced unilaterally by the JDA without finalizing the Partnership Agreement that was intended to ensure all parties "speak with one voice";
- (iii) why has the JDA not responded to JHF/FOJ's request for a site meeting at Museum Africa on 12 January 2026 to discuss their serious concerns about the facility;
- (iv) what steps will be taken to ensure meaningful consultation with heritage experts, curators, restorers, and other qualified stakeholders;
- (v) what assessment was conducted to determine that the Museum Africa shell space is fit for purpose for storing the JAG collection;
- (vi) how have the serious concerns raised by JHF/FOJ's independent inspection team been addressed, specifically regarding security deficiencies, temperature control issues, water ingress problems, unsuitable access points, and location concerns;
- (vii) what remedial actions have been completed by contractors, and have these been verified by independent heritage experts as meeting international best practice standards;
- (viii) why was the alternative storage location suggested by JHF/FOJ not considered or investigated; and
- (ix) has consideration been given to JHF/FOJ's recommendation that the Museum Africa shell space would be better utilized for Museum Africa's own valuable collection?

□□ **5.COGTA014 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

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(JAG) to Museum Africa and other sites. In a statement dated 3 February 2026, JHF/FOJ detailed significant deficiencies identified during their inspection of the Museum Africa storage facility, and noted the lack of meaningful consultation despite being acknowledged as legitimate stakeholders. In light of this, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the realistic timeline for the completion of JAG building renovations, given that heritage experts estimate 3-5 years rather than the mid-2027 date announced by Mayor Morero at the G20;
- (ii) how long are the artworks expected to remain at Museum Africa and the other designated sites;
- (iii) will all reports, assessments, and approvals relating to the relocation be made publicly available;
- (iv) what oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure accountability and transparency throughout the relocation and storage process;
- (v) what is the total budget allocated for the relocation of JAG artworks and the preparation of storage facilities;
- (vi) what is the cost-benefit analysis comparing the Museum Africa option with the alternative location suggested by JHF/FOJ;
- (vii) how does the province ensure value for money and proper stewardship of public resources in this matter;
- (viii) what role does the Gauteng Provincial Government play in overseeing heritage assets of provincial and national significance within the City of Johannesburg;
- (ix) what consequences will follow if the relocation proceeds without proper approvals from SAHRA and the Art Gallery Committee; and
- (x) who will be held accountable if artworks are damaged or deteriorate due to inadequate storage conditions at Museum Africa?



5.COFTA015 Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to revenue collection in the City of Ekurhuleni, could the MEC please for the last 3 financial years indicate the following:

- (i) please provide figures in Rands and Cents of revenue collected across the City of Ekurhuleni;
- (ii) please provide the breakdown of the amounts per Customer Care Area (CCA) and clearly indicate each CCA;
- (iii) please provide a breakdown of the collection rates for each CCA in the City of Ekurhuleni;
- (iv) please provide a breakdown of residential and business revenue generated in each CCA;
- (v) please provide a breakdown of revenue per service category by CCA?



5.COFTA016 Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With regard to spending of revenue in the City of Ekurhuleni, could the MEC please for the last 3 financial years indicate the following:

- (i) please provide figures in Rands and Cents of capital expenditure across the City of Ekurhuleni;
- (ii) please provide the breakdown of the amounts per Customer Care Area (CCA) and clearly indicate each CCA;

- (iii) please provide the breakdown of operational costs incurred per CCA; and
- (iv) please provide the breakdown of City-wide capital projects and in which departments those capital expenses were incurred?

□□ **5.COGTA017 Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regard to vacancies in the City of Ekurhuleni, could the MEC please indicate currently:

- (i) how many vacancies there are across departments in the City of Ekurhuleni and give a breakdown by department;
- (ii) what percentage of the City's organogram remains vacant;
- (iii) for Energy, Water, Sanitation, EMPD, Waste Removal and Parks, could the MEC kindly indicate the vacancy rate per depot across the City of Ekurhuleni;
- (iv) please provide the number of the City's vacancies that are considered critical; and
- (v) the salary level in which each category of vacancies fall?

MEC FOR E-GOVERNMENT:

none

MEC FOR ROADS AND TRANSPORT:

5.TR001 Hon. S J Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:

Regarding the review of the scholar transport policy following the recent fatal accident involving learners in the Vanderbijlpark area, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what commitments were made by the Department and the MEC and Interdepartmental collaboration with the Department of Education in regarding a review of the existing scholar transport policy;
- (ii) what date was such a review formally initiated, if at all;
- (iii) with reference to the promised review of the scholar transport policy, what is the scope and objective of the review;
- (iv) which aspects of the current policy are under reconsideration;
- (v) what deficiencies or risks have been identified to date;
- (vi) with reference to the process being followed, which officials and external stakeholders are responsible for conducting the policy review;
- (vii) whether any interdepartmental engagement is taking place, including with the Department of Education, SAPS, or local traffic authorities, including how learner safety considerations are being incorporated into the review;
- (viii) what are the timelines for the completion of the scholar transport policy review, anticipated dates for public or stakeholder consultation; and
- (ix) what is the expected date for the implementation of any revised policy measures?

5.TR002 Hon. S J Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:
 Regarding the review of the scholar transport policy following the recent fatal accident involving learners in the Vanderbijlpark area, could the MEC please:

- (i) pending the finalisation of the policy review, what interim measures have been put in place to improve the safety and compliance of scholar transport operators;
- (ii) how is the Department ensuring that learners are not exposed to unsafe or illegally operating transport services; and
- (iii) will the MEC commit to tabling the outcomes of the scholar transport policy review before the Legislature, and if not, please provide reasons?

5.TR003 Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:
 Given that the Department of Transport has an ongoing partnership with the JRA to restore and maintain road infrastructure along provincial routes in all cities across the province, can the MEC answer the following:

- (i) can the MEC provide a list of all traffic signal intersections that have been fully restored, those still under repair, and the expected timeline for completion for each;
- (ii) what other measures, if any, are being introduced to harden traffic signal infrastructure against cable theft, vandalism and other criminal interference, and how will these measures be prioritised across the province's road network;
- (iii) how does the Department monitor and respond to outages and failures of traffic lights outside of what the JRA can deal with; and
- (iv) what collaboration frameworks are in place with law enforcement (SAPS), municipal authorities, and communities to ensure timely apprehension and prosecution of perpetrators responsible for infrastructure damage especially with regard to traffic signals, and how is the effectiveness of these measures?

5.TR004 Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:
 We applaud the new efforts by the department to take control of unroadworthy vehicles, there is still a lot that needs to be measured, we need to ensure that they remain off our roads. Based on this:

- (i) once a taxi has been impounded for not being roadworthy or non-compliant, where are the vehicles stored, for how long can they remain in impound yards;
- (ii) who takes on the cost for storage;
- (iii) what are the conditions and timelines for releasing of the impounded vehicles back to the taxi operators;
- (iv) are they expected to pay fines, a certification roadworthiness received and that operating licences are investigated? (please provide the Department's policy or rules guiding this process); and
- (v) in cases where operators do not retrieve their impounded taxis, what eventually happens to these vehicles and how often does this occur?

5.TR005 Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:

With regard to Mutsh Medical International, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what contracts has this company received from any entity of the department since 1 January 2020;
- (ii) in each case in (i) above, on what date was the contract awarded, what was the nature of the contract, what entity was involved, and how much was the contract in rands and cents (please give separately for each contract);
- (iii) in each case in 1) above, what was the justification for the purchase, and the reason why it was made from this company rather than another company;
- (iv) whether any irregularities have been detected in the award of contracts to this company;
- (v) what investigation will be done in this matter; and
- (vi) if not, why not?

5.TR006 Hon. A J Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:

With reference to learner transport vehicles and drivers operating in Gauteng, including buses, minibus taxis and other vehicles used for the transportation of learners, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what legal and regulatory requirements apply to learner transport in Gauteng in respect of:
Vehicle roadworthiness certification; Vehicle licensing and operating permits;
Driver requirements, including possession of a valid Professional Driving Permit (PDP); and
Vehicle safety requirements, including the availability and use of seatbelts.
- (ii) for the 2025 calendar year, please provide: The total number of learner transport vehicles operating in Gauteng, broken down by:
Buses;
Minibus taxis; and
Other learner transport vehicles (including scholar transport minibuses, people-carriers, LDVs or sedans used for learner transport), specifying each type; and
- (iii) of these, how many vehicles in each category: were required to undergo roadworthiness testing; were presented for roadworthiness testing; and passed roadworthiness testing?

MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

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

With regard to the R102 million that was underspend in the 2024/25 Financial year:

- (i) which departments or directorates contributed to this under expenditure;
- (ii) how many directors lead directorates / departments where this under expenditure took place;
- (iii) how many staff members are employed in directorates /

departments where this under expenditure took place;

- (iv) what were the Key Performance Areas (KPA's) and Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for each employee (managers and staff);
- (v) how many staff were paid bonuses based on this performance;
- (vi) how much was the total bonuses paid out in rands and cents;
- (vii) what were the amounts for the highest bonuses;
- (viii) what warning were provided by the Chief Financial Officer, Audit Manager and Risk Manager;
- (ix) how did the department implement the warnings; and
- (x) why did the department still end up with the R102 million under expenditure at the end of the financial year?

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

With regard to proposed reforms on CYCC's:

- (i) was the Gauteng Department of Social Development (GDSD) consulted before the Care Reform Summit outcomes were adopted;
- (ii) did Gauteng formally endorse the summit outcomes;
- (iii) how many CYCC's are operating in Gauteng (Government operated and NPO operated);
- (iv) how does DSDS implement the moratorium on placing children under three in CYCCs? (please include the starting date of this implementation);
- (v) what alternative placements are currently available in Gauteng for children under three who are abandoned, abused, or removed in emergencies;
- (vi) how many approved foster-care placements, safety parents, and places of safety are currently available in the province;
- (vii) what is the existing backlog of approved foster-care placements, safety parents, and places of safety;
- (viii) outline the type of consultation that has taken place with CYCC NPOs (Please include minutes of such meetings and attendance registers);
- (ix) what risk assessment has been conducted to ensure that children will not be left without placement, delayed in care, or exposed to harm during implementation; and
- (x) how will Gauteng ensure accountability and oversight if national policy is implemented without a fully costed, resourced, and operational provincial plan?

5.SD003

Hon. R Abrahams (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:

Regarding the state of Old Age Homes in Eersterust, Eldorado Park, Midvaal, Rustervaal and Laudium, can the MEC answer the following questions:

- (i) what programmes are in place to promote family involvement and community-based care for elderly persons in areas like Eersterust, Eldorado Park, Midvaal, Rustervaal, and Laudium;
- (ii) how is the Department working to reduce unnecessary institutionalisation where alternative care options exist;
- (iii) how is the Department ensuring that care provided in these

facilities is culturally sensitive and that staff can communicate effectively in residents' preferred languages;

- (iv) what long-term plans does the Department have to address the growing elderly population, including plans for new facilities and community-based care models;
- (v) can the MEC provide details of planned partnerships with private or NGO stakeholders to support elderly care in these communities;
- (vi) what accessible and confidential grievance mechanisms exist for residents and their families to report abuse, neglect, or poor service at old age homes;
- (vii) how many complaints were received through these mechanisms during the past financial year, and how many were resolved;
- (viii) how is the Office of the MEC coordinating with the Department of Infrastructure Development, COGTA, and local municipalities to expedite the delivery of adequate facilities for elderly persons; and
- (ix) what specific steps are being taken to ensure that historically underserved communities receive sufficient services and facilities for the elderly?

MEC FOR AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

5.ARD001 Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture and Rural Development:

With regard to Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak, could the MEC please:

- (i) has the PDMC conducted any formal FMD disaster-risk classification or assessment in Gauteng during the past 12 months;
- (ii) if yes, on what date and with what conclusions or recommendations;
- (iii) if no, why not;
- (iv) did the Gauteng Department of Agriculture or any national department formally brief the PDMC on FMD outbreaks in the province;
- (v) on what dates;
- (vii) with what follow-up actions has the PDMC recommended that a provincial state of disaster or emergency response mechanisms be activated for FMD in Gauteng;
- (viii) if not, what technical criteria were applied in reaching that decision;
- (ix) was the Premier or Executive Council advised of the PDMC's operational status during this outbreak; and
- (x) if yes, on what date?

5.ARD002 Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture and Rural Development:

With regard to Provincial Disaster Management Centre, could the MEC please:

- (i) in the absence of an operational PDMC, which structure is currently coordinating province-wide enforcement of animal movement controls;
- (ii) if not why not;
- (iii) how many joint operations involving SAPS, provincial traffic

authorities and municipal law-enforcement agencies have taken place in Gauteng to enforce FMD movement restrictions over the past three months? Please provide the locations, dates and outcomes of such operations;

- (iv) why have no permanent or rotating provincial checkpoints been publicly announced along major livestock transport corridors;
- (v) has Gauteng established a province-wide register of veterinarians and animal-health technicians available to assist with emergency vaccination campaigns? If so, how many practitioners are listed;
- (vi) if not, why not;
- (vii) what procurement processes are underway for mobile handling pens, crush units and biosecurity equipment; and
- (viii) which department is responsible for logistics coordination once vaccines become available?

□□ **5.ARD003 WITHDRAWN**

MEC FOR ENVIRONMENT:

5.ENV001 Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Environment:

Regarding the enforcement and delays on Illegal Dumpsite on Plot 230, Rietfontein, Mogale City, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) since the illegal dumping and burning activities on Plot 230, Rietfontein were first formally reported to the Gauteng Department of Environment, what actions has the Department taken, and on what dates were these actions implemented;
- (ii) what compliance and enforcement notices, directives, or warnings were issued by the Department in respect of Plot 230, including the dates of issue and the specific deadlines or timeframes contained in each notice;
- (iii) what monitoring or follow-up inspections has the Department conducted since the issuing of the final Directive on 28 October 2025;
- (iv) what were the outcomes of these inspections;
- (v) given that the Department has confirmed that failure to comply with a Directive is an offence, what are the next enforcement steps being taken against the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport;
- (vi) what is the expected timeline for criminal or administrative enforcement action; and
- (vii) what factors have contributed to the apparent delays in stopping the ongoing illegal dumping and burning at the site, and what immediate interventions will the Department implement to protect nearby communities while enforcement and prosecution processes are underway?

5.ENV002 Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Environment:

With reference to the MEC's reply to Question 5.ENV022 regarding air quality monitoring stations, the MEC is requested to state:

- (i) in respect of the City of Ekurhuleni, where the stations at Springs, Tembisa, Thokoza, Tsakane and Wattville are

described as “operational but reporting raw data”: What is meant by “reporting raw data”;

- (ii) whether such data is validated, calibrated, and fit for regulatory or health-risk assessment purposes;
- (iii) whether data from these stations is currently used for compliance monitoring, public reporting, or enforcement action;
- (iv) for each of the Ekurhuleni stations referred to in Question 1, please indicate The date from which each station has been reporting raw data only, the reason full reporting functionality has not been restored, including the estimated cost required to return each station to full operational and reporting status;
- (v) with reference to the Bedfordview and Delville air quality monitoring stations, which have been out of commission since April 2023 and July 2022 respectively due to burglary, What steps were taken to secure these stations following the burglaries; Whether any SAPS cases were opened, and if so, the relevant case numbers; and
- (vi) why these stations remain non-operational several years after the incidents.
- (vii) whether the MEC accepts that the absence of fully functional air quality monitoring stations in parts of Ekurhuleni undermines the Province’s ability to monitor compliance with air quality standards; and
- (viii) the public’s right to accurate and reliable information on environmental health risks.
- (ix) what time-bound plan, including specific budget allocations and implementation dates, is in place to ensure that all air quality monitoring stations in Ekurhuleni are fully operational, secure, calibrated, and reporting validated data?

MEC FOR SPORT, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE:

□□ **5.SP001** Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation:

With regards to catering and transportation, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) for the past financial year, what is the total amount spent on catering;
- (ii) please provide a list of all catering service providers used during the past financial year;
- (iii) please provide a list of all transport service providers used during the past financial year;
- (iv) how much was each catering service provider paid (per service provider);
- (v) how much was each sports service provider paid (per service provider); and
- (vi) what is the total amount spent on transport related to catering and sports activities respectively?

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