

## GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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# QUESTION PAPER

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Tuesday, 24 March 2026  
(Not a Question Day)

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

**For next Question Day**  
none

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

**For next Question Day**  
none

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

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

**For next Question Day**

♦ ♦ 4.SD005 **Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:**

With regard to Dr. Fabian and Florence Ribeiro Treatment Centre in Cullinan and the Tswa Daar Campaign

- (i) how many people were taking to Dr. Fabian and Florence Ribeiro Treatment Centre in Cullinan from the Tswa Daar Recruitment drive;
- (ii) did the department keep a register of all the people that went to the facility;
- (iii) how long was their rehabilitation treatment at the facility;
- (iv) after discharging the patients, has the Department kept in touch with the clients or their family members such as parents; and
- (v) if no- how many female clients / patients reported being pregnant from having stayed at the facility as part of the Tswa Daar Campaign?

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

**For next Question Day**

**MEC FOR EDUCATION:**

**5.ED043**

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

With regards to High School Capacity in Kempton Park, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many learners were unplaced in 2025 due to high school shortages;
- (ii) how many learners travel outside Kempton Park for high school placement;
- (iii) how many learners travel from outside Kempton Park for high schools in Kempton Park;
- (iv) how many English medium high schools are there in Tembisa;
- (v) what is the Department's five-year plan to expand high school capacity in Kempton Park;
- (vi) what is the projected budget and timeline for such a school;
- (vii) how does the Department justify 16 primary schools feeding into only six high schools;
- (viii) was converting Birch Acres Primary 2 into a secondary school considered;
- (ix) what are the full details that prevents Birch Acres Primary 2 now whilst still under construction into a high school; and
- (x) what is the projected Grade 7 to Grade 8 progression pressure over the next five years?

**5.ED044**

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

With regards to Birch Acres 1 Secondary School and Birch Acres 2 Secondary in Kempton Park mobile schools, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the full cost breakdown of the R17,109,075 spent on the mobile school;
- (ii) what is the annual operational and maintenance cost of the mobile school;
- (iii) for how many years is the mobile infrastructure expected to remain in use;
- (iv) why were learners enrolled before sufficient desks and chairs were provided;
- (v) why have teachers not been provided with desks and chairs;
- (vi) why are no non-teaching staff allocated to the school;
- (vii) what measures are in place to address water supply disruptions;
- (viii) what is the current learner-to-teacher ratios;
- (ix) does the mobile school budget not eat into the budget of a brick-and-mortar budget;
- (x) is there a funded and approved plan for a permanent brick-and-mortar secondary school?

**5.ED045 Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regards to Birch Acres Primary 2 School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what planning study informed the decision to build Birch Acres Primary 2? (Please attach the report);
- (ii) was a high school demand analysis conducted prior to approval;
- (iii) why was a primary school prioritised instead of a high school;
- (iv) what caused the delay from March 2026 to June 2026;
- (v) has the project experienced any cost escalations beyond R226,282,724;
- (vi) what penalties apply to contractors for delays;
- (vii) what is the projected teacher post establishment for the school;
- (viii) what is the anticipated learner enrolment for its first year of operation;
- (ix) could the structure be adapted to accommodate secondary school learners; and
- (x) when will learner admissions officially open?

**5.ED046 Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regards to Birch Acres Primary 1 School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) when (date) was vandalism at the site first reported;
- (ii) has a formal damage assessment been conducted;
- (iii) what is the estimated cost of vandalism and theft to date;
- (iv) was the theft of the server reported to SAPS? If so, what is the case number;
- (v) why was no private security company appointed to protect the site;
- (vi) what was the total cost paid to CPF patrollers between January and March 2025;
- (vii) what security measures are currently in place;
- (viii) who is accountable for safeguarding incomplete public infrastructure;
- (ix) how many similar incomplete school sites in Gauteng are currently without security; and
- (x) what preventative measures will be implemented to avoid further vandalism?

**5.ED047 Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regards to Birch Acres Primary 1 School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what were the exact reasons for the termination of the contractor's contract for Birch Acres Primary 1;
- (ii) on what date was the contract terminated;
- (iii) was the contractor penalised for non-completion? If so, what penalties were imposed;
- (iv) how much of the original R36,215,265 budget was paid to the contractor;

- (v) what happened to the remaining ±R4 million from the original allocation;
- (vi) was a forensic investigation conducted into the project? If not, why not;
- (vii) what additional costs have been incurred since construction stopped;
- (viii) what is the detailed breakdown of the R20 million now required to complete the school;
- (ix) why does the completion cost appear disproportionately high if the school was reportedly 88% complete; and
- (x) in which financial year is funding allocated to complete the project?

5.ED048

**Hon. J C Moodey (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regards to the current Regulations Relating to the Admission of Learners to Public Schools and the classification of Grade 1 as an "Entry Grade", will the MEC please indicate the following to assist the Legislature in assessing the efficacy of the online admissions system:

- (i) for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 academic admissions cycles, exactly how many learners who were actively enrolled in Grade R at a public primary school were subsequently denied placement for Grade 1 at that exact same public primary school;
- (ii) of the total number of placement appeals lodged by parents during the 2025 and 2026 admissions cycles, how many specifically related to learners being denied Grade 1 admission at the school where they had just completed Grade R;
- (iii) what is the current provincial average ratio of available Grade R seats to Grade 1 seats within public primary schools in Gauteng, and what percentage of these schools possess a Grade 1 capacity that is equal to or greater than their Grade R capacity; and
- (iv) given the national priority of integrating Early Childhood Development (ECD) into the formal schooling system, has the Department sought any internal or external legal opinions on the feasibility of amending Regulation 7 of General Notice 494 of 2019 to create a "Dual-Stream" model that prioritizes internal progression for current Grade R cohorts?

**MEC FOR FINANCE:**

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.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.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.HL015

**Hon. K Poho (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

In the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2025/2026, Human Resources has stated that "Many public health-care facilities operate with inadequate numbers of doctors, nurses, and specialists resulting in high patient loads and over-burden staff."

- (i) what is the current doctor-to-patient ratios across healthcare facilities in the province? Can the Department provide this ratio as to the actual desired standard of doctor-to-patient standard;
- (ii) what is the updated or current staff compliment of the Department of Health, as of 12 February 2026; and
- (iii) can the Department also list the number of vacancies with relevant position names and titles (not limited to but not excluding middle and senior management)?

5.HL017

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

With regard to cancer in Gauteng, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what technical report on cancer in Gauteng has been prepared by experts in the last two years;
- (ii) what are the findings of this report;
- (iii) what are the recommendations of this report;
- (iv) why has this report not been made public;
- (v) will the MEC provide a copy of the report in the reply to this

- question;
- (vi) if not, why not;
  - (vii) what is the approximate waiting time for CT reports for cancer patients at the Chris Hani Baragwanath and Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg hospitals respectively (please give separately for each hospital);
  - (viii) what accounts for the long waiting times;
  - (ix) how many cancer patients at each hospital are currently awaiting their CT Scan report (please give separately for each hospital);
  - (x) what is being done to speed up the CT reports for cancer patients at these two hospitals?

5.HL018

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

With regard to hospital CEOs, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) which hospital CEO positions are vacant (please list);
- (ii) in each case in (i) above, from what date has the post been vacant, and in each case, what is the reason for this;
- (iii) which hospitals have acting CEOs;
- (iv) in each case in (iii) above, from what date has there been an acting CEO;
- (v) when is the CEO of Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Hospital (CMJH) supposed to be retiring;
- (vi) what advertising and selection procedures have been taken to appoint a new CEO of CMJH;
- (vii) if not, why not;
- (viii) when will the selection process for a new CMJH CEO be initiated and when is it likely to be concluded;
- (ix) who is accountable for the failure to take timely measures for a replacement permanent CEO at CMJH; and
- (x) who will be appointed in an Acting position when the present CMJH CEO retires?

5.HL022

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

With regards to the delivery of goods and irregularities in the transit office in the Tembisa Hospital matter, could the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) how were Goods Received Vouchers captured in the SRM system before supervisory approval;
- (ii) what explains inconsistencies between delivery records and purchase orders;
- (iii) were any physical verification processes bypassed or falsified;
- (iv) what controls now ensure that payments cannot be processed without verified delivery; and
- (v) has any disciplinary or criminal action been taken against transit office personnel?

5.HL023

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

With regards to disciplinary action and consequence management at the GDOH in the Tembisa Hospital matter, could the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) what is the status of the 116 disciplinary referrals prepared by the SIU;
- (ii) how many implicated officials remain employed by the Department;
- (iii) what timelines govern the finalisation of disciplinary proceedings;
- (iv) how will the Department ensure that disciplinary processes are not delayed or undermined; and
- (v) how many implicated officials have voluntarily left the service of GDOH so far?

5.HL026

**Hon. M Hicklin (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With specific reference to infrastructure maintenance, upgrades and project-related work at OR Tambo Memorial Hospital, could the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) what mandatory documentation and verification records are required before payments to infrastructure or maintenance contractors may be authorised;
- (ii) which officials or authority levels are responsible for confirming practical or final completion of work prior to payment approval;
- (iii) what controls exist to prevent payment where completion certificates or facility-level confirmations are absent, incomplete, or disputed;
- (iv) have any deviations from prescribed payment verification or completion control procedures been recorded at OR Tambo Memorial Hospital during the past three financial years, and if so, how many; and
- (v) what corrective, disciplinary, or financial consequence management measures apply in instances where payments are processed without full compliance with completion and verification requirements?

5.HL027

**Hon. M Hicklin (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

In relation to infrastructure and maintenance projects undertaken at OR Tambo Memorial Hospital, how does the Department assess and monitor contractor capacity, workload allocation, and performance to ensure continuity of work and prevent project delays, can the MEC please provide:

- (i) the criteria used to evaluate contractor capacity prior to appointment;
- (ii) the number of projects at the facility currently classified as delayed, stalled, or incomplete;
- (iii) the primary causes of such delays;
- (iv) the mechanisms used to intervene where contractor performance affects service delivery; and
- (v) whether any contractual penalties or remedial actions have been enforced at the facility?

5.HL028

**Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regards to governance and executive oversight in relation to the ongoing investigation into Tembisa Hospital, could the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) what specific oversight mechanisms were exercised by the

Gauteng Department of Health (GDOH) executive management over Tembisa Hospital's procurement processes between 2020 and 2023;

- (ii) how did the Accounting Officer and senior management fail to detect or prevent the systemic procurement irregularities identified by the SIU;
- (iii) were any internal audit warnings, risk assessments or compliance flags raised prior to the SIU investigation and how were these addressed;
- (iv) what consequence management steps have been taken against senior officials responsible for governance failures; and
- (v) how will the Department strengthen executive oversight to prevent similar failures at other Gauteng hospitals?

**5.HL030**

**Hon. R Robinson (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regards to financial losses and irregular expenditure at Tembisa Hospital, could the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) can the Department provide a reconciled figure of total irregular, wasteful and fraudulent expenditure linked to Tembisa Hospital;
- (ii) how did expenditure on medical supplies increase dramatically despite stable patient admissions;
- (iii) what financial controls failed to detect payments for goods that were never delivered;
- (iv) what recovery strategies are being pursued to reclaim stolen funds; and
- (v) how does the Department quantify the fiscal impact of these losses on service delivery?

**MEC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:**

**5.INF010**

**Hon. K Rasingwane (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

In terms of the Auditor General's report relating to the material irregularity attached to the refurbishment of Anglo Gold Ashanti hospital, the following is indicated:

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) applied to the Special Tribunal of SA for the draft settlement agreement between the SIU and owners of the hospital to be made an order of the Tribunal. The matter was heard in November 2022 and judgment has not been handed down. The options included in the settlement agreement are as follows:

Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) to become registered title owner of the hospital and the residence, including parts of the land upon which these buildings are built on.

Concluding of a long-term written lease agreement for a period of not less than 99 years between the owners of the hospital and GPG at no rental cost, and where GPG will only be required to pay its pro rata or other fair contribution to the municipal services and other related services required for the operation of the hospital. Could the MEC please respond to the following questions:

- (i) this matter was raised with the Department during its interactions with SCOPA committee and neither the MEC nor the HOD were aware of this. The MEC undertook to respond to the issue but

never did. Why did the MEC make an undertaking which he never kept;

- (ii) has judgement in the matter been handed down;
- (iii) if so, what is the judgement;
- (iv) if not, what is the legal status of the hospital including, the obligations of the department in terms of the current status;
- (v) what was the value of the loss suffered by the administration and has any of this been recovered;
- (vi) are there any processes in place to recover the losses;
- (vii) it is alleged that the decision to proceed with the refurbishment of Anglo Gold Ashanti was taken by politicians and that officials were instructed to do so. Is this true;
- (viii) if not, how did the actions of inactions of the suspended and dismissed officials contribute towards the ballooning of the cost to approximately R500million;
- (ix) the suspended and dismissed officials were found guilty of not allowing correct procedure in terms of the appointment of service providers. How did this contribute specifically to the ballooning of the cost; and
- (x) were costs unreasonably inflated by service providers, including at what value?

**MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:**

**5.SD007**

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

Disc With regards to the NPO Funding adjudication process that was started in 2025;

- (i) when was the process for adjudication started;
- (ii) when is it expected to end;
- (iii) who is sitting on the adjudication panel (Please provide names and surnames);
- (iv) what is their remuneration in rands and cents for serving on this Panel;
- (v) how many NPOs applied for funding;
- (vi) how many NPOs have been approved (Please provide breakdown per sector);
- (vii) how many were approved in the same sectors in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 process;
- (viii) from (vi), how much will each NPO be funded in rands and cents;
- (ix) how many NPOs have signed their service level agreements (SLA); and
- (x) of those who have not signed, what are the reasons for not having signed?

**5.SD008**

**Hon. M Hicklin (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:**

With regard to the registered old age home facilities in the City of Ekurhuleni, could the MEC indicate the following:

- (i) how many old age homes are there in Ekurhuleni;
- (ii) please provide a breakdown of their names per area;
- (iii) how many residents do each of these old age homes have;
- (iv) which of these old age homes receive funding from GDSD; and
- (v) how much total funding was provided to the ones receiving funding

in the 2025/26 financial year?

**5.SD009**

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

With regard to Tswa Daar Campaign and Mass Admissions, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many individuals were admitted to rehabilitation centres in Gauteng as part of the Tswa Daar campaign in 2024 and 2025;
- (ii) is it correct that approximately 900 individuals were admitted in a single intake drive at the Cullinan facility;
- (iii) what is the officially approved bed capacity of the Cullinan centre;
- (iv) if admissions exceeded capacity, who authorised this and on what basis;
- (v) what was the staff-to-patient ratio during the period when mass admissions reportedly occurred;
- (vi) how many of the individuals admitted during that intake remain in treatment today;
- (vii) how many completed the programme successfully;
- (viii) how many were transferred, absconded, or were discharged prematurely;
- (ix) were risk assessments conducted prior to these large-scale admissions; and
- (x) will the Department publish a comprehensive outcomes report on the Tswa Daar campaign, including measurable success indicators?

**5.SD010**

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

With regards to patient safety and allegations of abuse, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many incidents of physical abuse have been reported at the Cullinan centre between 2024 and 2025;
- (ii) how many allegations of sexual abuse between patients were recorded during this period;
- (iii) is the Department aware of any reported incident involving one patient sexually assaulting others;
- (iv) were criminal charges laid in relation to any such incidents;
- (v) were parents or guardians formally notified of serious incidents involving their children;
- (vi) how many incident reports were filed at the Cullinan facility between January 2024 and December 2025;
- (vii) how many of these incidents resulted in disciplinary action against staff or patients;
- (viii) what safeguarding protocols are in place to prevent sexual violence between patients;
- (ix) are CCTV systems installed and functional at the facility, and are they regularly monitored; and
- (x) will the Department release anonymised summaries of all serious incident investigations conducted over the past two years?

5.SD011

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

With regards to deaths, missing persons and critical incidents (2024–2025), could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many individuals admitted to rehabilitation centres in Gauteng between 2024 and 2025 have died while in care;
- (ii) how many patients were reported missing or absconded from facilities during this period;
- (iii) how many of those reported missing were subsequently located;
- (iv) what procedures are followed when a patient absconds from a facility;
- (v) were there any drownings, suicides, or unexplained deaths at disciplinary camps or rehabilitation centres in 2024;
- (vi) what investigations were conducted into such deaths;
- (vii) were independent forensic or external investigations commissioned;
- (viii) what recommendations were made following these investigations?
- (ix) have all recommendations been implemented; and
- (x) will the Department publish a consolidated report detailing all deaths and critical incidents in rehabilitation facilities from 2024 to 2025?

## 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.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.PR005

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

Regarding Gauteng's latest water crisis can the Premier answer the following:

- (i) what immediate interventions has the Premier's office implemented to address the ongoing water shortages in Midrand and surrounding areas affected by the Klipfontein Reservoir faults;
- (ii) can the Premier provide a detailed report on the current state of the

- Klipfontein Reservoir and the expected timeline for restoring full functionality to affected communities;
- (iii) how does the Premier plan to address the chronic underinvestment in Gauteng's water infrastructure, including the estimated R90 billion required for repairs and modernization;
  - (iv) in light of recurring water losses, including the 26% reported in Johannesburg due to decaying systems, what structural reforms and maintenance programmes are being implemented to prevent future crises; and
  - (v) how does the Premier intend to ensure that additional water supplies from projects like the Lesotho Highlands Water Project are effectively distributed, given the current failing infrastructure?

\*\* 5.PR006

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

In terms of the Nasi iSpani jobs campaign, it is our belief and perhaps the belief of many across the province that this programme was aimed at securing on a preferential basis, jobs for young unemployed people throughout the province whilst not placing a huge emphasis on prerequisite skills and qualifications in order to mitigate the unemployment gap in the province.

In light of the above may the Premier answer the following: since the beginning of 2026, two Departments have published on social media under the tag-line "Nasi ispani" these are the Departments of Health and the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture respectively;

- (i) can the Premier clarify whether these jobs are ordinary vacancies posted by the Department or if these jobs fall under the Premier's "Nasi iSpani" jobs programme; and
- (ii) if these jobs are part of the larger "Nasi iSpani" programme, why are they specialised vacancies, requiring in some instances senior management experience, specialist experience and post schooling education and or qualifications?

\*\* 5.PR007

**Hon. F Ngobeni (Action SA) to ask the Premier:**

With regard to the IGR Water Operations Centre, which in a previous formal response dated 29 July 2025 (Question 5. PR060), the Premier indicated that a Provincial Water "War Room," had been active since August 2024 to monitor and support municipalities. However, following recent widespread water supply collapses, the Department of COGTA and the Premier have announced on the 11th of February 2026 the activation of an "IGR Water Operations Centre". Will the Premier please provide detailed responses to the following:

- (i) is the newly announced IGR Water Operations Centre a distinct, new intervention, or is it the same "Water IGR" that has supposedly been operational since August 2024 as per 5.PR060 answer;
- (ii) given that the province previously established a Water Management Dashboard to track KPIs such as a 15% reduction in Non-Revenue Water and a 5-hour leak repair turnaround how does the Premier explain the continued escalation of supply failures across the province despite these mechanisms being in place for over a year;
- (iii) does the Water Operations Centre possess any executive authority to enforce repairs or infrastructure maintenance on non-compliant municipalities; and

- (iv) if not, how does the "no-blame" collaboration approach ensure accountability for municipal officials who fail to spend infrastructure maintenance grants or meet the 48-hour water storage capacity benchmark?

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**5.PR010****Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Premier:**

With reference to any payments, transfers, procurement, or contractual arrangements involving the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance and Leadership (MGSGSL) over the past five financial years, could the Premier please indicate:

- (i) please provide for each financial year in a table format, the amount paid or transferred to MGSGSL, the programme or project for which the payment was made including the nature of the service rendered (training, administration of stipends, project management, consulting, or other), the number of beneficiaries or participants involved in each project, and the legal basis of the transfer (procurement contract, SLA, grant transfer, or inter-departmental transfer);
- (ii) for each project, please indicate whether a competitive procurement process was followed, the service providers appointed by MGSGSL using these funds, including the total amount paid by MGSGSL to third parties;
- (iii) what total amount has the Gauteng Provincial Government spent on MGSGSL across all departments for each of the past five financial years; and
- (iv) what oversight or value-for-money assessment has been conducted to determine whether services provided by MGSGSL could have been performed internally by the respective departments?

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**5.PR011****Hon. A Allie (BOSA) to ask the Premier:**

In 2025, the Premier reported that a total of 832,150 permanent jobs and employment opportunities would be created across Gauteng. A detailed breakdown of this figure indicates that approximately 561,000 (67.4%) of these opportunities are linked to temporary or stipend-based public employment programmes, including EPWP, labour activation initiatives, and youth employment schemes. Approximately 271,150 (32.6%) are associated with investment and infrastructure-related projects that may yield more sustainable employment outcomes. This reflects a 34.8 percentage point difference between temporary labour absorption measures and investment-linked employment initiatives. During the same period, labour market data indicates that unemployment declined from approximately 2,756,000 in Q4 2024 to 2,556,000 in Q4 2025, representing a net reduction of 200,000 unemployed individuals. The unemployment rate decreased from 34.4% to 33%.

While the decline in unemployment is a positive development, the improvement appears relatively modest when compared to the scale of the reported job creation figures. A closer look at the composition of these figures shows that a large proportion consists of temporary or short-term employment opportunities. This raises important questions about how sustainable these jobs are and whether they are contributing to long-term reductions in unemployment.

- (i) of the approximately 271,150 investment-linked and potentially

permanent jobs announced, how many have been fully realised and sustained to date;

- (ii) how does the Provincial Government distinguish between temporary employment opportunities and permanent employment when reporting job creation outcomes; and
- (iii) what measures are in place to ensure that future employment strategies prioritise sustainable, long-term job creation over shortterm labour absorption programmes?

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**5.PR012****Hon. S T Msimanga (DA) to ask the Premier:**

During the 2026 State of Province Address, the Premier announced the introduction of the TenderSwift procurement system to modernise manual tender processes. Could the Premier indicate:

- (i) how does TenderSwift differ from the Open Tender System introduced under former Finance MEC Barbara Creecy;
- (ii) if the Open Tender System was already designed to ensure transparency and reduce corruption, why was it not sufficient;
- (iii) is TenderSwift replacing the Open Tender System or operating alongside it;
- (iv) what enforcement mechanisms will accompany TenderSwift to ensure compliance across all departments and entities;
- (v) will adherence to TenderSwift be mandatory; and
- (vi) given the province's repeated audit findings relating to irregular expenditure and procurement weaknesses, how will TenderSwift address these gaps?

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**5.PR013****Hon. S T Msimanga (DA) to ask the Premier:**

Premier, in your August 2024 SOPA, you stated that the Johannesburg Forensic Pathology Centre was 95% complete. In your address last year, you reported the project to be at 97% complete. During your 2026 SOPA, you stated that "we will open the Johannesburg Forensic Pathology Laboratory."

- (i) what are the specific reasons the Johannesburg Forensic Pathology Centre has not been completed and operationalised
- (ii) on what exact date will this facility officially open;
- (iii) will the facility be fully operational on the day of opening or will it open in phases; and
- (iv) what is the total expenditure to date?

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**5.PR014****Hon. S T Msimanga (DA) to ask the Premier:**

During the 2026 State of Province Address, the Premier stated the following, "We are pleased to announce the resumption of our action labs for our 12 high-growth sectors." Could the Premier please indicate:

- (i) if Action Labs were previously operational, when were they discontinued and why;
- (ii) if they were disbanded and are now being reintroduced, what evidence suggests that this new iteration will succeed where the previous one did not;
- (iii) was an impact evaluation conducted on the previous sector-based economic strategy before expanding or restructuring it;
- (iv) were there performance targets attached to the earlier Action Labs and were these achieved;

- (i) what mechanisms are in place to ensure that these 12-sector specific Action Labs do not simply become another policy announcement without measurable delivery; and
- (vi) how much private investment was unlocked through the previous Action Labs during the years that they were operational?

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**5.PR015****Hon. A Allie (BOSA) to ask the Premier:**

In 2024 the Premier called on the private sector to continue to partner with the province, and in keeping with the spirit of partnering with the private sector, the province launched a partnership with ABSA.

- (i) what happened to the 200 million that was promised from ABSA; The Premier announced in 2023 that there will be a “Taverns of the future” collaboration with Heineken. The programme aimed to transform township taverns into safe, modern community spaces that promote responsible behaviour and reduce excessive drinking;
- (ii) how many Taverns of the future have been launched thus far; In order to combat crime in 2023 the Premier had set to introduce two new helicopters at the start of the next financial year, followed by the addition of four more during the 2023/2024 budget cycle. In 2024 the Premier then promised to add two more helicopters and in 2025 another helicopter was added to the air wing, yet in the 2026 SOPA the Premier announced the success of 3 helicopter;
- (iii) what happened to the other helicopters; 180 drones were set to be procured in the 2023 SOPA and an additional 20 were added in the 2024 SOPA to assist the helicopters in combating crime.
- (iv) how many drones were procured thus far and how many are operating in the sky; and Gauteng has approximately 1.6 million residents and the Premier announced that over 170 000 residents have downloaded the e-panic button app and only 60 000 have used the app; and
- (v) what strategies are in place to improve the uptake of the App so that more residents can make use of the App?

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**5.PR016****Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Premier:**

With regard to the Green Army, could the Premier please indicate:

- (i) did the Premier, Panyaza Lesufi, promise a permanent solution for the Green Armies;
- (ii) what was the permanent solution that was promised;
- (iii) were Green Armies promised absorption into the Jozi My Jozi programme;
- (iv) why were CVs, IDs and qualifications collected from Green Armies;
- (v) why were Green Armies not absorbed into the Jozi My Jozi programme;
- (vi) was a skills development programme promised to 3,000 people;
- (vii) was a stipend of R3,500 promised under that programme;
- (viii) when was this skills programme supposed to start;
- (ix) why has the programme not started; and
- (x) when will government provide a clear written update to the Green Armies?

- \*\* 5.PR017 Hon. L Mkhwanazi (MKP) to ask the Premier:**  
Honourable Speaker, despite Premier's SOPA 2025 claim that 39,000 homes have been electrified, community evidence confirm that large parts of Evaton remain without power, with some residents enduring over a decade of darkness. Compounding this failure, current Eskom load reduction schedules for February 2026 confirm that Evaton, Winterveld, Sebokeng, Orange Farm, and dozens of other Gauteng communities are actively experiencing rotational power cuts of up to five hours daily during morning and evening peaks, directly contradicting any claim of "stable and uninterrupted power"  
As uMkhonto weSizwe Party, we would like the Premier to respond to the following questions.
- (i) can the Premier provide a detailed breakdown of the 39,000 homes he claims were electrified including independent verification confirming that these households currently have functional electricity;
  - (ii) can the Premier provide evidence of any approved, Small Modular Reactor (SMR) rollout in Gauteng linked to township electrification; and
  - (iii) what concrete anti-vandalism and infrastructure protection measures have been implemented to safeguard newly installed electricity infrastructure?
- \*\* 5.PR018 Hon. L Mkhwanazi (MKP) to ask the Premier:**  
During Honourable Premier, during your State of the Province Address 2025 you have acknowledged that subjecting the people of Gauteng to dry taps is "unacceptable" and a "Stone Age problem" in a province that claims to be smart. However, in 2026 the people of Gauteng continue to be subjected to the very problem you said is "Stone Age and unacceptable". Communities in Midrand, Melville, Soweto and many other areas continue to be subjected to dry tap and the South African Human Rights Commission is calling for this to be declared a national disaster. Honourable Premier, while you have apologized for suggesting that residents without water could "go to a hotel" to bathe, stating that you intended to show leaders are "not immune," the apology itself has done little to turn on taps. The technical diagnosis is clear that we have enough water, but ageing infrastructure and municipal mismanagement have broken the system Therefore, we require direct answers to the following questions:
- (i) honourable Premier, you have issued a "sincerest apology" for your hotel bathing comments, stating they were misinterpreted. Beyond an apology, what specific action will you take to rebuild the trust that was broken when you suggested a hotel stay as a viable coping mechanism for residents who cannot afford one;
  - (ii) the SAHRC has identified that ageing pipes, and skills shortages are the structural drivers of this crisis, what is the specific three year capital expenditure plan to replace the ageing pipes; and
  - (iii) how much has been spent to date in this financial year, and how does that compare to what was budgeted?
- 5.PR019 Hon. L Mkhwanazi (MKP) to ask the Premier:**  
On 21 November 2025, a Memorandum of Demands annexed hereto was formally submitted to the Office of the Premier, with a written response

requested within fourteen (14) days. During the 2025 State of the Province Address, the Premier stated that 39,000 homes had been electrified and further indicated that the province was exploring opportunities, together with Eskom leadership, to roll out Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) as part of a long-term energy strategy.

In fulfilment of the Legislature's oversight responsibility, I ask:

- (i) on what exact date, if any, did the Office of the Premier issue a written response to the Memorandum submitted on 21 November 2025, and if no response was issued, what are the recorded administrative reasons and the fixed date by which a written response will be tabled before this Legislature;
- (ii) what is the municipality-by-municipality and ward-by-ward breakdown of the 39,000 households referred to in SOPA 2025;
- (iii) what total budget was allocated and spent on the electrification of the 39,000 households, which implementing departments or contractors were responsible, and what independent technical verification confirms that these households currently have active, metered, and functional electricity connections;
- (iv) following the Premier's reference to exploring SMR rollout in Gauteng, what feasibility studies, intergovernmental agreements, funding allocations, site identifications, or implementation timelines currently exist, if any; and
- (v) what specific anti-vandalism and infrastructure protection measures have been implemented in affected communities, what budget has been allocated to these measures, and what measurable reduction in incidents of vandalism or electricity disruption has been recorded since implementation?

**5.PR020**

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

With regard to the negotiated agreement made by the Gauteng Health Department with former Chief Financial Officer Lerato Madyo that led to her departure on 31 July 2024, will the Premier please indicate:

- (i) on what date was the Premier's office informed about this agreement;
- (ii) what are the contents of this agreement;
- (iii) what request was made to the Premier's Office concerning this agreement;
- (iv) was the Premier made aware of this matter at the time;
- (v) if not, why not;
- (vi) is it normal practice for a department to request retroactive approval in such cases;
- (vii) in what respects does such a request for retroactive approval contravene regulations and legislation;
- (viii) what is the exact wording of the communication by the Premier's Office that indicated a refusal to give retroactive approval;
- (ix) on what date was the law firm appointed to give advice on the legality and advisability of this agreement; and
- (x) why has it taken so long for the appointment of this law firm and the review of this agreement to take place?

5.PR021

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

With regards to performance agreements. Could the Premier please indicate:

- (i) have all MECs in Gauteng signed annual performance or ethics agreements with the Gauteng Ethics Advisory Council;
- (ii) if so, on what dates were these agreements signed by each MEC;
- (iii) if any MECs have not signed these agreements, which MECs have not done so and why;
- (iv) what are the main commitments MECs make in these agreements;
- (v) are these agreements available to the public;
- (vi) if they cannot be made public, what are the reasons for this;
- (vii) were the agreements signed for the current year only or for a longer period;
- (viii) have these agreements been reviewed since they were signed;
- (ix) if they were reviewed, when did the review take place; and
- (x) what action, if any, was taken after the review?

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5.PR022

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

With regard to unimplemented Public Service Commission (PSC) recommendations in the Gauteng Health Department, will the Premier please indicate:

- (i) what is the policy of his office with regard to respecting and implementing PSC recommendations;
- (ii) in respect of the three cases concerning employees Ms E Fernandez, Ms F Lawrence and Mr A Mathebula, where the recommendation concerning their irregular salary upgrades has not been implemented since December 2016, what steps is he going to take to resolve this speedily;
- (iii) if not, why not;
- (iv) in the case of Ms B Baloyi, the DDG Corporate Services, what steps will be taken to have her speedily removed, which was the PSC recommendation in March 2023;
- (v) why has this case been allowed to drag on for so long;
- (vi) if speedy steps are not going to be implemented to remove her, why is this the case;
- (vii) what steps is his office going to take to speedily fill the Chief Director Human Resources Management post in the Gauteng Health Department which has been vacant since 31 May 2018;
- (viii) if not, why not;
- (ix) what sanction will he take against the MEC for Health and Wellness for not implementing PSC recommendations in good time; and
- (x) if not, why not?

**MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY:**

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5.PS008

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

The Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) 2024/25 Annual Report records 928 criminal cases involving police officials in Gauteng, including members of the South African Police Service (SAPS), municipal police departments, and traffic authorities.

In light of the seriousness and scale of these allegations, the MEC for

Community Safety is requested to provide comprehensive and accountable response.

With reference to the 928 criminal cases reported to IPID during the 2024/25 financial year, comprising:

- 16 cases of deaths in police custody
- 102 cases of deaths as a result of police action
- 27 cases of rape by police officers
- 11 cases of torture
- 519 cases of assault
- 52 cases of corruption
- 36 cases classified as other criminal matters/misconduct can the MEC provide the following detailed information in respect of SAPS members, traffic officers, and metro police officers in Gauteng (hereafter collectively referred to as “the police”):

- (i) for each of the 928 cases, please provide the date the matter was reported to IPID, the current status of the IPID investigation (pending, referred for prosecution, declined, finalised, etc.), the date on which internal disciplinary proceedings were initiated (if any);
- (ii) the nature of the disciplinary charges instituted;
- (iii) the current status or outcome of such disciplinary proceedings;
- (iv) whether any officials were suspended (with or without pay, if with pay, the cost to company), and the duration thereof;
- (v) whether any matters were referred to the National Prosecuting Authority, and the prosecutorial outcome;
- (vi) identify the police stations, districts, clusters, or (in the case of metro police) regions to which the implicated officials were attached at the time of the alleged offences;
- (vii) provide a statistical breakdown per district/region to identify geographic trends or repeat patterns;
- (viii) in respect of the 27 rape cases, confirm whether any state-issued firearms, vehicles, uniforms, or other official resources were used to facilitate the commission of the offences; and
- (ix) in respect of the 27 rape cases, indicate whether the alleged incidents occurred while the officers were on duty or off duty?

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Can the MEC provide the following detailed information in respect of SAPS members, traffic officers, and metro police officers in Gauteng (hereafter collectively referred to as “the police”):

- (i) provide the gender and age breakdown of the victims in the reported rape cases;
- (ii) indicate whether any of the victims were minors;
- (iii) specify the locations where the alleged rape incidents occurred (e.g., police stations, private residences, police vehicles, public spaces);
- (iv) identify whether any incidents occurred within police premises or while victims were in police custody;
- (v) confirm whether civil claims have been instituted against the Gauteng Province, SAPS, municipalities and/or the Minister of Police arising from these matters;
- (vi) for each claim, provide, the number of claims lodged, A brief description of the cause of action, the quantum claimed;
- (vii) for each claim provide the court in which proceedings were instituted and the case number;
- (viii) whether the matter is pending, settled (including the value of settlement), or finalised;
- (ix) the amount paid in settlement or pursuant to court order; and
- (x) the legal costs incurred to date (including counsel fees and adverse cost orders)?

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- (i) in respect of the 52 corruption cases please provide the alleged monetary value involved in each case, indicate whether any assets were recovered including state whether any officials were dismissed, criminally charged, or convicted;
- (ii) provide a breakdown of the 36 cases classified as “other criminal

matters/misconduct,” including, a brief description of each offence or allegation, the status of investigation and disciplinary proceedings and the outcome, if finalized;

- (iii) what systemic interventions has the Department of Community Safety implemented in response to the high incidence of rape (27 cases), corruption (52 cases) and assault (519 cases) and deaths linked to police action (102 cases);
- (iv) what oversight, training, or early-warning mechanisms are in place to identify repeat offenders within the police ranks; and
- (v) given the gravity of these allegations and their impact on public trust in law enforcement within Gauteng, a full, disaggregated, and case-specific response is requested?

**5.PS011**

**Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:**

With reference to CAS 164/11/2025, opened at Fochville SAPS, relating to the murder and rape of Dikeledi Mathabela in Kokosi, Merafong Local Municipality:

- (i) has a suspect been formally identified in connection with this case;
- (ii) has an arrest warrant been issued for the suspect, including the date the warrant was issued;
- (iii) what steps have been taken by SAPS to locate and apprehend the suspect;
- (iv) has the case been assigned to the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit, and if so, from which unit;
- (v) what support services have been provided to the minor who witnessed the incident;
- (vi) what additional policing or safety measures have been implemented in Kokosi following this incident to ensure the safety of women and children;
- (vii) has the suspect been flagged on any national alert systems or wanted-person databases;
- (viii) has SAPS engaged with the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and local community leaders in Kokosi following this incident, including measures that were discussed;
- (ix) what steps are being taken to ensure visible policing and patrols in the area to reassure residents who fear further violence; and
- (x) what is the current status of the investigation, including timelines have been set for the next investigative steps?

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**5.PS012**

**Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Community Safety:**

Regarding the fatal stabbing incident involving two learners at Badirile Secondary School on or about 12 March 2026, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the South African Police Service case number associated with the matter;
- (ii) at which police station the case was registered including the unit of the South African Police Service is responsible for the investigation;
- (iii) if a suspect has been arrested, on what date;

- (iv) if the suspect is still in custody, on what date will the suspect first appeared in court; including the name of the court the matter is being heard;
- (v) whether the investigation is ongoing including the current status of the investigation is;
- (vi) what weapons were discovered;
- (vii) whether any additional suspects are being investigated in relation to the matter;
- (viii) whether SAPS deployed any additional safety or policing measures at the school following the incident and, if so, what measures;
- (ix) whether SAPS engaged with the school management and/or the School Governing Body following the incident and, if so, on what date; and
- (x) whether SAPS has provided any victim-support services to the family of the deceased learner and witnesses to the incident.

**MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**\*\* 5.ECD006 Hon. M S Moriarty (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development:**

During the 2026 State of Province Address, the Premier stated the following, "We are pleased to announce the resumption of our action labs for our 12 high-growth sectors." Could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) if Action Labs were previously operational, when were they discontinued and why;
- (ii) if they were disbanded and are now being reintroduced, what evidence suggests that this new iteration will succeed where the previous one did not;
- (iii) was an impact evaluation conducted on the previous sector based economic strategy before expanding or restructuring it;
- (iv) were there performance targets attached to the earlier Action Labs and were these achieved;
- (v) what mechanisms are in place to ensure that these 12 sector-specific Action Labs do not simply become another policy announcement without measurable delivery; and
- (vi) how much private investment was unlocked through the previous Action Labs during the years that they were operational?

**5.ECD007 Hon. E More (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development:**

With regard to the financial and operational support provided to small township businesses and SMMEs within the province during the 2024/2025 financial year, will the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) what is the exact, total number of small township businesses in Gauteng that were officially funded and supported by the Department (and/or its entities) during the 2024/2025 financial year;
- (ii) can the MEC provide a detailed, itemised breakdown of the exact total financial value that was allocated and disbursed to each individual township business that received this funding and/or support;
- (iii) what specific, measurable performance targets or operational deliverables (such as job creation, revenue growth, or equipment

- procurement) were formally attached to the funding agreements for each of these individual businesses; and
- (iv) against the targets stipulated in number 3, can the MEC provide a detailed performance assessment indicating exactly how many, and which specific targets were successfully reached by each funded township business by the end of the 2024/2025 financial year?

□□ 5.ECD008

**Hon. F Ngobeni (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development:**

With regards to the Investment Summit, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what role has the Department played in enforcing/implementing the Gauteng Township Act? i.e. has the Department engaged small, micro, macro and medium enterprises in the establishment of the Summit;
- (ii) what key indicators does the Department employ in ensuring that as many SMME's are both aware and involved in the Summit;
- (iii) does the Department have a framework that assists SMME's to become beneficiaries of the Summit? If so, may the Department detail such framework(s);
- (iv) what has been the direct impact of the previous Investment Summit on SMME's throughout the province, may the Department provide indicators of this impact; and
- (v) in what ways has the Department been able to measure any such impact?

**MEC FOR EDUCATION:**

5.ED049

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

With reference to the leasing of district office accommodation by the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE):

- (i) can the MEC provide a list of all Gauteng Department of Education district offices and their physical addresses;
- (ii) which district offices operate from leased buildings and which operate from state-owned buildings;
- (iii) for each leased district office, who is the owner or lessor of the building;
- (iv) who is the managing agent for each leased building, if applicable;
- (v) what is the size of each leased office in square metres (m<sup>2</sup>);
- (vi) what is the monthly rental cost for each leased district office;
- (vii) what is the total annual lease cost, including operating costs, municipal charges, security, parking, utilities, and escalation clauses;
- (viii) when did each lease commence;
- (ix) when will each lease expire; and
- (x) how many years has the Department been leasing each of these district office buildings, including any renewals?

5.ED050

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

With reference to the leasing of district office accommodation by the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE):

- (i) did the Department follow a competitive procurement process when leasing each district office building;
- (ii) what procurement method was used for each lease;
- (iii) what is the tender or contract reference number for each lease agreement;
- (iv) before entering into or renewing these leases, did the Department consult the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development (GDID) to determine whether government-owned office space was available;
- (v) if such consultations took place, on what dates did these engagements occur;
- (vi) what government buildings or alternatives were considered for district office accommodation;
- (vii) what was the outcome of those engagements for each district office;
- (viii) if the Department did not consult GDID, what were the reasons;
- (ix) do any of the leases include penalties, early termination fees, or irregular expenditure findings; and
- (x) what is the total annual cost to the Gauteng Department of Education of leasing district office accommodation for (a) 2023/24, (b) 2024/25, and (c) 2025/26 to date?

5.ED051

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

With reference to the MEC's reply to Question 5.ED013 of 2026, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) did the Department conduct any formal written risk assessment before cancelling the school security contracts;
- (ii) if a risk assessment was conducted, on what date was it completed;
- (iii) who authored or approved the risk assessment;
- (iv) will the MEC table a copy of the risk assessment;
- (v) was any legal opinion or advice obtained before the decision to cancel the security contracts;
- (vi) if legal advice was obtained, was it from (a) the State Law Adviser, (b) the Department's Legal Services unit, or (c) Provincial Treasury;
- (vii) will the MEC provide copies of any legal opinions or advice obtained;
- (viii) who authorised the cancellation of the school security contracts;
- (ix) what is the name and designation of the official who approved the decision; and
- (x) on what date was the decision to cancel the contracts approved?

5.ED052

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

With reference to the MEC's reply to Question 5.ED013 of 2026, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) under what delegation of authority was the decision taken to cancel the school security contracts;
- (ii) what was the total value of the security contracts that were cancelled;
- (iii) what financial savings, if any, has the Department realised as a result of cancelling these contracts;

- (iv) has the Department assessed any vandalism-related losses at schools since the cancellation of the security contracts;
- (v) has the Department assessed any burglary-related losses since the cancellation;
- (vi) has the Department recorded any insurance claims relating to theft or damage at schools since the contracts were cancelled;
- (vii) has the Department assessed any infrastructure damage at schools since the cancellation;
- (viii) if such assessments have been conducted, can the MEC provide the quantified cost per district;
- (ix) how many schools were affected by the cancellation of security contracts across Gauteng; and
- (x) does the Department accept liability if it is proven that the absence of trained security personnel contributed to injury, death, or damage to school infrastructure?

**5.ED053****Hon. A Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With reference to the expenditure of R53 660 568.31 on School Governing Body training through the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how much funding did the Gauteng Department of Education transfer to the institution in each of the following financial years:
  - a. 2022/23
  - b. 2023/24
  - c. 2024/25
  - d. 2025/26 to date?
- (ii) how much of these funds was spent specifically on School Governing Body (SGB) training in each financial year;
- (iii) what other training programmes were conducted by the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance during these financial years;
- (iv) what were the venue hire costs associated with these training programmes;
- (v) what was spent on facilitator fees for training programmes;
- (vi) how much was spent on catering for training events;
- (vii) what were the travel and accommodation costs related to training activities;
- (viii) how much was spent on printing and training materials;
- (ix) what were the administrative overhead costs associated with these programmes; and
- (x) what amounts were spent on salaries and benefits of staff at the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance?

**5.ED054****Hon. A Fuchs (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With reference to the expenditure of R53 660 568.31 on School Governing Body training through the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what amounts were spent on management fees by the Matthew Goniwe School of Governance over the past three financial years;
- (ii) what amounts were paid for consultancy or professional services during this period;

- (iii) what amounts were spent on marketing or communication expenses;
- (iv) was any funding used for capital expenditure, including assets or equipment that were purchased;
- (v) for each non-SGB training programme, how many training sessions were conducted;
- (vi) how many participants attended these programmes;
- (vii) what was the total cost per programme;
- (viii) what was the average cost per training session;
- (ix) please provide the approved budgets for the past three financial years; and
- (x) has the Department conducted any internal audit, external audit, or value-for-money assessment relating to these transfers?  
(Please include the reports)

**5.ED055****Hon. J C Moodey (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regard to the severe infrastructure and resourcing challenges currently facing schools in Eldorado Park specifically Eldorado Park Senior Secondary School and Parkdale Primary School will the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) regarding Eldorado Park Senior Secondary School, by what exact date will the school be fully resourced and funded by the Department to officially commence its urgently needed National School Nutrition Programme (feeding scheme);
- (ii) what specific logistical or financial bottlenecks have delayed the implementation of the feeding scheme at Eldorado Park Senior Secondary School;
- (iii) how is the Department ensuring that vulnerable learners are not left without daily nutritional support in the interim;
- (iv) regarding Parkdale Primary School, which currently consists of an aging and hazardous asbestos structure, what is the exact timeline and projected completion date for the complete rebuilding of this school to eradicate the asbestos classrooms;
- (v) has a dedicated budget and a contractor been officially allocated for the rebuilding of Parkdale Primary School in the current or upcoming Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) period;
- (vi) if so, what is the allocated financial amount; and
- (vii) recognizing the severe health and safety risks associated with degrading asbestos infrastructure, what immediate, tangible Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) measures and structural mitigations are currently in place to protect the learners, educators, and support staff at Parkdale Primary School from the risks of asbestosis while the buildings remain in a dire state of disrepair?

**5.ED056****Hon. T Nkani (MKP) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

The start of the academic year is a period designated for the finalisation of registration and ensuring that learners are officially placed in classrooms. However, for thousands of families in Gauteng, it has become a recurring ordeal marked by anxiety and frustration. The GDE online admissions system, designed to streamline the placement of learners into Grades 1

and 8, has instead become a source of systemic failure. Year after year, we witness the same pattern: technical glitches disrupt the application process, the promise of fair and transparent placement is broken, and a lack of adequate planning results in thousands of children being placed long after schools have opened.

Therefore, we would like the MEC to respond to the following Questions:

- (i) after years of recurring "glitches" and late placements, it is no longer sufficient to blame the system. MEC, what is the fundamental administrative or leadership failure that allows these problems to persist year after year;
- (ii) what specific, measurable changes have you personally overseen to ensure this year will be different;
- (iii) given the high likelihood of technical failures and capacity shortages, what is the GDE's comprehensive, step-by-step contingency plan to guarantee that every child is placed in a school before the first term begins;
- (iv) can you provide a clear, public definition of what a "fair placement" entails; and
- (v) what is your government's long-term, strategic plan to address the underlying infrastructure shortage, ensuring that school construction and planning keep pace with the province's population growth to eliminate the scramble for placements?

**5.ED057**

**Hon. J C Moodey (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regard to the provincial government's ongoing and resolute fight against "ghost employees" which currently includes comprehensive identity verification processes and rigorous crosschecking of employee details against the National Population Register to confirm legitimacy, will the MEC please answer the following regarding teachers, administration staff, and other employees of the Department:

- (i) have the Department of Education employees undergone the comprehensive identity and payroll verification process to root out ghost employees within its ranks, specifically among educators and administrative staff;
- (ii) how many suspected or confirmed "ghost employees" have been identified on the Department of Education's payroll during the current and previous financial year;
- (iii) what is the estimated total financial loss incurred by the Department as a result of these fraudulent salary payments;
- (iv) can the MEC provide a detailed, itemised breakdown indicating exactly how long each of these currently suspended employees has been on suspension (measured in months and/or years);
- (vi) exactly how many employees explicitly categorised by senior management, school administrators, teachers, and lower level support staff are currently on precautionary suspension with full pay within the Department of Education as of today;
- (vii) can the MEC provide a detailed, itemised breakdown indicating exactly how long each of these currently suspended employees has been on suspension (measured in months and/or years); and
- (viii) what is the exact, total financial amount that has been paid out in salaries and benefits to each of these specific suspended

employees from the first day of their respective suspensions to date?

**5.ED058**

**Hon. J C Moodey (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With reference to the open provincial land specifically Erf 419 (The Reeds) earmarked for the future development of The Reeds Secondary School and noting the mounting complaints from local residents regarding the ongoing illegal parking of heavy commercial trucks on this site, will the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) what is the exact, current stage of the planning and procurement process for the construction of The Reeds Secondary School, and by what specific date is the physical construction of the school set to officially commence on site?
- (ii) have the final development plans and the required traffic impact assessments now been officially approved by the City of Tshwane, and if so, what is the allocated budget and projected completion timeline for this much-needed educational facility;
- (iii) is the Department formally aware that the earmarked land is currently being unlawfully utilized as an illegal truck stop by private commercial vehicles, causing significant distress, noise, and environmental concerns for the surrounding residential community;
- (iv) what immediate, physical security measures (such as erecting perimeter fencing, digging trenches, or deploying security personnel) will the Department implement to urgently secure its land and physically halt this illegal occupation while the final construction approvals are pending; and
- (v) has the Department formally engaged with the Tshwane Metro Police Department or the local South African Police Service to actively enforce municipal by-laws, issue fines, and legally remove the truck operators currently trespassing on this designated school site?

**5.ED059**

**Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Considering that some learners may attend schools that do not offer Mathematics as a subject, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many learners in Gauteng attend schools that do not offer Mathematics in Grades 10–12;
- (ii) what options are available to these learners if they wish to take Mathematics;
- (iii) are learners allowed to enrol at neighbouring schools that offer Mathematics;
- (iv) how many learners currently travel to other schools to take Mathematics;
- (v) what transport or logistical support is provided to these learners;
- (vi) has the department considered introducing shared Mathematics classes between nearby schools;
- (vii) are online or blended learning options available for learners without access to Mathematics at their schools;
- (viii) what monitoring systems exist to ensure these learners are not disadvantaged academically;

- (ix) has the department assessed the impact of limited Mathematics access on learner outcomes; and
- (x) what steps will be taken to expand Mathematics access in underserved schools?

5.ED060

**Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

In light of the ongoing challenges around Mathematics performance and subject availability in Gauteng schools, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many qualified Mathematics educators are currently employed in Gauteng public schools;
- (ii) how many Mathematics educators are employed in each district;
- (iii) how many vacant Mathematics teaching posts currently exist across Gauteng;
- (iv) which districts have the highest shortages of Mathematics educators;
- (v) how many schools currently rely on temporary or substitute Mathematics teachers;
- (vi) what recruitment programmes are in place to attract more Mathematics educators;
- (vii) does the department provide incentives to recruit or retain Mathematics teachers;
- (viii) how many newly qualified Mathematics educators have been appointed in the past three years;
- (ix) what training or upskilling programmes are provided to teachers to improve Mathematics teaching; and
- (x) what targets has the department set to increase the number of Mathematics educators in Gauteng?

5.ED061

**Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Given the importance of Mathematics for further study and employment opportunities, and concerns that some public schools do not offer Mathematics as a subject in the Further Education and Training phase, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many public schools in Gauteng do not offer Mathematics in Grades 10–12;
- (ii) what are the names of these schools, including the districts are they located;
- (iii) why does each of these schools not offer Mathematics as a subject;
- (iv) as the department conducted any assessment into why these schools do not offer Mathematics? (Please include dates of these assessments);
- (v) what were the findings of these assessments or reviews;
- (vi) is the lack of Mathematics at these schools due to a shortage of qualified Mathematics educators;
- (vii) is the absence of the subject due to low learner demand at these schools;
- (viii) are any schools not offering Mathematics due to curriculum streaming or subject choice policies;
- (ix) what measures has the department taken to ensure learners at these schools can still access Mathematics; and

- (x) what plans does the department have to ensure that all secondary schools in Gauteng offer Mathematics?

**5.ED062 Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Following reports regarding allegations involving the principal of Waterkloof High School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the current employment status of the principal of Waterkloof High School;
- (ii) if the principal is on precautionary suspension, when did this suspension begin;
- (iii) if the suspension has been lifted, when was it lifted;
- (iv) when did the Gauteng Department of Education initiate an investigation into the matter;
- (v) was the investigation conducted internally or by an external investigator;
- (vi) if an external investigator was appointed, what is the name of the appointed entity;
- (vii) what were the terms of reference of the investigation;
- (viii) if the investigation was completed, when was the final report submitted;
- (ix) what were the key findings and recommendations of the investigation; and
- (x) were any disciplinary proceedings instituted against the principal, including the was the outcome?

**5.ED063 Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With regard to the investigation and disciplinary processes involving the principal of Waterkloof High School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the total cost incurred by the department for the investigation;
- (ii) how much was paid to the investigator or law firm conducting the investigation;
- (iii) what legal advisory costs were incurred by the department;
- (iv) what other related costs were incurred during the investigation process;
- (v) were any departmental officials assigned to support the investigation;
- (vi) how long did the investigation process take to complete;
- (vii) were any delays experienced during the investigation;
- (viii) what disciplinary processes followed the investigation;
- (ix) what corrective measures were implemented at Waterkloof High School after the investigation; and
- (x) what steps has the department taken to prevent similar incidents in other schools?

**5.ED064 Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Following the tragic death of a Grade 5 learner at Reagile Primary School in Tembisa after a soccer goalpost collapsed, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) when did the department initiate an investigation into this

- incident;
- (ii) is the investigation being conducted internally or by an external service provider;
  - (iii) if an external investigator was appointed, what is the name of the appointed entity;
  - (iv) what are the terms of reference of the investigation;
  - (v) what timeframe has been set for the completion of the investigation;
  - (vi) has a safety audit of sports facilities at Reagile Primary School been conducted;
  - (vii) did the soccer goalposts comply with safety standards at the time of the incident;
  - (viii) when was the last maintenance inspection of sports facilities at the school conducted;
  - (ix) were any defects or safety concerns previously reported regarding the goalposts; and
  - (x) have any staff members been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation?

5.ED065

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

Following the tragic death of a Grade 5 learner at Reagile Primary School in Tembisa after a soccer goalpost collapsed, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) when did the department initiate an investigation into this incident;
- (ii) is the investigation being conducted internally or by an external service provider;
- (iii) if an external investigator was appointed, what is the name of the appointed entity;
- (iv) what are the terms of reference of the investigation;
- (v) what timeframe has been set for the completion of the investigation;
- (vi) has a safety audit of sports facilities at Reagile Primary School been conducted;
- (vii) did the soccer goalposts comply with safety standards at the time of the incident;
- (viii) when was the last maintenance inspection of sports facilities at the school conducted;
- (ix) were any defects or safety concerns previously reported regarding the goalposts; and
- (x) have any staff members been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation?

5.ED066

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

In light of safety concerns following the fatal incident at Reagile Primary School, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) has the department initiated a province-wide audit of sports infrastructure at public schools;
- (ii) when was this audit initiated;
- (iii) how many schools have already been inspected;
- (iv) what safety risks have been identified so far;

- (v) how many schools have unsafe or unsecured soccer goalposts;
- (vi) what immediate steps are being taken to address these risks;
- (vii) how much funding has been allocated to repair or replace unsafe sports equipment;
- (viii) what safety standards must schools follow when installing sports equipment;
- (ix) how often must schools inspect sports facilities and equipment; and
- (x) what measures will the department implement to prevent similar incidents in future?

5.ED067

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

Following the death of a Grade R learner at Bernard Isaacs Primary School in Coronationville, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the name of the independent law firm appointed to investigate the incident;
- (ii) when was the law firm appointed to conduct the investigation;
- (iii) through what procurement process was the law firm appointed;
- (iv) what are the terms of reference of the investigation;
- (v) what timeframe has been set for the completion of the investigation;
- (vi) has the department received any preliminary or interim reports from the law firm;
- (vii) if so, when were these reports submitted;
- (viii) what are the preliminary findings of the investigation;
- (ix) what is the total cost associated with appointing the law firm; and
- (x) what support has been provided to the family of the deceased learner and the school community?

5.ED068

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

With regard to examiners, could the Mec please indicate:

- (i) how are examiners for grade 12 exams evaluated;
- (ii) what criteria are used for an application to be considered;
- (iii) how do potential examiners apply to be an examiner;
- (iv) what training is provided to the examiners; and
- (v) how is consistency into marking applied & evaluated?

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5.ED069

**Hon. F Ngobeni (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Follow up questions regarding the presentation made at the stakeholder engagement on support provided to public special schools, held on March 12th.

- (i) how many learners in Gauteng are currently on waiting lists for placement in special schools due to a lack of space;
- (ii) what measures is the Department implementing to address the shortage of educational psychologists needed to assess learners for appropriate support and placement;
- (iii) when learners cannot be placed in special schools due to capacity constraints, what interim support measures are in

- (iv) place to ensure they receive adequate assistance; what progress has been made toward accrediting the Technical Occupational Curriculum to ensure learners obtain recognized qualifications for the workforce; and
- (v) what programs are currently in place to enhance parental involvement and support for learners attending special schools?

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**5.ED070****Hon. F Ngobeni (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Regarding the adjustments made to budget for the department of Education can the MEC answer the following questions:

- (i) with R102.3 million allocated to school safety and security, what concrete interventions will be implemented immediately to curb escalating violence, vandalism, and infrastructure damage in Gauteng schools;
- (ii) scholar transport remains a crisis for thousands of learners. Will the R105.1 million allocation eliminate waiting lists;
- (iii) how many learners are still without transport despite qualifying for assistance;
- (iv) a portion of this allocation is intended to ease pressure from accruals. What is the current total value of outstanding accruals in the Department; and
- (v) why has financial mismanagement reached a point where national intervention is required in terms of accruals?

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**5.ED071****Hon. T Seteka (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

The Economic Freedom Fighters, through its youth command, visited Lehae Secondary School on March 4th following multiple complaints from parents and learners regarding the conditions at the school. Of particular concern are the lack of running water, resulting in poor sanitation in the toilets, the absence of electricity, and extreme overcrowding, with some classrooms containing more than 70 learners.

In light of these conditions, can the MEC respond to the following questions:

- (i) is the Department aware of the numerous issues plaguing the school;
- (ii) has the department visited the school;
- (iii) if not, can the department indicate when it will visit the school;
- (iv) the school currently lacks running water, leading to poor sanitation. How does the department plan to address this issue;
- (v) severe overcrowding is also a challenge, with classrooms containing more than 70 learners. How will the department assist the school in this regard;
- (vi) is the department aware of the reasons why the school does not have electricity;
- (vii) the school premises are currently in poor condition due to the lack of cleaners and general assistants. Why does the school not have these staff members;
- (viii) the school does not have any administrative staff, forcing teaching staff to split administrative duties among themselves. Is the department aware of this situation;

- (ix) if so, what steps are being taken to assist the school with administrative staff?

□□ **5.ED072 Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

Regarding severe overcrowding at Badirile Secondary School, which is designed to accommodate approximately 1,500 learners but currently has an enrolment of about 2,600 learners, and noting that there are only three high schools serving the Khutsong community, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) is the MEC aware of severe overcrowding at high schools in Khutsong, especially at Badirile Secondary School;
- (ii) what are the current enrolment numbers and approved learner capacity at each of the three high schools serving Khutsong;
- (iii) has the Gauteng Department of Education done any formal assessment of school capacity and future learner growth in Khutsong;
- (iv) are there any plans to build an additional public high school for the Khutsong community;
- (v) if a new high school is planned, where will it be built and how many learners will it accommodate;
- (vi) what is the estimated cost of building the proposed new school, and from which budget programme will it be funded;
- (vii) what stage is the project currently at in the infrastructure development and procurement process;
- (viii) when is construction of the new school expected to begin;
- (ix) when is the new school expected to be completed and opened; and
- (x) what interim or alternative measures are being implemented, or will be implemented, to reduce overcrowding at existing high schools in Khutsong if no new school is planned?

□□ **5.ED073 Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**

With reference to municipal accounts owed by facilities operated by the Gauteng Department of Education, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what amounts are currently owed by the Gauteng Department of Education for municipal services at its district offices;
- (ii) what amounts are currently owed by the Department for municipal services at its circuit offices;
- (iii) what amounts are currently owed by the Department for municipal services at any other buildings or facilities it operates;
- (iv) what is the name and physical address of each building or facility for which municipal amounts are owed;
- (v) in which municipality is each of these properties located;
- (vi) what municipal services are billed at each property, including electricity, water, sanitation and property rates;
- (vii) what is the total amount currently owed for each property;
- (viii) over what period has the debt at each property accumulated;
- (ix) for each property, have any municipal services been disconnected or interrupted because of non-payment; and
- (x) what steps has the Department taken to ensure that municipal

accounts for its buildings are paid within the timeframes required by the Municipal Finance Management Act?

□□ 5.ED074

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

With reference to the MEC's reply to question 5.ED042, confirming that 138 schools in the City of Ekurhuleni collectively owe R81,970,214.19 in municipal accounts, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what oversight mechanisms does the Gauteng Department of Education use to monitor the financial management of Section 21 schools, especially the payment of electricity, water and property rates;
- (ii) what role do district offices play in monitoring and reviewing the financial management of schools in their areas;
- (iii) are schools required to submit financial reports, audited financial statements, or other disclosures to district offices showing whether municipal accounts are being paid;
- (iv) what action does the Department take when it becomes aware that a school has built up significant municipal debt;
- (v) has the Department investigated why the schools listed in reply 5.ED042 have accumulated large outstanding municipal accounts;
- (vi) if the Department has investigated, what were the findings;
- (vii) does the Department believe that its current oversight mechanisms are sufficient to ensure that school funds are managed responsibly;
- (viii) does the Department believe that its current oversight mechanisms are sufficient to ensure that essential municipal services are paid for;
- (ix) for how many days was electricity interrupted or disconnected at each of the 138 schools by the City of Ekurhuleni in 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date;and
- (x) for how many days was water or sanitation interrupted or disconnected at each of the 138 schools by the City of Ekurhuleni in 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date?

□□ 5.ED075

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

Regarding the relocation of the Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA) from the Gauteng Department of Education to the Office of the Premier, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) why was the Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA) moved from the Gauteng Department of Education to the Office of the Premier;
- (ii) what are the anticipated benefits of placing GCRA under the Office of the Premier as opposed to the Department of Education;
- (iii) what changes, if any, have occurred in GCRA's mandate, operations, or budget since the relocation;
- (iv) has there been any staff restructuring, redeployment associated with this change? Please provide details; and
- (v) how will this shift affect the oversight, coordination, and implementation of youth development, bursaries, and skills programmes managed by the GCRA?

- **5.ED076** **Hon. S J P Dos Santos (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**  
Regarding staffing and interns at the Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA), could the MEC please indicate:
- (i) how many staff members are currently employed at the GCRA, broken down by permanent, contract, and temporary categories;
  - (ii) how many interns have been employed by the GCRA in the last two financial years, and what is the monthly stipend or remuneration paid to these interns;
  - (iii) in the last two financial years, how many GCRA employees have been working remotely or have not physically reported to the office? Please provide numbers per financial year and reason, where applicable;
  - (iv) are there any instances where interns are performing duties that are ordinarily meant to be carried out by permanent staff;
  - (v) what measures have been put in place to ensure that the roles and responsibilities of interns do not replace those of full-time employees?
- **5.ED077** **Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**  
With regard to each district office of the Gauteng Department of Education, for each of the past three financial years (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26), could the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what was the total budget allocated to each district office for each financial year;
  - (ii) what was the actual expenditure incurred by each district office for each financial year;
  - (iii) what was the variance between the budgeted amount and actual expenditure for each district office for each financial year;
  - (iv) for each district office and each financial year, how much was spent on compensation of employees;
  - (v) for each district office and each financial year, how much was spent on accommodation, catering and food, and travel and subsistence;
  - (vi) for each district office and each financial year, how much was spent on venues and events, and on training and workshops;
  - (vii) for each district office and each financial year, how much was spent on consultants and professional services;
  - (viii) for each district office and each financial year, how much was spent on ICT and software;
  - (ix) for each district office and each financial year, how much was spent on office rental and municipal services, security services, maintenance and repairs, and fleet and transport costs;and
  - (x) for each district office and each financial year, how much was spent on stationery and consumables, and on any other expenditure, with details of what that other expenditure was?
- **5.ED078** **Hon. A Allie (BOSA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Education:**  
The Department's response with regard to the land in Ormonde Erf 131 and 132 indicates that the project remains at an early planning stage, with no confirmed timelines for construction. This raises concerns regarding the implementation of the proposed school:

- (i) when is the feasibility study for the proposed public secondary school expected to be completed;
- (ii) by when does the Department intend to finalise construction timelines for the project; and
- (iii) has funding been allocated for the development of the school, and if so, in which financial year?

**MEC FOR FINANCE:**

**5.FN005**

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

With reference to the MEC's reply to Question ED013 of 2026, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) under what delegation of authority was the decision taken to cancel the school security contracts;
- (ii) what was the total value of the security contracts that were cancelled;
- (iii) what financial savings, if any, has the Department realised as a result of cancelling these contracts;
- (iv) since the cancellation of the contracts, has the Department any vandalism-related losses at schools;
- (v) has the Department assessed any burglary-related losses at schools since the cancellation;
- (vi) has the Department recorded any insurance claims relating to theft or damage at schools since the contracts were cancelled;
- (vii) has the Department assessed any infrastructure damage at schools following the cancellation of the contracts;
- (viii) if such assessments have been conducted, what is the quantified cost per district;
- (ix) how many schools were affected by the cancellation of the security contracts across Gauteng; and
- (x) does the Department accept liability if it is proven that the absence of trained security personnel contributed to injury, death, or damage to school infrastructure?

**5.FN006**

**Hon. F Ngobeni (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Finance:**

With reference to the Provincial Treasury's statutory mandate under Section 5(4) of the Municipal Finance Management Act and the annual Division of Revenue Act to monitor municipal financial management, and noting the Emfuleni Local Municipality's well documented history of severe financial instability, poor audit outcomes, and collapsed service delivery, will the MEC please answer the following:

- (i) what specific, proactive oversight and monitoring mechanisms did the Provincial Treasury actively deploy to track the exact expenditure of the Local Government Equitable Share allocations transferred to the Emfuleni Local Municipality during the 2025/26 financial year;
- (ii) in exercising its monitoring mandate under the MFMA, has the Provincial Treasury independently verified that these Equitable Share funds were strictly utilised for their legally intended purpose namely the provision of free basic services to indigent households

- rather than being unlawfully diverted to cover the municipality's general operational shortfalls, inflated wage bills, or historic debt;
- (iii) given the visible collapse of basic service delivery in Emfuleni, what immediate interventions, binding directives, or budget funding plans did the Provincial Treasury enforce upon the municipality's Accounting Officer to correct any identified deviations in the spending of the Equitable Share; and
  - (iv) where the Provincial Treasury has identified that Equitable Share allocations were misspent in violation of the MFMA and DoRA, what specific consequence management steps or financial recovery processes has the Department initiated to hold the responsible municipal officials personally and legally accountable for depriving poor households of their allocated poverty-relief funds?

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**5.FN007**

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

With reference to the financial position of the City of Ekurhuleni and Eskom's public notice indicating its intention to interrupt or reduce the bulk electricity supply to the municipality due to outstanding debt, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the current total amount owed by the City of Ekurhuleni to Eskom for bulk electricity supply;
- (ii) over what period did this debt accumulate, including the outstanding amounts at the end of each of the past five financial Years;
- (iii) has the Gauteng Provincial Treasury engaged the City of Ekurhuleni regarding its Eskom debt? (Please provide dates and measures agreed upon)
- (iv) has the MEC considered initiating provincial intervention in the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 139 of the Constitution due to its deteriorating financial position; and
- (v) what steps is the Gauteng Provincial Treasury taking to prevent Eskom from interrupting electricity supply to residents and businesses in Ekurhuleni?

**MEC FOR HEALTH:**

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**5.HL035**

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

With regard to air-conditioning units for operating theatres in Gauteng public hospitals, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) who is responsible for maintaining air-conditioning units in operating theatres;
- (ii) how many hospitals have experienced air-conditioning failures since 1 January last year;
- (iii) in each case in (ii) above, identify the hospital concerned and the dates when the air-conditioning was broken;
- (iv) in each case in (ii) above, what were the reasons for the breakdown;
- (v) in each case in (ii) above, what was the impact on patients;
- (vi) in each case in (ii) above, approximately how many operations were cancelled and/ or delayed because of the broken air-conditioners;

- (vii) what is the assessed status of the air-conditioning units at each public hospital (please give separately for each hospital);
- (viii) which air-conditioning units in which hospitals are currently assessed as being urgently in need of replacement (please give separately for each hospital);
- (ix) in each case in (viii) above, when will the units be replaced (please give separately for each hospital); and
- (x) what is being done to ensure all theatre air-conditioning units are always working?

\*\* 5.HL037

**Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regard to the Public Service Commission report on the grievance of Mr M. Moitsheki, a Professional Nurse at Carletonville Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) why have the recommendations of the PSC report, which were found in his favour in March 2024 not been implemented;
- (ii) when will these recommendations be implemented; and
- (iii) if not, why not?

\*\* 5.HL038

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

With regard to the fire at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what investigations were conducted into the fire detection and suppression inadequacies that failed to stop the spread of the fire on 16 April 2021;
- (ii) what were the findings of these investigations;
- (iii) will these reports be made public as an addendum to the reply to this question;
- (iv) if not, why not;
- (v) how much in rands and cents was paid to Modipadi Nokaneng in 2020/21;
- (vi) what were they supposed to do during this period;
- (vii) what assessment and monitoring were done to ensure that they did what they were paid to do;
- (viii) what fault or blame can be placed on this company for the failure to stop the fire;
- (ix) how much in rands and cents has been paid to this company to do fire suppression and prevention work at different Gauteng hospitals since January 2020 to date (please give separately the amount spent at each hospital); and
- (x) why has this company been given more work despite their failure to prevent the fire at CMJH?

\*\* 5.HL039

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

Regarding waiting lists and waiting times for surgery in Gauteng public hospitals, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what central database is there presently in this matter;
- (ii) what is the estimate for the number of patients at all Gauteng public hospitals on the waiting lists for surgery;
- (iii) if this number cannot be given, why is this the case;
- (iv) what is the breakdown for the different types of surgery in (iii)

above in terms of numbers of patients (please give separately for each category);

- (v) which hospital has the shortest waiting time for cataract surgery and which hospital has the longest waiting time for surgery (please give the estimated waiting time in each case);
- (vi) which hospital has the shortest waiting time for hip replacement surgery and which hospital has the longest waiting time for hip replacement surgery (please give the estimated waiting time in each case);
- (vii) what trends in waiting lists and waiting times can be observed in the last three years;
- (viii) what are the reasons for any increase in waiting lists and waiting times in the last six months;
- (ix) what is the impact of power cuts and water shortages on the waiting lists and waiting times; and
- (x) what steps are being taken to significantly reduce waiting lists and waiting times in the next three months?

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**5.HL040**

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

With regard to cancer treatment at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many cancer patients are currently waiting for a CT Scan;
- (ii) how many cancer patients are currently waiting for a PET Scan;
- (iii) how many cancer patients are currently waiting for an MRI;
- (iv) how many cancer patients are currently waiting for a biopsy report);
- (v) in each case in (i) to iv) above, what are the approximate waiting periods;
- (vi) in each case in i) to iv) above, approximately how long does it take for the reports to become available;
- (vii) in each case in i) to iv) above, what are the reasons for long waiting periods and long periods for the reports to become available;
- (viii) how many cancer patients are on the waiting lists for surgery in the various categories;
- (ix) approximately how long do they wait for surgery in the various categories; and
- (x) how do all the delays affect the treatment and survival chances of cancer patients?

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**5.HL041**

**Hon. F Ngobeni (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With reference to MEC's previous written reply to Question 5.HL067 (dated 25 May 2025) regarding the arson fire at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital on 16 April 2021, will the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) noting that the South African Police Service (SAPS) had not identified any suspects as of May 2025, what specific progress has been made in the criminal investigation from May 2025 to date;
- (ii) have any individuals now been arrested or formally charged for this act of arson;

- (iii) given that the cost of repairs to the hospital was reported at R168,960,091.92 in May 2025, what is the current, updated total financial expenditure for the repair project as of today;
- (iv) what is the remaining budget allocation required to finish the work; and
- (v) what is the current percentage of physical completion of these structural repairs, and what is the exact, updated timeline for the hospital to be fully restored and 100% operational across all wards?

\*\* 5.HL042

**Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regard to the Boitumelo Clinic project, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) has the department appointed a new contractor to complete the construction of the clinic;
- (ii) if yes to (i), when will the project commence;
- (iii) when will the project be completed; and
- (iv) what is the value of the contract?

\*\* 5.HL043

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

With regard to the MEC's statement in the House on 26 February 2026 that "Because I have a privilege of having confidential documents where Bloom's mother was before he [she] died, I think I will bring those documents in the House if that is allowed", will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what documents is she referring to;
- (ii) since I give my permission for these documents to be made public, what is the information in these documents;
- (iii) in which hospital was Mrs Bloom treated;
- (iv) since I give my permission for these documents to be brought to the House as the MEC requested, when will the MEC do this;
- (v) if not, why not;
- (vi) will the MEC in the House apologise for misleading the House on this sensitive matter;
- (vii) if so, when will this occur; and
- (viii) if not, why not?

\*\* 5.HL044

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

With regard to beds in Gauteng's public hospitals, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many beds in total are there in Gauteng public hospitals;
- (ii) how many beds are there in each hospital (please give separately for each hospital);
- (iii) how many beds in each hospital are currently not operational (please give separately for each hospital);
- (iv) in the case of each hospital, why are they not operational (please give separately for each hospital);
- (v) how many public hospital beds in total should Gauteng have based on international norms and standards);
- (vi) based on international norms and standard, how many beds should each public hospital have (please give separately for each hospital);

- (vii) what are the approximate waiting times at casualty at each hospital before being admitted to a ward (please give separately for each hospital);
- (viii) which hospital casualty units routinely operate over capacity particularly at peak periods;
- (ix) in each case in viii) above, what arrangements are made to accommodate casualty patients, including sleeping arrangements on the floor; and
- (x) what steps are being done to ensure there are enough hospital beds to provide a quality service to patients?

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**5.HL045****Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regard to cancelled or deferred surgery at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many operations have been cancelled or deferred since 1 January 2025;
- (ii) what is the breakdown of these operations in terms of numbers as per the various categories;
- (iii) what is the breakdown of reasons why these operations were cancelled or deferred;
- (iv) what is the impact of the cancelled or deferred surgery on patients;
- (v) what is the approximate total number of patients currently awaiting elective surgery in the various categories (please give separately for each category);
- (vi) what are the approximate waiting times for surgery in the various (please give separately for each category); and
- (vii) what trends can be observed in the matter in the last five years; and
- (viii) what steps are being taken to cut the backlog of surgeries?

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**5.HL046****Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regard to staff at Supply Change Management at head office, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) that qualifications does Mr Mofedi Nhlapo have for his current position;
- (ii) does he have the correct qualifications for his position;
- (iii) what qualifications does Mr Popone have for his current position;
- (iv) does he have the correct qualifications for his position;
- (v) have these two officials passed lifestyle audited;
- (vi) do these two officials have security clearances;
- (vii) if not, why not; and
- (viii) if there are any irregularities in any of the above, what steps are being done to rectify matter?

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**5.HL047****Hon. E More (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regard to the provincial government's ongoing and resolute fight against "ghost employees" which currently includes comprehensive identity verification processes and rigorous cross-checking of employee details against the National Population Register to confirm legitimacy, will

the MEC please answer the following regarding medical professionals, administration staff, and other employees of the Department:

- (i) have the Department of Health employees undergone the comprehensive identity and payroll verification process to root out ghost employees within its ranks, specifically among healthcare workers and administrative staff;
- (ii) how many suspected or confirmed "ghost employees" have been identified on the Department of Health's payroll during the current and previous financial year;
- (iii) what is the estimated total financial loss incurred by the Department as a result of these fraudulent salary payments;
- (iv) exactly how many employees explicitly categorised by senior management, hospital/clinic administrators, healthcare professionals, and lower-level support staff are currently on precautionary suspension with full pay within the Department of Health as of today;
- (v) can the MEC provide a detailed, itemised breakdown indicating exactly how long each of these currently suspended employees has been on suspension (measured in months and/or years); and
- (vi) what is the exact, total financial amount that has been paid out in salaries and benefits to each of these specific suspended employees from the first day of their respective suspensions to date?

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**5.HL048**

**Hon. E More (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regard to the ongoing challenges of accountability and consequence management within the provincial health sector, will the MEC please answer the following regarding the past three financial years (2023/2024, 2024/2025, and 2025/2026 to date):

- (i) what is the exact, total number of reported cases of medical negligence within Gauteng public health facilities that have resulted in formal disciplinary action against the implicated healthcare professionals or administrative staff over the past three years;
- (ii) of the medical negligence cases that led to disciplinary action, what were the specific final sanctions imposed (such as dismissals, suspensions without pay, or written warnings), and how many of these individuals were formally reported to statutory bodies like the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) or the South African Nursing Council (SANC);
- (iii) what is the exact, total number of reported cases of financial misconduct, fraud, and/or corruption within the Department of Health that have resulted in formal disciplinary action against implicated officials over the exact same three-year period;
- (vi) of the financial misconduct and corruption cases that proceeded to disciplinary hearings, how many officials were ultimately dismissed, and how many of these specific cases were officially handed over to the South African Police Service or the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) for criminal prosecution; and
- (v) what is the total monetary value of public funds that the Department has successfully recovered from officials, service

providers, or syndicates found guilty of financial misconduct and corruption over the past three years?

- \*\* 5.HL049 Hon. K Rasilingwane (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**  
With regard to the alleged theft of Scheduled 5 medication at the Leratong Hospital, will the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what steps has (a) the hospital and (b) the department taken to (i) investigate the allegations and how the alleged theft occurred and
  - (ii) stop future thefts of medication;
  - (iii) what consequence management steps has been taken against the individuals accused of the theft;
  - (iv) whether (a) the hospital and/or (b) the department opened a case at the SA Police Service;
  - (v) if not, why not; and
  - (v) if so, what are the relevant details?
- \*\* 5.HL050 Hon. K Rasilingwane (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**  
With regard to Academic Hospitals in Gauteng between the 2019/20 and 2024/25 financial years, will the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what was the total annual expenditure for each academic hospital in Gauteng between the 2019/20 and 2024/25 financial years;
  - (ii) what was the allocated annual budget for each academic hospital during the same period;
  - (iii) can the MEC provide a comparison between the allocated budgets and actual expenditure for each academic hospital;
  - (iv) how much did each academic hospital spend on compensation of employees over the past five financial years;
  - (v) how much did each academic hospital spend on goods and services over the same period;
  - (vi) how much has been spent on infrastructure, repairs and maintenance at each academic hospital in the last five years;
  - (vii) how much has each academic hospital spent on medical supplies and equipment over the past five financial years;
  - (viii) how much has been spent on outsourced services such as security, cleaning, catering and laundry at each academic hospital;
  - (ix) what percentage of each hospital's total budget is spent on compensation of employees; and
  - (x) what major financial pressures have been identified at each academic hospital that affect their budgets?
- \*\* 5.HL051 Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**  
With regard to the negotiated agreement made by the Gauteng Health Department with former Chief Financial Officer Lerato Madyo that led to her departure on 31 July 2024, will the MEC please indicate:
- (i) why was her disciplinary process not concluded;
  - (ii) in what way did the Special Investigating Unit assist with pursuing the 13 misconduct charges against her;
  - (iii) what accounted for the delays in concluding the disciplinary process in this matter;
  - (iv) what financial loss assessment was done prior to concluding this

- agreement;
- (v) if not, why not;
  - (vi) why did the department report to Eyewitness News on 23 August 2024 that Madyo had resigned when this was not true, and why was this never corrected publicly despite the resignation story being widely repeated;
  - (vii) did the MEC approve of this agreement at the time;
  - (viii) why was the Premier's Office not consulted beforehand instead of being asked to give retroactive approval; and
  - (ix) will the present Accounting Officer review this agreement as he is legally obliged to do by the Public Finance Management Act;
  - (x) if not, why not?

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5.HL052

**Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

With regard to Nurses who were doing Primary Care Nursing in 2024 at GCON, could the MEC please indicate.

- (i) when will nurses in Gauteng be translated to the appropriate specialty salary scales;
- (ii) what are the reasons for the continued delays in implementing these translations in certain districts;
- (iii) why has the Ekurhuleni District been able to implement the translation while other districts have not;
- (iv) what specific procedures or actions allowed Ekurhuleni District to implement the translation successfully;
- (v) which districts in Gauteng have not yet implemented the translation to specialty salary scales;
- (vi) how many nurses are currently affected by the delay in each district;
- (vii) what steps has the Department taken to ensure that all districts implement the translation consistently;
- (viii) what is the timeframe for resolving the outstanding translations across all districts;
- (ix) will affected nurses receive back pay once the translation is implemented; and
- (x) who within the Department is responsible for overseeing the implementation of these translations?

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5.HL053

**Hon. K Poho (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness:**

In terms of the surgical backlog, may the Department kindly provide the number of cancelled surgeries since the 1st of January 2026?

- (i) which hospitals were most affected by cancelled surgeries since the beginning of 2026;
- (ii) what has been the action taken;
- (iii) what is the amount (in Rands) that medico-legal claims incurred due to surgical cancellations in the period of time in question; and
- (iv) what avenues does the Department provide in terms of recourse to the affected patients for cancelled medical surgeries?

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5.HL054

**WITHDRAWN**



5.HL055

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

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

- (i) what is the department's comprehensive response to the attached petition and request for urgent intervention by organized labour. Including the issues of the acting CEO's leadership style, hostile working environment, lack of direct communication with the CEO, changes to working hours and shifts with consultation, halting overtime, shortages of stock and tools of trade, non-recording of a theft incident, staff morale programmes stopped, lack of a staff canteen, vending machines or water dispensers, restriction of external food vendors, shortage of security officers, loss of critical medical personnel, and non-provision of the institutional organogram (please address separately point by point);
- (ii) how many medical staff have resigned since 1 January 2025;
- (iii) how many staff vacancies are there in total, and what positions are they in;
- (iv) which clinics have closed because of a lack of specialists;
- (v) what impact has the lack of a specialist and other staff had on the operation of the radiology department;
- (vi) why has a permanent CEO not been appointed and when will this happen;
- (vii) why has the Ophthalmology clinic been closed;
- (viii) will this hospital be downgraded or given the support to retain its status and restore discontinued services like Ophthalmology; and
- (ix) what steps is the department taken to address all the issues raised and to stabilize the hospital to serve patients optimally?

**MEC FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:**

5.HS007

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

Regarding the Bekkersdal Urban Renewal Programme, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many housing units were originally planned as part of the Bekkersdal Urban Renewal Programme;
- (ii) how many houses have been completed and allocated to beneficiaries;
- (iii) please specify how many housing units remain incomplete or abandoned;
- (iv) what steps are being taken to complete unfinished housing projects in Bekkersdal;
- (v) how many households in Bekkersdal still do not have access to electricity;
- (vi) what projects are currently underway to complete electrification in the area; and
- (vii) when is it estimated that electrification in Bekkersdal will be fully completed?

5.HS008

**Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:**

With regard to the property on 44 Airdlin Road Paulshof, Sandton, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) does the province own this portion of land;

- (ii) if not, who owns it;
- (iii) when was it sold to the owner;
- (iv) please provide proof of purchase and deeds transfer

**5.HS009 Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:**

Regarding the toilets that were installed in Emfuleni (Evaton) to address the issue of pit toilets, could the MEC please indicate the following:

- (i) when did this project start;
- (ii) what was the budget allocated for this project;
- (iii) how many toilets were erected in Evaton;
- (iv) please provide the addresses where the toilets were installed.
- (v) who are the service providers appointed;
- (vi) how much was paid to each service provider; and
- (vii) what was the total amount spent by the department on this project?

□□ **5.HS010 Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Human Settlements:**

With regard to Evaton Matlo Projects PTY LTD, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) does the department own the land from ERF 1837 to ERF 1873;
- (ii) when did they acquire the land from the province;
- (iii) was the land donated/transferred the company;
- (iv) if the land was bought who sold the land to them and how much did they pay for the land;
- (v) has the company ever had a contract/render a service to the department;
- (vi) if yes for how much;
- (vii) did they deliver as per the contractual obligation; and
- (viii) was the liquidation final or provisional?

**MEC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:**

\*\* **5.INF007 Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

With regard to the Modipadi Nokaneng company and the Ngwato and Manzi Group, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the proof that these companies have a SANS 1475 certificate, as well as technicians registered for either 1475 or fire detection and gas suppression work;
- (ii) has the department checked this matter with the South African Qualification and Certification Committee (SAQCC), particularly as Rosemary Cowan, CEO of the SAQCC, has now reiterated in a Netwerk24 report that these companies have never had a SANS 1475 certificate and do not "have technicians registered for either the SAQCC Fire 1475, or fire detection or gas suppression work. If they were to do this type of work, it would be considered illegal.";
- (iii) if not, why not;
- (iv) who in the department is responsible for checking this matter with the SAQCC but failed to do so;
- (v) how much in total in rands and cents has so far been paid to the Ngwato and Manzi Group and Modipadi Nokaneng

- companies respectively in this matter;
- (vi) can the department please provide the contract close out reports including invoices and expenditure reports for tenders DID M01-04-2021, DID M04-04-2021, and DID M05-04-2021, and DID M09-04-2021, which were paid by the Department; and
  - (v) what other contracts have the Ngwato and Manzi Group and Modipadi Nokaneng companies received respectively to the department in the last five years, including the date awarded, amounts paid in rands and cents, and nature of the work performed respectively (please give separately for each contract and each company)?

□□ **5.INF014**

**Hon. A Allie (BOSA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Infrastructure Development:**

The Gauteng Department of Education confirmed that Erf 131 and Erf 132 in Ormonde is zoned for educational purposes and have been identified for the development of a public secondary school.

The Education department also indicated that the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development is the custodian of this asset:

- (i) are you aware of the land zoned for educational purposes at the Ormonde ERF 131 and 132;
- (ii) have you received a budget allocation for the school to be built?
- (iii) how much was allocated;
- (iv) when will the public secondary school be built; and
- (v) are you aware of the sale of that land to private owners

□□ **5.INF015**

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

With reference to buildings and facilities occupied by the Gauteng Department of Education, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what buildings or facilities used by the Gauteng Department of Education are owned, leased, or managed by the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development;
- (ii) what is the physical address of each of these buildings or facilities;
- (iii) in which municipality is each property located;
- (iv) for each property, is it state-owned or leased;
- (v) for each leased property, how much rent is paid and who is the landlord;
- (vi) what amounts are currently owed to municipalities for electricity, water, sanitation, and property rates for each of these buildings?
- (vii) for each property, what is the total outstanding municipal debt;
- (viii) over what period has the municipal debt for each property accumulated;
- (ix) have any municipal services at these properties been interrupted or disconnected because of non-payment; and
- (x) what steps has GDID taken to ensure that municipal accounts for government buildings are paid within the timeframes required by the Municipal Finance Management Act?

**MEC FOR CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS:**

- \*\* 5.COGTA030 Hon. F Ngobeni (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**  
With reference to the MEC's previous written reply to Question 5. PR019 (dated 09 May 2025) regarding the delayed construction of the Boipatong Old Age Home, will the MEC please indicate the following:
- (i) what specific actions and progress have been made since May 2025 to resolve the technical and safety risks posed by the SASOL gas pipeline discovered adjacent to the site and whether the planned consultations with SASOL regarding viable technical solutions have been concluded;
  - (ii) if the answer to (i) is affirmative, what are the agreed-upon risk mitigation options and has the project scope or physical structure been formally repurposed;
  - (iii) whether the comprehensive planning phase and the appointment of new Professional Service Providers by the Department of Infrastructure Development (DID) have now been finalised;
  - (iv) has any additional funds been spent on this project since the previously reported expenditure of R28,348,704.50 (which included R25.1 million on construction and R3.1 million on professional fees), and if so, what is the detailed breakdown of these new costs; and
  - (v) is the Department still on track to meet the envisaged project completion date of the end of the 2026 calendar year, or if further delays are now anticipated?

- \*\* 5.COGTA031 Hon. F Ngobeni (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**  
With regard to the status of the 2024/25 municipal audits, audit disputes, and Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) deadline compliance for the City of Johannesburg and the City of Ekurhuleni, will the MEC please indicate the following:
- (i) whether the 2024/25 audited annual financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's reports, for the City of Johannesburg and the City of Ekurhuleni have been finalised;
  - (ii) if the answer to (i) is positive, on what exact dates the audited financial statements were completed, tabled before the respective municipal councils, and submitted to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE);
  - (iii) if the answer to (i) is negative, what specific issues remain outstanding, and whether these outstanding matters constitute formal audit disputes with the Auditor-General of South Africa;
  - (iv) if formal disputes exist as per (b), on what exact dates such disputes were formally lodged, and what specific steps are currently being taken to resolve them;
  - (v) what formal engagements have taken place between the Department of CoGTA, the affected municipalities, and the Auditor-General to address the delayed finalisation of these audits;
  - (vi) whether the Department has conducted any risk assessment regarding the potential suspension or removal of municipal debt securities by the JSE should the required audited financial statements not be submitted within the stipulated timeframe;

- (vii) what specific contingency measures, if any, have been put in place to protect the financial credibility and borrowing capacity of the affected municipalities in the event of non-compliance with JSE reporting requirements; and
- (viii) has the Department done an assessment the broader impact of these audit delays on municipal financial sustainability and on the Province's oversight obligations in terms of Section 154 of the Constitution, and if so, what the specific findings of that assessment are?

**\*\* 5.COGTA035 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regard to suspended employees Emfuleni, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many employees are currently suspended by the municipality;
- (ii) please provide positions held by employees in the municipality;
- (iii) when was each employee suspended;
- (iv) how much has been paid to each employee since they were suspended; and
- (v) what is the total amount of all monies paid to the suspended employees?

**\*\* 5.COGTA040 Hon. A Allie (BOSA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Between 2015 and 2017, the City of Johannesburg implemented a flagship programme called Jozi at Work, which partnered with SMMEs to promote a clean City.

- (i) was the department aware of this initiative;
- (ii) has the department conducted any oversight of the programme? If so, what were the findings;
- (iii) to your knowledge what were some of the successes and setbacks of the programme; and GFIS has been investigating the illegal transfer of the state-owned property (Ormonde ERF 132) that was ear marked for a school;
- (iv) are you aware of the investigation; and
- (v) if you are aware what is the status of the investigation?

**5.COGTA042 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regard to the storm water project in Sharpeville–Phelandaba, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) when did this project start;
- (ii) when was it supposed to end;
- (iii) who is/are the contractor(s) appointed by the municipality;
- (iv) how much has been paid to the contractor(s) to date;
- (v) what is the value of the contract; and
- (vi) what is the scope of the contract?

**5.COGTA043 Hon. K Rasilingwane (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regard to the Emfuleni Mayoral Bursary, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many learners have been awarded bursaries in the last

- three financial years;
- (ii) what are the names of the learners who have received bursaries;
- (iii) please provide the names of the higher education institutions the recipients are attending;
- (iv) is there any recipient who is related to an employee or councillor in the municipality; and
- (v) if yes to (iv), please provide the names and the nature of the relationship?

**5.COGTA045 Hon. F Ngobeni (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regard to the provincial government's ongoing and resolute fight against "ghost employees" which currently includes comprehensive identity verification processes and rigorous crosschecking of employee details against the National Population Register to confirm legitimacy will the MEC please answer the following regarding the Emfuleni Local Municipality:

- (i) has the Emfuleni Local Municipality initiated a similarly comprehensive identity and payroll verification process to root out ghost employees within its own administration;
- (ii) if the answer to 1 is yes, what specific mechanisms are being utilized by the municipality (such as biometric verification or cross-checking against the National Population Register), and what exact percentage of the municipal workforce has been successfully verified to date;
- (iii) how many suspected or confirmed "ghost employees" have been identified on the Emfuleni Local Municipality's payroll during the current and previous financial years;
- (iv) what is the estimated total financial loss incurred by the municipality as a result of these fraudulent salary payments;
- (v) exactly how many employees explicitly categorised by senior management and lower-level staff are currently on precautionary suspension with full pay within the Emfuleni Local Municipality as of today;
- (vi) can the MEC provide a detailed, itemised breakdown indicating exactly how long each of these currently suspended employees has been on suspension (measured in months and/or years); and
- (vii) what is the exact, total financial amount that has been paid out in salaries and benefits to each of these specific suspended employees from the first day of their respective suspensions to date?

**5.COGTA046 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regards to municipal support, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) with reference to the Department's target to support three municipalities to promote participation in community-based local governance processes through the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) approach, why was only one municipality, Merafong Local Municipality, supported during the reporting period;

- (ii) what were the reasons or constraints that resulted in the Department failing to support the remaining two municipalities as originally planned;
- (iii) which two additional municipalities were initially identified or intended to be supported under this programme;
- (iv) was any budget allocated for supporting three municipalities under the ABCD approach during the reporting period;
- (v) if so, what was the actual budget;
- (vi) how much of the allocated budget was spent;
- (vii) what happened to the remaining funds intended for the other two municipalities;
- (viii) what specific support or interventions were provided to Merafong Local Municipality through the ABCD approach; and
- (ix) what criteria does the Department use to select municipalities that will benefit from the ABCD community participation programme?

**5.COGTA047 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regards to ABCD support in TISH areas, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) the Department set a target to support 15 community-driven initiatives through the ABCD model in TISH wards, yet only three initiatives were supported. What are the reasons for not achieving the target;
- (ii) in which municipalities and wards are the three supported initiatives located;
- (iii) what types of community initiatives were supported under the ABCD model;
- (iv) which 12 initiatives or communities were planned but not supported;
- (v) how much budget was allocated for the 15 initiatives;
- (vi) how much of the allocated budget was spent;
- (vii) what happened to the remaining funds intended for the initiatives that were not implemented;
- (viii) when will the remaining 12 community-driven initiatives be implemented; and
- (ix) how does the Department measure the impact of these initiatives in TISH wards?

**5.COGTA048 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regards to the survey conducted in Emfuleni in 2025, could the MEC please:

- (i) provide the full report emanating from the Public Trust Index Survey conducted at Emfuleni Local Municipality on 04 December 2025?

**5.COGTA049 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regards to the implementation of Water Conservation and Water Demand Management (WC/WDM) initiatives, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what specific water conservation and water demand management interventions were implemented? (Please specify for each municipality);
- (ii) in which areas or projects within the municipalities were these interventions implemented;
- (iii) who implemented these interventions (department officials, municipalities, or appointed service providers);
- (iv) if service providers were appointed, which service providers, including amounts paid to each;
- (v) on what dates or during which period were these interventions implemented;
- (vi) what budget was allocated for the implementation of these interventions;
- (vii) what was the actual expenditure; and
- (viii) what outcomes or improvements have been recorded as a result of these interventions in each municipality?

**5.COGTA050 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regards to Municipalities supported on the provision of disaster response and relief interventions, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what were the reasons for the cancellation of the tender for the appointment of 14 panel members of service providers for the procurement of disaster relief materials;
- (ii) at what stage of the procurement process was the tender cancelled;
- (iii) had any service providers already been identified, shortlisted, or recommended for appointment before the cancellation;
- (iv) if so, who were the service providers that had been considered or shortlisted;
- (v) when was the decision taken to cancel the tender;
- (vi) who approved the cancellation of the tender;
- (vii) how did the cancellation delay the procurement of relief materials for municipalities;
- (viii) which municipalities were affected by the delay in the procurement of relief materials;
- (ix) what interim measures were put in place to ensure municipalities still received disaster response and relief support; and
- (x) what is the current status of the Request for Quotations (RFQ) process for the procurement of blankets, mattresses, plastic sheets, and tents for municipalities?

**5.COGTA051 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regards to the 9 terminations in the 3rd quarter 2025/26, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what were the reasons for each termination;
- (ii) how long were the terminated individuals placed on suspension? (please provide dates for each);
- (iii) how much was each individual earning from suspension up to termination;
- (iv) did the Department incur any financial losses as a result of these terminations;

- (v) were any disciplinary actions taken against officials involved in the terminated contracts; and
- (vi) what measures are in place to prevent similar contract terminations in future?

**5.COGTA055 Hon. N Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With regard to the property on 44 Airdlin Road Paulshof, Sandton, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) does the province own this portion of land;
- (ii) if not, who owns it;
- (iii) when was it sold to the owner; and
- (iv) please provide proof of purchase and deeds transfer?

**5.COGTA056 Hon. J B Bloom (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Further to the reply to Question 5.COGTA085 in 2025, concerning the poor electricity supply problem in areas covered by the Observatory and Bellevue substations in east Johannesburg in wards 66, 67 and 118, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what further interaction has he had with the Johannesburg Metro Council concerning a situation where about 100 000 residents in wards 66, 67 and 118 continue to have unacceptable power interruptions despite the repair and upgrades to the Observatory and Bellevue substations and related cables following the fire in December 2023;
- (ii) if not, why not;
- (iii) what explanation does the council give for the continuing power disruptions;
- (iv) how many power disruptions have there been arising from problems at these substations in 2025 as a whole;
- (v) how many power disruptions have there been arising from problems at these substations since 1 January this year to date;
- (vi) what steps will be taken by the council to ensure that the continuing power disruptions are minimised;
- (vii) if not, why not;
- (viii) what decisive action will the MEC take to ensure that Johannesburg meets its constitutional obligations to provide reliable electricity to its residents in these areas; and
- (ix) if not, why not?

□□ **5.COGTA057 Hon. M Masoleng (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

The recent Gauteng water crisis has once again highlighted the urgent need for targeted interventions across all spheres of government, with COGTA in the province positioned as a catalyst to address and resolve the crisis.

Regarding the measures put in place to curb water shortages, can the Department please respond to the following:

- (i) how has the Water Dashboard, since its inception, assisted in tracking water losses;
- (ii) are there measurable results indicating how much water loss has been prevented;

- (iii) which leaks or infrastructural issues have been addressed through the Dashboard;
- (iv) beyond the Dashboard, what other interventions exist to monitor and alert the province about potential water crises;
- (v) how is COGTA collaborating with municipalities to address the water crisis, particularly in assisting with aging municipal water infrastructure;
- (vi) what have been the tangible successes of these interventions to date;
- (vii) what plans does COGTA have to escalate these interventions to ensure a steady water supply in Gauteng; and
- (viii) outside the Lesotho Highlands water project, what future programmes are being considered to ensure the province has a steady water supply?

□□ **5.COGTA058 Hon. M Masoleng (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Regarding the failure of certain municipalities to pass their budgets, can the MEC respond to the following questions:

- (i) how many municipalities have not passed their adjustment budgets, and what are the reasons for this;
- (ii) given that Emfuleni and Ekurhuleni have not passed their budgets, what legislative requirements must councils meet for the lawful passage of the adjustment; and
- (iii) what interventions does COGTA implement when municipalities fail to pass their budgets, and what recourse is available to these municipalities?

□□ **5.COGTA059 Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

When it rains heavily, Andrew Maphetho Road (next to Birch Acres Mall, located between Tembisa and Kempton Park, Ekurhuleni), gets flooded and the road users are to drive creating heavy traffic.

On the same road, pedestrians are unable to use the pavements – NMT (non-motorist transport) because it is sliding gradually into the stream next to it and soon there will be no pavement left.

Occasionally after the rains, residents have seen (Tractor Loader Backhoe )TLBs clean the mess after the rain. With this in mind:

- (i) is the department aware of the TLB's around the Andrew Maphetho road;
- (ii) to whom (individual, company or department) do these TLBs belong;
- (iii) which department contracted them;
- (iv) when (starting date) were they contracted;
- (v) for how long have they been contracted;
- (vi) what is the contract amount in rands and cents for the period of the contract;
- (vii) what is the scope of work that they are supposed to be doing;
- (viii) how often are they supposed to operate on the said site;
- (ix) are they supplied with diesel from the municipal; and
- (x) how many TLB's are deployed at this site?

- **5.COGTA060 Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**  
 When it rains heavily, Andrew Maphetho Road (next to Birch Acres Mall, located between Tembisa and Kempton Park, Ekurhuleni), gets flooded and the road users are to drive creating heavy traffic.  
 On the same road, pedestrian unable to use the pavements – NMT (non-motorist transport) because it is sliding gradually into the stream next to it and soon there will be no pavement left.  
 Occasionally after the rains, residents have seen a TLB clean the mess after the rain. With this in mind:
- (i) was a study conducted to determine the suitability of the road and pedestrian walkway (pavement);
  - (ii) was an impact study conducted to determine the impact such as traffic congestions, lack of safe walkways for pedestrians along this road;
  - (iii) if yes, when (date) did this study take place;
  - (iv) if no, why wasn't a study conducted;
  - (v) if no, when will such a study be conducted;
  - (vi) if yes, what were the detailed findings of this study;
  - (vii) if yes, are there plans to renovate or upgrade this road;
  - (viii) if yes, when will the renovations or upgrade plans take effect;
  - (ix) if yes, how much money has been budgeted for these renovations or upgrade plans; and
  - (x) if there are no renovations or upgrade plans, why not?
- **5.COGTA061 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**  
 Further to 5.COGTA025, could the MEC please indicate:
- (i) for each financial year from 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 to date, how much was spent on overtime, broken down by department?
- **5.COGTA062 Hon. L de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**  
 With regard to fuel usage in the Emfuleni Municipality, could the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what was the total expenditure on fuel for municipal vehicles for each financial year from 2020 to date;
  - (ii) can the Municipality provide a breakdown of fuel expenditure per department for each financial year from 2020 to date; and
  - (iii) for each financial year from 2020 to date, how much was paid to each fuel service provider?
  - (iv) can the Municipality provide a year-by-year breakdown showing:
    - (a) the name of each fuel service provider;
    - (b) the department served; and
    - (c) the amount paid to that provider?
- **5.COGTA063 Hon. N de Jager (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**  
 Given the severe impact that failing water infrastructure and supply instability are having on residents and businesses in the City of

Johannesburg, particularly in light of the City's recent Adjustment Budget, will the MEC provide clarity on the following:

- (i) can the MEC confirm whether the operational budget allocation to Johannesburg Water has been reduced by R500 million in the City's Adjustment Budget;
- (ii) if so, what was the original operational budget allocation to Johannesburg Water for the current financial year;
- (iii) what is the revised operational allocation following the adjustment;
- (iv) what reasons were provided by the City of Johannesburg for reducing the operational budget of Johannesburg Water, given the ongoing water infrastructure crisis in the municipality; and
- (v) what are the budget allocations for water services and infrastructure for the current and upcoming financial years?

### **MEC FOR E-GOVERNMENT:**

□□ **5.e-GOV002 Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for e-Government:**

With reference to reports that the Gauteng Provincial Government has suffered a data breach affecting its digital systems, and noting previous replies from the Department indicating that significant portions of the Gauteng Provincial Network infrastructure have reached end-of-life, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what is the nature of the reported data breach affecting Gauteng Provincial Government systems;
- (ii) how extensive is the breach;
- (iii) on what date did the Department first become aware of the breach;
- (iv) which provincial departments were affected by the breach;
- (v) which specific systems or databases were affected;
- (vi) what categories of information were compromised, including personal information of residents, government employees, financial information, and government records or internal communications;
- (vii) how many individuals may have had their personal information compromised as a result of the breach;
- (viii) has the Information Regulator been notified in terms of POPIA;
- (ix) if the Information Regulator was notified, on what date was the notification made; and
- (x) what steps has the Department taken to investigate the breach and prevent any further unauthorised access to provincial systems?

□□ **5.e-GOV003 Hon. J Miller (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for e-Government:**

With reference to reports that the Gauteng Provincial Government has suffered a data breach affecting its digital systems, and noting previous replies from the Department indicating that significant portions of the Gauteng Provincial Network infrastructure have reached end-of-life, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) has the Department started any forensic investigation into the breach;
- (ii) if a forensic investigation has started, which entity is conducting it;

- (iii) if a forensic investigation has started, what is the estimated cost of the investigation;
- (iv) how many devices in the provincial network are currently classified as end-of-service or end-of-life;
- (v) what risks do these end-of-service or end-of-life devices pose to the security and stability of provincial government systems;
- (vi) what steps has the Department taken to replace or upgrade this infrastructure;
- (vii) what progress has been made in securing funding for the estimated R700 million needed to upgrade the Gauteng Broadband Network;
- (viii) what amount has been allocated in the current financial year for upgrading the provincial network infrastructure;
- (ix) to what extent are cybersecurity functions outsourced to external service providers, and which companies are responsible for these services; and
- (x) what total amount has the Department spent on cybersecurity and network protection in each of the past five financial years?

**MEC FOR ROADS AND TRANSPORT:**

\*\* 5.TR020

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

With reference to Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road (M39), including all sections thereof that fall wholly or partially under the jurisdiction of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what are the Department's long-term plans, if any, for the expansion of Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road, including but not limited to the widening of the existing carriageway, conversion to a dual-carriageway where applicable, additional turning lanes or dedicated lanes, including the upgrading of major intersections along the route;
- (ii) please indicate whether any feasibility studies, traffic impact assessments, corridor studies, or design work relating to the expansion of Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road have been conducted during the past five financial years;
- (iii) if so, please specify the type of study conducted, the date of completion, including the key findings and recommendations.
- (iv) has Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road been formally included in any provincial road upgrade or expansion programme, master plan, or strategic infrastructure pipeline;
- (v) if so, please indicate the name of the programme or plan and Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road priority ranking within it; and
- (vi) what is the estimated cost of the proposed expansion of Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road, broken down by planning and design, land acquisition, if applicable; construction and associated infrastructure works?

\*\* 5.TR021

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

With reference to Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road (M39), including all sections thereof that fall wholly or partially under the jurisdiction of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what funding has been allocated or provisionally earmarked for the expansion of Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road in the 2025/26 financial year, and in the 2026/27 and 2027/28 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework;
- (ii) please specify the relevant budget programmes and project codes;
- (iii) if no funding has been allocated, please indicate the reasons for the lack of funding;
- (iv) what conditions must be met before funding can be secured.
- (v) what are the anticipated timelines for commencement of expansion works, including completion of the expansion of Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road; and
- (vi) in the absence of an approved expansion timeline, what interim congestion-mitigation measures are being implemented to manage traffic volumes and road safety along Zuurfontein Road and Isando Road?

\*\* 5.TR022

**Hon. E More (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:**

With reference to the historical and recurring payment disputes between the provincial government and metro municipalities specifically the previous challenges experienced with the City of Johannesburg regarding compensation for maintaining province infrastructure and following the Premier announcement during the state of the province address that all 3 Gauteng metros will be maintaining provincial roads will the MEC please answer the following questions:

- (i) what specific, proactive financial and administrative actions has the Department taken to ensure that the three Gauteng metros (City of Johannesburg, City of Tshwane, and City of Ekurhuleni) are paid on time and in full for all road and intersection;
- (ii) maintenance they conduct on provincial roads within their jurisdictions;
- (iii) what is the exact, total outstanding monetary amount currently owed by the provincial Department to each of the three for provincial road maintenance work already completed;
- (iv) what is the aging of this debt; and
- (ix) what dedicated, ring-fenced budget has the Department allocated for the upcoming financial year to exclusively service these inter-governmental maintenance agreements, to prevent a recurrence of the scenario where metros are forced to carry the financial burden of unfunded provincial mandates?

\*\* 5.TR023

**Hon. E More (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:**

With reference to the MEC's previous written reply to Question 5.TR042 (dated 30 July 2025) regarding the illegal occupation of provincial land belonging to the Department of Roads and Transport near the R82 Klipriversberg Conservancy, opposite Southfork Estate (specifically the PWV16 road reserve), will the MEC please answer the following questions.

- (i) taking into account that the Department had instructed the Office of the State Attorney, who subsequently instructed Legal Counsel to handle the matter, what specific legal actions (such as filing for an eviction order or an interdict) have been officially instituted from July 2025 to date, and what is the current status of these legal

- proceedings in court; and
- (ii) regarding the stated collaboration with the local Ward Councillor, the Department's internal protection unit, and the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD), exactly how many joint operations or site interventions have been executed since July 2025 to halt the further expansion of this unlawful settlement?

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5.TR024

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

In respect of the long-delayed and incomplete infrastructure works at the Rooihuiskraal / N14 Interchange, which have remained unfinished for several years despite repeated public commitments, please indicate:

- (i) what was the original approval date and planned completion date of the project;
- (ii) the total projected cost at approval versus the current projected cost;
- (iii) the total amount spent to date, with a breakdown of expenditure on planning, design, consulting fees, and payments to contractors;
- (iv) the full list of reasons for the delays, including contractor non-performance, procurement failures, and intergovernmental coordination challenges, and the details of any consequence management instituted against officials or service providers responsible for delays or cost escalations;
- (v) the construction starts and completion dates; and
- (vi) the interim measures implemented to alleviate traffic congestion and ensure road safety while the interchange remains incomplete?

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5.TR025

**Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:**

With reference to Pretoria Road (M57), including all sections thereof that fall wholly or partially under the jurisdiction of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what are the Department's long-term plans, if any, for the expansion of Pretoria Road, including but not limited to widening of the existing carriageway; conversion to a dual carriageway where applicable; additional turning lanes or dedicated lanes including the upgrading of major intersections along the route;
- (ii) please indicate whether any feasibility studies, traffic impact assessments, corridor studies, or design work relating to the expansion of Pretoria Road have been conducted during the past five financial years;
- (iii) if so, please specify the type of study conducted, the date of completion, the key findings and recommendations;
- (iv) has Pretoria Road been formally included in any provincial road upgrade or expansion programme, master plan, or strategic infrastructure pipeline;
- (v) if so, please indicate the name of the programme or plan and Pretoria Road priority ranking within it; and
- (vi) what is the estimated cost of the proposed expansion of Pretoria Road, broken down by planning and design, land acquisition, if applicable, the construction and associated infrastructure works?

- \*\* 5.TR026 Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:**  
 With reference to Pretoria Road (M57), including all sections thereof that fall wholly or partially under the jurisdiction of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, could the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what funding has been allocated or provisionally earmarked for the expansion Pretoria Road:
    - a) in the 2025/26 financial year; and
    - b) in the 2026/27 and 2027/28 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework;
  - (ii) please specify the relevant budget programmes and project codes;
  - (iii) if no funding has been allocated, please indicate the reasons for the lack of funding;
  - (iv) what conditions must be met before funding can be secured.
  - (v) what are the anticipated timelines for the commencement of expansion works including the completion of the expansion of Pretoria Road; and
  - (vi) in the absence of an approved expansion timeline, what interim congestion-mitigation measures are being implemented to manage traffic volumes and road safety along Pretoria Road?

- \*\* 5.TR027 Hon. M Waters (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:**  
 With reference to the reply to the Legislature Question 5.TR031 of 2025 regarding traffic signals along the M43 in Ekurhuleni, could the MEC please indicate:
- (i) has the Department determined the final repair or replacement cost for each previously non-functional traffic signal intersection;
  - (ii) if so, what is the cost per intersection;
  - (iii) if not, why not;
  - (iv) the Department indicated that a procurement process for the restoration, repair and maintenance of traffic signals would be completed by 30 June 2025. What services were procured;
  - (v) what is the total value of the contract or contracts awarded;
  - (vi) which service providers were appointed;
  - (vii) which specific intersections fall under each contract;
  - (viii) on what date did repairs commence at each intersection;
  - (ix) for each intersection previously reported as non-operational, what is its current operational status, including the average daily traffic volume on the section of the M43 under provincial jurisdiction; and
  - (x) whether any road safety risk assessment was conducted due to prolonged signal failure, including the findings and dates thereof?

- 5.TR028 Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:**  
 With regard to the New Flyover bridge built on R42, could the MEC please indicate:
- (i) what was the total cost of the bridge;
  - (ii) how many contractors were involved including the scope of each contractor;

- (iii) how much did each contractor receive;
- (iv) was the contract completed on time, or were there extensions;
- (v) why was the bridge built;
- (vi) if built for Vaal River City, has this development been approved by Rand Water and other government entities;
- (i) there are two roads newly built that supposedly connect to the bridge, why do these roads not connect;
- (viii) when driving on these roads, both have two dead ends, why; and
- (ix) when will the connecting roads be completed and at what cost?

□□ 5.TR029

**Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:**

With regard to the Solar on the fly over bridge on R42, could the please indicate:

- (i) who are the service providers;
- (ii) how much was paid to the service provider/s;
- (iii) when did the project start;
- (iv) how many lights were installed;
- (v) how many lights have been stolen; and
- (vi) how many lights have not been stolen?

□□ 5.TR030

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

When it rains heavily, Andrew Maphetho Road (next to Birch Acres Mall, located between Tembisa and Kempton Park, Ekurhuleni), gets flooded and the road users are to drive creating heavy traffic.

On the same road, pedestrians are unable to use the pavements – NMT (non-motorist transport) because it is sliding gradually into the stream next to it and soon there will be no pavement left.

Occasionally after the rains, residents have seen (Tractor Loader Backhoe )TLBs clean the mess after the rain. With this in mind:

- (i) is the department aware of the TLB's around the Andrew Maphetho road;
- (ii) to whom (individual, company or department) do these TLBs belong;
- (iii) which department contracted them;
- (iv) when (starting date) were they contracted;
- (v) for how long have they been contracted;
- (vi) what is the contract amount in rands and cents for the period of the contract;
- (vii) what is the scope of work that they are supposed to be doing;
- (ii) how often are they supposed to operate on the said site;
- (viii) are they supplied with diesel from the municipal; and
- (ix) how many TLB's are deployed at this site?

□□ 5.TR031

**Hon. R Nt'sekhe (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport:**

When it rains heavily, Andrew Maphetho Road (next to Birch Acres Mall, located between Tembisa and Kempton Park, Ekurhuleni), gets flooded and the road users are to drive creating heavy traffic.

On the same road, pedestrian unable to use the pavements – NMT

(non-motorist transport) because it is sliding gradually into the stream next to it and soon there will be no pavement left. Occasionally after the rains, residents have seen a TLB clean the mess after the rain. With this in mind:

- (i) was a study conducted to determine the suitability of the road and pedestrian walkway (pavement);
- (ii) was an impact study conducted to determine the impact such as traffic congestions, lack of safe walkways for pedestrians along this road;
- (iii) if yes, when (date) did this study take place;
- (iv) if no, why wasn't a study conducted;
- (v) if no, when will such a study be conducted;
- (vi) if yes, what were the detailed findings of this study;
- (vii) if yes, are there plans to renovate or upgrade this road
- (viii) if yes, when will the renovations or upgrade plans take effect;
- (ix) if yes, how much money has been budgeted for these renovations or upgrade plans; and
- (x) if there are no renovations or upgrade plans, why not?

**MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:**

□□ 5.SD016

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

Regarding the rolling out of the Tswadaar Phase 2 campaign, can the department answer the following questions:

- (i) how does the Tswadaar Phase 2 campaign aim to assist substance users;
- (ii) what are the specific goals of the Tswadaar Phase 2 campaign;
- (iii) are these goals different from those of Phase 1;
- (iv) what is the plan for rolling out Phase 2;
- (v) how has the department prepared for the rollout of Phase 2, particularly in terms of increasing bed capacity in rehab centres and addressing other structural needs to support substance users; and
- (vi) what is the target number of substance users that Phase 2 aims to reach?

□□ 5.SD017

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

In recognition of March as Social Work Month, could the department provide responses to the following questions regarding its workforce of social workers?

- (i) what is the total number of social workers employed by the department as of 2026;
- (ii) how many vacancies for social workers currently exist within the department;
- (iii) does the department have a target for the number of social workers it aims to employ compared to the current number;
- (iv) how many students receive bursaries from the department each year to study social work; and
- (v) of these students, how many are integrated into the department annually?



5.SD018

**Hon. I Cilliers (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Social Development:**

Regarding the fatal stabbing incident involving two learners at Badirile Secondary School on or about 12 March 2026 and the reported trauma experienced by learners, educators and the broader school community, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) is the MEC aware of the fatal stabbing incident involving two learners at Badirile Secondary School on or about 12 March 2026;
- (ii) has the Department engaged with the school following the incident;
- (iii) has the Gauteng Department of Social Development deployed any social workers or psychosocial support teams to the school;
- (iv) if support was deployed, on what date was it provided and how many social workers or support practitioners were assigned;
- (v) what psychosocial support services have been provided to learners and educators who witnessed the incident;
- (vi) what support services, if any, have been offered to the family of the deceased learner;
- (vii) what support services, if any, have been offered to the family of the alleged perpetrator;
- (viii) does the Department have any programmes in place to prevent youth involvement in gangs in the Khutsong area, and if so, what are they and how many young people have participated over the past three years;
- (ix) has the Department implemented any substance abuse prevention programmes for school learners in Khutsong, including names of such programmes; and
- (x) does the Department intend implementing any additional interventions in the Khutsong community following the incident?

**MEC FOR AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

5.ARD007

**Hon. J C Moodey (Action SA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture and Rural Development:**

With regard to the financial and operational support provided to the agricultural sector within the province during the 2024/2025 financial year, will the MEC please answer the following:

- (i) what is the exact, total number of farmers in Gauteng who were officially funded and/or supported by the Department during the 2024/2025 financial year;
- (ii) can the MEC provide a detailed, itemised breakdown of the exact total financial value that was allocated and transferred to each individual farmer who received this funding or/and any form of support;
- (iii) what specific, measurable performance targets or operational deliverables were formally attached to the funding agreements/ support agreement for each of these individual farmers; and
- (iv) against the targets stipulated in number 3, can the MEC provide a detailed performance assessment indicating exactly how many, and which specific targets were successfully reached by each funded/supported farmer by the end of the 2024/2025 financial year?

**5.ARD008 Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture and Rural Development:**

In light of the 2026/27 Gauteng Agriculture budget and the ongoing risk posed by Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) to the livestock sector, the following questions are asked to understand how funds will be allocated and how the department plans to protect farmers, food security and the provincial economy, could the Mec please indicate:

- (i) how will the R742 million agriculture budget be divided across the department's main programmes;
- (ii) how much of this budget will be allocated to farmer support programmes;
- (iii) how much will be allocated to veterinary services;
- (iv) how much will be allocated to agricultural infrastructure;
- (v) how much will be allocated to administration;
- (vi) the budget allocates about R63 million for Foot and Mouth Disease control. How was this amount determined;
- (vii) how much of the R63 million will be used for vaccines and how much for surveillance and monitoring;
- (viii) how many animals does the department plan to vaccinate, and by when;
- (ix) what movement control measures will be implemented across municipalities to prevent the spread of FMD; and
- (x) what support will be provided to farmers, especially emerging farmers, affected by disease-related restrictions?

□□ **5.ARD009 Hon. B Makhene (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture and Rural Development:**

Regarding the financial impact of foot and mouth diseases on Gauteng farmers can the department answer the following questions

- (i) what is the estimated amount of money Gauteng farmers have lost since the outbreak of FMD; and
- (ii) how is the department assisting farmers in this regard?

□□ **5.ARD010 Hon. B Makhene (EFF) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture and Rural Development:**

Regarding the department's performance for the 3rd quarter of 2025/26 under the sustainable resource use and management program, can the department answer the following questions?

- (i) what was the set target for the number of hectares of agricultural land to be rehabilitated;
- (ii) how did the department perform in relation to this target;
- (iii) what were the reasons for any deviations, if applicable;
- (iv) what was the set target for the number of green jobs created;
- (v) did the department achieve this target; and
- (vi) if not, can the department explain why it was unable to meet this target?

**MEC FOR ENVIRONMENT:**

**5.ENV011 Hon. B Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Environment:**

With regards to food poisoning, could the Mec please indicate:

- (i) has the Department developed a coordinated response plan with other departments to address recent food poisoning incidents involving children near schools;

- (ii) has the Department received confirmation about which toxic substances were involved in these incidents;
- (iii) what steps are being taken to regulate the sale and use of highly toxic pesticides in Gauteng;
- (iv) how many inspections of spaza shops or informal food vendors near schools have been conducted since January 2024;
- (v) how many vendors were found to be non-compliant with food safety regulations during these inspections;
- (vi) what enforcement action has been taken against vendors selling unsafe food or hazardous substances near schools;
- (vii) how many environmental health inspectors are currently employed to monitor food safety in Gauteng;
- (viii) has the Department assessed whether poor waste management and rodent infestations are contributing to the misuse of toxic pesticides in communities;
- (ix) what public awareness campaigns have been launched to warn communities about the dangers of using agricultural pesticides for rodent control; and
- (x) what measures are being implemented to ensure that food sold near schools is safe for learners?

**MEC FOR SPORT, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE:**

**5.SP009**

**Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation:**

With regard to the construction of sports infrastructure/ facilities, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) how many facilities have been built in the last five financial years;
- (ii) where were they built;
- (iii) please provide the exact locations and addresses;
- (iv) who were the contractors appointed by the department;
- (v) how much was paid to each contractor;

**5.SP010**

**Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation:**

With regard to sewer challenges affecting the residents of Iron Site and Debonair Park, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) who are the service providers contracted by the municipality to address the sewer challenges;
- (ii) what was the scope of their work;
- (iii) is the municipality satisfied with the work done by the service providers; and
- (iv) how much was paid to each service provider?

**5.SP011**

**Hon. K Chabalala (DA) to ask the Member of the Executive Council for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation:**

With regards to the five Premier's Social Cohesion Performing Arts Programmes, could the MEC please indicate.

- (i) what was the total budget allocated for each of these programmes;
- (ii) how much was actually spent on each programme;
- (iii) where were these events held (please provide venues and locations);

- (iv) on what dates did each event take place;
- (v) which service providers were appointed for each programme;
- (vi) how much was paid to each service provider;
- (vii) how many artists and performers participated in each programme;
- (viii) how did the performing arts sector benefit from these programmes (please specify opportunities created for artists, technicians, and related practitioners);
- (ix) how many local artists from the province were contracted or supported through these programmes; and
- (x) what measures were put in place to ensure fair participation and support for the performing arts sector?

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