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To : Hon. Premier
From : Hon. Jacques Smalle (DA Caucus Leader)
Hon. Katlego Suzan Phala (DA Caucus Whip)
Date : 21st April 2020

Dear Hon. Mathabatha,

Re: Questions in response to the Bi-Weekly Meetings

The Democratic Alliance (DA) welcomes the initiative by Premier of Limpopo, Hon Mathabatha to engage all Political Parties represented in the Legislature, we believe that information sharing and transparency is critical so that we, as the Legislature, are able to track progress on certain life-threatening matters in real time and not after the fact.

In light of the Bi-weekly report back meetings, the Democratic Alliance has drafted the following questions, which we know can provide clear understanding of what lies ahead for Key departments in our province in the fight against the COVID19 pandemic.

Provincial Treasury

1. With regard to the Province's COVID-19 response i) How much has been spent to date by each department ii) To whom was it allocated iii) which department's budgets were affected. Provide details.
2. How much has the province set aside for the COVID-19 response from the provincial budget. Provide details.
3. How much has the province received from national government for the province's response to COVID-19. Provide breakdown.
4. What are the financial implications of the COVID-19 response on each of the provincial departments and their entities?
5. Which are the top 10 creditors with largest outstanding amounts per department and entities
6. Have any departments initiated a process to adjust their Annual Performance Plans due to COVID 19, the Lockdown and aftermath of the lockdown. If so, provide details. If not, why not.
7. Does the Province have a COVID19 fund set up? If so, who is administering the fund & what contributions have been made towards the fund?

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Departments of Transport and Community Safety

During the lockdown period:

1. How many a) arrests b) fines have been carried out and what was the nature of the offences. Provide details.
2. How many people have a) appeared b) received referral dates in court for offences? Provide case details
3. How much has been paid in fines, and will the money be directed towards the province's Covid-19 response. Provide details.
4. How many traffic officials have been deployed per district during the lockdown period and how much has been budgeted for overtime.
5. How many Traffic officials and Public representatives have transgressed lockdown regulations? Provide case details.

Department of Health

1. What is the current number of tests conducted in a) public facilities b) private facilities per district?
2. Is there any backlog of tests conducted and reporting of figures, if so, provide details per district?
3. What is the readiness of our province to deal with a) the potential rise in infections b) expansion of testing?
4. What is the availability of a) ICU beds and b) ventilators in the province? Provide breakdown by district.
5. What is the shortage of a) ICU beds b) ventilators? Provide breakdown by district.
6. Which quarantine sites have been identified across the province and what is their capacity? Provide details.
7. How many formal testing facilities are there in the province per district?
8. What is the actual number of Community Health Workers that have been deployed for community screening and testing per district and what are their target areas? Provide details.
9. What is the cost of the community screening and testing? Provide breakdown.
10. With regard to COVID-19 screening
 - a. How many screening teams have been dispersed per district?
 - b. What is the target of the screening teams per district?
 - c. What does each screening team comprise of?
 - d. How will the information from screening teams be monitored? Provide detail.

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Department of Health cont.

11. What is the number of people currently self-isolating in the province?
12. How many testing vehicles does the province have?
 - i. Where are they located
 - ii. What a) equipment b) personnel accompany every testing vehicle
13. With regard to chronic illness patients
 - a. Has there been a drop in chronic medication collection in healthcare for patients suffering from i) HIV/AIDS ii) Tuberculosis iii) Asthma iv) Diabetes during COVID-19 outbreak and lockdown? Provide details.
 - b. If so, what is the department's plan to address this.

Department of COGHSTA

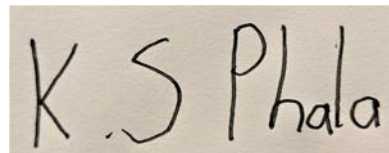
1. What a) financial support b) any other support has been given to municipalities to assist in their response to COVID-19. Provide details.
2. What measures have municipalities implemented in response to Covid-19. Provide details.
3. In light of this COVID-19 pandemic are municipalities still meeting their financial obligations and paying creditors. Provide details of top 10 largest creditors per municipality.
4. Has there been a decrease in municipality income and revenue collection during the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, by how much. Provide details per municipality.
5. Has any disaster funding been made available to any municipality? If so, provide details
6. Has any municipality given respite to late payments and interest on residents as a result of COVID 19 in respect of i) rate and taxes ii) vehicle licensing? If not, are there plans to. Provide details.

I trust that you will treat my letter as urgent as we eagerly await your response

Yours faithfully



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