

510. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the Premier:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1) What are the objectives of the provincial Anti-Corruption Council and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;</p>	<p>To ensure the formulation of anti-corruption policies in the Province.</p> <p>1.2 To ensure the implementation and evaluation of the Provincial Anti-Corruption Policies and Strategies</p> <p>1.3 Co-ordinate and integrate anti-corruption work of Public Sector Departments and Agencies in the Province</p> <p>1.4 Facilitate research on trends and methodologies as well as ways of combating corruption and assist in establishing a database of the incidences of corruption, misconduct and mal-administration</p> <p>1.5 To monitor promotion of ethical behaviour in the Public Administration.</p> <p>1.6 To ensure the establishment of minimum anti-corruption capacity whose core function is prevention and combating of corruption within departments.</p>
<p>2) What is the operational plan of the aforementioned council and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;</p>	<p>The Provincial Anti-Corruption Action Plan is centred on three Pillars which have activities that range from quarterly to yearly implementation,</p> <p>ETHICS BUILDING AND MANAGEMENT – which is aimed at increased professional pride and commitment to service excellence</p>

	<p>and ensuring adherence to ethical standards</p> <p>COMBATING FRAUD AND CORRUPTION – which is aimed at raising ethical standards through awareness and training of staff in the provincial public service. It further aims at encouraging safe and responsible whistle-blowing, detection, investigation and resolution of fraud and corruption cases.</p> <p>OVERSIGHT, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY – which is aimed at improving oversight, transparency and accountability, effective Provincial Anti-Corruption Forum and Council and Monitoring the implementation of Anti-Fraud and Corruption programmes in departments.</p>
<p>(3) How many people constitute the council mentioned above and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;</p>	<p>Membership of the Council is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson • HODs of Provincial Departments • Provincial Commissioner SAPS • Representative from the State Security Agency • Representative from the Special Investigative Unit • Provincial Auditor-General

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Representative of the Public Protector • Director of Public Prosecutions • Regional Head of the Department of Justice & Constitutional Development • Regional Head of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) • Regional Heads of National Departments [SASSA, DHA & SARS]
4) Who (a) Is the chair and (b) Are the other office bearers of the abovementioned council and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;	The Council is chaired by the Director-General and there are no other office bearers
(5) What is the breakdown of the positions held in the aforementioned council and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;	No other positions exist except the Chairperson
(6) What is the term of office for the positions mentioned in (4) above and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;	The Council does not have a specific term of office as its functions are continuous. New members are appointed when a member vacates their position/office e.g. when a Head of Department leaves his office the new head is appointed as a member of the Council.
(7) Whether there are any vacancies in the abovementioned council; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details of these vacant positions;	No

<p>(8) What (a) Departments and/or (b) Agencies do the office bearers represent and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;</p>	<p>The question has been covered in the above responses (3 & 5).</p>
<p>(9) How many issues has the aforementioned council taken up in the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;</p>	<p>The Council had not been functional during those financial years and will be resuscitated in the current financial year. Even though that had been the case anti-corruption and ethics management work did take place.</p>
<p>10) What successes has the aforementioned council achieved as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;</p>	<p>2020/21:</p> <p>The SMS E-disclosure report indicates that twelve (12) Departments out of thirteen managed to obtain 100% SMS Financial Disclosures in the middle of lockdown restrictions which resulted in 98% compliance for the Province.</p> <p>2019/20:</p> <p>137 cases were reflected in the provincial case management system and out those 110 closed, 27 pending and 23 were dealt by Office of the Public Service Commission. There has been 80% improvement in reporting and case investigation by Departments, however there is significant drop in cases reported through the National Anti-Corruption Hotline.</p> <p>Fraud registers were assessed and from the reports assessed, of the total of 163 High risks identified in all departments, 69 remain high which means that departments</p>

	<p>have managed to mitigate 94 of the high risks that have been identified.</p> <p>The Back-to-Ethics initiative was conducted in collaboration with Law Enforcement Agencies and other Departments during Public Service Month. Nine schools and approximately 1000 learners benefitted from advocacy sessions on good ethics in different Local Municipalities in the Chris Hani District Municipality.</p> <p>The International Anti-Corruption Day was recognised in collaboration with Law Enforcement Agencies which was integrated into the 16 Days of Activism against gender based violence at Mqhekezweni within the OR Tambo District Municipality. An Anti-Corruption Roadblock took place during which 148 vehicles were searched, 369 people searched, 7 traffic fines on unlicensed vehicles, driving without or expired driver's licences, smooth tyres and expired PDPs were issued.</p> <p>Support was given to the Koukamma Local Municipality and Chris Hani District Municipality on the review of Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy, Fraud Prevention Plan, and on Anti-corruption and Ethics Management. Awareness/training.</p>
(11) How often has the council mentioned above met in the financial years previously stated as at the latest specified date for which	The Council did not sit during that period

information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;	
(12) Can he kindly provide the dates on which the council has met as per (11) above and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?	The Council did not sit during that period