

FREE STATE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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## INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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### Questions for Written Replies

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**Wednesday, 08 Feb 2023**

**1. Hon. A Cloete (VF+) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for COGTA: Mr. M Dukwana.**

In view of his response (IQP no. 448 of 2022) regarding Mafumu Consulting:

1. Whether the department deems the appointment by Masilonyana Local Municipality of mentioned consultants as legal, if not, why not, if so, whether any measures are being implemented to address the appointment of Mafumu Consulting,
2. Whether any amount has been paid to Masilonyana Local Municipality as a result of the implementation of prepaid meters by Mafumu Consulting, if so, what amounts have been paid since prepaid meters had been implemented, if not, why not,
3. Whether the department has considered the legality of appointment of mentioned company by other municipalities, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details regarding mentioned municipalities,
4. Whether the MEC is aware of any actions by the Lejweleputswa Development Agency to force or put local municipalities under any obligation to appoint Mafumu Consulting?

**2. Hon. A Cloete (VF+) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for DESTEA: Mr. M Mohale.**

In view of the Phakisa Raceway;

1. What amount was budgeted for Phakisa for the 5 previous financial years,
2. What amount has Phakisa been generating as income in the mentioned period,
3. What amount has been spent on upgrade(s) of the racing track in the mentioned period,
4. Whether any company and / or individual has been appointed to act as operator of the raceway, if so, what are the relevant details regarding a) the name of the company and / or individual, monies paid to the company and/or individual as operator since being appointed.
5. Whether the department is considering the appointment of a private operator to manage the raceway, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

**3. Hon. A Cloete (VF+) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for PR&T: Mr. W Bulwane.**

In view of the road maintenance and/or upgrades in the Free State:

1. Which contractors were appointed since 2018 to maintain and/or upgrade provincial roads,
2. What amount was paid to each contractor for each financial year,
3. Whether the department is aware of subcontractors being appointed by respective contractors for maintenance and/or upgrade projects, if so, i) which subcontractors were appointed for relevant projects, ii) whether the department can indicate what amount was paid to each subcontractor, if so, provide amounts paid to each subcontractor per project?

## Collection Vs Payment per ward – January 2023

Ward	Registered Indigents	Billings	Income	%
1	1239	5 100 140,38	5 286 346,00	104%
32	583	46 627 473,20	35 340 036,00	76%
3	127	8 870 565,27	6 329 065,00	71%
27	345	9 535 855,21	6 483 848,00	68%
9	311	14 783 643,22	9 967 223,00	67%
33	361	6 728 016,50	4 356 470,00	65%
34	489	9 712 813,60	6 144 459,00	63%
36	1019	8 832 959,81	5 123 357,00	58%
35	525	5 568 509,43	2 784 912,00	50%
25	864	8 809 051,88	3 664 703,00	42%
8	566	7 533 265,42	1 885 415,00	25%
5	418	4 548 130,22	1 064 377,00	23%
12	1275	3 297 207,45	720 615,00	22%
28	646	2 280 931,30	387 470,00	17%
10	830	3 370 599,89	424 220,00	13%
11	526	4 219 979,08	378 703,00	9%
26	915	2 428 563,67	183 955,00	8%
31	442	1 894 698,92	111 262,00	6%
30	387	3 142 410,19	162 614,00	5%
2	502	1 586 867,43	60 238,00	4%
4	79	3 530 107,29	114 667,00	3%
13	335	1 814 637,62	50 643,00	3%
15	528	3 853 746,51	102 714,00	3%
22	887	2 167 072,45	57 491,00	3%
20	890	3 380 840,74	71 928,00	2%

Communities are receiving statements or Bills via emails and SMSs. This process is encouraged to all communities by the respective ward councillors and the Administration at the municipality. Clients are encouraged to provide their contact details so that when statements are sent, majority of them can access municipal bills and can be called for payment arrangements. Post office letters took a long time before they were delivered hence the municipality opted for this this viable alternative.

- The municipality through many mechanisms encourage consumers to pay. Mechanisms used are as follows:
- Mayoral Imbizos
- Ward Councillors meeting with the constituencies
- Mass media adverts i.e., Facebook account of Municipality, Website, Radios, Newspapers and others
- Disconnection notices or demand letters
- Operation Patala Adverts

**12. Hon. J Letuka (DA) asks the Hon. Premier: Ms. SH Ntombela.**

Regarding the establishment of an Auditing Task Team to monitor and assist municipalities, that was promised by Premier Sisi Ntombela at SOPA 2021:

1. Has the Task Team been established? If not, why not? If so, on what date?
2. What findings has the Task Team made to date? Please list per case/finding.
3. What consequences have been implemented per finding?

**13. Hon. L Kleynhans (DA) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for COGTA&HS: Mr. M Dukwana.**

In view of the numerous recommendations and court orders regarding the Eskom agreement, Maluti-a-Phofung municipality should be placed under Sec 139(7) intervention:

When will the MEC invoke Sec 139(7) of the Constitution to place Maluti-a-Phofung under national intervention? If not, why not?

**RESPONSE**

**17/02/2023**

The prerogative to place the municipality under intervention lies with the Provincial Executive Council after having considered the assessment made by either Provincial Cogta or Treasury Department. Further than that all other measures must have failed and the only option left is for invocation of Section 139. The court had ruled in some of cases that section 139 intervention must not be used as a punitive measure but as a last resort. Therefore in order for section 139(7) to be invoked all the above factors must have been considered and that all other intervention must have failed to yield the desired results.

**14. Hon. L Kleynhans (DA) asks the Hon. Premier: Ms. SH Ntombela.**

In December 2021 the Acting HOD and MEC for Human Settlements signed off on a proposed Organisational Structure for the Department of Human Settlements. The proposal was sent to the Office of the Premier.

1. Will the new Organisational Structure for the Free State Department of Human Settlements be implemented? If not, why not?
2. If so, what is the timeline for the implementation?

**15. Hon. L Kleynhans (DA) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for COGTA&HS: Mr. M Dukwana.**

In terms of provision for housing as a result of disasters, as explained in the Departments Emergency Housing Programme, as well as The Municipal Emergency Housing Grant: Schedule 7, Part B, and the Implementation Guidelines issued by the Housing Development Agency:

1. How many applications for emergency housing grants have been received in the Free State since January 2019?
2. What is the provincial department allocation for emergency housing grants in the current budget?
3. Is the Provincial Disaster Management Centre co-ordinating applications? If not, why not? If so, what is the relevant process?
4. Have the Disaster Management Centres within municipalities compiled assessments of areas likely to be affected by floods, fires, or other natural disasters? If not, why not?
5. Please provide details of (a) applications received from each municipality in the Free State, per municipality, including whether the emergency response is (b) in situ, or (c) relocation, and whether (d) structures comply with the National Housing Code, and (e) the estimated duration of the temporary location of beneficiaries before moving them to permanent houses.
6. Do all applications include a comprehensive list of affected households? If not, why not?
7. Have communities where temporary structures have been erected been informed of the development of temporary relocation structures in their area? If not, why not? If so, what was the relevant process?

**16. Hon. M Pittaway (DA) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for Education: Dr. PHI Makgoe.**

Follow up on Question 440 of the 2022 IQP, regarding the tragic incident at Caleb Motshabi Primary School on Friday 17 September 2022 in which a pupil died:

1. Was the deceased a registered learner at (a) Caleb Motshabi Primary School or (b) Sedibeng SA Thuto Primary School (EMIS nr: 445803462)?
2. If the learner was registered at Sedibeng SA Thuto Primary School, why were the media reports identifying him as a Caleb Motshabi Primary School pupil not corrected by the Department's media spokesperson?
3. Who is the principal of Sedibeng SA Thuto Primary School?
4. Is there a shortage of teachers at both schools? If yes, please specify the shortage per school.

**17. Hon. M Pittaway (DA) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for Health: Ms. M Tsiu.**

Regarding the strike at Boitumelo Regional Hospital:

1. How many patients died at this institution during the strike period?