**PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**FRIDAY, 09 FEBRUARY 2024**

1. **Mr D America to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:**
2. How many learner transport operators have been (i) arrested or (ii) fined in the past five years and (b) how many learner transport vehicles have been impounded in the last five years for being unsafe or unroadworthy?

**Reply:**

1. (i), (ii) and (b): The Western Cape Mobility Department has been working closely with the Department of Education to effectively deal with the transport of learners across the province.

As part of the arrangements, is to ensure that private service providers operate in a legal manner in terms of current legislative requirements in terms of the National Land Transport Act by obtaining an operating licence and in terms of the National Road Traffic Act, to ensure driver and vehicle fitness requirements.

The greater part of the movement of learners is within the Metro region, and to ensure compliance with the above legislation our law enforcement has recorded the following outcomes:

**Information provided by the City of Cape Town Traffic Services - Learner Transport Operators**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | Arrest | Fines Issued | Impounds |
| 2018 | 2 | 2 212 | 60 |
| 2019 | 2 | 1 975 | 101 |
| 2020 | 0 | 288 | 26 |
| 2021 | 0 | 491 | 18 |
| 2022 | 0 | 7 649 | 116 |
| 2023 | 0 | 5 407 | 238 |
| Total | 4 | 18 022 | 559 |

**Provincial Traffic Services - Learner Transport Operators**

The Western Cape Education Department currently has contractual agreements with small bus operators who are registered and meet specific requirements to ensure for the safe transportation of learners to and from schools.

Provincial Traffic Services continuously conducts regular mandatory operations across the province to ensure driver and vehicle fitness, to regulate compliance in terms of:

* Validity of operating licences
* Driving Licence
* PRDP
* Passenger overload control
* Roadworthiness of motor vehicles

*All vehicles that were impounded are listed as public transport operators and does not specify whether it’s a learner transport operator. The information below reflects all public transport operators.*

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| 2022 | 302 | 97 505 | 1 346 |
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| Total | 1 036 | 353 018 | 4 795 |

**MINISTER OF MOBILITY**

**DATE:**

**PARLEMENT VAN DIE PROVINSIE WES-KAAP**

**SKRIFTELIKE ANTWOORD**

**VRYDAG, 09 FEBRUARIE 2024**

**6. Mnr D America vra mnr R D Mackenzie, Minister van Mobiliteit:**

(a)Hoeveel leerlingvervoeroperateurs is (i) in hegtenis geneem of (ii) gearresteer

in die afgelope vyf jaar en (b) hoeveel leerlingvervoervoertuie is in die afgelope vyf jaar geskut omdat dit onveilig of onpadwaardig is?

**Antwoord:**

(a) (i), (ii) en (b): Die Wes-Kaapse Mobiliteitsdepartement werk nou saam met die Departement van Onderwys om die vervoer van leerders regoor die provinsie doeltreffend te hanteer.

As deel van die reëlings, is om te verseker dat privaat diensverskaffers op 'n wettige wyse funksioneer in terme van huidige wetgewende vereistes in terme van die Nasionale Landvervoerwet deur 'n bedryfslisensie te verkry en in terme van die Nasionale Padverkeerswet, om bestuurder te verseker en voertuig fiksheid vereistes.

Die grootste deel van die beweging van leerders is binne die Metro-streek, en om nakoming van bogenoemde wetgewing te verseker, het ons wetstoepassing die volgende uitkomste aangeteken:

**Inligting verskaf deur die Stad Kaapstad Verkeersdienste - Leerdervervoeroperateurs**

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**Provinsiale Verkeersdienste - Leerdervervoeroperateurs**

Die Wes-Kaapse onderwysdepartement het tans kontraktuele ooreenkomste metklein busoperateurs wat geregistreer is en aan spesifieke vereistes voldoen om te verseker vir die veilige vervoer van leerders na en van skole.

Provinsiale Verkeersdienste voer deurlopend gereelde verpligte bedrywighede regoor die provinsie uit om bestuurder- en voertuigfiksheid te verseker, om nakoming te reguleer in terme van:

**•** Geldigheid van bedryfslisensies

• Bestuurslisensie

• PRDP

• Passasiersoorladingsbeheer

• Padwaardigheid van motorvoertuie

Alle voertuie wat geskut is, word as openbare vervoeroperateurs gelys en spesifiseer nie of dit 'n leerlingvervoeroperateur is nie. Die inligting hieronder weerspieël alle openbare vervoeroperateurs.

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**DATUM:**