

## OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

**TO :** THE HONOURABLE MEC

**FROM :** HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT :** WRITTEN RESPONSES TO IQP NO 8 OF THE 7TH LEGISLATURE  
DATED 04 APRIL 2025

**DATE :** 11 APRIL 2025

Dear Hon MEC,

May the Honourable MEC kindly receive the Department's responses to the IQP 8 Written 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislature dated 04 April 2025, for MEC's favorable attention.

### 236. Ms M Ewers to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:

*With regard to support provided to destitute individuals in the form of food parcels across the province:*

- (1) (a) How much has her Department allocated for the provision of food parcels for the last three financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she kindly provide a breakdown of the allocation per district;

#### Response

N O	DISTRICT NAME	SRD ALLOCATION 2022/2023	SRD ALLOCATION N 2023/2024	SRD ALLOCATION 2024/2025
1	ALFRED NZO	R 636 358.00	R 544 232	R 739 396.40
2	AMATHOLE	R 819 923.00	R 701 222	R 831 873.60
3	BUFFALO CITY	R 881 111.00	R 753 552	R 740 798.80
4	CHRIS HANI	R 703 665.00	R 601 796	R 834 570.80

5	JOE GQABI	R 336 536.00	R 287 815	R 616 216.00
6	NELSON MANDELA	R 1 187 053.00	R 1 015 202	R 855 283.60
7	OR TAMBO	R 1 180 934.00	R 1 009 969	R 936 380.40
8	SARAH BAARTMAN	R 373 249.00	R 319 213	R 601 480.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>R 6 118 829.00</b>	<b>R 5 233 000.00</b>	<b>R 6 156 000.00</b>

- (2) how many food parcels were delivered to individuals for each month of the financial year of 2024/25 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

### Response

NO	DISTRICT NAME	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JUL Y	AUGUS T	SEPTEMBE R	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBE R	JANUAR Y	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1	ALFRED NZO	0	20	110	21	10	20	16	30	40	0	0	5
2	AMATHOLE	0	88	149	49	20	51	32	31	0	0	0	2
3	BUFFALO CITY	30	0	25	74	118	40	47	24	28	0	0	0
4	CHRIS HANI	0	10	53	54	68	80	15	15	0	0	0	0
5	JOE GQABI	0	109	40	54	48	71	40	0	0	0	0	0
6	NELSON MANDELA	20	74	132	17	0	155	21	63	0	2	0	0
7	OR TAMBO	0	114	196	84	76	44	21	10	0	0	0	0
8	SARAH BAARTMAN	35	15	31	23	100	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

- (3) what initiatives and projects has her Department supported with a view to ensuring that identified destitute families are provided with food parcels;

### Response

The Department is supporting 36 Community Nutrition Development Centres (CNDs) in all Districts. The Centres are mainly for the provision of at least one meal a day for those individuals and families who are destitute and may not know where their next meal will come from.

Through Sustainable Livelihood Programme, the department is supporting 29

household food gardens for people to produce food for consumption.

- (4) how many Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) is her Department collaborating with in their effect of providing food parcels to communities;

### Response

There are four (4) NPOs that the Department has recently collaborated with in the provision of food parcels especially during disasters. These included: Gift of the Givers, Red Cross, Church of the later Day Saints and Almidaad.

- (5) what hotspots has her Department identified which have high levels of poverty within the province;

### Response

The Department is targeting the 39 declared poorest wards in the Province from six (6) Districts and two (2) Metros. Other poverty pockets in the Province that may be identified are also supported based on the need at a particular point in time.

- (6) what further assistance can be provided by the provincial government with a view to ensuring that her Department is capable of combating the increasing costs of living?

### Response

The increase in the budget for the provision of Social Relief of Distress and the establishment of food bank can assist the Department in addressing some of the challenges experienced by disadvantaged individuals, households and communities.