QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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**QUESTION ADDRESSED TO: MEC FOR EDUCATION**

DATE: 27 MAY 2025

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RE: Westville Senior Primary School

1. **With reference to ongoing complaints at Westville Senior Primary School, will the MEC confirm:**
   * (a) The total number of formal complaints received by the Department since January 2021,
   * (b) The specific nature of each complaint (e.g. administrative misconduct, staff grievances, governance concerns, etc.),
   * (c) The dates on which each complaint was received, and
   * (d) The current status of each complaint?
2. **Will the MEC provide a detailed breakdown of any internal investigations conducted into the matter, including:**
   * (a) The names and roles of officials who led or participated in the investigations,
   * (b) The scope and terms of reference of each investigation,
   * (c) The dates on which investigations began and concluded (if concluded), and
   * (d) The findings and recommendations arising from each investigation?
3. **Has the Department formally communicated the outcomes of these investigations to:**
   * (a) The School Governing Body (SGB),
   * (b) Affected parents,
   * (c) The broader school staff, and
   * (d) If so, on which dates and by what means?
4. **Will the MEC confirm whether any disciplinary action has** **been taken against any official, staff member, or school leader at Westville Senior Primary School** **as a result of the investigations? If not, why not?**
5. **Given renewed public concern and media attention, will the MEC commit to:**
   * (a) Reopening the investigation into the complaints,
   * (b) Ensuring that the process is conducted by an independent body with no prior involvement,
   * (c) Establishing clear timelines for the investigation and reporting process, and
   * (d) Providing regular progress updates to the SGB and the community?
6. **What steps is the Department taking to address reports of low staff morale and the alleged decline in school management at Westville Senior Primary School under the current leadership?**
7. **Will the MEC provide a timeline for when the Department expects to resolve this matter and restore public confidence in the school’s administration?**

Regards

Hon. Sakhile Mngadi, MPL