

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER WRITTEN REPLY – NO 1 - 2025

FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2025

6. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to the Tafelberg site that is being allocated to social-services delivery:

- (1) (a) What (i) review process, if any, took place when the Tafelberg site was allocated to social-services delivery and (ii) are the details of the review, if a review took place, (b) what demands and needs have changed since the 2016 affordable housing feasibility study to allow for the site to be earmarked for social-services delivery and (c) why was the change approved despite the existing affordable housing study;
- (2) whether a new study will be conducted to assess the feasibility of the site being used for social-services delivery; if not, (a) why not and (b) why was a study not conducted before the change in allocation from housing to social services; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what services will be offered at the site, (b) when will those social services commence, (c) what is the cost of repurposing the building and (d) who will incur the cost;
- (4) whether the remainder of the site has been allocated to affordable housing; if so,
- (5) whether a new viability study will be conducted to assess the remainder of the site for affordable housing; if so, given previous studies of the site for housing viability, why does the Department intend to conduct further studies or a new study?

RESPONSE:

- (1) (a)(i) An internal departmental utilisation review process was conducted, as provided for by the Government Immovable Asset Management Act, 2007 (GIAMA).

(a)(ii) In line with GIAMA, the provincial Department of Social Development (DSD) has formally requested that the Tafelberg site, specifically the portion formerly used as a school, not be considered for disposal until such time as its possible use for the delivery of a range of social services that are required in that area can be fully assessed
- (b) The impact of COVID-19, demographic shifts and the economic recession have made continued service delivery in some of the social and public health environments a severe challenge.
- (c) The change was approved because once DSD made a formal request for the property it is no longer surplus to government requirements until such time as its possible use for the delivery of a range of social services that are required in the area can be fully assessed.

- (2) A new study will be conducted to assess the feasibility of the site being used for social-services delivery.
- (a) Not applicable
- (b) New study will be conducted to assess the feasibility of the site being used for social-services delivery as per the GIAMA process.
- (3) (a) This will be determined based on the outcomes of the study to assess the feasibility of the site being used for social-services delivery.
- (b) This will be determined based on the outcomes of the study to assess the feasibility of the site being used for social-services delivery.
- (c) This will be determined based on the outcomes of the study to assess the feasibility of the site being used for social-services delivery.
- (d) This will be determined based on the outcomes of the study to assess the feasibility of the site being used for social-services delivery.
- (4) The remainder of the site is committed to affordable housing.
- (5) More than a decade has passed since the previous studies were undertaken. These previous studies have therefore to be updated to align with the current spatial policies of the City and to guide the development strategy.

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