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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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[Reply by 06 November 2026]

Safely/securely sending of packages

1152. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

Whether the SA Post Office (SAPO) in its current state is able to safely and securely send a package of under one kilogramme from Bothaville in the Free State to Los Angeles in the United States of America; if not, why not; if so, (a) to which countries is SAPO currently able to provide international postal service and (b) what is the route through SAPO of the packages from Bothaville to Los Angeles? CW1288E

Identification of animals

1153. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

(1) (a) What is the purpose of the draft regulations that he published on 6 October 2026 relating to the identification of animals in terms of the Animal Improvement Act, 1998 (Act No. 62 of 1998), (b) how will such regulations benefit producers and (c) who will operate or maintain the database referred to in the regulations;

(2) whether dual digital/analogue identification system will be compulsory for all animals of all producers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1289E

Keeping/cleaning seeds for planting

1154. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

(1) Whether he has been informed that, in terms of the Plant Breeders' Rights Act, 2018 (Act No. 12 of 2018), which came into effect in 2025, dominant seed companies may prohibit cotton farmers from the practice of keeping and cleaning seeds for planting in the following season; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether he has taken note that farmers are prepared to pay a technology fee for using self-produced seed, but that a complete prohibition may endanger the entire cotton industry in South Africa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether he will facilitate negotiations between farmers and seed companies with a view to reaching an outcome that balances the interests of both parties; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1290E

Establishment of Independent Power Producer policy

1155. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

Whether Eskom has established a formal policy governing circumstances in which it may require an Independent Power Producer (IPP) to amend and/or redesign grid connection infrastructure after it had previously reviewed and accepted the relevant designs; if not, (a) how Eskom ensures regulatory and/or contractual certainty for IPPs that have relied on such acceptance; if so, (b) what are the circumstances? CW1291E

Eskom maintenance records

1156. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

Whether Eskom maintains any records of instances in which it has required material amendments to grid connection designs more than 12 months after its initial acceptance; if so; (a) how many such instances have occurred during the past five years, (b) what were the principal reasons and (c) what measures are in place to prevent delayed objections from jeopardising commercial operation of renewable energy projects? CW1292E

Procedures for technical standards/subsequent changes

1157. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

What procedures are followed by Eskom to distinguish between genuine non-compliance with applicable technical standards and subsequent changes in its technical requirements and/or interpretation of such standards, particularly where the original design was accepted and/or construction substantially completed? CW1293E

Power Purchase Agreements

1158. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

Whether he considers it appropriate that Independent Power Producers may remain exposed to delay damages, financing costs and potential termination of their Power Purchase Agreements where commercial operation is prevented by delays in grid connection activities that fall within Eskom’s responsibility; if not, what is the position in this regard; if not, what measures have been considered to address the allocation of such risks; if so, what is the basis for such position? CW1294E

Self-Build/grid connection/commissioning agreements

1159. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

(a) What measures are in place to ensure that Eskom completes its obligations under Self-Build Agreements, grid connection agreements and associated commissioning arrangements within the agreed contractual periods and (b) what accountability mechanisms apply where Eskom fails to meet the said obligations? CW1295E

Policy for grid connection/testing/energisation

1160. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

(1) Whether Eskom has adopted a policy allowing grid connection, testing and energisation activities to continue while technical and/or contractual disputes are being resolved, where such activities would safely proceed without compromising grid integrity; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether such a policy has been considered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details CW1296E

Accounting teachers/matric learners

1161. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) How many schools currently offer Accounting, (b) how many qualified Accounting teachers are currently employed by her department and (c) how many matric learners (i) sat for and (ii) passed the Accounting examination in 2025? CW1297E

Details of SAPS members

1162. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) (a) What are the full names, current ranks and stations of deployment for each of the following certain Western Cape SA Police Service (SAPS) members and Colonel (details furnished), who was reportedly appointed as Station Commander of Muizenberg SAPS while facing criminal charges arising from an alleged assault at a Mowbray barbershop, (b) what is their complete SAPS deployment history, including stations, ranks and dates of service, (c) what are their CAS numbers, alleged offences and dates of registration of all criminal cases against them during their SAPS employment, (c) on what dates the SAPS management first informed of each criminal case, (d) which officials were informed, (e) what were the criminal charges ultimately enrolled against each member and (f) what was the outcome of each charge;

(2) whether they were convicted of any criminal offences; if so, (a) when and (b) what sentences were imposed;

(3) whether any internal disciplinary proceedings were instituted in respect of each criminal matter; if so, (a) when, (b) on what charges, (c) with what outcomes, (d) on what date the SAPS instituted disciplinary proceedings specifically under Regulation 5(3)(dd) of the SAPS Discipline Regulations 2016 following each criminal conviction and (e) what were the outcomes;

(4) (a) what were the reasons for failure where Regulation 5(3)(dd) proceedings were not instituted, (b) which officials were responsible, (c) what steps have been taken against them, (d) what steps have been taken by the SAPS following each criminal conviction, including the dates on which such steps were taken, (e) what is each member's

complete promotion history, including (i) previous and (ii) new ranks and (iii) the dates on which promotions were approved and/or became effective? CW1298E

Consideration for promotion

1163. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether any criminal investigations, pending charges, convictions and/or disciplinary proceedings were disclosed when each of the following certain Western Cape SA Police Service (SAPS) members and Colonel (details furnished) applied for and/or were considered for promotion; if so, what information was disclosed;

(2) (a) on what grounds were promotions recommended and/or approved while criminal cases and/or disciplinary proceedings were pending and/or following convictions, (b) who authorised the said promotions, (c) what assessment was undertaken regarding the suitability for promotion of a certain member (name furnished) whose recorded criminal case includes driving under the influence, reckless and/or negligent driving, threats and failure to furnish information, in light of the nature and seriousness of his offences and (d) what reasons justified the promotion decision;

(3) (a) what consideration was given to a certain Colonel's (name furnished) pending criminal case when he was promoted and/or appointed as Station Commander of Muizenberg SAPS, (b) who approved his appointment and (c) what reasons were recorded for finding him suitable to command a police station while facing criminal charges? CW1299E

Criminal investigation/disciplinary processes

1164. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) With reference to his reply to Question 530 on 2 June 2026 concerning a certain Constable (details furnished) of the Ceres Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit, wherein it was confirmed that four criminal investigations and four related disciplinary processes had been instituted against him, including a certain Disciplinary Record (DR) (details furnished) arising from the escape of a detainee after such a constable allegedly failed to lock and secure a cell door, (a) what is the current status and/or outcome of the said disciplinary matter, (b) what was the precise disciplinary charge formulated against the said constable in the said DR, including the provision of the SAPS Discipline Regulations relied upon;

(2) whether the allegation was that he negligently allowed a detainee to escape, wilfully allowed a detainee to escape, aided an escapee and/or committed some other form of misconduct;

(3) whether the disciplinary charges and/or proceedings in the said DR were withdrawn, dismissed, abandoned, struck off and/or otherwise terminated without a finding on the merits; if so, (a) on what date and (b) for what precise reason;

(4) whether the termination of the specified disciplinary proceedings resulted from the expiry of any prescribed time periods and/or failures to comply with a procedural requirement; if so, (a) what requirement and/or time period was not complied with, (b) on what date the non-compliance occurred and (c) which officials were responsible for ensuring compliance;

(5) whether any (a) applications for condonation, extension of time and/or other remedy were made to prevent the disciplinary proceedings from terminating on procedural grounds and (b) investigations and/or consequence management have been instituted against any commanders, investigating officers, disciplinary officers and/or other SAPS officials whose act or omission resulted in a serious misconduct matter against the said constable not being determined on its merits; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1302E

Registered case against certain constable

1165. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 530 on 2 June 2026 concerning a certain constable (details furnished) of the Ceres Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit, (a) a certain case (details furnished) was registered against the said constable personally arising from his alleged conduct relating to the escape or against the detainee who escaped and (b) any criminal cases have at any stage been registered against the said constable personally arising from the escape; if so, (i) why was Parliament informed in his reply that 'both a criminal case (details furnished) and an internal disciplinary investigation' had been registered in relation to the said constable and (ii) what is the (aa) CAS number, (bb) charge, (cc) date on which it was registered and (dd) current investigation and/or court status;

(2) (a) what is the current criminal investigation, prosecution and/or court status, including charges and next court date where applicable of certain Ceres cases (details furnished) relating to (i) reckless and/or negligent driving in each instance and (ii) the alleged theft of state vehicle keys and use of a motor vehicle without the owner's consent and (b) what is the current status and outcome of each of the corresponding disciplinary matters (details furnished) against the said constable, including the charge, outcome and sanction imposed in each matter;

(3) whether the said constable appeared in court in relation to any of the criminal matters referred to above; if so, what are the relevant (a) court case numbers, (b) charges, (c) dates of appearance, (d) outcomes and/or current status and (e) next court dates;

(4) whether the said constable's authority to drive a SA Police Service (SAPS) state vehicle in which his department has previously confirmed had been revoked remains revoked; if not, (a) on what date, (b) by whom and (c) on what basis was his authority reinstated; if so, (i) how is the said constable presently performing his duties as a member of the Cere FCS Unit, including traveling to crime scenes, victims, hospitals, courts and other locations requiring official travel and (ii) what additional SAPS personnel and/or vehicles are required to enable him to perform such duties;

(5) whether (a) the SAPS management has assessed the operational impact and appropriateness of retaining the said constable in an operational FCS position while he is prohibited from driving state vehicles and while the specified criminal and disciplinary matters remain pending and/or unresolved, (b) any close-circuit television and/or other video footage depicting the circumstances surrounding the escape exists and formed part of the criminal and/or disciplinary investigation and (c) a copy of such footage will be furnished to the relevant Member for purposes of parliamentary oversight; if not, why not in each; if so, what are the findings of the assessment?

CW1303E

Strengthening work of MRM

1166. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

(1) With reference to the address by the President on 29 September 2026 where he stated that he had directed him to strengthen the work of the Moral Regeneration Movement (MRM) and to ensure that it contributes meaningfully to changing the attitudes, social norms and practices that enable violence against women, (a) what steps he has taken to strengthen the MRM in this regard, (b) what steps have been implemented by the MRM to date and (c) at what cost for each step;

(2) (a) what outputs of such programmes in (i) 2024, (ii) 2025 and (iii) 2026 and (b) what is the total cost in each case;

(3) (a) what specific anti-Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (i) programmes and (ii) campaigns has his department organised for each of the said years and (b) what was the cost in each case?

CW1304E

Unidentified deceased persons

1167. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) With reference to his reply to Question 906 on 3 September 2026 (details furnished), (a) how many case dockets relating to unidentified deceased persons are currently under investigation in the Western Cape, (b) at which police stations are such dockets registered and (c) how many remained unresolved for (i) less than six months, (ii) six months to one year, (iii) one to two years, (iv) two to five years and (v) more than five years;

(2) whether all unidentified deceased persons reported to the SA Police Service (SAPS) are required to have a case docket and Crime Administration System (CAS) number opened; if not, (a) under what circumstances would no case docket be opened, (b) how are such cases recorded and monitored and (c) what systems and/or procedures are used by SAPS to compare unidentified deceased persons with persons reported missing;

(3) whether such comparisons are conducted (a) electronically and/or manually and (b) across police stations, provincial and national boundaries; if not, why not; if so, which SAPS component is responsible for ensuring that such comparisons are conducted;

(4) (a) how many of the unidentified deceased persons currently under investigation in the Western Cape have had fingerprints taken, (b) how many of such fingerprints have been search against relevant databases and (c) how many identifications have resulted therefrom;

(5) (a) how many of the same cases have had DNA samples collected, (b) how many such samples have been submitted for forensic analysis, (c) how many have been analysed, (d) how many remain outstanding, (e) what is the age of the oldest outstanding sample and (f) how many cases are currently awaiting the outcome of DNA analysis?

CW1307E

Unidentified deceased persons

1168. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) With reference to his reply to Question 906 on 3 September 2026 (details furnished), (a) how many DNA profiles that were obtained from unidentified deceased persons in the Western Cape have been loaded onto and/or searched against the National Forensic DNA Database during each of the past five financial years and (b) how many positive identifications resulted from such searches;

(2) (a) what procedure exists for obtaining and comparing DNA reference samples from family members of persons reported missing with DNA profiles obtained from unidentified deceased persons and (b) how many (i) such family reference samples were obtained, (ii) comparisons were conducted and (iii) resulted in positive identifications in each of the past five financial years;

(3) (a) how the SA Police Service (SAPS) centrally monitor outstanding unidentified-deceased investigations given that they are not maintaining a central electronic register or database of unidentified deceased persons and (b) how SAPS ensures that an unidentified-deceased investigation registered at one police station is compared with a missing-person report registered at another police station or in another province;

(4) whether any plans exist to establish an integrated electronic system for such a purpose; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1308E

Prosecution of certain person

1169. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(1) (a) What are the charges presently preferred against a certain person in a certain Cape Town case concerning the death of a certain person (details furnished) on 1 February 2025 and the prosecution of the said accused, (b) what is the current status of the prosecution and (c) what are the reasons for each postponement since his first appearance;

(2) whether (a) the accused failed to appear in court on 23 December 2025, (b) a warrant of arrest was authorised and (c) his bail was provisionally forfeited; if so, (i) why, (ii)

what subsequent action was taken and (iii) what were the accused's original bail conditions, including any conditions relating to (aa) surrender of his passport, (bb) international travel, (cc) reporting to the SA Police Service and (dd) remaining within the country;

(3) whether (a) his passport was surrendered and subsequently returned to him, (b) the prosecution was informed of any difficulty regarding the accused's immigration status or his subsequent entry into and departure from South Africa and such was brought to the attention of the court when his bail conditions were considered and (c) the accused has travelled internationally while on bail and each journey was permitted in terms of his bail conditions; if so, (i) on what date for the surrender and return of his passport, (ii) on whose application or instruction, (iii) who authorised its return, (iv) for what reasons and (v) on what dates was his travel;

(4) whether the (a) National Prosecuting Authority considers the accused's alleged failure to appear, international travel and/or immigration circumstances relevant to his flight risk, (b) State has applied or intends to apply for his bail conditions to be reconsidered and (c) prosecution has been informed that the original police docket is missing; if so, (i) when had they become aware thereof, (ii)(aa) when and (bb) where was the docket last accounted for, (iii) what portions of the docket are missing and (iv) what effect has this had on the prosecution;

(5) whether witnesses have been requested to redo or resubmit statements; if so, (a) why, (b) how many statements are affected, (c) what safeguards exist to ensure the integrity of the reconstructed docket and (d) what steps are being taken to ensure that the disappearance of the docket and any outstanding investigation is not causing further prejudice to the deceased's family or unnecessary delays to the prosecution?

CW1309E

Land Bank liquidation process

1170. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether, with reference to the liquidation process of the Land Bank since 2012 until 2016, he will provide a complete list of every liquidation case the Land Bank has been involved with, including (a) the attorneys and liquidators involved, (b) a case to case breakdown of the estate being liquidated, (c) the amount of money the Land Bank recovered for each liquidation case and (d) legal costs being charged to the Land Bank for each such case? CW1310E

Purchase of farm

1171. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

(1) Whether (a) the purchase of the Kopano Uitkyk Farm in the Free State confirmed the accepted market prices and (b) he will provide the signed documents on the agreement between the seller and the farmer;

(2) (a) how much was the farm bought for and (b) how much of the proceeds of the farm was (i) distributed to beneficiaries and (ii) used to maintain farm equipment that came with the farm;

(3) whether his department will provide a lease agreement for R10 000 for each year that was signed in 2020, whereas over a million rand was claimed from his department;

(4) whether he will provide the signed (a) document if the R10 000 above and (b) agreement between a certain person (details furnished) who was assigned to be a mentor to the beneficiaries for one year and his department;

(5) whether his department conducted any audits of the equipment (a) on the farm and (b) that the said person removed from the farm; if not, (i) why not and (ii) what happened to all the equipment that were on the farm; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW1311E

Madikwe Game Reserve implementation plans

1172. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 920 on 28 August 2026, he will provide details of the implementation plan referred to; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the revised Elephant Management Plan for Madikwe Game Reserve has been completed and submitted to him for approval; if so,

(3) whether he will provide a copy thereof; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether an Elephant Culling Plan for Madikwe Game Reserve has been submitted to him for approval; if so, what are the details thereof;

(5) whether he will provide copy of the relevant plan; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the timelines for its submission and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CW1312E

Elephant Management Plans

1173. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 476 on 1 July 2026, the revised Elephant Management Plans for (a) Hluhluwe-iMolozi, (b) Ithala, (c) Tembe and (d) iMkuzi have been completed and submitted to him for approval; if so,

(2) whether he will provide copies thereof; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether any elephant culling plans for each of the said entities have been submitted to him for approval; if so, what are the details of each;

(4) whether he will provide a copy of each of the relevant plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1313E

Environmental management of naval properties

1174. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(1) Whether his department has engaged with the Department of Defence on the environmental management of naval properties in the greater Simon's Town area at any time from 1 January 2016 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many meetings were held and (b) what were the main points of discussion for each year;

(2) what (a) environmental management plans, systems, implementation plans regarding the SA Navy properties in the greater Simon's Town area, Signal School, SANAD, Waterfall Barracks, East and West Dockyards, wider Simon's Town Dockyard, Job Maseko and associated naval residential and operational properties, (b) waste management plans, (c) policies, (d) procedures or (e) equivalent instruments were (i) developed and (ii) implemented during the said period;

(3) whether waste management systems, including separation, storage and containment, collection, recycling, disposal and measures to prevent food waste and other waste from being accessible to wildlife or accumulating on the properties and along their boundaries have been in place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) (a) what environmental responsibilities were held by a certain commander (details furnished) during his tenure, including any environmental plans, waste strategies, compliance reports, monitoring programmes or other instruments that were prepared or implemented under his responsibility and (b) when were such developed or implemented? CW1314E

Irregular allocation of public bursary funds

1175. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

(a) What measures he has taken in collaboration with relevant provincial authorities to ensure accountability for irregular allocation of public bursary funds, in light of the Special Investigating Unit's findings of maladministration and R8.3 million in fruitless and irregular expenditure within the Free State Office of the Premier's bursary scheme, (b) what steps have been taken to recover all outstanding amounts from such irregular allocations and (c) what oversight mechanisms are being strengthened to ensure future bursaries are awarded transparently and/or exclusively to deserving students who meet the eligibility requirements? CW1315E

Virginia Mega Poultry Project

1176. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

(a) What steps his department has taken to investigate the expenditure of R52 million and establish accountability for the Virginia Mega Poultry Project's failure in Matjhabeng, given the project received approximately the said amount in public funds between 2014 and 2017, but is now reportedly abandoned and vandalised, (b) what measures are in place to recover any misused public funds and (c) what concrete plans are being implemented to revive the facility to ensure the 17 local youth beneficiaries are given sustainable agricultural opportunities? CW1316E

Autopsies/forensic medical reports backlog

1177. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) What specific interventions will be in place to clear outstanding autopsies across the country, in view of the high national backlogs concerning autopsies and forensic medical reports and (b) what is the current total number of backlogged autopsies in each province? CW1317E

Placement of learners

1178. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) What urgent interventions are being implemented to ensure that all remaining learners are placed, given the alleged reports that numerous children remain unplaced in schools despite online applications being submitted within the designated deadlines and (b) how will her department ensure that teaching, learning and the timely start of the academic calendar are not negatively affected? CW1318E

Delayed SASSA payments

1179. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What were the technical and/or administrative reasons for delays in grant payments, given the recent payment disruptions where numerous SA Social Security Agency beneficiaries could not receive their grants on time, resulting in financial distress and unpaid necessities and (b) what interventions are in place to ensure that such payment failures would not transpire again? CW1319E

Reduction in uncontrolled wildfires

1180. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether he has been informed of the data from the North West Umbrella Fire Protection Association and verified by Stenden South Africa recording a 47.5% reduction in uncontrolled

wildfire incidents between 2021 and 2025, which identifies Fibre Processing and Manufacturing Sector Education and Training Authority-funded accredited community training as the primary driver of this reduction; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps will be taken to scale accredited, community-based wildfire training nationally? CW1320E

Bilateral fire management cooperation agreement

1181. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What progress has been made in formalising a bilateral fire management cooperation agreement with the Republic of Botswana, given that the North West Umbrella Fire Protection Association and Botswana's Department of Forestry and Range Resources have already harmonised fire management strategies and conducted joint community training informally since 2025? CW1321E

Guardians of the Hearth

1182. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether his department intends to formally recognise and support the Guardians of the Hearth early-detection network, comprising Traditional and Khoi-San Authorities and the North West Dingaka Association as a cost-effective community-based fire detection system; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1322E

Conditions/procedures at Pollsmoor

1183. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

(a) What are the official standard conditions and procedures for families visiting inmates at Pollsmoor Correctional Centre in Cape Town, in light of public complaints regarding the visiting conditions at the said facility, including operational challenges with telephone booking lines, long travel distances resulting in turned-away visitors and non-functional locker facilities for personal belongings, (b) what is the veracity of the claims regarding unserviceable booking lines and locker facilities and (c) what measures are in place to address such administrative challenges to ensure the constitutional rights and dignity of inmates and their visitors are maintained? CW1323E

Restoring SAPS internal order/discipline/effectiveness

1184. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(a) What strategic plans his department has developed to restore internal order, discipline and effective case investigations, in light of public concerns regarding visible policing shortages, logistical constraints and allegations of corruption within the SA Police Service and (b) what specific logistical and personnel deployments have been planned to guarantee public safety during the upcoming festive season? CW1324E

Reforming/modernising departmental administration

1185. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) What comprehensive plans have been implemented to reform and modernise his department's administration as previously committed, in light of the management of refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants in the Republic, (b) what specific legal instruments and policy frameworks his department utilises to process and regularise undocumented migrants to bring them in alignment with domestic laws and (c) what is his department's current official estimate of the number of undocumented migrants residing within South Africa? CW1325E

Non-compliance regarding Section 106 investigation

1186. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(1) (a) What constitutional and/or legislative steps he has taken and/or intends to take regarding non-compliance, given that the Mpumalanga Provincial Government has failed to respond within the prescribed 90-day period to his request for a Section 106 investigation and (b) what consequence management measures will be imposed on the responsible provincial authorities;

(2) whether he intends to exercise national intervention powers to ensure the investigation proceeds without further delay; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1326E

Compliance with constitutional obligations

1187. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(a) What accountability measures will his department enforce to ensure that the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality complies with its constitutional obligations under section 152(1)(b) and (d) of the Constitution with reference to its continues service delivery challenges, including non-functional streetlights, unreliable refuse collection, water quality issues, illegal dumping and poor stormwater drainage and (b) what are the definitive timelines by which the affected communities may expect measurable service improvements? CW1327E

Informal settlements relocation

1188. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

With reference to the Uitkyk informal settlement in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality where residents have resided for over 15 years and which has been earmarked by the municipality for relocation, (a) what measures have been taken in terms of section 26 of the Constitution, the Housing Act, 1997 (Act No. 107 of 1997), and the Informal Settlements Upgrading Programme to secure a permanent human settlements solution for such residents

and (b) on what date was the said informal settlement formally assessed by the national and provincial departments for inclusion in an upgrading or relocation programme? CW1328E

Underspending in department

1189. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

How many eligible applicants were rejected or left unpaid as a direct consequence of automated cross-referencing and bank verification hurdles versus actual ineligible claimants being filtered out, given underspending in her department? CW1329E

Digital/administrative barriers for rural/elderly applicants

1190. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What concrete measures is the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) implementing to dismantle digital and administrative barriers for rural and elderly applicants who experience challenges navigating online portals or updating banking details and (b) what specific performance targets and accountability frameworks have been imposed on her department and SASSA leadership to address the multi-year cycle of unspent funds? CW1330E

National asbestos roofing eradication programme

1191. Mr M M Mampuru (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) Why has the national programme to eradicate asbestos roofing in townships and replace it with safer materials stalled at the Thokoza Hostel and other affected settlements, (b) what total amount of funding was allocated to such project, (c) how much has been spent to date, (d) how many households nationally still have asbestos roofing and (e) what is the specific implementation deadline for removing the remaining asbestos roofing at the said hostel? CW1331E

Resource/personnel shortages

1192. Mr M M Mampuru (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether, with reference to allegations that certain police stations in the Free State close their gates or cease public services after 17:30 as a result of resource and personnel shortages, he will provide a comprehensive list of all the affected stations and specific resource shortages causing such early closures within 30 days; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he will table a funded corrective action plan within 60 days to address shortages of personnel, vehicles and essential equipment at such stations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) what urgent interventions will be implemented to ensure that all affected stations become fully operational 24 hours a day within 90 days? CW1332E

Covid-19 SRD grant applications

1193. Mr M M Mampuru (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Regarding unemployed South Africans that depend on the Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant for survival (details furnished), (a) how many persons currently receive the SRD grant in each (i) province, (ii) gender and (iii) age group of (aa) 18-25, (bb) 26-36 and (cc) 37-59, (b) how many applications were rejected during the latest reporting month and (c) what were the main reasons for such rejections? CW1333E

Curbing violent crimes

1194. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Regarding the persistent levels of violent crime, shootings and fatalities within communities despite the deployment of the SA National Defence Force, (a) what specific impact has the deployment of military personnel had on on the ground in the affected areas of Willowvale in the Eastern Cape, (b) what proactive preventative policing strategies are being implemented to stop violent incidents before they occur beyond post-incident arrests, (c) which law enforcement authorities are coordinating public safety efforts in Willowvale and (d) how is progress being reported to the affected community? CW1334E

Climate resilience/energy security

1195. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

(a) What plans and measures his department has put in place to ensure a reliable and sustainable electricity supply, especially during extreme weather events, given the increasing impact of climate change on South Africa’s energy sector and (b) how prepared is his department to transition towards renewable energy while maintaining energy security and affordability for all South Africans? CW1335E

Housing allocation backlogs

1196. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(1) (a) Why younger people had to be given preferences over those who applied earlier than them (details furnished) and (b) what are the detailed plans on how to remedy the situation;

(2) (a) what are the detailed information of the outstanding title deeds and (b) what plans is the government envisages to resolve this matter? CW1336E

Preventing sexual abuse

1197. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(1) What concrete steps is her department taking to (a) prevent the growing concern of statutory rape and sexual abuse that is involving educators and learners and (b) ensure the immediate reporting of allegations to the SA Police Service to hold perpetrators accountable

(2) what measures are being implemented to ensure that all (a) educators undergo the necessary vetting, (b) educators who are accused or convicted of sexual offences could not simply resign and be employed at another school and (c) affected learners receive adequate psychological support and protection? CW1337E

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ARECs not registered with NHREC

1147. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

(1) (a) Which statutory authority, department, entity or mechanisms are currently responsible for the oversight, monitoring and compliance of the Animal Research Ethics Committees (ARECs) that are not registered with the National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC) in respect of section 72(6)(b) of the National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003 (NHA), and therefore not subjected to oversight and audit by the NHREC and (b) which legislation, regulation, rule, policy or any other instruments that govern (i) ethical oversight and (ii) compliance of such ARECs;

(2) whether his department maintains a register, database or any other records of ARECs which are operating in South Africa that are not registered with the NHREC; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the list of such committees and (b) what are the further relevant details;

(3) (a) how violations of ethical or professional conduct or rules by such ARECs and non-compliance with applicable standards governing ethical oversight of the care and use of animals for scientific purposes are (i) identified, (ii) investigated and (iii) addressed and (b) how the welfare and safety of animals used for scientific purposes is ensured where the responsible AREC is not registered with the NHREC;

(4) whether the existing regulatory framework is adequate to ensure compliance with the SA National Standard for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes SANS 10386:2021 Ed 2; if so, why;

(5) whether he will consider the establishment of a committee in association with the SA Veterinary Council to regulate the unregistered ARECs; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) on what timeline? CW1283E

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1149. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) (p 662)—Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

1150. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) (p 662)—Health.

1151. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) (p 663)—Police.