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QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
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TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

Plight/challenges of military veterans

★18. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) Whether she (a) had or (b) plans to hold any consultations with Military Veterans nationally to better understand their plight and challenges they face, especially concerning their socio-economic conditions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what progress has been made regarding registration in the database and payment of pension benefits to Military Veterans? CO97E

SA Defence Review 2015

★28. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

With reference to the foreword in the SA Defence Review 2015 that quoted the Presidential commitment (a) to resourcing the SA National Defence Force mandate and (b) for each department to sign performance agreement to assist with such action programme (details furnished), what is the status of the performance agreement for her department in the implementation of the SA Defence Review 2015? CO107E

Peacekeeping missions

★20. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) Whether the obligation and involvement of the SA National Defence Force in peacekeeping missions on the continent is in any way compromising its obligations to safeguard and maintain internal security; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) in what way is participation in such missions promoting national interest? CO99E

Support provided to SANDF members re-anxiety/depression

★7. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Given the number of the SA National Defence Force members who are suffering from anxiety and depression, (a) what alternative forms of interventions have been introduced to such members to deal with depression, (b) how often is such support provided and (c) which mechanisms are in place to ensure the mental wellbeing of such members? CO86E

Protection from military attacks

★35. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) What are the Government's plans to protect South Africa from a possible military attack as a result of the discovery of military training camps in Mpumalanga and Limpopo (details furnished);
- (2) how does the Government plan to allay and eliminate fears and threats to national security as Libyans allegedly entered South Africa illegally (details furnished)?

CO114E

SANDF's contribution to job creation

★21. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) How has the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) contributed to the Government's strategic objective of job creation, especially to reduce youth unemployment;
- (2) whether, with the item 'Compensation of Employees' forming 66% of the SANDF's budget, the army will be able to contribute to the Government of National Unity's priority of inclusive growth and job recreation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO100E

Curbing illegal mining

★10. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What interventions, strategies and innovations have been taken by the SA Police Service to curb and/or counter the scourge of illegal mining in South Africa, especially in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality in the North West;
- (2) whether there are any specific plans aimed at preventing such illegal miners from penetrating the communities to unleash violence as in the recent incidents in (a) Khuma and (b) Kanana townships; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO89E

Quality of investigations

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

- (1) Whether he has taken note that the quality of investigations by detectives is allegedly in question, given that approximately five million dockets have been closed as a result of either insufficient evidence and/or poor-quality of investigation; if not, what is the position regarding such allegations; if so,
- (2) (a) what steps have been taken to correct the situation and (b) what time frames are in place in this regard?

CO84E

Extortions and construction “mafias”

★11. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether any progress has been made to address (a) business extortions and (b) construction “mafias”; if not, what are the challenges; if so, (i) what progress and (ii) what are the further relevant details? CO90E

Police vehicle repairs

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

With reference to a meeting that was held with the Northern Cape Provincial Police Commissioner, where it was revealed that the Northern Cape has a vehicle repair contract with service providers in Johannesburg and Durban which drastically delays the turnaround time of repairing SA Police Service vehicles in the Province (details furnished), what are the details of the procurement processes for obtaining parts to repair such police vehicles? CO110E

Department’s expenditure

★1. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) How much was spent on (i) administration, (ii) maintenance, (iii) renovations and (iv) the construction of police stations from 1 April 2019 until 31 March 2024 and (b) what percentage of his department’s budget is reflected in each case? CO80E

Murders of traditional leaders

★15. Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) With reference to the high number of murders of traditional leaders in KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga, how many such killings were (a) investigated and/or (b) successfully prosecuted in the 2023/24 financial year;
- (2) whether any plans are in place to prevent such murders; if not, why not; if so, what plans;
- (3) what is the latest update regarding the Traditional Policing Concept that was launched in 2018 at the Nqadu Great Place in the Eastern Cape? CO94E

Misuse/abuse of resources

★24. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:

Given the history of misuse and/or abuse of resources in Intelligence Service, what measures (a) have been or (b) are proposed to be implemented to ensure that fraud and corruption are routed out in the Service? CO103E

*Division of SSA***★29. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:**

- (1) How far has the State Security Agency progressed in dividing the agency back into two separate units of foreign and domestic as envisaged in the General Intelligence Laws Amendment Bill [B40-2023] despite that the President has not signed it into law;
- (2) whether, in light of the urgency of such a matter, the President has indicated when he will sign the Bill into law? CO108E

*Threat of terrorism***★23. Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:**

- (1) How does Intelligence Service counter terrorism as one of the major threats to national security, given the fact that many foreign nationals enter the country illegally;
- (2) whether Intelligence Service is adequately equipped to deal with the financing of terrorism activities through Blockchain and crypto; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO102E

*Illegal security training/military camps***★6. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:**

- (1) In light of the recent media reports on illegal security training or military camps in Limpopo, what are the details regarding those that are responsible for such camps;
- (2) whether any other illegal camps have been detected in other parts of the country; if so, (a) what are the details regarding the existence of such camps and (b) how (i) firearms and (ii) ammunition ended up at such farms;
- (3) (a) who has been held accountable for such embarrassment to our country to date and (b) why the (i) police and (ii) intelligence department have not been able to detect and intercept such international threats earlier? CO85E

*Improving intelligence***★42. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:**

- (1) (a) What specific measures are being taken to improve intelligence gathering and operational capacity within the State Security Agency (SSA) in response to the increasing organised crime and political assassinations and (b) what plans are in place to address the intelligence gaps that contribute to such crimes;

- (2) the intelligence failures leading up to and during the events like the July 2021 unrest have raised serious concerns regarding the effectiveness of the SSA, (a) what changes have been implemented to prevent similar lapses in intelligence and coordination in the future and (b) how will the public be assured of the agency's improved capacity?

CO121E

Training facility in Mpumalanga

★22. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:

Whether domestic and/or foreign intelligence services were informed of the training facility in Mpumalanga that was training Libyan nationals; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) when were they informed and (b) what steps were taken to prevent any harm to the State Security?

CO101E

Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

- ★2. Mr M M Peter (Eastern Cape: UDM)—Police.**
- ★3. Ms N P Mcinga (Eastern Cape: EFF)—Police.**
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- ★8. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF)—Defence and Military Veterans.**
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- ★25. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC)—The Presidency: State Security.**
- ★26. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA)—Defence and Military Veterans.**
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