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# QUESTION PAPER

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**Note:**

1. ★ Indicates an oral question.
2. † Indicates the translated version of the question.

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2024

### CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

**★493. Mr A M Seabi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

Given that delays in the transfer of state land to local municipalities and delays in proclamation and township registration are among the causal factors for the title deed backlog in the Republic, what (a) progress has been made in the implementation of the title deed release and (b) measures and/or procedures has her department implemented to prevent the implementation of new Breaking New Ground housing projects without proper township planning?

NO3057E

**★527. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What are the reasons that the Independent Development Trust, the implementing agent or project manager for his department, awarded a contract to a certain company (name furnished) to install highly technical pressure swing adsorption (PSA) oxygen plants at 55 government hospitals, despite the company not having the required accreditation from the SA Health Professions Regulatory Authority nor a joint venture partner in the bid submission, whilst other bidding companies that had the requisite accreditation were not awarded the contract?

NO3093E

**★494. Dr S M Dhlomo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether, given the ongoing challenge of hazardous foods, his department has identified any shortcomings regarding regulatory measures, implementation, capacity and/or monitoring and evaluation; if not, why not; if so, how are such shortcomings being addressed?

NO3058E

**★553. Adv S Salie (Al Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) is the official poverty dateline for the minimum amount per month for all the citizens of the Republic, which must be achieved by 2030 in line with the goals of the National Development Plan 2030 and (b) measures has her department put in place to assist in efforts to achieve Zero Hunger in the Republic?

NO3123E

**★495. Mr K S Ramaila (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Concerning water challenges in certain parts of Johannesburg that are largely a result of poor water management and governance systems, how does her department intend to address the inadequacies in the water management and governance system to ensure water security in (a) Johannesburg and (b) cities with an increasing population in the short to long term?

NO3059E

**★531. Mr S J Moore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

With reference to her presentation before the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation on 22 October 2024 where she spoke of Gauteng municipalities not performing their duties in infrastructure maintenance and payments of debts to Water Boards, which other provinces and municipalities are not heeding her department's advice on infrastructure maintenance and debt repayments to Water Boards?

NO3097E

**★545. Mr M P Motubatse (MK) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) What are the full details of the action plans she has put in place to acquire land to relocate the communities in the townships (details furnished), which are living in unacceptable conditions (further details furnished);
- (2) what are the full details of her comprehensive plan to address the human settlement challenges in the specified areas to ensure the rights of residents are protected and their living conditions improved?

NO3111E

**★496. Ms Y Govana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Recognising that her department has a legislative obligation to implement the Basic Education Laws Amendment Act, Act 32 of 2024, (a) what is the readiness of her department and (b) how does her department intend to implement the specified Act, including the two clauses under consultation? NO3060E

**★556. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What are the full details of the plans his department has made for the full roll-out and/or implementation of the National Health Insurance Act, Act 20 of 2023;
- (2) whether he has found that the disagreements between the members of the governing coalition about the specified Act will delay and/or impact its implementation; if not what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3126E

**★567. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

Following the devastating natural disasters in KwaZulu-Natal and other regions that severely impacted infrastructure, what (a) is the current status of relocating the victims of the specified disasters currently housed in community halls and flats and (b) are timelines regarding building of permanent homes for the victims, particularly for those in the eThekweni Municipality? NO3137E

**★497. Ms N E Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What steps will be taken by her department to address the ongoing challenges with funding disbursements from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme, particularly considering that it is difficult to assess its performance with the outstanding audit report? NO3061E

**★491. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether there are any foreign nationals amongst the total number of grant recipients on the national SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) database; if not, what measures has her department implemented to ensure that no foreign national is able to benefit from SASSA grants; if so, under what circumstances do they qualify for such grants? NO3055E

**★541. Dr K W du P le Roux (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to the report presented by his department during the meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Health that considered the Budgetary Review and Recommendations Report on health, wherein his department indicated that it estimates that only 80% of persons with TB are diagnosed, and of those diagnosed with drug sensitive TB, there is only a 71.5% treatment success rate, despite the fact that the drug sensitive TB is completely curable, what (a) are the full details of the findings from the assessment undertaken by his department on the weaknesses and shortcomings of its TB treatment programme, particularly the reasons that TB treatment success rate is so poor and mortality is so high and (b) short-, medium- and long-term plans will be put in place to improve TB outcomes by making sure that TB, which disproportionately

affects the poor and the young, is eradicated in the Republic in the next two decades?  
NO3107E

**★498. Ms M P Makgato (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

What (a) progress has been made with the National Sport and Recreation Plan and (b) are the relevant details of the increase in participation and excellence in sport across all demographics in the Republic?  
NO3062E

**★546. Ms Z S Abader (MK) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

With reference to well-documented government policy and regulations that prohibit the continued use of asbestos in housing and all other aspects of human activity due to the adverse and life-threatening health hazards associated with exposure to asbestos, and noting that the community of Phoenix in KwaZulu-Natal is still living in asbestos-contaminated structures to this day, without any clear progress and indication how the problem is being effectively resolved, what (a) specific actions has her department taken to address the asbestos issue in Phoenix and (b) is the current status and/or progress of the efforts?  
NO3112E

**★554. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, considering that the Eastern Cape provincial government has plans to close around 1 000 schools in the specified province because the schools were allegedly found to be unviable due to the remoteness of their location and the meagre number of learners on their school rolls, she has engaged with that province to determine the validity of their reasons for the closure of the schools; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what plans have been put in place to accommodate learners who are currently enrolled at the specified schools and (b) where exactly are the schools located?  
NO3124E

**★499. Ms M L Mmolotsane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) What steps have been taken by his department to ensure the inclusivity and accessibility of the arts and sports sectors for persons with disabilities and (b) how are the specified efforts being funded?  
NO3063E

**★537. Mr L C Jacobs (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

What steps will his department take to (a) ensure that historical sites of the Khoi, San and Coloured persons are declared national heritage sites and (b) implement programmes to educate South Africans on the histories of the Khoi, San and Coloured persons?  
NO3103E

**★500. Mr G D Kgabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

What steps has his department taken to address the challenges faced by (a) local artists and (b) sportspersons in accessing international markets and competitions?  
NO3064E

**★523. Mr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Given the recent delays in SA Social Security Agency payments, which have left grant beneficiaries facing a week-long wait for their much-needed financial support, what immediate measures will her department implement to prevent future payment delays and address the heightened risk of hunger for vulnerable groups, especially the elderly and persons dependent on disability grants, who are disproportionately affected by the interruptions?

NO3087E

**★502. Mr S T D Louw (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What initiatives does her department intend to pursue to align higher education curricula with the evolving needs of the job market, particularly in emerging fields such as (a) artificial intelligence and (b) renewable energy?

NO3066E

**★524. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to the significant challenges and set-backs that the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) has faced over the years as a result of various failures in its information and communication technology (ICT) systems, which included delays in payments, lengthy downtimes and serious security breaches, what (a) have been her department's interventions to guarantee the security and stability of SASSA's ICT system and (b) are her future plans in this regard?

NO3089E

**★548. Ms N A Mtshweni (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Njengoba kulezi zinsuku kudlange izehlo zokutholakala kwabafundi bedle ukudla okunobuthi ezikoleni, yiziphi izinhlelo ezinqala onazo zokuqinisekisa ukuthi lezi zehlo aziphinde zenzeke nokuqinisekisa ukuphepha jikelele uma besemazikweni emfundo?

NO3115E

*(Translation):*

**[Ms N A Mtshweni (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: †**

In light of the prevalent food poisoning suffered by learners at schools, what strict measures has she implemented to ensure that the (a) incidents do not happen again and (b) learners are generally safe when they are at the institutions of learning?

NO3115E]

**★503. Mr W T Letsie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

How is her department (a) strengthening international academic partnerships and (b) increasing opportunities for students to participate in global exchange programmes?

NO3067E

**★555. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What plans has she made, in collaboration with the respective provincial departments, to ensure that by the time schools open for the 2025 academic year, all schools in the Republic will have full supplies of textbooks and other learner and teacher support materials?

NO3125E

**★568. Mr N M Hadebe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

With reference to the partnership between her department and Unisa's College of Science, Engineering and Technology to enhance the provision of clean and safe drinking water in the Republic, and considering the significant role of Unisa's Institute for Nanotechnology and Water Sustainability in addressing water quality challenges, (a) in what specific ways does her department plan to integrate Unisa's research and technological innovations into existing municipal water management practices and (b) what measures will be put in place to ensure that the findings from this partnership are effectively implemented at the local level to improve access to clean and safe drinking water for all communities?

NO3138E

**★504. Mr G D Kgabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

Given the recent report of the Auditor-General South Africa regarding the constant outstanding audit outcomes of the University of Fort Hare, what measures has she implemented to ensure better governance and academic integrity at the historic institution?

NO3068E

**★489. Ms E Freeman (PA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether, with reference to the reply by the Deputy President, Mr S P Mashatile, to oral parliamentary question 9, on 31 October 2024, she intends to (a) assist the University of Limpopo with water supply to ensure that its students can write their exams in light of the University's decision to temporarily suspend end-of-year examinations due to water supply issues (details furnished) and (b) ensure that this does not happen in future?

NO3053E

## QUESTIONS TRANSFERRED FROM WRITTEN TO ORAL REPLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 146(1)

**★575. Ms L M Maseko (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:[★90] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is more than quota (Rule 137(8))] [Written question 436]**

What sustainable steps has she taken to address the issues of (a) high student debt that escalates annually and (b) financial exclusion in higher education institutions?

NO562E

**★576. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:[Written question 505]**

Whether, with regard to the Nexus Final Report on the outcomes of the investigation into the National Skills Fund (NSF) expenditure for the 2019-20 financial year, she will request the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, to proclaim an investigation by the Special Investigation Unit into all the projects that have been undertaken by the NSF in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22, (c) 2022-23 and (d) 2023-24 financial years; if not, why not; if so, by what date?

NO686E

**★577. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:[Written question 1072]**

What are the full details of each information and communication technology contract awarded to (a) her department, (b) National Student Financial Aid Scheme, (c) National Skills Fund and (d) all other entities reporting to her in the (i) 2023-24, (ii) 2022-23, (iii) 2021-22, (iv) 2020-21 and (v) 2019-20 financial years? NO1314E

**★578. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:[Written question 1073]**

What are the full details of each legal case against (a) her department, (b) National Student Financial Aid Scheme, (c) National Skills Fund and (d) all other entities reporting to her in the (i) 2023-24, (ii) 2022-23, (iii) 2021-22, (iv) 2020-21 and (v) 2019-20 financial years? NO1316E

**★579. Mr F Essack (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:[Written question 1081]**

Since litigations instituted are a matter of public record, what (a) are the full details of law firms on record for medico-legal claims against his department in each province and (b) is the (i) total number of legal claims instituted by each firm and (ii) nature of each specified claim? NO1324E

**★580. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health: [Written question 41183]**

With reference to the reply to question 837 on 19 April 2024 by the former Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla, what are the reasons for his department's failure to furnish the requested copies of the (a) approved Fraud Prevention Plan and (b) Whistle Blowing Policy Statement as promised? NO1456E

**★581. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 1185]**

(a) What is the status of the application for a house that was received on 9 September 1999 from a certain person (name and details furnished) but who has not been allocated a house to date, (b) on what date will a house be allocated to the person and (c) where will it be located? NO1458E

**★582. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:[Written question 1124]**

- (1) What is the total number of (a) social workers, (b) auxiliary workers and (c) psychologists in each province;
- (2) what (a) has been the average case load of a (i) social worker, (ii) auxiliary worker and (iii) psychologist in each province (aa) in the past four years and (bb) since 1 January 2024 and (b) should be the ideal case load of each specified professional according to the norms and standards;
- (3) what total number of each specified category of profession does each province need to be fully capacitated? NO1500E

**★583. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:[Written question 1225]**

- (1) What total number (a) of (i) social workers, (ii) auxiliary workers and (iii) psychologists were trained by her department and graduated in the past four years and (b)(i) was absorbed by her department in each province and (ii) is unemployed;
- (2) what total number of the specified unemployed categories of professionals have lock-in clauses with each provincial department and/or the national department;
- (3) what arrangements does her department have with different tertiary institutions in the provinces to recruit graduates of the specified categories of professionals;
- (4) (a) what total number of the specified categories of professionals were recruited from each tertiary institution in the specified period and (b) in which provinces were they placed?

NO1501E