

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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1. ★ Indicates an oral question.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2024

CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

★311. Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What (a) were the strengths and weaknesses identified by the audit of his department and entities reporting to him and (b) strategies will be developed to mitigate audit weaknesses?

NO1580E

★297. Mr T L Montana (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Considering that Transnet announced that 1 November 2024 will mark the start of the vertical separation of Transnet Freight Rail into the new Transnet Infrastructure Management and Transnet Freight Rail, (a) on what policy does her department rely for the specified rail reform and (b) how will vertical separation improve the performance of freight rail?

NO1557E

★337. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 43 on 5 August 2024, in which he gave reassurances about the timelines for the processing of financial compensation for the Lower Zingcuka Land Claimants, and in particular the commitment he made in that reply that 50 households were at payment stage and that payment would be made on or before 30 September 2024, and further that a list of 33 beneficiaries was submitted to the national office for payment to be made on or before 30 September 2024, how does he reconcile his reply to the specified question with the fact that none of the beneficiaries scheduled for payment on the specified dates have been paid;
- (2) whether, given the various commitments and unfulfilled promises going back ten years ago in relation to the payment of the claim, he has found that officials of his department have been treating the people of Lower Zingcuka through their conduct inhumanely; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1610E

★312. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What (a) are the core elements of her plan that will benefit small-, medium- and micro enterprises through red tape reduction and (b) plan is in place to implement the red-tape reduction framework for small enterprises?

NO1582E

★356. Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

In light of the fact that the Republic maintains pervasive levels of poverty, unemployment and inequality, which the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, Act 53 of 2003, has failed to reverse but instead entrenched an elite class, what measures will he put in place to ensure that the Republic achieves economic growth and job creation through fair economic participation for all in the 7th Administration?

NO1629E

★313. Mr N Maduna (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What steps has (a) her department and (b) entities reporting to her taken to improve rail and road safety as the level of rail and road accidents highlight the need to intensify rail and road safety awareness?

NO1584E

★296. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Transport:

(a) What concrete steps are being taken to improve the safety and reliability of public transportation systems, particularly in underserved areas and (b) how does her department intend to address the rising number of accidents involving taxis and buses?

NO1385E

★314. Ms T G Shiviti (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

What specific measures does he plan to implement to increase research and development investment by the (a) public and (b) private sector as a catalyst to economic growth and industrialisation, given the substantial budget reductions of his department?

NO1585E

★361. Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

In light of his commitment to use public assets for public good, how is his department undertaking the critical project of optimising and rationalising the immovable asset portfolio of over 81 000 properties, particularly with regard to repurposing, selling, leasing out and/or allocating underutilised and/or unutilised assets? NO1634E

★298. Mr S I Gama (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, with reference to the reply of the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa to oral question 2 on 29 August 2024, regarding research which found a significant appetite and expectation of massive investment by the private sector in ports and railways (details furnished), any such investments into the ports and railways have materialised in the form of concrete agreements with her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1558E

★315. Ms L A Mnganga-Gcabashe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What measures has she put in place through the National Tourism Safety Strategy to tighten security, particularly in high-crime tourist destinations across the Republic as we approach the festive season? NO1586E

★333. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

(1) What total amount has been spent on the automotive industry such as Toyota to support investments and to set up factories in the Republic vis-a-vis the jobs such industries have created;

(2) whether he has found that there is value for money in terms of job creation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1606E

★329. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

With reference to his department's failure to complete about 80% of its planned projects in the 2022-23 financial year, what (a) strategies have been put in place to reduce the number of failed projects and (b) is the realistic success rate his department aims to achieve in the 2024-25 financial year? NO1601E

★316. Mr L Mkutu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What collaborative measures will his department take with other relevant departments to consider the development of a government-led vocational training strategy to ensure the supply of sector-specific skills that will promote and enhance its current industrialisation drive? NO1587E

★374. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether her department has mechanisms and/or databases in place to ensure that owners of spaza shops pay the requisite taxes to the SA Revenue Service; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what total number of spaza shop owners pay taxes and thereby contribute to the growth of the Republic's economy? NO1651E

★352. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether, noting that the Republic has a number of Special Economic Zones (SEZ's) meant to attract investment, he intends to turn SEZ's into testing grounds for finetuning the trade and industrial policies through easing regulations such as bargaining agreements and implementing other pro ease-of-doing business measures; if not, why not; if so, what are the further relevant details? NO1625E

★317. Ms N E Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What progress (a) has been made and (b) is expected to complete the physical asset register of his department in the current financial year? NO1588E

★299. Mr A J Mngxitam (MK) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

What total amount in monetary compensation has been given to white landowners since 1 January 1994, when land is being reclaimed through the restitution process? NO1559E

★335. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

- (1) Whether the Republic is collaborating with international partners to advance science and technology; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether the Republic has any partnership and/or collaboration with Israel to advance science and technology; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the reasons for maintaining such collaborations and/or partnerships with Israel? NO1608E

★319. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What (a) strategy is in place to address and solve the matter of vacancies, given the cautionary note from the National Treasury to her department which has frozen positions and (b) impact do the vacancies have on performance in relation to key performance areas of programmes and/or projects? NO1590E

★369. Mr M E Nhanha (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether he has found that the attempts to amend section 25 of the Constitution of the Republic, 1996, to have been unnecessary, as the specified section in its current form enables the State to rely on it to expropriate land without compensation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1643E

★320. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

What (a) is the approach of his department to develop an integrated strategy for agrarian reform and (b) are the key elements regarding food security that have been developed to achieve agrarian transformation? NO1591E

★321. Ms A S Hlongo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

What (a) level of budgetary resources have been allocated to facilitate adequate and equitable support for women's empowerment as the implementation of a gender-responsive planning, budgeting, monitoring, evaluation and auditing framework is imperative for advancing gender equality and women's empowerment within the sector and (b) tangible progress has been realised through the prioritisation of the framework?

NO1592E

★350. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) What are the details of her recommendations to the President with regard to the allegations against the Director-General (DG) of her department;
- (2) whether, considering the substance of the allegations, she intends to take steps to ensure that the DG steps down while an investigation takes place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1623E

★306. Ms G Mchunu (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) Whether, given the failure of the National Tourism Information and Monitoring System (NTIMS) Data Collection Programme which cost her department over R60 million, the accounting officer of her department was ever held accountable for the specified failure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether an investigation was conducted into the reasons that the NTIMS Data Collection Programme failed and resulted in the wastage of public funds; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1569E

★322. Ms T V B Mchunu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

How has she found do South Africans stand to benefit from astro-tourism which has recently been launched in conjunction with the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation?

NO1593E

★336. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

What specific measures is his department taking to enhance collaboration amongst African nations in the field of science and technology, particularly to address challenges related to climate change and economic development

NO1609E

★325. Ms L Sapo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

(a) What is the plan of her department to support co-operatives and (b) how will her department address the matter of the 10 co-operatives that did not receive financial support according to the performance report of Quarter 1 of the 2024-25 financial year?

NO1596E

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

**★377. Ms N L Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure
[Written question 745]:**

What is the (a) total number of staff employed and/or provided as Ministerial support in (i) his and (ii) the Deputy Minister's private offices and (b)(i) job title, (ii) annual remuneration package and (iii) highest level of academic qualification of each specified member of staff?

NO248E

**★378. Ms N L Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development
[Written question 747] – (REMOVED – Rule 146(2)).**

**★379. Ms M P Kobe (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure
[Written question 758]:**

(1) Whether, in terms of the Public Service Act, Act 103 of 1994, which regulates appointments to ministerial offices by stipulating minimum standards of qualifications and experience to ensure that skilled personnel are in place, he will furnish Ms M P Kobe with the relevant details on the (a) names, (b) qualifications and (c) skills of each individual appointed to his office, including the (i) total number of appointees who met the minimum requirements and (ii) processes followed to ensure compliance with the standards and regulations since his appointment as Minister; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he has requested any deviations from the standard appointment procedures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) were the reasons for such deviations and (b) measures are in place to prevent the appointment of unqualified and inexperienced individuals to critical roles within his department?

NO951E

**★380. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition
[Written question 912] – (REMOVED – Rule 146(2)).**

**★381. Ms N L Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition
[Written question 975] – (REMOVED – Rule 146(2)).**

**★382. Mrs H Denner (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure
[Written question 983]:**

(1) What (a) outstanding debts are owed by his department to the Victor Khanye Local Municipality and (b) are the (i) specified debts for and (ii) reasons in each case for the outstanding amount;

(2) whether any agreements had been made to settle the debts; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the terms of resettlement and (b) by what date will the final amount be settled?

NO1216E

**★383. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition
[Written question 1055] – (REMOVED – Rule 146(2)).**

- ★384. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition
[Written question 1062] – (REMOVED – Rule 146(2)).
- ★385. Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition
[Written question 1070] – (REMOVED – Rule 146(2)).
- ★386. Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition
[Written question 1071] – (REMOVED – Rule 146(2)).