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Harnessing indigenous biodiversity/knowledge

★176. Mr M F Mokwele (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

(a) How will indigenous (i) biodiversity and (ii) knowledge be harnessed to contribute towards economic development as the debate on health benefits of marijuana and its legislation has opened discussion on South Africa's biodiversity and (b) how could this be utilised?

CO465E

Funding for research/development

★189. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

In light of the critical role that science, technology and innovation plays in driving economic growth and addressing societal challenges, (a) what are the Government's current initiatives to enhance (i) funding and (ii) support for research and development and (b) how such initiatives are aimed at fostering collaboration between (i) universities, (ii) industries and (iii) communities, particularly in light of the unemployment and skills development in South Africa?

CO478E

Uncovering/growing business innovation

★177. Mr M P Sibande (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

What measures are in place for his department to assist in (a) uncovering and/or (b) growing business innovation potential in South African townships as Human Science Research Council is tasked to inform social change for inclusive growth in communities?

CO466E

Educational benefits of SKA

★183. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

(1) (a) What educational benefits the Square Kilometre Array provides to the South African population and (b) what educational programmes that are benefitting (i) South African citizens and (ii) local communities have been (aa) launched and (bb) operated successfully since its inception;

(2) (a) what progress has been made with each of such programmes, (b) how many have (i) failed and/or (ii) stagnated and (c) what are the reasons in each case? CO472E

*Cutting-edge research/technological innovation***★195. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

Considering the global advancements in science and technology, what measures his department has put in place to encourage collaboration between academic institutions, industries and international partners to promote cutting-edge research and technological innovation in key sectors? CO484E

*Involvement/inclusion of women to certain fields***★175. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

How is his department contributing to increasing the (a) involvement and/or (b) inclusion of women in (i) science, (ii) technology, (iii) engineering and (iv) mathematics as South Africa is celebrating 30 years of democracy and offering an opportunity to reflect on the progress towards gender equity in all spheres of life? CO464E

*Exile repatriation project***★179. Mr M Feni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether his department has any programmes regarding repatriating of outstanding remains of heroes and heroines as the exile repatriation project is a befitting manner of celebrating their lives and sacrifices for our freedom; if not, why not; if so, (a) what programmes and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO468E

*Proposed name changes***★187. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

- (1) What is his department's position on the proposed name changes which are not taking into account the affected community;
- (2) whether his department will rather utilise the funds to (a) create job opportunities and/or (b) uplift the affected community by empowering them; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO476E

*National Automated Archival Information Retrieval System***★180. Mr M F Mokwele (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

- (1) What are the reasons for the challenges by the National Automated Archival Information Retrieval System since 2023 which made it difficult for and inconvenience the public and researchers to utilise it;

- (2) whether his department has any long-term solutions to address this challenge; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO469E

Protection of inheritance of culture/language groups

★191. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

With reference to the attempt to change the name of Deneysville in the Free State, how will his department protect inheritance of all culture and language groups when taking into consideration the agreement of 1994 that towns will keep their names and municipalities be renamed to include local groups which could not officially name their settlements and areas? CO480E

Availability of sporting facilities

★193. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

- (1) Whether he has been informed that Sivuleleni Primary School in Soweto has no sporting facilities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) why and (b) what are the relevant details;
- (2) what steps has he taken to address the ongoing publicised assertions that his department is prioritising access to various sporting codes? CO482E

Function/objective of SA Cultural Observatory

★181. Ms M M Bains (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

(a) What is the (i) main function and (ii) objective of the SA Cultural Observatory and (b) how it supports the development of intellectual capacity across the sectors it is serving? CO470E

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

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