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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2025***Strengthening/promoting global partnerships***★153. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

How his department is working to (a) strengthen South Africa's (i) global partnerships and (ii) promote regional integration through organisations such as the (aa) African Union and (bb) Southern African Development Community and (b) support economic growth through international cooperation, including (i) trade agreements and (ii) investment promotion?

CO887E

*International partnerships/cooperations***★154. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

How is the country leveraging international partnerships and/or cooperation to (a) address its high unemployment rate and (b) improve educational quality, particularly in under-resourced schools through global skills development, job opportunities and collaborative learning programmes?

CO888E

*Justice for families***★155. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

(a) What steps will her department take to ensure that justice is served for families of the Cradock Four (details furnished) and (b) what implications might this case has for current justice proceedings and accountability for past human rights abuses?

CO889E

*Sentencing process***★156. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether her department will provide an update on the sentencing process for convicted kidnappers in a certain case (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures are being taken to (i) ensure that justice is served and (ii) address any systemic issues that may have contributed to such a case and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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*Global governance***★157. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

How is South Africa navigating the complexities of global governance, particularly through its involvement in BRICS and G20 to advance its national interests and contribute to a more equitable international order?

CO892E

*Court security management contract***★158. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

(a) What measures has her department taken to ensure proper proactive contract management regarding security at courts, particularly vulnerable courts and (b) what is the current security situation in courts in this regard?

CO893E

*Assessments from NPA***★159. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether her department has (a) conducted and/or (b) received any recent assessments from the National Prosecuting Authority on the average prosecutorial case load in lower courts; if so, (i) what is the current average number of active dockets that are assigned for each lower court prosecutor, (ii) how is this compared to international norms and (iii) what impact has this had on (aa) conviction rates, (bb) trial readiness and (cc) prosecutorial well-being?

CO894E

*Witness protection***★160. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

In light of a high-profile corruption case that is involving a former eThekweni Mayor in KwaZulu-Natal with allegations of key state witnesses being threatened with death (details furnished), what concrete steps have been taken by her department in collaboration with (a) relevant law enforcement and (b) the National Prosecuting Authority to enhance witness protection in such cases, specifically in this matter to ensure that justice is not derailed by (i) intimidation and/or (ii) organised criminal interference?

CO895E

*Business access through AfCFTA***★161. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

(a) What progress has his department made in facilitating South African business access to preferential markets under the African Continental Free Trade Area and (b) how many (i)

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bilateral trade and/or (ii) investment opportunities have been brokered by his department through such framework in the past year? CO896E

G20 Summit

★162. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What specific mechanisms are in place to ensure that provincial and local economic development opportunities are meaningfully integrated into the G20 Summit which will be hosted by South Africa in 2025 (details furnished)? CO897E

Attracting investment

★163. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Given the critical importance of South Africa's reputation for attracting investment, (a) how his department evaluates the success of its diplomatic efforts, (b) what mechanisms are in place to address situations where objectives are not met and (c) what initiatives are underway to effectively use digital diplomacy? CO898E

Risks/gaps in diplomatic approach

★164. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

(a) What key (i) risks and/or (ii) gaps have been identified in South Africa's current diplomatic approach and (b) what targeted measures his department is implementing to (i) address them and (ii) protect our national interests? CO899E

Inter-sectoral coordination strategies

★165. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(a) What specific (i) initiatives and (ii) inter-sectoral coordination strategies her department is implementing to improve access to justice for marginalised groups, including rural communities, women, children and persons with disabilities and (b) how these efforts align with her long-term vision of establishing a justice system that is fair, accessible, speedy and cost-effective for all South Africans? CO900E

Establishing/operationalising specialised courts

★166. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(1) What progress has her department made in establishing and operationalising specialised courts such as drug courts, copyright courts and other tribunals in line with

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South African law to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and legal expertise within the justice system;

- (2) whether she will (a) provide specific examples of such initiatives in practice, (b) describe how they are being monitored and evaluated and (c) explain how they are aligned with relevant legislative and constitutional requirements? CO901E

Responsibilities of Magistrates Commission

★167. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) Whether she has considered separating the responsibility of members of the Magistrates Commission to empower them to pay full-time attention to the important work of the Commission (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how she envisages rolling out such plans;
- (2) what measures are in place to counter the reluctance of magistrates to preside over (a) misconduct and/or (b) disciplinary judgements of their peers? CO902E

Closing Israeli Embassy

★168. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) What steps has he taken in (a) honouring and (b) executing the resolution of the sixth Parliament to close down Israeli Embassy in South Africa (details furnished);
- (2) whether he still intends to close the said embassy and show resistance to Israel's attacks on innocent civilians in the Middle East; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the timelines in this regard and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO903E

Capacity challenges at NPA

★169. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (a) What is the current state of (i) human, (ii) financial and (iii) technical capacity at the National Prosecuting Authority, (b) what steps has her department taken to address such challenges and (c) what are the outcomes in this regard? CO904E

Briefing patterns of Attorneys

★170. Adv Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

Whether any Government-wide capacity and systems exist to monitor briefing patterns of Attorneys by the organs of state on litigations against the State; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO905E

*Prosecution of state capture cases***★171. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

(a) What is the rate of successes in the prosecution of state capture related cases since the submission of the Zondo Commission Report to the President, (b) what are the pertinent challenges that undermine speedy and successful prosecutions of cases that are already enrolled and (c) what are the plans for her department in collaboration with other key sector departments in addressing such challenges? CO906E

*Repositioning SADC/AU***★172. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What is the role of South Africa in repositioning (a) the Southern African Development Community and (b) African Union immediately in the changing geopolitics and international order in the (i) immediate, (ii) medium and (iii) long-term? CO907E

*Integrated strategic role of BRICS***★173. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether South Africa as the leading member of the Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) trade and development cooperation has any plans to (a) advocate and/or (b) lobby for integrated strategic role of BRICS in (i) strengthening and (ii) consolidation of the African Continental Free Trade Area agreement; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO908E

*SADC/AU warning mechanisms***★174. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether the (a) Southern African Development Community and (b) African Union have any early warning mechanisms to (i) detect and/or (ii) identify poor governance and flash points of violent conflicts prior they culminate into a crisis proportion; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO909E

*Addressing illegal immigration***★175. Mr M M Peter (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What concrete actions are being taken to collaborate with other African countries to address illegal immigration, especially through agreements that deal with the root causes and promote coordinated migration management (details furnished)? CO910E

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Access to Zondo Commission database

★176. Mr M M Peter (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) Why the National Prosecuting Authority still has not been granted full and unrestricted access to the Zondo Commission database as was revealed in recent reports (details furnished);
- (2) whether she will provide a clear assurance that no political interference or internal efforts to protect implicated individuals are behind such delays; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO911E

Question transferred from written to oral reply in terms of Rule 231:

Sentencing procedures in certain case

■11. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development: [Written Question No 457]

- (1) Why the (a) report and (b) arrangements for sentencing procedures in a certain case (details furnished) were not prioritised in a matter that has been on the court roll since 2009;
- (2) whether the said case has taken 16 years to get to this point; if so, how many times was the case postponed;
- (3) whether there are any extraordinary circumstances that are beyond the court's control which necessitated a long delay between 2009 and 2025; if so, what are they;
- (4) what interventions has his department and/or the National Prosecuting Authority in the Western Cape made during the course of this long trial to attempt to finalise the matter to bring justice to the family of the murdered girl? CW520E