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Strengthening correctional services infrastructure/technology

★118. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether his department is making any progress in strengthening correctional services infrastructure and technology to address the smuggling of cellular phones in light of their proliferation in correctional centres as more than 41 000 cell phones were confiscated nationwide between 2024 and 2025 (details furnished); if not, (a) what challenges are being experienced in this regard and (b) what measures are in place to address them; if so, what are the relevant details? CO554E

Integrated Inmate Management System Project

★126. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

(a) What is the total legal bill to date for the Integrated Inmate Management System Project that has thus far cost R259 million, with only 44 of the 243 sites ever rolled out which has been frozen as a result of arbitration since 2022 and (b) why has such arbitration taken nearly five years to resolve? CO562E

Overcrowding in correctional centres

★119. Adv Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether his department is making any progress in addressing overcrowding in many of the country's correctional centres which are at the centre of rampant gangsterism, violence and disease-spreading while overwhelming staff, accelerating mental health issues and hindering effective correctional service delivery; if not, (a) what challenges are experienced in this regard and (b) what measures are in place to address them; if so, what are the relevant details? CO555E

Reasons to occupation Office

★129. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 245 on 20 March 2026 indicating failure to introduce a single new programme, his presence in Office is a direct hindrance to radical transformation and decolonisation of the correctional services system; if so,

(2) whether he will provide a detailed report on how he plans to address structural failures of the current rehabilitation model for the remainder of his term; if not, why not; if so, when;

(3) whether he intends to continue managing the status quo as a placeholder for a conservative agenda? CO565E

Corruption in parole boards

★132. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

In light of his 2024/25 Annual report indicating that 1847 parolees reoffended within 12 months, including 312 violent cases and the alleged bribery in parole boards (details furnished), (a) how many Parole Board officials have been arrested and/or charged, dismissed and are under investigation for corruption-related to parole decisions since 1 April 2024, (b) how many parole approvals were granted despite negative risk assessments in the 2024/25 financial year, (c) who authorised such decisions, (d) what consequence management has been taken against released offenders who went on to commit serious and/or violent crimes and (e) what vetting lifestyle audits and digital tracking systems are in place to prevent manipulation of parole decisions and/or "parole-for-sale" practices? CO568E

Contract management/reducing outsourcing

★120. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether his department is making any progress in addressing (a) effective contract management and (b) the reduction of outsourcing as the urgent twin priorities for his department that is aimed at enhancing operational efficiency, reducing costs and regaining control over core correctional functions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO556E

THE PRESIDENCY

Stats SA challenges

★114. Mr B S Mabebo (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(1) Whether, in light of the Government's commitment to make Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) the cornerstone of South Africa's data ecosystem and providing evidence-based decision making and policy evaluation, the Government is making any progress in addressing the severe budget cuts, hiring freezes and loss of skilled staff at Stats SA; if not, why not; if so, how Stats SA is compared to its global counterparts; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether Stats SA is playing any role in global projects and/or programmes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO550E

Implementing Zondo Commission recommendations

★122. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether, following her briefing to the Select Committee on Public Infrastructure and Ministries in The Presidency on 9 September 2025 on the progress in implementing recommendations of the Zondo Commission, any lifestyle audit processes for Members of the Executive have progressed beyond the verification and analysis phase; if so, what are the outcomes of such process? CO558E

Policy to regulate disinformation/misinformation

★115. Ms K R Molokomme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(1) Whether, in light of the surge in fake news, disinformation and misinformation, particularly on social media, the Government has considered implementing any legal instruments such as a formal policy to regulate its spread and possible impact on individuals, state institutions and even the country's social cohesion; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the Government has considered imposing any legal requirements on large social media platforms to moderate harmful content and assess systemic risks that may violate constitutional rights of individuals and even threaten national security; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO551E

National threat assessments

★130. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(1) Whether, in light of the recent surge in nationwide anti-migrant demonstrations and the emergence of coordinated movements that are conducting unauthorised "stop and search" operations on foreign nationals, the State Security Agency (SSA) has conducted any threat assessments regarding the impact of such activities on the national stability and constitutional order; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) (a) why the intelligence services failed to provide early warnings and/or preventative intelligence regarding the orchestration of the said criminal acts and vigilantism, given that SSA's mandate is to safeguard the Republic against subversion and/or domestic threats and (b) what specific strategies and intelligence-led interventions are in place to combat the orchestrated campaign of xenophobic attacks? CO566E

Presidential Hotline cases

★133. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(a) What is the current resolution rate for Presidential Hotline cases as of 30 April 2026, given that only 62% of the hotline cases were resolved within the 25-day target (details furnished), (b) why the Presidency continues to miss its own turnaround targets despite being the apex

complaints mechanism and (c) what consequence management has been taken against Directors-General of departments who are repeat offenders for unresolved cases? CO569E

Recommendations of High-Level Review Panel

★117. Mr T M Kaunda (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether the Government is making any progress in implementing the 73 recommendations from the High-Level Review Panel on the State Security Agency; if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures are in place to (i) tighten financial controls and (ii) address concerns around systemic corruption, lack of transparency and misuse of secret funds that often enable illegal activities, (b) what are the main challenges in fully implementing all the recommendations of the High-Level Review Panel on the State Security Agency and (c) what are the further relevant details? CO553E

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