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JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TRC reparations/interventions

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

(1) What progress has her department made to date in implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission-related (TRC) reparations and interventions she pronounced during the 2025/26 Budget Vote as constitutional imperative to heal the divisions of the past (details furnished);

(2) whether there are any outstanding matters, including financial compensations, educational support, exhumations as well as the finalisation of criminal and inquest matters in this regard; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) following the launching of the TRC Housing Assistance Reparations Programme by the President in Ndwedwe, KwaZulu-Natal, what additional measures are in place to accelerate delivery and ensure that affected individuals and communities receive meaningful redress? CO530E

Case management system

★104. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(1) With reference to her reply to the National Assembly Question 1948 on 4 April 2026 which revealed that a significant number of firearm-related cases are withdrawn or fail to result in convictions (details furnished), what measurable impact her department's recently announced development of a case management system for the High Courts will have on improving prosecution and finalisation of firearm-related offences, particularly in gang-affected areas such as the Cape Flats;

(2) whether her department records the reasons why firearm-related cases are withdrawn and/or fail to result in convictions; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the most common reasons and (b) what urgent steps her department will take to ensure that firearm-related offences that are linked to gang and drug activities are prioritised and successfully prosecuted in communities which are affected by gang violence? CO540E

Transformation of legal sector

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

(a) What progress has her department made to date in advancing transformation of the legal sector, including measures to ensure equitable briefing patterns and increased participation of previously disadvantaged groups, women and persons with disabilities, particularly in specialised areas of law (details furnished), (b) what is the current status of the Legal Sector Code, particularly in relation to the challenge that has been brought by a certain company (details furnished) along with other large firms and (c) what steps is her department taking to defend and implement the said Code to achieve meaningful, inclusive and sustainable transformation of the profession? CO531E

Recent court judgment

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

(1) (a) What is the official position of her department regarding the recent court judgment that is prohibiting the withholding of a magistrate's salary in KwaZulu-Natal on constitutional and fair labour practice grounds and (b) what specific directives or guidance will she issue to the Magistrates Commission and relevant justice entities to ensure future resolutions concerning judicial officers that are aligned with constitutional fairness in light of such a judgement;

(2) whether her department intends to centralise the provision of legal advice and oversight regarding disciplinary measures and remuneration for judicial officers to ensure uniform application of the law across provinces; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO548E

SIU proclamations

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

(a) How many Special Investigating Unit (SIU) proclamations have been signed since 1 April 2024, given that it reports recovering billions of rands, yet few high-profile convictions follow, (b) how much of the reported recoveries have actually been paid into the National Revenue Fund versus amounts that are still tied up in litigation, (c) how many SIU referrals to the National Prosecuting Authority have resulted in prosecutions and successful convictions versus those that are declined or are still pending and (d) what describes the growing gap between SIU findings and criminal accountability? CO545E

Independence of judiciary

★97. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(a) How far has her department progressed in implementing the model of advancing full institutional, financial and operational independence of the judiciary, including proposals to establish the Office of the Chief Justice as an independent authority and remove court administration from public service, (b) what challenges and/or impediments have been encountered that may affect the pace of its realisation and (c) what anticipated benefits, potential risks and/or challenges that are associated with the full implementation of such a model? CO533E

POLICE

Vetting of Acting National Commissioner

★99. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Whether the Acting National Commissioner is (a) properly vetted and (b) not implicated in allegations of impropriety to matters that have been investigated by the Madlanga Commission before being appointed by the President; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO535E

Centralised outsourced contracts

★105. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) (a) Why his department is continuing with centralising the contract for outsourced (i) vehicle repairs through a certain contract (details furnished) and (ii) procurement of basics such as oils, brake fluid, grease and antifreeze for vehicles through a certain contract (details furnished) that has been awarded from July 2025 to June 2028;

(2) whether his department has undertaken any feasibility assessments in a bid to allow provinces and/or stations to locally repair vehicles and procure basics such as oils to expedite the turnaround time and allow vehicles to be released back into operations which is strengthening visible policing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO541E

SANDF deployment

★100. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) What effect has the deployment of the SA National Defence Force troops in support of the SAPS had in the reduction of gang violence and criminal incidents in Cape Town, following the authorisation by the President in various provinces, including the Western Cape;

(2) whether such deployment has managed to curb the crime of extortion in the Western Cape; if not, what has been the challenges in this regard; if so, how? CO536E

New police station

★111. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

What is the current progress of building a new police station at Duncan Village in East London as committed by his predecessor in 2024? CO547E

Operating below minimum norms

★108. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Given that many police stations in high crime areas are operating with less than 50% of their approved personnel and with vehicle fleets that are either unserviceable or exceed 300 000 kms (details furnished), (a) how many police stations nationally are operating below minimum staffing norms disaggregated by provinces, (b) how many SA Police Service vehicles are currently non-operational, (c) what are the reasons for their grounding and (d) why frontline units in high crime communities remain under-resourced while expenditure on headquarters and VIP protection services are sustained;

(2) whether such imbalance constitutes a direct failure of resource prioritisation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what immediate reallocations will be implemented to restore frontline policing capacity and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO544E

Implementation of Operation Shanela

★101. Mr P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether he has engaged all provinces to intensify the implementation of Operation Shanela to combat serious crimes, including gender-based violence, murder, robbery, illegal possession of firearms and illegal immigration across the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he has any other plans to establish other policing strategies to address high rate of violent crimes; if not, why not; if so, what plans? CO537E

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