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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2019

Waiting times at Home Affairs offices

★23. Mr I M Sileku (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (a) What (i) plans and/or (ii) programmes have been undertaken by his department to reduce the long waiting times at Home Affairs offices and (b) when was each implemented? CO63E

Police vs Foreign Nationals in Johannesburg

★24. Mr I M Sileku (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Whether any discussions have taken place between his department and the Department of Police regarding the clash between the police and foreign nationals in the Johannesburg CBD (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is his department doing together with law enforcement agencies to ensure that this does not happen again? CO64E

Gangsterism and organised crime

★25. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:

What is the role of the State Security in assisting to combat (a) gangsterism and (b) organised crimes (details furnished)? CO66E

Strategies/legislation/policies for 4IR

★26. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether her department has any strategies and/or supporting legislation and policies to adequately harness and exploit opportunities that come with the Fourth Industrial Revolution for the greater good of our nation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO67E

Implementation of recommendations

★27. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:

- (1) What progress has been made in implementing the recommendations by the High Level Review Panel on State Security in its report of December 2018;

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- (2) whether the Agency has any implementation plans in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO68E

UN Security Council

★28. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) In light of South Africa's tenure in the United Nations Security Council since the beginning of 2019, to what extent is the country able to advocate for the improvement of the working methods and the comprehensive reform of the United Nations, including the reform and the expansion of the Security Council;
- (2) whether there has been any progress on the African Union's goal of Silencing Guns in the Continent by 2020; if not, what are the challenges in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO81E

UN Security Council & regional organisations

★29. Mr T S C Dodovu (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether South Africa has any strategic plan to promote maximum co-operation between the United Nations Security Council and other regional organisations like the African Union; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO82E

Multilateralism: key to international relations

★30. Ms M P Mmola (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

How does the Government ensure that multilateralism continues to be a key aspect of international relations and that collective action is required to mitigate the geopolitical interests that threaten global sustainable development, good governance and security? CO83E

Good governance & transparent accountability

★31. Mr A B Gxoyiya (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether her department has any plans to (a) improve and (b) ensure that good governance and transparent accountability systems are in place and observed by everyone; if not, what are the challenges in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO84E

Effective economic diplomacy

★32. Mr E M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

How does her department ensure effective economic diplomacy in order to ensure more foreign direct investment in the country? CO85E

Permanent Headquarters for PAP

★33. Ms W Ngwenya (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether there are any processes regarding the provision of a permanent Headquarters for the Pan-African Parliament (PAP); if not, why not; if so, what is the status of the provision of such a permanent Headquarters? CO86E

Use of cell-phones on duty

★34. Mr T S C Dodovu (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Whether, in view of the video footages that are widely-circulated of on-duty officials of his department being busy on their cellular telephones while members of the public are waiting to be assisted, there are any actions by his department to follow up on such incidents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his department has any plans to curb the use of cellular telephones by officials while on duty; if not, what are the challenges in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO87E

Assistance to get IDs

★35. Ms M P Mmola (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether, in view of the number of incidents where young persons were unable to obtain their identity documents (IDs) as a result of not having evidence of birth registration, his department has any plans to assist persons with no birth registration to get their IDs without delay; if not, what are the challenges in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO88E

ID theft & fraud

★36. Ms S Shaikh (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether his department has any plans to (a) combat the scourge of identity documents theft and fraud and (b) assist the victims; if not, what are the challenges in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO90E

*Combating illegal immigration***★37. Mr T S C Dodovu (ANC – North West) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether his department has any plans to work in collaboration with other government departments and other stakeholders to combat illegal immigration to South Africa; if not, what are the challenges in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO91E

*Double-voting***★38. Ms N P Koni (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether the Electoral Commission will ensure that there will be no double-voting in the next elections as it was alleged to have taken place in the 2019 election; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO92E

*Occupation of Western Sahara***★39. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether her department has any strategies to end Morocco's continued occupation of the Western Sahara; if not, why not; if so, (a) what strategies and (b) why has the strategies not yielded any positive results?

CO96E

*Reduction of waiting period for documents***★40. Mr I M Sileku (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) What measures are in place to reduce the six to 12-month-waiting period for critical documents such as passports and ID books for South Africans living abroad;
- (2) whether he has had any discussions with the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation regarding this issue; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO97E

*Reduction of waiting period for documents***★41. Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

- (1) What measures are in place to reduce the six to 12-month-waiting period for critical documents such as passports and ID books for South Africans living abroad;

- (2) whether she has had any discussions with the Minister of Home Affairs regarding this issue; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO98E

Clean records for Ambassadors/Commissioners

- ★42. Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether any (a) measures and/or (b) checks are in place to ensure that all (i) Ambassadors and (ii) High Commissioners have a clean record and have not been complicit in State Capture; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO99E

Construction of building in New York

- ★43. Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether (a) her department has concluded any Public Private Partnership joint ventures with certain companies (details furnished) to construct a building in New York for use by the South African Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York and (b) the necessary prior approvals were obtained from the National Treasury in this regard; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, (a) what is the status of the construction project, (b) what is the proposed budget thereof and (c) what are the further relevant details in each case?

CO100E

Investigations into breaches of controls

- ★44. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether (a) her department has instituted any (i) forensic and/or (ii) other investigations into the breaches of financial and other controls regarding (aa) the Principal Agent Network (PAN) project and (bb) Special Operations and (b) this has led to any (i) disciplinary and/or (ii) criminal prosecutions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

CO101E

Depoliticising SSA

- ★45. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether her department has taken any steps to depoliticise the State Security Agency; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO102E

South African foreign policy

★46. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether under her leadership, the South African foreign policy will be (a) based on the protection of human rights and (b) in line with the founding principles of the South African Constitution; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO103E

Questions transferred from written to oral reply in terms of Rule 249:

State employees doing business with State

■2. Mr I M Sileku (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs: [Written Question 27]

In terms of the provisions of the Public Administration Management Act, 2014 (Act No. 11 of 2014), (a) how many employees of his department have been found to be directors and/or members of private companies that are doing business with the State from 1 February 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what is the value of the business by such companies for the said period?

CW27E

State employees doing business with State

■3. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of State Security: [Written Question 40]

In terms of the provisions of the Public Administration Management Act, 2014 (Act No. 11 of 2014), (a) how many employees of her department have been found to be directors and/or members of private companies that are doing business with the State from 1 February 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what is the value of the business by such companies for the said period?

CW40E