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QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2024****Deferred from Wednesday, 9 October 2024***Tackling non-communicable diseases***★124. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What plans are in place to tackle the burden of the emerging pandemic of non-communicable diseases that have emerged as a major global health challenge which is affecting many people and being among the leading causes of death in the country? CO412E

*Implementation of NHI***★142. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) How will his department provide funding for the implementation of the National Health Insurance (details furnished) and (b) how will budget austerity measures by the National Treasury affect its implementation? CO430E

*Patients at Helen Joseph Hospital***★126. Ms M M Bains (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What steps has his department implemented to address the alleged bad (a) conditions and (b) treatment of patients at the Helen Joseph Hospital (details furnished);
- (2) whether a widely publicised video of a certain person demonstrates (a) the general status of the South African hospitals and/or (b) an exception in this regard; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO414E

*Delayed projects' completion***★135. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) How many hospitals in each province are undergoing (i) refurbishment, (ii) infrastructural development and (iii) repairs are currently delayed, (b) what are the reasons for such projects being delayed, (c) what measures are in place to ensure that projects are completed? CO423E

*Unclaimed bodies from mortuaries***★144. Ms Z N Ngcobo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) How do mortuaries ensure that complete details such as (i) photographs, (ii) fingerprints, and (iii) blood and/or (iv) tissue samples are taken from unidentified bodies as there are

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approximately 3186 of such bodies nationally (details furnished) and (b) how will his department address the underlying socio-economic factors that are contributing to unclaimed bodies? CO432E

Listeriosis outbreak cases

★127. Mr M Feni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What interventions have been made to address the alleged report regarding the cases of affected persons by Listeriosis during its outbreak in 2017? CO415E

Sufficient social workers

★128. Ms S Ndhlovu (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether, with reference to the high levels of gender-based violence and other social ills, her department has sufficient social workers to provide support; if not, what plans are in place to employ more social workers; if so, what are the relevant details? CO416E

SAPS/Victim Empowerment Centres

★137. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What are her department's plans to further ensure that (a) Victim Empowerment Centres and (b) SA Police Service are equipped with (i) rape kits, (ii) information regarding shelters and (iii) trained individuals that understand the complexities of the impact of (aa) gender-based violence, (bb) rape on men and women and (cc) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Queer/Questioning and Intersex Plus abuse? CO425E

Poverty eradication

★129. Mr M P Sibande (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) How is the National Development Agency (NDA) discharging its responsibility of contributing towards the eradication of poverty and its causes in South Africa;
- (2) whether the NDA is making any progress in addressing the levels of poverty; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO417E

Defunded NPOs

★132. Ms T Breedts (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) Which non-profit organisations (NPOs) were defunded by her department after having signed agreements with her department, (b) what are the reasons for defunding, (c) how many NPOs took her department to court for being defunded, (d) what are the total legal costs to her

department in this regard and (e) what measures will her department put in place to avoid similar situations in the future? CO420E

Underspending of allocated budget

★134. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What consequence management were taken regarding employees who failed in ensuring that the budget of the Gauteng Department of Social Development was adequately allocated to non-profit organisations (details furnished) and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard? CO422E

Khuseleka One-Stop Centres

★131. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether any centres like the Khuseleka One-Stop Centre which provides life-saving services to survivors of gender-based violence such as psychosocial support and trauma counselling are available in all provinces; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the long-term plans for her department on the number of such centres; if so,
 - (2) whether such centres perform the services as envisaged; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO419E
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