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THURSDAY, 06 AUGUST 2026

Impact assessment of MTDP

★197. Ms K R Molokomme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether her department has assessed the impact of the Mid-Term Development Plan (MTDP) at national and provincial administration; if not, why not; if so, (a) which departments and provinces have (i) been assessed and (ii) not been assessed, (b) what plans are in place to support all provinces to fully implement the said MTDP and (c) what are the further relevant details? CO997E

Assessments of municipal capacity

★198. Mr T M Kaunda (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether she has conducted any capacity assessments of various municipalities to integrate their Integrated Development Planning processes within the District Development Model since her appointment; if not, why not; if so, (a) what challenges have been identified, (b) what support has been provided and (c) what is the progress to date? CO998E

National infrastructure rollout plan

★199. Mr B S Mabebo (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether she will highlight any key milestones of the national infrastructure roll-out plan since the announcement by the President in his State of -the-Nation-Address; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the challenges in the implementation of the identified catalytic projects (b) what measures are in place to address such challenges, (c) what initiatives are in place to monitor infrastructure development and address coordination challenges across government structures and (d) what are the further relevant details? CO999E

National planning system framework

★200. Ms K R Molokomme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether she will provide any updates on the process of creating a legislative framework that is aimed at creating a coherent national planning system and enhancing accountability across government; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1000E

[No 30—2026] THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

*NYDA oversight/strategic direction***★201. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

(a) What progress has her department made in strengthening oversight and strategic direction of the National Youth Development Agency to ensure that its programmes contribute meaningfully to reducing youth unemployment and (b) what measurable targets has her department set for the said agency to achieve during the remainder of the 2026/27 financial year?

CO1001E

*Advancing socio-economic empowerment of women***★202. Mr M F Mokwele (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

(a) What key (i) programmes and (ii) interventions will her department implement during the remainder of the 2026/27 financial year to advance socio-economic empowerment of women, particularly young women, women in the rural areas and women-owned enterprises in view of the 2026 commemoration of Women's Month and (b) how will her department measure the impact of such interventions across government?

CO1002E

*National Strategic Plan on GBVF***★203. Ms S Masumpa (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

(a) What progress has her department made in coordinating the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) during the 2026/27 financial year, given the continued national priority to eradicate GBVF and commemoration of the national campaign against GBVF and (b) what additional interventions will be undertaken during the remainder of the said period to (i) strengthen prevention, (ii) improve accountability across departments and (iii) enhance support services for survivors?

CO1003E

*Disability Rights Awareness Month***★204. Mr M P Sibande (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

What measures will her department implement during the remainder of the 2026/27 financial year to (a) accelerate social and economic inclusion of persons with disabilities, (b) improve access to employment and public services and (c) strengthen monitoring of disability mainstreaming across all organs of state as South Africa is preparing to observe Disability Rights Awareness Month later in 2026?

CO1004E

*Improving life***★205. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities:**

What her department has executed to improve the lives of women, children and persons with disabilities in South Africa since its inception in 2009?

CO1005E

*Measurable improvements***★206. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities:**

Whether she will indicate any measurable improvements that South Africans should expect from additional expenditure during the current financial year, given that her department received more than R2.2 billion of which almost R2 billion is transferred to entities, leaving approximately R288 million for the department's own operations while women continue to face record levels of gender-based violence, youth unemployment remains stubbornly high and persons with disabilities continue to encounter barriers to economic participation?

CO1006E

*Departmental spending/resources***★207. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities:**

Whether she will justify spending almost half of her department's resources on administration while vulnerable South Africans are demanding services rather than bureaucracy, given that almost half of her department's operational budget is consumed by administration while programmes for women, youth and persons with disabilities have to share the remaining budget?

CO1007E

*Consultants for departmental work***★208. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities:**

Why her department's officials are not performing the work for which they are employed as her department has increased its allocation for consultants from approximately R6 million to almost R38 million, given that the Annual Performance Plan provides no clear explanation of what such consultants will deliver?

CO1008E

*Integrated Knowledge Hub***★209. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities:**

Why taxpayers continue to fund the Integrated Knowledge Hub, given that the project remained under development for almost eight years without being completed? CO1009E

*Failing municipal services***★210. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

What actions is her department taking differently to ensure that planning finally results in implementation and persistent failures carry real consequences for those who are responsible as South Africa has no shortage of plans, strategies and performance frameworks, yet communities continue to experience failing municipal services? CO1010E

*Rationalisation Framework for SOEs***★211. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

Whether the proposed development of a State-Owned Enterprise Rationalisation Framework and national guidelines for Board and Chief Executive Officer appointments will ensure that appointments to their positions are based on competence rather than political deployment? CO1011E

*Medium-Term Development Plan***★212. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

How her department reconciles that assessment with lived reality of communities where basic municipal services continue to deteriorate as her department reports steady progress against the Medium-Term Development Plan? CO1012E

*Recurring failures in service delivery***★213. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

(a) Why South Africa continues to experience recurring failures in service delivery, repeated Auditor-General findings and chronic underperformance across many government departments and municipalities, given that her department is responsible for monitoring government performance and ensuring that departments deliver on their commitments and (b) what concrete accountability mechanisms has her department implemented to ensure that poor performance results in consequences rather than merely producing monitoring reports? CO1013E

Measuring departmental programmes

★214. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

How her department's programmes are being measured in creating real and sustainable economic opportunities rather than simply funding activities with limited long-term impact, given that despite significant annual budget allocations to her department and its entities, South Africa continues to face one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the world while many women and persons with disabilities remain excluded from meaningful economic opportunities?

CO1014E

Vera Stimulation Centre

★215. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether her department has conducted any interventions at the Vera Stimulation Centre in Belfast in Emakhazeni Local Municipality regarding reports of dilapidated infrastructure, food shortages, unsafe playground equipment, lack of stationery and inadequate water and sanitation; if not, why not; if so, (a) what urgent steps of intervention have been taken at fulfilling its constitutional mandate to protect the dignity and rights of children with disabilities at the said facility, (b) when will urgent remedial actions be taken to resolve such conditions of neglect and (c) what are the further relevant details?

CO1015E

Sanitary Dignity Implementation Framework

★216. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

- (1) What specific interventions have been taken to standardise Sanitary Dignity Implementation Framework across all provinces to prevent provincial service delivery discrepancies in light of the ongoing fragmented implementation of the Sanitary Dignity Programme and uneven distribution structures that are managed between the Departments of Social Development and Basic Education in all provinces;
- (2) whether her department has conducted any audits on why certain provinces such as the Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga continue to face severe storage failures and dysfunctional provincial sanitary dignity committees while other provinces such as Gauteng are capable of distributing comprehensive multi-item "dignity packs"; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO1016E

[No 30—2026] THIRD SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

*Mandatory employment equity quotas***★217. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

(a) What interventions is her department taking in coordination with the Department of Employment and Labour to enforce mandatory employment equity quotas for persons with disabilities and (b) what specific compliance rates are there across the public and private sectors over the past two financial years?

CO1017E

*Delayed municipal infrastructure projects***★218. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

- (1) What specific interventions have been taken to oversee and expedite delayed municipal infrastructure projects, including the Emakhazeni Wastewater Treatment Works, the Extension 11 housing development in Matlosana and the incomplete water systems in the Thaba Chweu and Lekwa Local Municipalities, given the lack of monitoring across departments, provinces and municipalities;
- (2) what interventions have been taken to introduce rigorous monitoring, data verification and post-project evaluations across such sites to ensure that provincial and local budgetary allocations translate into quality service delivery?

CO1018E

*National Strategic Plan on GBVF***★219. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

(a) What concrete measures her department has in place to ensure that the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide is properly funded and effectively implemented, given its continued scourge and persistent lack of adequate victim support services in many rural communities and township police stations, despite repeated commitments by the Government and (b) how her department accounts for the ongoing failure to provide accessible and adequately resourced support services to victims in the said underserved areas?

CO1019E

*Non-performance by government departments***★220. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

(a) What interventions has her department undertaken to identify and address the persistent non-performance by national, provincial and local government departments that are responsible for critical development projects as part of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP), given the continued collapse of service delivery and implementation failures in many township and rural communities, (b)

how many service delivery projects which are identified under the NDP been classified as delayed, abandoned and/or incomplete over the past five financial years in each province and in each sector, (c) what accountability measures have been instituted against departments and/or officials who are responsible for such failures and (d) what urgent corrective actions will be implemented to ensure that neglected communities receive the promised basic infrastructure and public services? CO1020E

Escalating youth unemployment crisis

★221. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

(a) How many young persons were transitioned into permanent, sustainable employment rather than short-term contracts or Expanded Public Works Programme stipends during the 2024/25 financial year, given the continued failure of government programmes to address South Africa's escalating youth unemployment crisis and widespread concerns that temporary work opportunities are being presented as lasting solutions and (b) what measures is her department implementing to end the cycle of temporary employment that leaves thousands of young persons without long-term economic security? CO1021E

Performance failures

★222. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

- (1) What immediate and punitive accountability measures has her department recommended against accounting officers whose departments continue to receive failing performance assessments despite repeated commitments to improve, given the persistent failure of several government departments to achieve satisfactory performance outcomes;
- (2) what concrete consequences (a) have been imposed or (b) will be imposed on such officials to end the entrenched culture of impunity that shield incompetence and protect public resources from continued mismanagement? CO1022E