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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2025

[Reply by 30 May 2025]

Questions transferred from oral to written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

Curbing cyberattacks

566. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★98]

- (1) Whether she will provide the reasons why her department has consistently failed to implement effective preventive measures to curb cyberattacks that are targeting (a) public institutions and (b) private businesses with devastating economic consequences (details furnished); if not, why not; if so,
- (2) how will she justify the allocation of billions to cybersecurity while the country remains vulnerable to basic breaches that are undermining public confidence in her leadership?

CW593E

Mismanagement of State Security funds

567. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★99]

- (a) How will she reconcile the claims of transparency with recent allegations of financial mismanagement and misuse of State Security funds, (b) why her department consistently resisted calls for more robust parliamentary oversight which may suggest a deliberate effort to shield incompetence or corruption and (c) what are the further relevant details in this regard?

CW594E

*Strengthening borders***568. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★101]**

(a) What specific actions has her department taken to strengthen border security in the 2024/25 financial year and (b) how is she collaborating with other agencies to combat corruption, inefficiency, human trafficking and smuggling at the South African borders? CW596E

*Vetting SSA personnel***569. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★102]**

(a) How is her department addressing the resulting backlog in security clearance as many State Security Agency personnel are undergoing re-vetting to retain their security clearances, (b) what challenges has this created for the agency's efficiency and (c) what timelines have been established for completing the re-vetting process? CW597E

*Corruption at SSA***570. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★104]**

(a) What measures has the State Security Agency instituted to prevent corruption and mismanagement, including funds for political purposes as revealed by the Zondo Commission and (b) how is her department ensuring transparency and accountability in the allocation and use of intelligence funds? CW599E

*Combatting digital threats/cybercrime***571. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★107]**

What legislative tools are available under the Cybercrimes Act, 2020 (Act No. 19 of 2020), to combat digital threats and cybercrime? CW603E

*Addressing socio-economic drivers***572. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★108]**

What legislative measures are being taken to address socio-economic drivers such as poverty and inequality within the framework of national security? CW604E

*Change in regulations***573. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [★109]**

In light of the proposed change in regulations by the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority to take away weapons from private security guards, how will he ensure that those who have to stay off the streets stay behind bars if security officers could not protect themselves? CW605E

*Compliance of legal standards***574. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [★110]**

In light of approximately 4000 claims that are faced by the SA Police Service (SAPS) in the 2023/24 financial year, how is the SAPS ensuring compliance with legal standards to prevent unlawful arrests and significant financial liabilities? CW606E

*Inaugural National Policing Summit***575. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [★111]**

- (1) (a) What key challenges have been identified at the recent inaugural National Policing Summit that was held in Gauteng early in April 2025 and (b) what measures are in place to (i) mitigate and (ii) address such challenges;
- (2) whether any concrete and adequate mechanisms are in place to monitor the implementation of interventions in addressing the high levels of crimes and lawlessness in the country? CW607E

*Inaugural National Policing Summit***576. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [★112]**

- (1) What has been the cost implications for hosting the inaugural National Policing Summit, given the constrained financial circumstances in which the government finds itself under;
- (2) whether any (a) collaborations and/or (b) partnerships have taken place with the private sector such as donations and sponsorships of any kind or financials to fund the successful hosting of the said summit; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what such collaborations entail? CW608E

*Investigations into crimes against children***577. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [★114]**

What specific measures has (a) he and (b) the SA Police Service's management implemented to ensure that future investigations into crimes against children are handled with the utmost care, sensitivity and professionalism, given the errors that were made during the investigation of a certain case (details furnished)? CW610E

*SSA internal accountability***578. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★115]**

What specific measures has she implemented to ensure that internal accountability mechanisms at the State Security Agency are strengthened, particularly in terms of the

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parliamentary oversight over the Agency and the misappropriation of approximately R5.8 million covert fund by two former officials (details furnished)? CW611E

Internal corruption at SSA

579. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★117]

What concrete measures has the State Security Agency implemented to (a) prevent internal corruption and (b) ensure that state intelligence is not misused for political purposes? CW613E

Forensic case backlogs

580. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [★118]

How the SA Police Service justifies the continued poor performance in forensic case backlogs despite repeated (a) budget allocations and (b) promises to improve turnaround times? CW614E

Rural Safety Strategy

581. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police: [★122]

(a) How effective is his department's Rural Safety Strategy that is aimed at combating crime in rural areas and (b) what are its main challenges? CW618E

Progress on outstanding corruption cases

582. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: [★126]

(a) What progress has been made regarding the alleged cases of corruption that were outstanding since 24 September 2024 when she appeared before the National Council of Provinces for oral reply questions session, (b) how many officials were found guilty in this regard and (c) what are the relevant details in relation to their sanctions? CW622E

Overcrowding crisis in prisons

583. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★128]

(a) What urgent plans has his department implemented to address the persistent overcrowding crisis in prisons that is leading to alarming numbers of escapes, particularly at facilities that exceed 150% of approved capacity and (b) what disciplinary actions have been taken against any negligent officials? CW624E

*Alleged corruption at correctional facilities***584. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★130]**

- (1) What urgent actions has his department taken to (a) investigate and (b) stop the alleged corruption at the Westville Correctional Facility in Durban and the New Prison in Pietermaritzburg regarding wealthy inmates who are bribing officials to enjoy special privileges (details furnished);
- (2) whether he will commit to publicly releasing the findings of such investigations; if not, why not? CW626E

*Updating parole policy***585. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★131]**

Whether, given the serious deficiencies that have been flagged by the Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services (details furnished), he will provide a detailed timeline for the (a) update and (b) reform of the parole policy, including those who will be involved in (i) drafting, (ii) reviewing and (iii) implementation of the reforms to ensure that vulnerable communities are no longer left at the mercy of a broken system; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW627E

*Protection of female inmates***586. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★132]**

In light of the national crisis of gender-based violence, what targeted interventions has his department implemented to protect female inmates from (a) sexual violence by officials and (b) secondary victimisation in correctional facilities? CW628E

*Critical staff vacancies***587. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★133]**

What strategies are in place to fill critical staff vacancies, particularly in the (a) healthcare and (b) engineering roles within the correctional facilities, as such vacancies compromise the (i) delivery of essential services and (ii) maintenance of facilities (details furnished)? CW629E

*Overcrowding in prisons***588. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★137]**

- (1) Whether he has any plans to immediately address overcrowding in prisons; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details;

- (2) whether he had any engagements with the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure to address the dilapidating conditions of prisons, partly as the result of overcrowding; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW633E

Rehabilitation/reintegration of offenders

589. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★138]

What (a) initiatives and/or (b) programmes his department has in place to support the (i) rehabilitation and (ii) reintegration of offenders into society, particularly those who have completed their sentences and are preparing for release? CW634E

Curbing smuggling of contraband

590. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★139]

(a) What strategies have been employed to curb the smuggling of contraband in correctional facilities, given the alleged numerous confiscated items in the past year (details furnished) and (b) how is his department addressing the involvement of staff members in facilitating such illegal activities? CW635E

Parole system reforms

591. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services: [★140]

(a) What is the current status of (i) implementing the Correctional Services Amendment Act, 2023 (Act No. 14 of 2023) reforms, including the prohibition of detaining prisoners beyond facility capacity and (ii) the enhancement of parole systems reforms and (b) how his department is ensuring compliance with the new regulations to address issues such as (i) overcrowding and (ii) inadequate oversight? CW636E

New questions:

Access to healthcare

592. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Health:

What steps will his department take to ensure that the rights of pregnant women, including undocumented immigrants are protected to receive the necessary healthcare services in clinics as mandated by the Gauteng High Court ruling? CW680E

Services to rural communities

593. Adv Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his department in improving its ability to deliver services to the citizens of South Africa (details furnished), his department has any programmes

to improve network and services to the rural areas; if not, why not; if so, (a) what programmes and (b) what are the further relevant details;

- (2) whether his department has any plans to address the long travelling distances that are faced by rural communities to access services; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW688E

Service delivery hotspots

594. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question 147 on 11 April 2025, (a) why service delivery hotspots in Gauteng, Free State and North West were not referred to in his reply, (b) which municipalities qualify as such and (c) what mechanisms will he use to (i) oversee and (ii) monitor municipalities in such provinces;
- (2) which successes have been reported for the said programme in municipalities in the said provinces? CW705E

Reversal of appointments

595. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

- (1) Whether he has any plans to initiate the process of reversing the alleged irregular appointments of the Chief Executive Officers of Chris Hani, Steve Biko and George Mukhari Academic Hospitals in Gauteng (details furnished) and report the matter in terms of Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are any reasons not to provide accurate and correct response when knowingly and or ought to have reasonably known that his response was incorrect and misleading when saying the investigation was still open (details furnished); if not, why the response that was provided failed to consider the Auditor-General's findings; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will uphold his oath of Office by initiating criminal cases against everyone who is responsible for unlawful appointments of the said Chief Executive Officers as he has now been informed of the Auditor-General's findings (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW706E

Investigation re-Thembisa Hospital arson

596. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether he will provide an update on the investigation regarding the tragic arson attack at the Thembisa Hospital which claimed lives and disrupted healthcare services; if so, (a) what

measures have been taken to ensure accountability and systemic reforms to enhance the security of public healthcare facilities? CW707E

Youth unemployment

597. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

Whether he will outline any specific interventions to (a) foster youth entrepreneurship, (b) create sustainable job opportunities and (c) address skills mismatches between education outcomes and market needs as South Africa is facing the highest youth unemployment rates globally (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW708E

Digital literacy

598. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

How will his department address challenges of digital literacy, infrastructure and connectivity in the rural areas to ensure that residents (a) have equal access to digital services and (b) benefit from his department's digital transformation initiatives? CW709E

Medium-Term Development Plan 2024-2029

599. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Deputy President:

- (1) (a) What specific directives have he issued to achieve objectives of the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2024-2029 that prioritises "A nation that works for all" through inclusive growth and job creation via public-private partnerships, (b) what steps have been taken to engage Cabinet in reviewing or removing discriminatory legislation such as Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment and race-based laws to foster a more inclusive economy and (c) what measures have been implemented to (i) strengthen foreign relations and (ii) promote a market-friendly environment to attract private sector investment in each case;
- (2) how the Government intends to align its policies with the MTDP 2024-2029 to ensure inclusive growth and equal opportunities for all (details furnished)? CW710E

Irregularities at water testing facility

600. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Free State Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs has the authority to donate a facility to another local municipality, given the alleged irregularities at the Kestell Water Testing facility (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) why the process of testing water has been duplicated by sending water samples to the University of the Free State at an additional cost of R3 450 079 per annum that could be redirected to other essential services;
- (3) whether a report has been submitted on the (a) operations and (b) feasibility of such water facility; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW711E

Mismanagement of municipal assets

601. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) Whether he has been informed that the municipal manager has registered Mafube Local Municipality assets under the names of municipal officials (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what consequence management steps will be implemented against such a municipal manager in this regard;
- (2) what steps has his department taken to assist municipalities to settle their outstanding debt with the traffic department? CW712E

Sports grounds/stadiums with hosting certificates

602. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

- (1) (a) How many municipal, provincial and national (i) sports grounds and (ii) stadiums have valid certificates to host (aa) national and/or (bb) international athletics events as they have South African or World records, (b) what is the breakdown of all facilities in each province, (c) what programmes is his department assist in rural municipalities to be able to host athletic events to (i) produce and (ii) develop sport stars;
- (2) whether his department has any special (a) grants and/or (b) budget allocations for the upgrading of municipal sporting facilities that are struggling financially; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what are the standing regulations between (a) the sporting associations and management of sporting facilities that have the necessary industry knowledge and (b) municipalities without inside knowledge regarding running such facilities effectively? CW713E

Eradication of sewage spillages

603. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What actions will her department take to (a) intervene and (b) eradicate sewage spillages that are caused and/or allowed by local municipalities where the national bulk water provision is affected and endangered by such municipalities as a result of not having the capacity to deal with such sewage spillages? CW714E

*Maintenance/expansion of sanitation***604. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(a) What supportive measures are in place to assist (i) provinces and (ii) local municipalities to ensure that they maintain and expand their sanitation and (b) what measures are in place to ensure adequate support for (i) rural and (ii) underserved municipalities to address backlogs in basic service delivery? CW715E

*Gold reserves***605. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) (a) How much is South Africa's current gold reserves value compared to United States dollars, (b) what portions of such reserves are kept (i) in the country and (ii) offshore, (c) when last were such reserves inspected by SA officials, (d) on what dates have such inspections been conducted, (e) how often are the said reserves physically inspected, (f) who conducts such physical inspections, (g) to whom the said officials report and (h) in what countries are South Africa's offshore gold reserves kept;
- (2) whether any portions of the country's gold reserves have been reported (a) missing and/or (b) unaccounted for from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, (i) when and (ii) how much in each case;
- (3) how much has the annual cost been to store South Africa's gold reserves (a) within the country and (b) offshore in each financial year from 1 April 2015 to date? CW716E

*Incarcerated persons***606. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

Whether certain persons (details furnished) are currently incarcerated by his department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what sentences are they serving respectively, (b) at which centres are they detained, (c) what are their unique prison numbers, (d) how much time of their sentences they (i) have served and (ii) still have to serve? CW717E

*Safety of whistleblowers***607. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

What steps have been taken to (a)(i) protect whistleblowers and (ii) obtain a statement of a certain person (details furnished) who is a whistleblower, (b) report allegations of operations of a crime syndicate in the Zonderwater Correctional Services facility and (c) develop the norms and standards for the protection of whistleblowers under his department's care? CW718E

*Dogs at correctional facilities***608. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the recent incident at the Goodwood Correctional facility where wardens allegedly attacked and murdered an inmate (details furnished), any attempts have been made to use dogs to arrest the drug economy that is prevalent in the Western Cape correctional facilities; if not, why not; if so, (a) what attempts and (b) what are the reasons that a certain amount of drugs (details furnished) were still found in the Western Cape prisons over the past year;
- (2) (a) why a dog and/or dogs were not used in the days prior to the incident at the Goodwood Correctional facility to detect drugs and (b) what is the breakdown of the number of dogs that are (i) supposed to be and (ii) actually employed by his department at each correctional facility in the country? CW719E

*Death of inmate in custody***609. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) With reference to the death of a certain inmate (details furnished) whilst in the custody at the Goodwood Correctional facility, (a) what was the (i) date and (ii) time of admission of the said inmate to the Karl Bremer Hospital, (b) how and (c) by whom was he transported to the said hospital;
- (2) whether the said person was still alive when the decision was made at the Goodwood Correctional facility to transport him to the hospital; if so,
- (3) whether departmental officials were present when the said person was admitted at Karl Bremer Hospital; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the names, surnames and designations of such officials, (b) what is the protocol for preserving possible crime scenes when incidents such as these happen and (c) who is responsible for preserving it until the SA Police Service arrives;
- (4) whether any recordings and/or footages are available for the incident (details furnished); if not, (a) what was a certain person monitoring (name furnished) from the control room in this regard, (b) where are the footages of the adjacent areas such as the courtyard, sick bay, entrance or exit where the said inmate was moved through when he was sent to the hospital; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he will provide any (a) reports and (b) photographs of the nature and exact extent of the injuries that have been sustained by certain persons (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW720E

*Death of inmate in custody***610. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) With reference to the death of a certain inmate (details furnished) whilst in custody at the Goodwood Correctional facility following an alleged self-defence incident, (a) what are the names of the two inmates who assisted a certain person to remove the said inmate from the scene to the hospital section (details furnished), (b) who cleaned the crime scene and (c) when;
- (2) whether forensics and/or the SA Police Service were called to attend to the crime scene; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) by whom and (c) when have they arrived;
- (3) (a) what happened to the sharp object that the warden was stabbed with as evidence, (b) why was the deceased inmate only dressed in boxer shorts and (c) what happened to his clothing;
- (4) (a) why was it necessary to deploy the use of a dog in this regard, (b) at what stage this happened, (c) by whom, (d) under whose order and (e) what is the protocol in employing the services of a dog? CW721E

*Death of inmate in custody***611. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) (a) Why was a murder docket only opened two months after the death of a certain inmate (details furnished) whilst in the custody at the Goodwood Correctional facility following an alleged self-defence incident and (b) when was the SA Police Service granted access to the crime scene;
- (2) whether the crime scene was preserved; if not, what are the consequences in the event that the Department of Correctional Services failed to preserve the crime scene; if so, what are the relevant details? CW722E

*Conditional grant allocation formula***612. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

In light of her reply to Question 212 on 11 April 2025 which attributed grant allocation constraints to the National Treasury and relies on provinces and metropolitans to absorb the impact of inflation and rising construction costs, what concrete steps has her department taken (a) independently or (b) in consultation with the National Treasury to review or propose a revision of the current conditional grant allocation formula (details furnished)? CW723E

Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant

613. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) Why the Free State and North West were not subjected to the same R300 million budget cut like the Western Cape despite similar underperformance as they underspent on the threshold of the Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG) (details furnished) and (b) what (i) objectives and (ii) standardised criteria were used by her department to (aa) determine the reallocation of the ISUPG funds and (bb) justify what appeared to be unequal treatment across provinces? CW724E

Provision of assistance to province

614. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) With reference to her reply to Question 339 on 15 April 2025 (details furnished), what specific forms of national level support, technical, financial and/or otherwise has her department provided to the Western Cape to assist in mitigating the impact of the cuts on urgent housing delivery, particularly in informal settlements and high demand urban areas;
- (2) in light of her department's encouragement for provinces to reprioritise and proceed with ready-to-implement projects, what alternative funding sources, fiscal incentives and/or intergovernmental mechanisms has her department made available to provinces such as the Western Cape that have demonstrated fiscal discipline and project readiness in order to offset negative impact of the national budget reductions? CW725E

Properties leased by SANDF

615. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether she will provide a list of all properties that are leased by the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) in Postmasburg; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many homes are currently being rented out by the SANDF to (i) staff and (ii) their families in Postmasburg, (b) at what level of responsibility is the SANDF assuming the maintenance of such properties, (c) why her department has not yet demolished trailer park homes in Postmasburg that were declared uninhabitable and (d) what actions is her department taking to address (i) vandalism and (ii) the use of the properties by vagrants? CW726E

Outstanding replies

616. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

(a) When will the replies to Questions (i) 402, (ii) 403 and (iii) 404 that were published on Friday, 4 April 2025 be provided and (b) what are the reasons for the delays in this regard? CW727E

*SAPS members in stock theft syndicates***617. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether his department has taken any steps to root out the involvement of the SA Police Service members with stock theft and stock theft syndicates; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) (a) what actions have been taken to further (i) empower stock theft units and (ii) increase their efficiency in combatting stock theft, (b) what are the latest statistics regarding stock theft and (c) what successes have been achieved (i) by each unit and (ii) in each location? CW728E

*Integrated Public Transport Network***618. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) Whether she will provide the Integrated Public Transport Network (IPTN) that was compiled by her predecessor for the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether the plan has been approved; if not, (a) why not and (b) what remedial steps are necessary in this regard; if so, (i) when and (ii) what are the further relevant details;
- (3) whether any persons who were responsible for (a) the non-compliance, (b) fruitless and wasteful expenditure and/or (c) unauthorised expenditure regarding the IPTN have been identified; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether any steps have been taken against such persons; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW729E

*Protection/safety of whistleblowers***619. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (a) What measures are in place to ensure the (i) protection and (ii) safety of (aa) whistleblowers and (bb) state witnesses that provide crucial information in criminal investigations, particularly in cases that are involving high-profile and/or organised crimes and (b) how effective have such measures been in practice in the past three years? CW730E

*Curbing teenage pregnancy***620. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

- (a) What systems are in place to (i) monitor, (ii) evaluate and (iii) reduce teenage pregnancy in the country, particularly in the (aa) rural and (bb) underprivileged communities, (b) what

measures are in place to ensure that effectiveness of such systems are regularly (i) assessed and (ii) improved in collaboration with other relevant departments such as the Department of (aa) Basic Education, (bb) Health and (cc) Social Development? CW731E

Sexual misconduct of educators

621. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) How many educators have been (i) dismissed for sexual misconduct, (ii) found guilty and (iii) relieved from their positions, (b) what measures are in place to screen all educators to ensure that learners are not victims of (i) sexual harassment and/or (ii) exploitation and (c) what are the detailed breakdowns in each province for the 2024/25 financial year in this regard? CW732E

Bribes in courts

622. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(a) How many cases of court bribes have been discovered across the country for the 2024/25 financial year (details furnished), (b) what is the breakdown in each province in this regard and (c) what are the consequence management plans to ensure that all cases receive the same (i) treatment and (ii) services? CW733E

Student accommodation

623. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

(a) What mechanisms are in place to ensure that students are not exploited by landlords, especially landlords that are not registered to accommodate students in the rural areas like the Zululand District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal and (b) how his department is planning to provide more student accommodation that is (i) safe and (ii) suitable for all students? CW734E

Grant beneficiaries

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

How many of the 20 thousand grant beneficiaries who use other forms of identification could not receive their social grants at the end of April 2025? CW736E

Appeals on SRD grant

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

(a) How many appeals have been received on the Social Relief of Distress grant during the past two years and (b) how many have been resolved? CW737E

*Funding NPOs***626. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What measures are in place to curb delays of funding as some non-profit organisations have not yet received their funding while some have received contracts but no funding? CW738E

*Slow parole process***627. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) Noting that parole is part of our country's correction system to further rehabilitate offenders and assist them to live normal lives in communities, why has there been a slowdown in the process of granting parole since he took Office, effectively rendering parole boards redundant;
- (2) whether he has issued a directive in this regard; if not, why there is little progress to release eligible and deserving inmates on parole; if so, what are the relevant details?
CW739E

*Appointment of parole board officials***628. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) (a) What procedures have been followed in appointing parole board officials and (b) which (i) laws and (ii) regulations are applicable in their appointment;
- (2) whether many retired correctional officials have been appointed on such boards at the exclusion of the community; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?
CW740E

*Staffing at courts***629. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Given that courts in South Africa are understaffed and experienced prosecutors and magistrates often find their way to the private sector, what measures are in place to ensure that (a) courts are staffed and (b) the system will not collapse by postponing cases indefinitely and/or for long periods as is currently the case?
CW741E

*Intervention in municipalities***630. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether any interventions have been implemented in the (a) Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, (b) Masilonyana Local Municipality and (c) OR Tambo District Municipality to curtail the crisis of failure in accounting cycles; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether (a) national and (b) provincial government interventions in municipalities are effective; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW742E

*Structural constraints on economy***631. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Given that several structural constraints on the supply side of the economy such as infrastructure bottlenecks, weak business environment and low productivity impeded economic growth in South Africa, (a) what specific areas within his department are currently identified as having bottlenecks, (b) what data is used to determine such bottlenecks, (c) what strategies are in place to solve this issue and (d) what monitoring strategies are in place to evaluate (i) progress and (ii) the effectiveness of implemented solutions? CW743E

*Electricity outages in Gompo***632. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

Whether he has been informed that residents of Gompo in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality in the Eastern Cape experience electricity outages on a daily basis, with some streets having no electricity for more than six hours a day; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CW744E

*Water challenges in rural areas***633. Ms Z N Ngcobo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether she will provide a detailed plan of action to address water challenges in the rural areas (details furnished), including (a) timelines for upgrading and maintaining water infrastructure, (b) strategies to improve water quality and ensure compliance with the national standards and (c) initiatives to increase access to clean water for rural communities, particularly in areas where water scarcity is a significant challenge; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW745E

*Strategies for sustainable electricity supply***634. Ms Z N Ngcobo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

Whether he will provide a detailed plan that is outlining short- and long-term strategies to address South Africa's electricity supply; if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures will be taken to maintain and upgrade existing electricity infrastructure to prevent power outages and ensure reliability, (b) how will the Government integrate more renewable energy sources into the grid to (i) reduce dependence on fossil fuels and (ii) mitigate the impact of climate change, (c) what initiatives will be implemented to (i) promote energy efficiency and (ii) reduce energy consumption, particularly in high-usage sectors such as industry and commerce, (d) how will the Government attract investment and secure funding for electricity infrastructure development and maintenance and (e) what role will public-private partnerships play in this regard?

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Land reform process

- 559. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development: (*Interdepartmental transfer – 16 May 2025*)**

What strategies are in place to speed up land reform process that is caused by poor performance, fluctuation and conflicting policy messages which have been delivered since 1994?

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