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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2026

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

Withholding equitable share allocations

825. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [★171]

(1) Whether, in light of the Government's decision to withhold equitable share allocations from 69 financially distressed and/or non-compliant municipalities (details furnished), he will explain the constitutional rationale behind allowing equitable share suspensions to proceed, given that such punitive measure directly penalises marginalised citizens by denying their constitutional rights to basic water, sanitation, electricity and refuse removal; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) why his department has not intervened to prevent such blanket funding freezes instead of executing direct consequence management, personal financial liability and criminal prosecution against specific Mayors, Municipal Managers and Chief Financial Officers who are legally responsible for the underlying financial mismanagement and corruption? CW971E

Section 139 intervention

826. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [★173]

(a) What concrete, measurable measures his department has taken to ensure that section 139 intervention produces effective and tangible outcomes for the Lekwa Local Municipality, given the said municipality’s continued to experience a collapse of basic service delivery despite repeated provincial interventions, (b) on what specific date will residents of Standerton and surrounding communities receive reliable, uninterrupted water, sanitation and electricity services and (c) what specific consequence management and disciplinary actions have been instituted against municipal officials and political office bearers who are responsible for the continued collapse of governance and service delivery in the said municipality? CW973E

Participation of traditional leadership in local government

827. Mr B S Mabebo (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [★177]

Whether his department is making any progress in addressing challenges that impede participation of traditional leadership in local government matters; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress, (b) what mechanisms has he initiated since taking Office to address

jurisdictional conflicts with elected ward councillors and (c) what are the further relevant details? CW977E

Foreign nationals employed in public sector

828. Mr T M Kaunda (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration: [★182]

Whether his department is making any progress in collecting data to ensure accurate and comprehensive records of foreign nationals who are employed in the public sector; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many of those have been identified as not occupying critical occupations with longer than three years and/or permanent employment and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW982E

Avoiding abuse of State resources

829. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration: [★184]

What measures are being taken to prevent employees who have been disciplined and fired from applying for tenders to avoid the continued abuse of State resources (details furnished)? CW984E

Collapse of disaster/emergency services

830. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [★185]

(a) What assessment has his department made of the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality's ability to fulfil its statutory responsibilities in respect of disaster and emergency services in light of the apparent collapse of such services in the said municipality (details furnished) and (b) what urgent interventions will be implemented to ensure that residents are no longer placed at risk as a result of such municipality's failure to provide basic emergency response services? CW985E

Section 139 interventions

831. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [★186]

Whether the current legislative framework governing section 139 interventions is no longer fit for purpose as municipalities placed under such intervention only return to financial collapse, governance failure and service delivery crises shortly after the intervention ends (details furnished)? CW986E

Reviewed White Paper

832. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [★187]

(1) Whether Reviewed White Paper will be accompanied by legislative amendments that fundamentally reform section 139 by introducing measurable intervention outcomes, fixed implementation time frames, accountability for administrators and enforceable recovery plans (details furnished);

(2) whether municipalities will simply continue to fail under a different policy document? CW987E

Ghost employees

833. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration: [★188]

(a) What measures has his department implemented to ensure that departments regularly verify employee existence, attendance and payroll integrity as ghost employees continue to divert scarce public resources away from frontline service delivery and (b) what progress has been made in institutionalising such audits across the public service? CW988E

Timeframes for disciplinary cases

834. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration: [★190]

What steps his department has taken to ensure that disciplinary cases are concluded within reasonable timeframes and paid absences would not become the norm, given that lengthy precautionary suspensions and officials remaining at home on full pay while disciplinary processes drag on continue to undermine public confidence and waste public resources? CW990E

Verification of minimum qualifications

835. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration: [★191]

What progress has been made in verifying that senior managers and accounting officers meet the prescribed minimum qualifications, experience and competency requirements before and after appointment as effectiveness of the public service depends on appointing suitably qualified and competent leaders? CW991E

Merit/qualifications/performance for appointments

836. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration: [★192]

What further steps will be taken by his department to ensure that merit, qualifications and performance become the overriding criteria for appointments throughout the public service as South Africans have lost confidence in many state institutions as a result that appointments are too often perceived to be influenced by political considerations rather than competence? CW992E

Accountability for administrative failures

837. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [★193]

What concrete measures his department will implement to ensure that accountability is directed at those responsible for administrative failures, instead of allowing ordinary South Africans to bear the consequences of poor municipal governance which results in delayed infrastructure projects and deteriorating basic services, given his commitment to the catch and clean-up campaign to root out corruption, strengthen governance and build capable municipalities (details furnished)? CW993E

Land rights for traditional leaders

838. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development: [★194] ***(Interdepartmental transfer – 7 August 2026)***

(1) Whether he will provide a definite undertaking and the precise timelines as to when the Government intends to undo historical colonial demarcation and reinstate customary demarcations, given the failure to address land rights, including commercial land rightfully belonging to traditional authorities and certain Amakhosi, service delivery and effective local governance (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the Government will ensure that affected communities, including Amakhosi are compensated by farmers who are conducting commercial farming on the land rightfully belonging to various tribes and Amakhosi, given their land was usurped by former colonisers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW994E

New questions:

Fight against corruption

839. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Minister in The Presidency:

(1) How many senior government officials have been dismissed or successfully prosecuted for corruption during the past twelve months despite repeated government's commitments to strengthen accountability;

(2) (a) what progress has been made in implementing the outstanding recommendations of commissions of inquiry into state capture and corruption and (b) what date will government publish a comprehensive implementation report detailing progress that has been made on such recommendations? CW1023E

Medicine shortages at public health facilities

840. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Health:

(1) (a) Which public hospitals and clinics are currently experiencing shortages of essential medicines during the current financial year and (b) what measures has his department implemented to eliminate recurring medicine shortages;

(2) whether his department investigated any procurement failures that contributed to such shortages; if not, why not; if so, what disciplinary actions have been taken in this regard? CW1024E

Insolvency Act

841. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether the Insolvency Act, 1936 (Act No. 24 of 1936), is still valid and relevant in its current form; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,

(2) whether any plans exist to amend the said Act to make it more balanced and less oriented in favour of creditors; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the expected timelines for amendments and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW1025E

Appointment of liquidators

842. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether any code of conduct exists that applies to companies or individuals acting as liquidators of individuals and companies regarding regulations and appointment of liquidators at the Land and Agricultural Development Bank of South Africa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what (a) steps and (b) frameworks are currently in place to (i) ensure that the Master's Office conducts proper vetting and due diligence in the appointment of liquidators and (ii) prevent negligence in the performance of their duties;

(3) whether he will provide a list of all liquidators that were appointed in each of the past ten years, including (a) terms for which each was appointed, (b) the number of total value of liquidations they successfully completed and (c) any complaints that were filed against them; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1026E

Land Bank

843. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether, as Executive Authority that is responsible for the Land and Agricultural Development Bank of South Africa (Land Bank), he will provide the total amount currently owed by such bank to (a) local, (b) international commercial banks and (c) any other financial institutions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether such a bank has a mandate from (a) Parliament or (b) the National Treasury to assume or take on the debt of agricultural co-operatives that is being used in processes that lead to the liquidation of farmers; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the details of such mandate;

(3) whether such a bank publishes regular reports that are accessible to its bondholders detailing expected losses and material risks; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of such reporting? CW1027E

Applications for social grants

844. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(1) Whether she has been informed of any reports that applications or cases submitted to the SA Social Security Agency (Sassa) for social grants (a) are disappearing from the system, (b) could not be located or (c) are being archived without the applicant's knowledge, resulting in applicants being required to re-apply; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what is the root cause of such incidents and (ii) what are the further relevant details, including the number of such complaints that have been received in the (aa) 2024/25 and (bb) 2025/26 financial years;

(2) whether any investigations have been instituted or planned; if not, why not; if so, (a) when will such investigations take place and (b) what are the further relevant details;

(3) (a) what (i) systems and (ii) processes are currently in place for applicants to report instances where their grant applications or cases could not be traced or disappeared from the Sassa system, (b) what (i) remedial and (ii) corrective measures are available to the affected applicants, including any provisions for back-payments or priority processing and (c) what technical, procedural or oversight mechanisms exist are being

implemented to prevent applications from disappearing, being lost or becoming untraceable in the future? CW1028E

2026/27 municipal budgets

845. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether, with reference to a reply to Question 733 on 25 June 2026 by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, he will provide a detailed breakdown of the status for the adoption of the 2026/27 municipal budgets for each province and each municipality as at the latest specified date for which information is available, specifically indicating municipalities that have (a) adopted their budgets in compliance with the statutory deadline, (b) applied for extension of the adoption deadline, including the (i) outcome of each application and (ii) reasons being provided and (c) not yet adopted or not yet tabled their 2026/27 budgets; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he will provide a list of each province and each municipality whose 2026/27 budgets have been assessed as funded versus those assessed as unfunded or non-credible; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) what are the full details of any actions that the National Treasury is planning or has already initiated in respect of unfunded or non-compliant budgets? CW1029E

SANDF in gang-infested communities

846. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(1) (a) How she defines military's current role versus the SA Police Service (SAPS), given the public admission by the Acting Minister of Police that Operation Prosper has failed to dismantle any gangsters since the deployment of the SA National Defence Force in gangster-infested communities and (b) what changes are being implemented to transition troops from passive visible patrols to active intelligence-driven disruption;

(2) whether she intends to review and/or shorten the deployment timeline ahead of the scheduled 31 March 2027 completion date, given the high crime and casualties persisting despite their presence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what alternative interventions are being planned and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW1030E

Expenditure for Operation Prosper

847. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What is the exact total expenditure that has been incurred by the SA National Defence Force for Operation Prosper in personnel costs, deployment logistics, equipment maintenance and fuel from its commencement in April 2026 to date, given the Acting Minister of Police's

confirmation that the said operation has failed to dismantle any criminal gangsters despite a R823 million budget allocation? CW1031E

Mangaung Metro ghost workers

848. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether his department has been informed of the investigation into the alleged 165 ghost workers in the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality which is currently under review by the National Prosecuting Authority; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what is the total financial loss being suffered by the said municipality as a result of salaries that have been allegedly paid to ghost workers, (b) when such fraudulent salary payments occurred and (c) which municipal officials and/or senior managers have been implicated in facilitating or failing to prevent such a fraud? CW1032E

Human Resource external audits

849. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

What immediate external audits have been launched on human resources processes at the Investigating Directorate Against Corruption to determine how nepotism, favouritism and/or demographic hijacking compromised staff appointments, following the allegations of a corrupt cabal that is emerging at the Madlanga Commission of Inquiry? CW1033E

SSA/NATJOINTS frameworks

850. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What specific, proactive intelligence-driven measures and cross-departmental frameworks have been established by the State Security Agency in coordination with the National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure to prevent a resurgence of coordinated anti-migrant violence and socio-economic sabotage? CW1034E

Cost-savings initiatives

851. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

(a) What are the precise names of initiatives that will or have been implemented to cut spending on inmate food, uniform production and facility maintenance and (b) what is the exact audited monetary value that has been saved from taxpayers during the 2025/2026 financial year, given his recent media assertions regarding major cost-reduction strategies within his department, specifically through the aggressively expanded self-sufficiency and sustainability programmes? CW1035E

Provision of water/sanitation services

852. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether, given that residents of Breyten Torbernite in Ward 14 within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality have endured persistent failures in the provision of water and sanitation services for more than three years (details furnished), her department has conducted any assessments into the said municipality's inability to fulfil its obligations as a Water Services Authority; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what dates were such assessments undertaken, (b) what were the findings and (c) what are the further relevant details? CW1036E

Collapse of water/sanitation/electricity services

853. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether, in light of the sustained collapse of water, sanitation and electricity services in Breyten Torbernite in Ward 14 for a period exceeding three years and the Msukaligwa Local Municipality's apparent failure to realise the objects of local government as contained in section 152 of the Constitution (details furnished), his department has assessed the said municipality's breach of constitutional obligations; if not, why not; if so, (a) what were the findings, (b) what support or interventions have been provided in terms of section 154 of the Constitution and (c) what are the further relevant details? CW1037E

Expenditure on water/sanitation/electricity infrastructure

854. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(1) Whether his department has undertaken any monitoring and evaluation or value-for-money assessments regarding expenditure by the Msukaligwa Local Municipality on water, sanitation and electricity infrastructure over the past five financial years, given the continued deterioration of services that are experienced by residents of Breyten Torbernite in Ward 14 despite substantial public expenditure; if not, why not; if so, (a) what amounts were allocated and spent on each category of infrastructure, (b) what proportions of the projects have been completed and (c) what are the further relevant details;

(2) whether any (a) irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditures, (b) contractor underperformances or (c) governance failures have been identified; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1038E

Unemployment among young black women

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

What specific measurable interventions and direct funding access lines has her department implemented to combat high unemployment rate among young black women? CW1039E

Reducing vulnerability of young persons

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

Whether her department has implemented any specific mechanisms to reduce the vulnerability of young persons who are not in education, employment or training; if not, why not; if so, (a) what mechanisms and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW1040E

Employment equity target of 2%

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

What enforceable consequence management strategies are in place for government departments and local municipalities that consistently fail to meet the 2% employment equity target for persons with disabilities? CW1041E

Improving patients' administration

858. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

(1) (a) What measures has his department implemented to improve patients' administration and reduce waiting times for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities who attend scheduled therapy appointments and (b) why patients' folders are not prepared in advance for such scheduled appointments to (i) ensure timely access to treatment, (ii) reduce unnecessary delays and (iii) provide a more accommodating environment for children with sensory and behavioural challenges;

(2) whether his department will commit to introducing a dedicated fast-track system for children with ASD and other disabilities attending scheduled therapy appointments to minimise waiting times and improve the quality of care for children and their caregivers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1042E

Scope/services of awarded tenders

859. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

(1) (a) What was the scope of work and/or services required under each specified tender number (details furnished), (b) which entities and/or individuals were awarded each specified tender, (c) on what date was each tender awarded and (d) what was the contract value of each specified tender at the time of award;

(2) whether any variations, extensions and/or amendments were subsequently approved in respect of each contract; if so, (a) what was the nature of the variation and/or extension in each case, (b) what additional value was approved and (c) who approved it;

(3) whether services are still rendered under any of the specified contracts; if so, (a) which contract remains active in each case, (b) who is currently rendering the said services, (c) where are the services rendered, (d) when is the contract due to expire and (e) how much has been paid;

(4) whether any investigations, disputes, litigation, contract management concerns and/or allegations of irregularities have arisen in relation to any of the specified tenders; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1043E

Investigation into Greenwood Park

860. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question 1272 on 30 October 2025 wherein it was indicated that the investigation into a certain Greenwood Park CAS number (details furnished) that was awaiting finalisation of a forensic audit, the processing of an application in terms of section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977), and the obtaining of statements from additional affected companies, all of the said investigative steps have since been completed; if not, why not; if so;

(2) whether the completed dockets have been referred to the National Prosecuting Authority for a decision on prosecution; if not, (a) why not, (b) what outstanding investigative steps still remain and (c) what are the reasons for the continued delays;

(3) whether any suspects have been identified and/or arrested; if not, why not; if so, what measures have been taken to trace, preserve and recover the R11 620 665,07 that has been allegedly lost through fraudulent electronic funds transfer? CW1044E

Hawks/SIU investigations

861. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(1) Whether, with reference to the ongoing Hawks investigations into inter alia the Hatfield procurement contracts at approximately R43.5 million, travel management

contract at approximately R100 million, security training contract at approximately R4.5 million and the Supreme Court of Appeal judgment in the Zeal Health matter that found a certain former Director-General committed unlawful procurements and irregular expenditure in her department (details furnished), she will indicate the extent her department is actively assisting and facilitating the outstanding Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) and Special Investigative Unit (SIU) investigations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what safeguard measures have been implemented to ensure that the continued employment of the said former Director-General as her Special Advisor would not create an actual and/or perceived conflict of interest in relation to such investigations;

(3) whether she will provide any unequivocal assurances that the said person has played no role whatsoever in any matters relating to the investigations and/or the department's interaction with the Hawks and SIU; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether she will further assure Parliament that his continued appointment is not directly and/or indirectly contribute to lengthy delays in finalising the said investigations; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what basis and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW1045E

Renovation/maintenance of Castle of Good Hope

862. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(1) Whether any immediate plans are in place to renovate and/or maintain the Castle of Good Hope heritage site in Cape Town which has dilapidated buildings, broken windows, overgrown gardens and in an overall unsatisfactory state as the oldest preserved building and tourist attraction in South Africa; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether any funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the said national heritage site have been allocated in the 2026/27 financial year; if not, why not; if so, (a) how much and (b) what are the reasons her department failed to maintain the said site to acceptable standards? CW1046E

Procurement of police dogs

863. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) With reference to the oral reply to Question 9 on 18 June 2026 by the Deputy President during which he stated that following a briefing by certain Lieutenant Generals (names furnished) and other senior SA Police Service (SAPS) and the SA National Defence Force officials on Operation Prosper, he had “not come across” the issue relating to the shortage of police dogs and that “they must go and buy the dogs” and the reply to Question 419 on 08 July 2026 in which his department stated that Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) played no role in the procurement of police dogs and that SAPS

procures dogs from four approved service providers, why the Deputy President was not informed of the operational K9 capability that is available for deployment in the Western Cape during Operation Prosper briefing;

(2) whether the briefing included (a) the number of operational police dogs available in the Western Cape, (b) the number of narcotics detection dogs available in the Cape Town Metropolitan area, (c) the role of K9 units in Operation Prosper and (d) any limitations affecting SAPS' ability to expand its K9 capability; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) (a) what are the reasons that the SAPS has approved only four suppliers nationally to supply operational police dogs if his department maintains that BEE played no role in the procurement of police dogs and (b) how many breeders (i) expressed an interest, (ii) submitted bids, (iii) were evaluated and (iv) were appointed and/or not appointed to the panel with reasons in each case;

(4) whether SAPS has assessed that the current panel of four approved suppliers is sufficient to meet its operational demand for police dogs nationally and in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;

(5) (a) why the Deputy President undertook before Parliament that SAPS should simply "go and buy the dogs" when the current panel has been sufficient to meet operational demand and (b) what measures are being implemented to expand the supplier base and increase the procurement of operational police dogs when the current panel has not been sufficient to meet operational demand? CW1047E

Fleet transfer in Emfulani LM

864. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(1) Whether, in light of section 63 intervention in the Emfuleni Local Municipality which was supposed to end on 30 June 2026, her department has started the process of transferring the fleet and ensuring the relevant systems are in place so that infrastructure will not collapse again; if not, why not; if so, (a) what ad hoc support and monitoring will her department implement to ensure taxpayers' money is not wasted again and houses are not flooded with sewage and (b) what are the further relevant details;

(2) whether multi-purpose vehicle has been implemented in the Emfuleni Local Municipality; if not, why not; if so,

(3) whether the said municipality has the relevant skills to operate such a vehicle; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1048E

Ditsobotla Local Municipality quarterly reports

865. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether, with reference to the court order on 3 September 2025 on Ditsobotla Local Municipality in which the said municipality has been ordered to submit quarterly reports according to section 147 of the Municipal Finance Management, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003), the municipality has been submitting such reports; if not, (a) why not and (b) what actions has his department taken; if so,

(2) whether he will provide all submitted reports in full? CW1049E

Ditsobotla LM quarterly reports

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

(1) Whether, with reference to the court order on 3 September 2025 on Ditsobotla Local Municipality in which the said municipality has been ordered to submit quarterly reports according to section 147 of the Municipal Finance Management, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003), the municipality has been submitting such reports; if not, (a) why not and (b) what actions has his department taken; if so,

(2) whether he will provide all submitted reports in full? CW1050E

Lepelle Northern Water

867. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) Who are (i) board members and (ii) senior managers of Lepelle Northern Water, (b) what is the monthly and/or yearly payment to the said company for their services in total, (c) which (i) local and (ii) district municipalities are being served by the said company, (d) what is the (i) net profit and (ii) turnover of the said company and (e) how many (i) fulltime and (ii) part-time employees are employed at the said company? CW1051E

Submitted complaints

868. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether he has been informed of the Standing Order 101 complaint that has been submitted to the Acting National Commissioner on 1 June 2026 regarding the conduct of a certain former Western Cape Provincial Commissioner (details furnished) and a certain Western Cape Supply Chain Head Major General (details furnished) in relation to amongst other matters the apparent failure to implement Regulation 5(3)(dd) of the SA Police Service Discipline Regulations 2016; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the general timeframes within which such complaints are to be (i) registered and (ii) dealt with and (b) what are the reasons that the complaint has not yet been finalised more than two months after its submission;

(2) whether any investigations have been conducted into the deliberate or unreasonable delaying processing of the complaint, particularly in light of the retirement of the said former Western Cape Commissioner on 30 June 2026; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings? CW1052E

Criminally convicted SAPS members

869. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) (a) How many SA Police Service (SAPS) members have been criminally convicted in the Western Cape over the past ten years since 1 January 2016, (b) what were their convictions, (c) what sentences were imposed and (d) on what dates were they sentenced;

(2) (a) in how many of such cases was Regulation 5(3)(dd) process instituted, (b) on what date was each such regulation enquiry (i) initiated and (ii) finalised, (c) what was the outcome of each enquiry and (d) what were the reasons in each case where (i) no such enquiry was instituted or (ii) it was not instituted within a reasonable period after the conviction became known to SAPS;

(3) (a) which official was ultimately responsible for ensuring that the said regulation process was instituted in each case and (b) to what extent is the Western Cape Supply Chain Head being held accountable for any failures to ensure compliance with such regulation? CW1053E

Insufficient rape kits at FCS Units

870. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) With reference to the correspondence addressed to him by Hon N Gotsell dated 17 May 2026 regarding shortage of D1 and D7 forensic evidence collection kits (details furnished) and his response dated 14 July 2026 which failed to fully answer questions that were posed in the aforesaid correspondence, why his response provided stock levels only as of 21 May 2026 rather than explaining why the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Units at Nyanga, Delft, Bellville, Mitchell's Plain, Caledon and Hermanus had little or no operational D1 stock and D7 child rape kits available when oversight inspections were conducted on 14 and 15 May 2026;

(2) whether he will furnish the information requested in the aforesaid correspondence in respect of every (a) rape, (b) child rape, (c) child sexual offence, (d) Gender-Based Violence and Femicide-related matter and (e) matter in which a D1, D7 and DB forensic evidence collection kit was required at the policing areas that are served by the said FCS Units during the relevant period;

(3) whether (a) forensic evidence was collected, (b) such evidence was collected within the prescribed timeframes and (c) a D1, D7 or DB kit were immediately available at the relevant FCS Unit; if not, why not in each case; if so, where the utilised kits sourced from;

(4) whether any (a) delays occurred before forensic evidence could be collected, (b) officers were required to obtain kits from neighbouring stations or FCS Units, (c) evidence was submitted for forensic analysis, (d) arrests were effected and (e) prosecutions have commenced; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details;

(5) whether he will furnished the dates upon which the D1 and D7 forensic evidence collection kits were delivered to each of the said FCS Units from 1 to 31 May 2026 together with quantities that were delivered on each occasion; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1054E

Shortage of forensic evidence collection kits

871. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether, with reference to the correspondence addressed to him by Hon N Gotsell dated 17 May 2026 concerning the shortage of D1 and D7 forensic evidence collection kits at Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Units in the Western Cape and his response dated 14 July 2026, his department has confirmed that between 11 and 18 May 2026, two ‘fresh’ rape cases that were investigated by Nyanga FCS, one involving an adult and one a 16-year-old complainant required forensic evidence to be collected using forensic evidence kits that had expired; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, why were expired kits utilised;

(2) whether (a) any forensic, legal or prosecutorial risk assessments have been undertaken in respect of collected evidence using expired kits, (b) the National Prosecuting Authority has been informed of the use of expired kits and (c) any prosecutions have been identified as potentially being prejudiced consequently thereof;

(3) whether the use of expired forensic evidence collection kits create a risk that the admissibility, integrity or evidential weight of forensic evidence may be challenged in subsequent criminal proceedings; if not, on what basis; if so, what steps have been taken to mitigate the risks;

(4) whether, in light of his statement that maintaining full stock levels is ‘not cost-effective’, the shortage of operational rape kits that were identified during the oversight inspections of 14 and 15 May 2026 was a consequence of cost-containment measures; if not, what caused the shortages;

(5) whether any (a) financial saving that were achieved by limiting operational stock levels would be outweighed if rape or child rape prosecutions were compromised, delayed or unsuccessful as a result of forensic evidence that had to be collected using expired kits or current kits were unavailable and (b) consequence management has been instituted in respect of challenges which were identified in his response; if not, why not in each case; if so, (i) against whom and (ii) what are the further relevant details? CW1055E

Water infrastructure service failures

872. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What is the total number of municipalities that are currently experiencing prolonged water interruptions, given the worsening water supply crisis that is affecting numerous municipalities, (b) what consequence management measures have been instituted against municipalities that have repeatedly failed to maintain water infrastructure despite receiving national funding, (c) what amount of water infrastructure funding remained unspent in each province during the current financial year and (d) what urgent interventions will be implemented to ensure reliable access to clean drinking water for rural communities and urban residents alike? CW1056E

Regulatory delays hindering petroleum investment

873. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

(1) (a) How many applications for offshore exploration rights remain outstanding, given South Africa's declining competitiveness in attracting oil and gas investment, (b) what is the average period being taken to process such applications and (c) what estimated investment and employment opportunities have been lost as a result of regulatory delays;

(2) what urgent interventions are being implemented to ensure that coastal provinces benefit from investment, job creation and economic growth that is arising from the petroleum sector? CW1057E

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95. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) (p 48)—Communications and Digital Technologies.

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481. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) (p 261)—Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation.

485. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) (p 262)—Small Business Development.

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535. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) (p 302)—Justice and Constitutional Development.

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551. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) (p 306)—The Presidency.

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582. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) (p 327)—Police.

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630. Mr M M Mampuru (Gauteng: EFF) (p 356)—Human Settlements.

635. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) (p 357)—Human Settlements.

641. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) (p 359)—The Presidency.

642. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) (p 359)—Human Settlements.

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655. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) (p 376)—Home Affairs.

662. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) (p 380)—Police.

680. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) (p 385)—Basic Education.

692. Mr M M Mampuru (Gauteng: EFF) (p 388)—Basic Education.

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696. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) (p 403)—The Presidency.

697. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) (p 403)—President of the Republic.

705. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) (p 406)—The Presidency.

717. Mr J S Majola (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) (p 409)—Small Business Development.

721. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) (p 410)—Communications and Digital Technologies.

728. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) (p 414)—Police.

730. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) (p 415)—President of the Republic.

731. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) (p 415)—President of the Republic.

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744. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) (p 430)—Police.

747. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) (p 432)—Police.

749. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) (p 433)—Police.

752. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) (p 435)—Justice and Constitutional Development.

753. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) (p 436)—Justice and Constitutional Development.

757. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) (p 439)—The Presidency.

764. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) (p 441)—Public Works and Infrastructure.

767. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) (p 442)—Small Business Development.

778. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) (p 445)—Police.

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790. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) (p 460)—Human Settlements.

791. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) (p 461)—Higher Education.

793. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) (p 461)—Higher Education.

IEC outreach/mobile registration initiatives

798. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs: ***(Interdepartmental transfer – 7 August 2026)***

What specific outreach and mobile registration initiatives have been implemented by the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa to ensure that eligible learners in rural schools are registered on the national voters' roll ahead of the upcoming local government elections, especially to the Ndlambe Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape? CW944E

806. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) (p 464)—Public Works and Infrastructure.

808. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) (p 465)—Public Works and Infrastructure.

812. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) (p 467)—Small Business Development.

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816. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) (p 468)—Police. **[Extension of 10 days requested/granted – 08/07]**

819. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) (p 470)—Police. **[Extension of 10 days requested/granted – 08/07]**

820. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) (p 471)—Police. **[Extension of 10 days requested/granted – 08/07]**