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QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2024***Implementation of judgement***★111. Mr M F Mokwele (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) Whether her department is implementing the judgement in the case of a learner who fell into a pit toilet in Limpopo (details furnished); if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether her department is meeting the deadlines that have been set by the court; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO398E

*Budget cuts in basic education***★101. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

How will the recent budget cuts in her department impact on the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of essential positions such as (i) educators and/or (ii) support staff in the education value chain in different provinces as the reports alleged that such budgets will disproportionately affect schools in poor communities (details furnished)? CO388E

*Reduction of teaching contract positions***★112. Ms M M Bains (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

How will the reported reduction of 2400 teaching contract positions affect the quality of education in the Western Cape? CO399E

*Delayed school infrastructure projects***★114. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpfungose (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Why has she not (a) investigated delayed school infrastructure projects and (b) instituted any criminal proceedings against contractors that abandoned sites and hold all officials who are involved in her department accountable for their role in all the tenders that were not completed on time (details furnished)? CO401E

*BELA Act***★109. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

How will the Basic Education Laws Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 32 of 2024), (a) empower the diverse South African local cultural communities to decide over their (i) languages and (ii) cultural policies of their schools, (b) protect the languages and cultures of minority groups and (c) allow the various linguistic communities to educate their children in their mother tongue until matric? CO396E

*Transfer of Early Childhood Development***★113. Mr M Feni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) How is the transfer of Early Childhood Development (ECD) from the Department of Social Development to her department being managed thus far, (b) what challenges have been encountered in this regard and (c) what steps are being taken to address the needs of children with disabilities within the ECD framework? CO400E

*Stabilising NSFAS***★120. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

Whether she will provide an update on the steps her department is taking to stabilise (a) governance and (b) financial management at the National Student Financial Aid Scheme; if not, why not; if so, (i) what steps and (ii) what are the further relevant details? CO408E

*National Development Plan goal***★104. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

Whether any (a) centres and/or (b) programmes have been (i) established and (ii) developed over the past 20 years that have been internationally renowned as set out as a goal in the 2012 National Development Plan (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, how many? CO391E

*Assessment/evaluation in TVETs***★115. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What interventions have been made to resolve the imminent crisis of (a) assessment and (b) evaluation in the Technical and Vocational Education and Training sector to ensure that students are not subjected to preventable delays after completing their academic programmes as they struggle to receive their documents timeously (details furnished)? CO402E

*Raising tuition fees***★122. Mr M P Sibande (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

Whether universities will be able to operate without raising tuition fees as the economy is not performing well with high unemployment rate; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO410E

*Free higher education for poor***★116. Ms Z N Ngcobo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

(a) What is the current status of implementing the recommendations of the 2017 Fees Commission Report for free higher education for the poor and working-class students, (b) why has the Government failed to fully fund the National Student Financial Aid Scheme and

leaving students without the necessary financial support and (c) what alternative funding models is the Government exploring to support students? CO403E

Plans by University of Fort Hare

★123. Mr M Feni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

- (1) What is the updated progress on the response by the University of Fort Hare regarding the concerns that have been raised by the former Minister of Higher Education in 2023;
- (2) whether the University Council has any comprehensive plans in place on how it has been addressing some of the serious governance challenges that led to negative publicity (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO411E

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

- ★100. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA)—Basic Education.**
- ★102. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA)—Basic Education.**
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