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FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST 2026

[Reply by 28 August 2026]

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

Fraudulent issuing of IDs

874. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs: [★135]

In light of the Special Investigating Unit's findings in exposing entrenched fraud and corruption in the issuing of identity documents and permits within Home Affairs while undermining the integrity of the National Population Register and enabling organised criminal networks, (a) how many officials have been arrested, dismissed and successfully prosecuted for such offences since 1 January 2025, (b) what consequence management has been applied against implicated senior managers and (c) what measurable progress has been made in rolling out biometric verification across all 412 Home Affairs offices to decisively close gaps that continue to enable this systemic abuse? CW617E

Identity document backlog

875. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs: [★136]

What urgent time-bound interventions have been implemented since 1 January 2026 to decisively eliminate a backlog exceeding 500 000 identity document (ID) applications, with first-time applicants waiting up to 12 months for their IDs (details furnished), (a) what is the current average processing time for first-time ID applications as of 30 April 2026 and (b) why his department failed to meet its own service delivery standards on such a fundamental constitutional function? CW618E

Draft Digital Identity Regulations

876. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs: [★141]

With reference to the recent publication of the draft Digital Identity Regulations under the Identification Act, 1997 (Act No. 68 of 1997), (a) what are the key milestones that have been achieved by his department in advancing South Africa's transition towards a world-class Digital Identity system, (b) how will the proposed Digital Identity framework improve (i) service delivery efficiency, (ii) access to government services and (iii) prevention of identity-

related crimes such as fraud, corruption and illegal immigration and (c) what progress has been made in ensuring interoperability with both public and private sector institutions to enable a seamless, modern and digital-first Home Affairs system? CW623E

Departmental digital services at banks

877. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs: [★145]

In light of the rollout of digital services through partnerships with private service providers, specifically with a certain bank (details furnished), (a) what are the financial implications for members of the public who utilise such platforms to access his departmental services and (b) how he reconciles his personal championing of such project with the provisions of the Executive Ethics Code regarding potential and/or perceived conflicts of interest, given the allegations that a significant shareholder of the specified bank made substantial financial donations to his political party? CW627E

Impact of high vacancy rate

878. Adv Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs: [★150]

(1) Whether his department is making any progress in addressing the high vacancy rate that negatively affect critical services of his department, including enduring queues and significant delays in processing identity documents, passports and permit renewals; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether such vacancy rate also include the shortage of immigration officials who continue to leave borders under-protected and hinders the ability to monitor border control and cross border movement; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW632E

National planning system framework

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

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? CW1000E

Disability Rights Awareness Month

880. Mr M P Sibande (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities: [★204]

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? CW1004E

Measurable departmental improvements

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

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? CW1006E

Departmental spending/resources

882. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities: [★207]

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 her department's budget shows that administration consumes almost half of the operational budget, while the programmes responsible for women, youth and persons with disabilities have to share the remainder budget? CW1007E

Consultants for departmental work

883. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities: [★208]

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? CW1008E

Integrated Knowledge Hub

884. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth Development and Persons with Disabilities: [★209]

Why taxpayers continue to fund the Integrated Knowledge Hub, given that the project has remained under development for almost eight years without being completed? CW1009E

Failing municipal services

885. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation: [★210]

What actions is her department taking differently to ensure that planning finally results in implementation and persistent failure carries real consequences for those responsible as South Africa has no shortage of plans, strategies and performance frameworks, yet communities continue to experience failing municipal services? CW1010E

Medium-Term Development Plan

886. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation: [★212]

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? CW1012E

Recurring failures in service delivery

887. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation: [★213]

(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? CW1013E

Departmental programmes

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

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? CW1014E

Vera Stimulation Centre

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

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 action be taken to resolve such conditions of neglect and (c) what are the further relevant details? CW1015E

Mandatory employment equity quotas

890. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities: [★217]

(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? CW1017E

National Strategic Plan on GBVF

891. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities: [★219]

(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? CW1019E

Performance failures

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

(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? CW1022E

New questions:

Assessment in Tekwane Citrus Farm

893. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Whether his department has undertaken and/or intends undertaking an assessment of the agricultural potential and land capability of approximately 845-hectare Tekwane Citrus Farm in Mpumalanga, including the substantial portion of the property that is not presently under citrus cultivation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the findings of such assessment? CW1058E

Protection of agriculture on Tekwane Citrus Farm

894. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Whether his department has engaged and/or intends engaging the Mpumalanga Provincial Government and/or Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency regarding long-term protection and optimal agricultural utilisation of the Tekwane Citrus Farm, particularly in light of the farm's established citrus production and export capability; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1059E

Land applications/requests at Tekwane Citrus Farm

895. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Whether his department has received any applications, notifications and/or requests for comment relating to the subdivision, rezoning and/or change in land utilisation of any portions of the Tekwane Citrus Farm from agricultural purposes to residential, mixed-use, township establishment and/or any other non-agricultural developments; if so, (a) when was such application received, (b) what is its current status, (c) what area of land is affected and (d) what role his department undertakes in considering such applications? CW1060E

Renaming of Flamingo Primary School

896. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she will advise on the process of renaming Flamingo Primary School in Lenasia, Johannesburg to honour a certain long-standing and dedicated teacher (name furnished) who taught at the said school for decades influencing young lives through integrity, dedication through excellence and a passion for teaching as the community requested such a name change to the former Minister of Basic Education in 2022 without receiving any response; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1061E

Transportation/medical assistance at Finetown Clinic

897. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) What plans are in place for the elderly and patients with disabilities to access medical assistance at the Finetown Clinic in Ennerdalde, Ward 7 in Johannesburg, given its various issues relating to transportation of the elderly to and from the said clinic and delays in medicine distribution and (b) what are the reasons for such delays? CW1062E

Construction of Nirvana bridge

898. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

When will the approved project of constructing a bridge in Nirvana commence and completed, given that the community of Lenasia and surrounding Region G in Johannesburg with a certain reference number (details furnished) submitted various petitions and written submissions since 2006 to request a railway crossing and/or a bridge and approved in writing by the then Minister of Transport in 2012 after the 2011 public participation leading to further public participation that have been advertised? CW1063E

Representative of company

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

Whether, in light of the Land Bank's treasury procurement policy of approved suppliers, a certain company was represented by a certain person (details furnished) who is appointed on their estates; if so, (a) what is the certificate of appointment and tender documents of the call for suppliers, (b) who was on the bidding committee and (c) who signed off on the approval? CW1064E

Investigation of Office of Master of High Court

900. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(1) Whether she has instituted and/or intends to institute an investigation into the apparent failure of the Office of the Master of the High Court in Polokwane to finalise section 381(3) appointments, particularly in light of the correspondence dated 28 September 2023 in which an official from the said Office indicated that a further three and/or four appointments still had to be conducted and will be facilitated in Polokwane during the following week; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was the investigation initiated, (b) who is conducting the investigation, (c) what are the terms of reference and (d) what explanation was provided for the delays between submission of the complaint on 14 March 2023 and the issuing of such certificates;

(2) whether any officials failed to comply with lawful duty, departmental policy, service-delivery standard and/or instruction from the Chief Master; if so, (a) what disciplinary, corrective and/or consequence-management measures are in place against any

responsible officials and (b) when will the investigation and all corrective measures be completed? CW1065E

Complaint to Polokwane Master/Chief Master

901. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(1) What specific steps have been taken since the complaint was submitted on 14 March 2023 and repeated written follow-ups addressed to officials in the Offices of the Polokwane Master and Chief Master to ensure that section 381 investigation is implemented effectively across all the estates identified in the said complaint;

(2) whether will she furnish a complete chronology of all decisions and actions being taken by her department, Chief Master and Polokwane Master; if not, why not; if so, (a) when will each of the 12 estates referred to the appointed investigators, (b) what is the approved scope and terms of reference of the investigation for each estate, (c) when will investigators commenced work, (d) what are the details of any interims and/or final reports that have been received from such investigators, (e) why has the complainant allegedly not been provided with outstanding certificates and a substantive progress report, (f) what measures are in place to prevent further prejudice that has been arising from the said delays and (g) on what definitive date will the investigation into all the identified estates be completed and its findings acted upon? CW1066E

Consequence management against Special Advisor

902. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(1) Whether, with reference to her replies to Oral Question 13 on 24 June 2025, and Question 76 on 05 March 2025, Question 136 on 20 March 2025, Question 812 on 23 July 2025, Questions 962 and 963 on 11 August 2025 and Question 488 on 01 July 2026 in which she repeatedly stated that her department would only determine the appropriate consequence management against her certain Special Advisor (name furnished) after the Constitutional Court had delivered judgment in the Zeal Health matter, any consequences management has now been instituted against the said advisor following the Constitutional Court's judgment; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the Constitutional Court has now finally disposed of her department's stated reason for delaying any disciplinary, administrative and/or other consequences management against such advisor; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether she has determined that the said advisor while acting as Director-General of the Department of Military Veterans breached the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), and/or the fiduciary obligations imposed upon an accounting officer; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether the said person will continue to serve as her Special Advisor; if so, (a) on what basis, (b) what objective considerations led her to conclude that he remains a fit and proper person to advise her on governance, procurement, financial administration and compliance with the PFMA and (c) why she considers it appropriate to retain him in such a position despite findings that have been made by the Supreme Court of Appeal and the conclusion of the Constitutional Court proceedings;

(5) whether her department has quantified (a) any legal costs (i) that have been incurred in defending and appealing the Zeal Health litigation and (ii) her department has been ordered to pay, (b) the total financial prejudice that has been arising from the unlawful procurement process and (c) the total cost to the State arising from litigation; if so, what are the relevant amounts in each case? CW1067E

Civil proceedings/recovery processes

903. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(1) Whether her department intends instituting any civil proceedings and/or other recovery processes against any current and/or former officials responsible for unlawful procurement process, including a certain person (name furnished) to recover any losses, damages and/or legal costs suffered by the State; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether she will provide the reasons why her department persisted with lengthy and costly litigation, thereby incurring further legal costs at public expense instead of (a) accepting the judgment of the Supreme Court of Appeal and (b) implementing consequence management where appropriate and directing those limited financial resources towards addressing her department's severe operational and financial challenges; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether, in light of her department's repeated assertions before Parliament that budgetary constraints have prevented it from adequately funding critical military capabilities, improving living conditions of members of the SA National Defence Force and maintaining essential defence infrastructure, she considers the expenditure incurred in pursuing the Constitutional Court appeal to have constituted prudent, economical and effective utilisation of public funds as contemplated in the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what corrective measures will be implemented;

(4) whether she will furnish the total remuneration, including salaries, allowances, benefits, bonuses and any other emoluments paid to the said person in his capacity as her Special Advisor from the date of delivery of the Supreme Court of Appeal judgment until the date of delivery of the Constitutional Court judgment being broken down by the financial year and remuneration category; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1068E

Findings of Supreme/Constitutional Courts

904. Mr P J Swart (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(1) Whether, in light of the findings of the Supreme Court of Appeal, the Constitutional Court's finalisation of the matter, her department's repeated reliance on the pending appeal as the reasons for postponing consequence management, the substantial financial prejudice suffered by the State and her department's repeated claims before Parliament that it lacks sufficient funding to fulfil its constitutional mandate, she considers it prudent, responsible and consistent with the principles of sound financial management to have continued retaining a certain person (name furnished) as her Special Advisor throughout the litigation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what basis;

(2) whether it is appropriate that her department which consistently pleads poverty before Parliament should continue to rely for strategic advice on an individual whose actions while acting as Director-General resulted in procurement found by the courts to be unlawful and which has cost the State millions of rand in litigation and associated expenditure; if so, what are the reasons for such a view;

(3) whether she will table all legal opinions, memoranda, recommendations and/or submissions that have been prepared for her and/or her predecessor which recommended pursuing the Constitutional Court appeal together with the estimated financial implications thereof; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW1069E

Religious headscarf photographs

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

(1) Whether, with reference to the parliamentary intervention in March 2021 concerning allegations that a firearm licence application had been refused as a result the applicant wore a religious headscarf, *hijab*, in the application photograph, the subsequent appeal in which the licence was granted and the report requested from the SA Police Service (SAPS), he will furnish the findings of the report requested from SAPS and any remedial measures being implemented to prevent similar incidents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether SAPS has any national policies, standing instructions and/or directives regulating to the acceptance of religious head coverings in photographs submitted with applications for firearm competency certificates and/or firearm licences; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant provisions;

(3) whether any applications for firearm competency certificates and/or firearm licences have been delayed, returned and/or refused as a result of the applicant wearing a religious headscarf in the application photograph despite the applicant's face being fully visible since 5 March 2021; if so, (a) in which province, (b) what are the reasons for the decision, (c) what is the duration of the delays, (d) what are the outcomes in each case and (e) what legal, regulatory or policy basis exists for applying a different

standard to photographs submitted for firearm licence applications than those applied by the Department of Home Affairs for Smart Identity Document cards and South African passports;

(4) whether he has been informed of any recent instances in which an applicant's firearm licence application was approved but the licence could not be issued as a result of the accompanying photograph depicting a religious headscarf was rejected; if so, what steps have been and/or will be taken to prevent such administrative delays;

(5) whether he will issue a national directive to ensure that applicants wearing religious headscarf coverings are not subjected to unnecessary administrative prejudice where their facial features are fully visible and the photograph otherwise complies with the applicable identification requirements; if not, why not; if so, when? CW1070E

Observatory Forensic Pathology Institute

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

(1) (a) How many deceased persons are currently being held whose remains have not yet been released for burial any/or other lawful disposal at the Observatory Forensic Pathology Institute and all other Forensic Pathology Service facilities in the Western Cape, (b) how many of such are unclaimed where identity of the deceased has been established but no next of kin and/or other authorised person has claimed the remains and (c) how many are unidentified with the identity of the deceased not have been established;

(2) (a) at which Forensic Pathology Service facility is the deceased being held in respect of each unidentified deceased person that has been referred to in paragraph (1)(a)(ii), (b) on what date was the deceased admitted to such a facility, (c) how long has the deceased remained unidentified, (d) what is the relevant SA Police Service (SAPS) case number and (e) what is the current status of the SAPS investigation to establish the identity of the deceased;

(3) (a) how many unidentified deceased persons were positively identified during each of the past five financial years, (b) how many unidentified deceased persons were buried while remaining unidentified during each of the past five financial years;

(4) whether SAPS maintains a central electronic register and/or database of unidentified deceased persons in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1071E

Operation Prosper criminal records

907. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

Whether her department and/or the National Prosecuting Authority have maintained any records of criminal matters that are arising from Operation Prosper since its commencement

on 1 March 2026, including but not limited to (a) the number of (i) cases enrolled, (ii) prosecutions institute, (iii) convictions secured, (iv) sentenced imposed and (v) assets forfeited and (b) matters being struck from the court roll in respect of offences relating to gang violence, organised crime, illegal firearms, extortion and illegal mining; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? CW1072E

Mobilisation Centre

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

(1) Whether she has been informed that during an oversight visit by Hon N Gotsell to the Department of Defence Mobilisation Centre at De Brug on 5 July 2026, certain officers on duty (details furnished) refused to answer questions regarding the conditions under which members returning from deployment in the Democratic Republic of Congo were being quarantined and accommodated; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether conditions at the said centre on 5 July 2026 included (a) leaking accommodation roofs, (b) blocked or overflowing ablution facilities, (c) inadequate bedding and blankets, (d) interruptions to hot water, (e) inadequate catering or delays in the provision of meals and (f) any other deficiencies affecting the welfare of returning members; if not, what were the actual conditions; if so, what are the relevant details of each identified deficiency, including (i) the dates on which they arose, (ii) remedial measures that were undertaken and (iii) the dates on which such measures were implemented;

(3) whether photographs and videos depicting the conditions at the said centre that were provided directly by serving SA National Defence Force members that are stationed at the facility to Members of Parliament and the media are authentic; if not, how she reconciles such photographs and videos with her department's public statements that the conditions at the said facility were acceptable; if so, on what factual basis is her department disputing their authenticity? CW1073E

Oversight visit to De Brug Mobilisation Centre

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

(1) Whether she has been informed that certain colonels (details furnished) informed Hon N Gotsell during the oversight visit that the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans would be conducting an oversight visit to the De Brug Mobilisation Centre on 7 July 2026; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on whose instruction was such information conveyed, (b) what was the basis for the said statement and (c) why was such information conveyed when Parliament has subsequently confirmed that no official oversight visit by the said Portfolio Committee has been arranged;

(2) whether it is acceptable for officers of the SA National Defence Force to provide incorrect information to Members of Parliament during the exercise of their constitutional oversight functions; if not, what disciplinary and/or other steps will be taken should it be established that the information provided was false or misleading;

(3) whether any official oversight visits by the said Portfolio Committee or the Joint Standing Committee on Defence was scheduled to take place at De Brug on 7 July 2026; if not, why officers at the said facility were under the impression that such visit would occur; if so, what are the full details of the said visit, including (a) the date on which it was authorised, (b) members who have been invited to attend and (c) the reasons why the committee secretariat and committee members were not informed thereof? CW1074E

Progress report regarding investigation

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

(1) Whether the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) has provided him with any progress reports regarding the investigation that has been registered under a certain Sunnyside case (details furnished) which is relating to the alleged irregular procurement that is associated with the Department of Military Veterans' Military Veterans Pothole Repair Project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the DPCI has (a) recorded any statements from all the relevant officials of the Department of Military Veterans, (b) obtained all procurement documentation, (c) identified and interviewed directors and beneficial owners of the company that was awarded the contract, (d) analysed the flow of public funds being paid pursuant to the contract, (e) identified any politically exposed persons or public office bearers who may have benefited directly or indirectly from the transaction and (f) recommended any criminal charges against any persons since the registration of the case in June 2023; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether (a) the DPCI has received full cooperation from the said department in its investigation and (b) any assets have been identified for purposes of preservation or recovery in relation to the investigation; if not, (i) what information or documentation remains outstanding and (ii) what steps have been taken to obtain it; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether he will furnish the reasons why (a) the investigation has not been finalised more than three years after the criminal case was opened and (b) no apparent criminal accountability has followed despite his department acknowledging that procurement was irregular and referring the matter to the Special Investigating Unit;

(5) whether he will explain why major state corruption matters involving the defence portfolio, including Project Thusano investigation that was opened in 2022 continue to remain under investigation for years without any apparent conclusions, prosecutions or recovery of public funds; if not, why not; if so, what measures has he implemented

to ensure that investigations involving alleged corruption in the defence environment are prioritised and finalised within a reasonable period? CW1075E

Remuneration/employment benefits

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

(1) Whether a certain person (details furnished) continued receiving her full remuneration and employment benefits from the time the impugned procurement took place until her resignation; if so, what was the total amount paid to her during the said period;

(2) whether any (a) officials, including the said person has been held financially liable or (b) civil proceedings have been instituted to recover losses that are arising from such a project; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether she will provide Parliament with an undertaking that her department has provided the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, the Special Investigating Unit and every other investigating authority with every document, electronic record, procurement file, payment record and witness statement that have been requested during the investigation; if not, (a) what information remains outstanding and (b) why has it not been furnished;

(4) whether her department has investigated any (a) officials who have been involved in the procurement, approval or payment process and (b) personal, financial, political or other relationship with the successful bidder, its directors, shareholders, beneficial owners or any politically exposed person; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings? CW1076E

Ongoing Hawks investigations

912. Mr O J Mokae (Northern 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 of approximately R43.5 million, travel management contract of approximately R100 million, security training contract of approximately R4.5 million and other procurement matters that arose during the tenure of a certain former Acting Director-General (details furnished) together with the ongoing Special Investigating Unit (SIU) investigations under Proclamations R239 of 2025, R260 of 2025 and the Department of Military Veterans Secondment Investigation (details furnished), she will indicate (a) the extent her department is actively assisting and facilitating outstanding Hawks and SIU investigations and (b) the safeguards which have been implemented to ensure that the continued employment of the said person as her special advisor is not creating any actual or perceived conflict of interests in relation to such investigations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether she will give an unequivocal assurance that the said person played no role whatsoever in any matters relating to the investigations or her department's interactions with the Hawks or SIU; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether she will further assure Parliament that the said person's continued appointment is not directly or indirectly contributing to the lengthy delays in finalising such investigations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1077E

Ongoing Hawks investigations

913. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Deputy President:

(1) Whether he has been informed that the (a) Hawks are investigating the Hatfield procurement contracts of approximately R43.5 million, travel management contract of approximately R100 million, security training contract of approximately R4.5 million and other procurement matters that arose during the tenure of a certain former Acting Director-General of the Department of Military Veterans (details furnished) and the Special Investigating Unit is simultaneously conducting further investigations into the Department under Proclamations R239 of 2025, R260 of 2025 and the Department of Military Veterans Secondment Investigation and (b) Supreme Court of Appeal in the Zeal Health matter found that the said person unlawfully committed her department to expenditure in breach of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), causing millions of rand in irregular expenditure which findings have now been confirmed by the Constitutional Court and despite such findings the said person continues to serve as Special Advisor to the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans; if so,

(2) whether it is acceptable that a person whose conduct has been declared unlawful by the country's highest courts continues to advise a Minister whose department is investigating matters that arose during his own tenure as Acting Director-General; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether he has or will direct the Acting Minister of Police to ensure that the long-outstanding Hawks investigations are prioritised and finalised without further delay to ensure that those responsible be prosecuted and the State will recover the hundreds of millions of rand allegedly lost through fraud and corruption; if not, how will the Government credibly claim to be serious regarding fighting corruption while allowing such investigations to drag on for years and simultaneously retaining the said person in one of the most senior political advisory positions in the department concerned; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1078E

Ongoing Hawks investigations

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

(1) Whether, with reference to the ongoing Hawks investigations into the Hatfield procurement contracts of approximately R43.5 million, travel management contract of approximately R100 million, security training contract of approximately R4.5 million

and other procurement matters arising during the tenure of a certain former Acting Director-General (details furnished) and the ongoing Specia Investigating Unit investigations into the Department of Military Veterans, he has been informed that the said person currently serves as Special Advisor to the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he has been informed that the Supreme Court of Appeal in the Zeal Health matter found that the said person unlawfully committed the said department to substantial irregular expenditure in which finding has since been upheld by the Constitutional Court; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether the said person's continued proximity to the said Minister and department while investigations concerning matters arising during his tenure remain outstanding, to present an actual or perceived conflict of interest; if so, what measures has the Hawks implemented to ensure that their investigations remain independent and free from any improper influences;

(4) whether he will provide Parliament an unequivocal undertaking that neither the said person's continued role as Special Advisor nor his proximity to the said department has contributed in any way to the protracted delays in finalising such investigations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1079E

Maintenance work at Fort iKapa

915. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(1) Whether, with reference to her reply to Question 665 on 8 July 2026 regarding maintenance at Fort iKapa (details furnished), any legal basis exists upon which the identities of contractors performing publicly funded maintenance work at Fort iKapa may be withheld from Parliament; if so, what are the legal basis;

(2) whether she will table full names, registration numbers, procurement method, contract values and scope of work of each service provider referred to in the said reply; if not, why not;

(3) whether any parliamentary reply which withholds information specifically requested by a member frustrates Parliament's constitutional oversight function and compels members to submit repeated parliamentary questions merely to obtain information already requested; if not, why not;

(4) whether any of the maintenance or repair work reflected in the said reply relates to accommodation, ablution facilities, plumbing, leaking roofs or hot-water systems that formed the subject of oversight visit to Fort iKapa on 11 May 2026; if so, what are the relevant details, including the dates on which each item of work was (a) commissioned, (b) commenced and (c) completed;

(5) whether any of the work reflected in the said reply was commissioned before oversight visit of 11 May 2026 or during the period between the oversight visit and the public statement issued by the Co-Chairperson of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence Hon Phala dismissing concerns regarding conditions at Fort iKapa as 'fabricated' and 'misinformation' or only thereafter; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

CW1080E

Fort iKapa oversight visit

916. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(1) Whether, she, any member of her office, any special adviser, the Secretary of Defence, the Chief of the SA National Defence Force, the Chief of the Army or any official of her department communicated with, briefed or otherwise engaged Hon P Phala or his office regarding Fort iKapa, the parliamentary oversight visit regarding subsequent media reports or the statement that was issued by him on 3 June 2026; if so, (a) on what dates such communications occurred, (b) who participated therein and (c) what was discussed;

(2) whether she will explain why Hon Phala publicly assured South Africans that conditions at Fort iKapa were satisfactory on 3 June 2026 when her department subsequently withdrew its opposition in a certain case (details furnished), relocated soldiers from Fort iKapa to Ysterplaat Air Force Base, accepted liability for the applicant's attorney-and-client costs, admitted in parliamentary replies that infrastructure constraints, maintenance backlogs and non-functioning hot-water systems existed and later publicly acknowledged that 'the lessons from Fort iKapa have not been lost on SA National Defence Force leadership'; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether such events created a reasonable perception that Hon Phala's intervention served to defend her department publicly rather than to exercise independent parliamentary oversight; if not, what is her explanation for the contradiction between his public statement and her department's subsequent conduct and admission?

CW1081E

Operations at Hanover SAPS

917. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether he has been informed of any allegations made by a certain constable (details furnished) of Hanover SA Police Service (SAPS) regarding the handling of several criminal cases registered at the said police station; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are (a) the CAS numbers, (b) the offences, (c) the dates of registration, (d) the names of investigating officers, (e) the current statuses, (f) the final outcomes regarding certain cases (details furnished) and (g) any related dockets being referred to in the said constable's complaint;

(2) whether any of the specified cases were at any stage (a) withdrawn, (b) closed as unfounded, (c) archived, (d) removed from the active investigation register or (e)

reclassified or amended from their original charges; if so, (i) on whose authority, (ii) on what dates, (iii) for what reasons and (iv) what documentary record exists for such decision in each case;

(3) whether any investigations have been conducted into allegations (a)(i) that the dockets could not be located, (ii) were not properly booked out, (iii) were improperly archived or (iv) were otherwise mishandled and (b)(i) of defeating the ends of justice, (ii) of corruption, (iii) of docket tampering, (iv) of interference with investigations or (v) suppression of criminal complaints at the said police station; if not, why not; if so, (aa) what were the findings, (bb) by whom, (cc) under what reference number and (dd) what disciplinary or criminal action has followed;

(4) whether (a) any members of the SAPS were the subject of misconduct investigation arising from the handling of the specified matters and (b) the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service or any provincial or national anti-corruption component has received any complaints concerning such allegations; if so, (i) what is the status of each case (ii) what is the rank of the member concerned, (iii) what allegations were investigated, (iv) what was the outcome and (v) what sanctions were imposed in each case;

(5) whether (a) any audits, inspections or reviews have been conducted of docket management, case administration, investigation quality or supervision at the said police station since 1 January 2023 and (b) he will furnish copies of all inspection reports, audit reports, investigation reports and correspondence relating to the allegations raised by the said constable; if not, why not in each case; if so, (i) when will he furnish copies and (ii) what were the findings and recommendations?

CW1082E

Military Veterans Pothole Repair Project

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

(1) Whether, with reference to her reply to Question 515 on 1 July 2026 confirming that the Military Veterans Pothole Repair Project was never implemented, the procurement was irregular, the Auditor-General raised a Material Irregularity and the matter has been referred to the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), she will furnish a comprehensive chronology of the matter from the appointment of a certain person (details furnished) as Director-General in April 2021 until her resignation, including (a) the dates of procurement process, (b) the approval and payment of the contract, (c) when concerns were first identified, (d) when the matter was escalated internally, (e) when it was referred to the SA Police Service and SIU, (f) the date of her suspension, (g) the institution and progress of disciplinary proceedings, (h) her resignation and (i) all other material events; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether she will provide complete procurement records relating to such a project, including procurement method that has been followed, where and when was it advertised, all bidders, the successful bidder, its company registration number, names

of its directors and beneficial owners, the contract value and all payments made; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) (a) why was the said person only suspended in March 2023 given that the procurement occurred during 2021 and (b) why was a certain criminal case (details furnished) only opened in June 2023 despite her department now acknowledging that the procurement was irregular;

(4) whether any officials delayed, discouraged, concealed or otherwise frustrated the reporting or investigation of such a matter; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW1083E

Purchasing of farms

919. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

(a)(i) How many farms, (ii) what type of farms and (iii) in which areas are farms currently in the process of being purchased in the Northern Cape, (b) where in the process is each purchase, (c) which funds is his department using for such purchases and (d) what is the intention of his department with each of the said farms? CW1084E

Report on Elephant Management

920. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether he will provide (a) a copy of the Provincial Task Team (PTT) Report on Elephant Management in Madikwe and Pilanesberg that was presented to his predecessor in May 2026 in which he requested specific implementation plans, (b) the details of the implementation plans that were requested and (c)(i) a copy of the Madikwe culling plan which was submitted for approval and (ii) when was such a plan submitted; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1085E

Revised Elephant Norms and Standards 2023

921. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(1) Whether he will provide (a) names, (b) designations and (c) qualifications of his department's team who is responsible for further revision of the Revised Elephant Norms and Standards 2023; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether such further revision is now solely an internal process; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) why such further revision is not following the same exemplary public participation process as was followed in drafting The Revised Elephant Norms and Standards 2023 and (b) when will the drafting of the further revisions be completed;

(3) whether he has considered the probability of any legal challenges to such further revision process; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what challenges and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW1086E

Intergovernmental financial mechanisms/relief frameworks

922. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) What specific intergovernmental financial mechanisms and/or relief frameworks is the National Treasury deploying to protect affected municipal councillors and employees from statutory penalties and interest levied by the SA Revenue Service (SARS) as a result of the municipality's failure to process Pay-As-You-Earn deductions, following the National Treasury's invocation of section 216 of the Constitution to withhold and subsequently partially releasing equitable share allocation for the Impendle Local Municipality and persistent administrative failures that led to the non-payment of statutory payroll obligations;

(2) whether the National Treasury in conjunction with SARS will grant a temporary administrative amnesty and/or suspension of non-compliance penalties for the affected individuals while the municipality is under section 139(1)(b) provincial intervention; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1087E

Municipal Debt Relief Programme

923. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) What detailed assessment his department has conducted on how stringent 30-day current account payment mandates have impacted internal cash flows, budget liquidity and operational functionality of participating municipalities in terms of the compliance conditions attached to the National Treasury's Municipal Debt Relief Programme for Eskom and water board arrears;

(2) whether his department has measured the direct correlation between the diversion of municipal revenues toward such debt repayment structures and widespread deterioration of basic service delivery, specifically regarding water infrastructure maintenance, electricity grid stability and refuse removal; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1088E

Payment planning/mechanisms

924. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

How effective is the payment planning and mechanisms that are in place for future payments to ensure that municipalities have no debt? CW1089E

Implementation of Blended Finance Programme

925. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the National Treasury has assessed the overall success of the Blended Finance Programme that has been implemented through the Land Bank since its inception, particularly in relation to the number of supported farmers, value of grants and loans disbursed, rate of commercialisation of funded farmers and the proportion of approved projects that have reached full implementation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1090E

Processing/disbursing Blended Finance applications

926. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the pace at which Land Bank is processing and disbursing Blended Finance applications is satisfactory, given the repeated concerns that have been raised by Parliament regarding slow turnaround times, distressed and/or stalled projects and insufficient post-investment support for beneficiaries; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1091E

Land Bank/Blended Finance Programme

927. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the current 10-year Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and the Land Bank will be maintained; if not, why not; if so, for how long the Blended Finance Programme is expected to continue? CW1092E

Unfenced national borders

928. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister1w of Public Works and Infrastructure:

(a) What specific strategic and budgetary provisions his department conducted to address the vulnerabilities that have been caused by porous and unfenced national borders, given the recent rise in vigilante campaigns, civil unrest and targeted violence against undocumented migrants across various provinces and (b) what concrete timelines and financial resources have been committed to erect secure, permanent border fencing such as the completion of the Kosi Bay border barrier project in KwaZulu-Natal and the reinforcement of the Beitbridge border infrastructure to strengthen state border control and mitigate security risks that fuel lawlessness within domestic communities, given that the installation and structural maintenance of physical border barriers fall within the developmental ambit of his department? CW1093E

Appointment of additional wardens

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

Whether there are any initiatives and/or vision in place to appoint more wardens, given that reports by his department indicate a shortage of officials to safeguard inmates and shortage of skilled officials who could provide further training and education to inmates (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the timelines to appoint more wardens? CW1094E

SAPS Anti-Gang Unit

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

(a) What specific strategic reasons inform his decision to rely on the current SA Police Service Anti-Gang Unit (AGU) rather than establishing new, exclusive and independently resourced prestige unit that is dedicated solely to neutralising organised criminal syndicates, in light of repeated inquiries regarding the expansion of specialised policing capabilities to curb the escalating multi-provincial surge in gang wars, syndicate extortion and drug trafficking and (b) what concrete timelines, human resource allocations and budget injections he has committed to structurally reinforcing existing units to ensure they decisively dismantle gangster networks and restore community safety, given the recent tragic operational fatalities within the AGU ranks such as the fatal shooting of two anti-gang constables in Reiger Park and his department's public acknowledgments that the police service faces critical capacity constraints against heavily armed syndicates? CW1095E

Monitoring/evaluation framework

931. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

(a) Why monitoring and evaluation framework has proven incapable of preventing material irregularities at municipalities such as the JB Marks Local Municipality where the Auditor-General identified R255.6 million in unauthorised expenditure, R78.8 million in fruitless and wasteful expenditure as a result of late payments, four material irregularities including the continued pollution at the Ventersdorp Wastewater Treatment Works and investigations into financial misconduct that have stalled without any disciplinary actions and (b) what legislative amendments and/or institutional reforms will be introduced to ensure that findings result in tangible consequences rather than annual toothless reports that gather dust? CW1096E

Consequence management measures

932. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether she will account that according to the Auditor-General 2024/25 local government audit outcomes, 38 municipalities representing 24% of total local government expenditure have regressed since 2020/21 while the City of Matlosana Local Municipality spent 85% of its allocated budget yet achieved only 58% of its service delivery targets and wasted over R30

million on consultants for functions it should perform internally and maintained a vacant Chief Financial Officer position for years; if not, why not; if so, what consequence management measures are enforced against such municipalities? CW1097E

Irregularities in municipalities

933. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

(a) Why her department's monitoring and evaluation framework has proven incapable of preventing material irregularities in municipalities, (b) why persistent failures occurred regarding the availability of specialised statistical data analysis and evaluation training that are limiting staff effectiveness and (c) what her department has learned regarding capacity and resource gaps in the provinces that are under-capacitation and under-staffed, with chronic budget constraints, low political prioritisation and high administrative leadership turnover? CW1098E

Gender Responsive Budgeting

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

How Gender Responsive Budgeting is being legally enforced by her department across other national departments to ensure that women empowerment programmes are fully financed rather than deprioritised, given that women experience higher unemployment rates, lower wages and higher rates of economic inactivity than men? CW1099E

Funds for women-owned enterprises

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

How is her department ensuring that funds which are allocated for women-owned enterprises and trade programmes translate into transparent, accessible financing without bureaucratic hurdles, given that opaque systems breed bribery and favouritism? CW1100E

Reduction/prevention of GBVF

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

Whether her department sets any specific time-bound targets to measure the reduction and prevention of Gender-Based Violence and Femicide; if not, why not; if so, (a) how her department tracks police response times and shelter capacities and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW1101E

SA Connect broadband programme

937. Mr M M Mampuru (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

With reference to the core developmental objectives of Phase 2 of the SA Connect broadband programme, (a) what specific infrastructure deployment plans has his department implemented to resolve the severe, ongoing network connectivity deficits in the rural communities of Mutale, Thate, Vhufuli and Tshaulu within the Thulamela Local Municipality, (b) what exact completion timeframes has his department set for the rollout of sustainable base stations or localised wireless mesh infrastructure in such specific areas and (c) how is his department utilising its R2.55 billion 2026/27 budget allocation to ensure that such underserved communities are structurally integrated into South Africa' Fourth Industrial Revolution and electronic government service platforms? CW1102E

National Water Action Plan

938. Mr M M Mampuru (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

With reference to the recently launched National Water Action Plan which is managed by the National Water Crisis Committee (Watercom) and the constitutional obligations that are outlined in section 27(1)(b) of the Constitution, (a) what immediate long-term infrastructural interventions her department has implemented to resolve the prolonged water shortages affecting communities of Mutale in the Thulamela Local Municipality and Nesengani in the Makhado Local Municipality, (b) what total capital budget has been allocated to such specific water supply and reticulation projects under Water Services Infrastructure Grant or Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant for the 2026/27 financial year, (c) what are the precise project completion timelines and (d) what consequence management measures will be enforced to hold the Vhembe District Municipality as the designated Water Services Authority accountable for persistent service delivery failures in such underserved rural areas?
CW1103E

Deterioration of SA defence infrastructure

939. Mr M M Mampuru (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(a) What are her department's (i) plans and (ii) time frames to fully rehabilitate and modernise the Makhado Air Force Base, in light of the deterioration of South Africa's defence infrastructure over the past years as a result of chronic underinvestment, poor maintenance and weak consequence management (details furnished), (b) what budget has been allocated for such a purpose and (c) how will her department ensure that the base is restored to full operational capacity to strengthen South Africa's defence capabilities? CW1104E

Construction of Temporary Residential Units

940. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(1) With reference to the capital project initiated by her department in 2021 for the construction of Temporary Residential Units within the Mbhashe Local Municipality, including Willowvale, Elliotdale and Dutywa, what are the detailed reasons that informed the decision to reappoint or retain services of a certain contractor (details furnished) during the 2022-2026 local government term despite documented records of poor performance and project delivery failure under the initial 2021 contractual agreement;

(2) whether her department has conducted any formal pre-qualification due diligence checks or risk assessments on the specified contractor prior to its inclusion in subsequent provincial human settlements delivery panels; if not, why not; if so, what mechanisms are being enforced to blacklist non-performing developers from receiving concurrent state housing approvals? CW1105E

Water crisis

941. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(1) Following the devastating decade-long water crisis plaguing Butterworth and surrounding rural areas within the Mnquma Local Municipality and the Amathole District Municipality's (ADM) failure in its statutory obligations as a Water Services Authority (details furnished), what urgent interventions is her department implementing to resolve the ongoing operational gridlock, pump infrastructure breakdowns and dry taps that are forcing residents to consume hazardous water from rivers alongside livestock;

(2) whether, in light of the severe deterioration of water supply networks and repeated failures by local authorities to honour court orders mandating emergency water provisions, her department will invoke section 63 of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997), to directly take over water affairs of the ADM; if not, why not; if so, what portion of the R156 billion national water crisis infrastructure fund has explicitly been ring-fenced to build long-term, sustainable bulk-water network and end corrupt, profit-driven dependency on water-tanker syndicates in such specific communities? CW1106E

Construction of TRUs

942. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) Why a certain company (details furnished) which was appointed to construct 217 Temporary Residential Units following the 2022/2023 disaster failed to complete such units as expected and (b) what actions her department has taken against the contractor for failing to deliver? CW1107E

Service collapse

943. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(a) What interventions has he implemented to address municipalities that are unable to provide basic services such as water, sanitation, electricity and refuse removal and (b) how many municipalities are currently under formal interventions as a result of persistent governance and service-delivery failures? CW1108E

Youth employment crisis

944. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

(a) What assessment has she made for the effectiveness of existing employment programmes, given that South Africa is continuing to face exceptionally high levels of youth unemployment, (b) how many sustainable jobs have been created through such programmes and (c) how her department distinguishes between temporary placements and genuine long-term employment? CW1109E

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