

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2026

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★532. Ms F L Shabangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Given the dangerous misinformation in the public domain about how the Lenacapavir, the HIV capsid inhibitor, causes HIV, cancer and other diseases, what (a) are the anticipated side effects of Lenacapavir and (b) public communication campaigns has his department planned to combat misinformation before it derails the uptake of Lenacapavir?

NO3437E

★600. Mr S Lonzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

Whether a specific site has been identified and approved for the establishment of the proposed University of Ekurhuleni; if not, (a) why not and (b) on what date does his department envisage to finalise the acquisition and/or designation of a site; if so, who owns the site?

NO3509E

★604. Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

Given the continuing governance failures at the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) which led to the decision to place the scheme under administration, and considering evidence that funding delays and system failures directly affect the ability of students to register and remain in university and other institutions of higher learning, what (a) are the reasons that his department has not yet stabilised the NSFAS and (b) immediate intervention has he taken to ensure that students are funded on time?

NO3514E

★533. Ms K J Maimela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Noting the limited response in the National Catalogue, particularly in isiNdebele, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, and Siswati, what specific measures have been put in place to ensure that learners who speak the specified languages will not be left without reading material in the 2027 academic year?

NO3438E

★566. Mrs N L Hlazo-Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Given reports that nearly half of Johannesburg's water is classified as non-revenue water, with over 26% lost through leaks and burst pipes, and that even the full extent of the losses cannot be accurately measured because many bulk meters are not functional, (a) what urgent interventions will her department implement to address the collapse in water infrastructure management and (b) who will be held accountable for allowing strategic water infrastructure to deteriorate to the extent that it is no longer functional?

NO3472E

★622. Ms L Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Considering the last-minute cancellation of the 2026 SA Schools' Athletics Championship in April 2026 and his assurance that those at fault would be held accountable, what steps has he taken since April 2026 to fulfil his promise of accountability?

NO3532E

★534. Mr A M Seabi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether, in light of the recent floods that affected several communities in Limpopo, her department has conducted an assessment on the extent of the flood damage; if not, why not; if so, what (a) total number of human settlements projects have been affected and (b) are the details of the affected projects?

NO3439E

★570. Mr T I Gamede (MK) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) What mechanisms has her department put in place to deal with the delicate tension of deterring unlawful land occupations that disrupt orderly urban planning (details furnished) and (b) on which provisions of the Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land (PIE) Amendment Bill does her department rely for the protection of the rule of law without stripping away the essential constitutional safety nets that prevent desperate families from being pushed further into the margins?

NO3478E

★597. Mr M Shikwambana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) With reference to the textbook production tender worth approximately R285 million that was awarded to Lighthouse Publishers (Pty) Ltd, amidst allegations of favours and irregularities, who specifically approved the redesign of the catalogue model;
- (2) whether she personally knows the owners of the specified company; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3505E

★535. Mr W T Letsie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

Given that the administrator of the construction Sector Education and Training Authority allegedly received a salary of R3 million through arrangements involving the SETAs corporate executive (name furnished) without his and/or his department's approval, what consequence management steps have been taken against the (a) administrator and (b) corporate executive concerned? NO3440E

★610. Mr S J Moore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What are the details of the (a) measurable targets and (b) strategic intervention plans contained in the National Water Crisis Action Plan to address water-related challenges such as water infrastructure maintenance that results in the reliance on water tankers? NO3520E

★536. Ms N E Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

In light of Bafana Bafana's participation in the upcoming FIFA World Cup, what oversight measures has his department implemented to ensure strict financial accountability and transparency with regard to preparatory resources allocated to the SA Football Association? NO3441E

★569. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What steps has she taken to ensure that government-subsidised residential rental units built by private developers remain affordable, particularly in urban areas? NO3477E

★537. Ms B M Kegakilwe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Considering the longstanding dispute between the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality and the Magalies Water Board regarding the approximately R364 million debt owed to the Magalies Water Board, what steps has she taken to facilitate the resolution of the historical debt? NO3442E

★611. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What is total number of reported property invasions and/or hijackings that (a) were attempted and (b) actually took place in the 2024-25 financial year? NO3521E

★572. Ms S I Nkosi (MK) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

- (1) Whether, in light of the more than R83 million already paid out through the 2025-26 Mzansi Golden Economy (MGE) funding cycle and the additional R54 million approved for the 2026-27 financial year, his department has put in place an adequate implementation and oversight plan to ensure that the public funds meaningfully contribute to the long-term development of the arts industry; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether his department will furnish Ms S I Nkosi with the full implementation and oversight plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3480E

★538. Ms T Sokanyile (ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:

In view of the high prevalence and incidence of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) in the Republic, (a) what steps has her department taken to capacitate the Gender-Based Violence Command Centre to assist victims of GBVF and (b) to what extent is intergovernmental co-ordination aiding in the fight against GBVF?

NO3443E

★594. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

Given widespread public concern regarding alleged discrepancies, irregularities and possible procurement failures surrounding the approximately R15 billion antiretroviral tender process, (a) what due diligence was implemented by his department during the process of awarding the specified tender and (b) which companies were awarded contracts?

NO3502E

★605. Ms B E Machi (IFP) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:

What practical steps has the department taken to (a) address the non-payment of non-governmental organisations (NGO) in Gauteng and (b) ensure that the department signs service level agreements with NGOs on time?

NO3515E

★539. Mr S T D Louw (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 1854 on 4 May 2026, wherein he outlined reforms including the direct payment model, Special Investigating Unit interventions and governance stabilisation within the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), and noting that concerns continue to persist regarding delayed accommodation payments and their impact on students and service providers, what measurable improvements have been achieved since the implementation of the specified interventions in reducing accommodation payment delays;
- (2) given the ongoing reports of payment backlogs, what further corrective steps have been considered by his department to ensure full financial stability (details furnished) within the NSFAS accommodation system?

NO3444E

★618. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) What progress has been made regarding the independent external investigation into the Foundation Phase National Catalogue process and (b) to what extent has the investigation impacted the publication of the catalogue?

NO3528E

★540. Ms A F Muthambi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What are the implications and/or consequences of the recent Constitutional Court judgment (CCT240/24) on 18 May 2026 on (a) existing policy frameworks or future legislative interventions and (b) broader health system reforms?

NO3445E

★577. Rev N B Gcwabaza (MK) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:

What (a) measures has her department put in place to encourage social grant beneficiaries to bank with Postbank and (b) steps has her department taken to promote and educate such beneficiaries about the use of Postbank services?

NO3485E

★595. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

Given the growing total number of children with autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disabilities and other special needs who face severe barriers in accessing healthcare in public healthcare facilities, what is the current total number of children on the (a) national and (b) provincial waiting lists for paediatric assessments?

NO3503E

★542. Ms I M Mbiyo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Given that his department has noted the *2024 SA Social Cohesion Index* report of the Inclusive Society Institute, where inter-racial trust stands at a low 40%, how will the 15 planned community conversations for the 2026-27 financial year be designed to move the Republic towards meaningfully strengthening social cohesion and nation-building?

NO3447E

★613. Ms C Jordaan (DA) asked the Minister of Basic Education:

Considering that the crime statistics of the SA Police Service for the third quarter indicate 93 cases of rape affecting 69 learners that were reported to have taken place on the premises of educational institutions, including 13 learners in early childhood development centres, what measures and/or plans has her department put in place to (a) ensure that all persons working with children are vetted against the National Child Protection Register and the Sexual Offences Register as required by law and (b) enforce compliance with vetting requirements in privately owned institutions such as private schools and early childhood development centres?

NO3523E

★545. Ms M P Makgato (ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:

(a) What concrete measures have been implemented to strengthen the role of the National Development Agency in supporting community-based organisations and (b) how is the impact measured at the grassroots level in line with pressing social ills plaguing communities?

NO3450E

QUESTIONS TRANSFERRED FROM WRITTEN TO ORAL REPLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 146(1)

★630. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development: [*Written question 1373*]

- (1) With reference to her replies to questions 6412, 6413 and 6414 on 22 December 2025, on what date will she provide the requested information regarding the (a) number of international trips that have been undertaken by the specified persons, since 1 April 2020, (b) names of persons who accompanied them and their capacity, (c) purpose of each trip, (d) benefits of each trip benefit for her department and the poor and vulnerable persons of the Republic, (e) cost of each trip for each person in terms of accommodation, ground transfer, allowances, and other expenses, (f) purpose of each person on the trip and (g) the length of each trip;
- (2) whether she will furnish Ms B S Masango with the (a) reports of each trip and (b) three quotations as per standard procedure together with the quote that was successful; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the breakdown of the international and local travel budget for each financial year since 1 April 2020? NO1535E

★631. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education: [*Written question 2286*]

Whether, from the start of the 7th Parliament to date, any official from his department attended party political study groups and/or meetings in their official capacity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what (i) are the names of the officials and (ii) is the total number of study groups and/or meetings they attended, (b) on what date was each study group or meeting held, (c) what was the agenda and/or topics covered in each study group and/or meeting and (d) what is the name of each political party that hosted each specified study group and/or meeting? NO2396E

★632. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [*Written question 2288*]

Whether, from the start of the 7th Parliament to date, any official from her department attended party political study groups and/or meetings in their official capacity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what (i) are the names of the officials and (ii) is the total number of study groups and/or meetings they attended, (b) on what date was each study group or meeting held, (c) what was the agenda and/or topics covered in each study group and/or meeting and (d) what is the name of each political party that hosted each specified study group and/or meeting? NO2398E

★633. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development: [Written question 2299]

Whether, from the start of the 7th Parliament to date, any official from her department attended party political study groups and/or meetings in their official capacity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what (i) are the names of the officials and (ii) is the total number of study groups and/or meetings they attended, (b) on what date was each study group or meeting held, (c) what was the agenda and/or topics covered in each study group and/or meeting and (d) what is the name of each political party that hosted each specified study group and/or meeting?

NO2409E

★634. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture: [Written question 2317] [REPLIED TO AND REMOVED IN TERMS OF RULE 146(2)]

★635. Mr C J Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2332] [REPLIED TO AND REMOVED IN TERMS OF RULE 146(2)]

★636. Mr C J Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2333] [REPLIED TO AND REMOVED IN TERMS OF RULE 146(2)]

★637. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2336]

- (1) What total (a) amount has her department spent on housing projects and programmes in uMngeni Local Municipality in each year over the past 10 financial years and (b) number of housing units were delivered in each year;
- (2) what (a) total number of housing projects are currently planned and/or approved for implementation in uMngeni Local Municipality, (b) is the project (i) name and (ii) location, (c) number of housing units are planned for each housing project, (d) budget allocation and (e) is the anticipated (i) start and (ii) completion date for each project?

NO2459E

★638. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2337] [REPLIED TO AND REMOVED IN TERMS OF RULE 146(2)]

★639. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health: [Written question 2378]

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 567 on 16 March 2026, what (a) total amount was spent on (i) maintenance and (ii) refurbishment of each building in each (aa) hospital and (bb) clinic in the past financial year and (b) type of (i) maintenance and (ii) was the specified amount spent on in each case;
- (2) whether the (a) timeline and (b) budget set for the completion of the maintenance or refurbishment in each case was not met and/or has been exceeded; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the reasons in each case?

NO2166E

★640. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Health: [Written question 2442]

With reference to his reply to question 904 on 8 April 2026, what (a) and are the full details of the process that has been put in place to (i) monitor and (ii) evaluate each specified programme, (b) was the date on which each programme was last evaluated, (c)(i) is the name of the site of each evaluated programme and (ii) were the findings of each evaluation?

NO2446E

★641. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Health: [Written question 2443]

With reference to his reply to question 904 on 8 April 2026, (a) which public health facilities have youth zones and (b) what has been the response from youth to the youth zones, (c) how is satisfaction (i) measured and (ii) monitored, (d)(i) which staff members are tasked with running the youth zones and (ii) what are their operating hours, (e) which community organisations have been partnered with each facility and (f) how were they vetted?

NO2447E

★642. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education: [Written question 2468]

- (1) Given recent submissions to the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education which alleges that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) appointed a chief financial officer (CFO) in 2025 without any formal recruitment process, and subsequently elevated the specified person to acting chief executive officer outside of prescribed policy frameworks, and noting that the specified allegations point to possible violations of the NSFAS Recruitment & Talent Acquisition Policy, Employee Position Movement Policy and Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999, and raise serious concerns about Board oversight (details furnished), what steps has he and/or his department taken to investigate and address the alleged irregular executive appointments and governance failures at NSFAS;
- (2) whether the appointment of the CFO in 2025 was subjected to a formally advertised and competitive recruitment process; if not, (a) on what legal basis was the deviation authorised, (b) who approved the appointment of the same individual as Acting CEO and (c) how does this comply with internal NSFAS Human Resources policies; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the NSFAS Board has formally investigated the allegations; if not, why not; if so, (a) will the report be tabled to Parliament and (b) what consequence management actions have been taken against any officials responsible for breaching recruitment policies;
- (4) whether his department exercised oversight in terms of the PFMA when the specified appointments were made; if not, why not; if so what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he will institute an independent forensic investigation into governance failures at NSFAS; if not, why not; if so, by what date?

NO2530E

★643. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education: [Written question 2469]

- (1) Given that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) continues to experience severe information and communication technology (ICT) and data management failures (details furnished), which raise serious concerns regarding value for money, internal controls and audit readiness under the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, (a) how is NSFAS addressing the systemic ICT failures, data integrity weaknesses and continued over-reliance on outsourced contractors for core functions, (b) what internal ICT capacity currently exists at NSFAS versus external contractors and (c) what is the total annual cost of ICT contractors compared to the projected cost of permanent staff;
- (2) what (a) are the reasons that NSFAS failed to build internal ICT capacity, despite sustained reliance on outsourced contractors and (b) corrective measures have been implemented following the identification of payments to deceased beneficiaries;
- (3) (a) by what date will NSFAS implement real-time data verification systems with the Department of Home Affairs and other databases, (b) what caused the reported failure of the call centre and student support systems and (c) what is the current operational status;
- (4) what (a) are the reasons that student applications and appeals which are submitted via *myNSFAS* do not reflect on internal systems and (b) is the timeline for full system integration;
- (5) whether the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) has flagged the ICT and data control failures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what were the findings of the AGSA?

NO2531E

★644. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education: [Written question 2470]

- (1) Whether, given that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has reportedly initiated a decentralisation process, including issuing Requests for Proposals for a 4 000 m² head office in Gauteng and a 2 000 m² regional office in the Western Cape, a formal decentralisation policy, feasibility study and/or cost-benefit analysis have been approved; if not, on what basis is NSFAS proceeding with decentralisation and new office infrastructure commitments in the absence of an approved policy framework and demonstrated operational stability, amidst serious concerns regarding wasteful expenditure and compliance with the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999; if so, will the specified decentralisation policy be tabled in Parliament;
- (2) (a) what is the total projected cost of the new office leases over the five-year period, (b) how does the specified expenditure align with ongoing concerns about high administrative costs at NSFAS and (c) how will NSFAS avoid duplication of roles and inefficiencies across multiple offices;

- (3) whether (a) any consultation has taken place with organised labour and (b) such consultation was compliant with the Labour Relations Act, Act 66 of 1995; if not, what are the reasons for such failure in each case; if so, how will staffing for new offices be managed if employees are not required to relocate;
- (4) whether the National Treasury has approved and/or been consulted on infrastructure commitments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he will consider halting decentralisation until governance and operational stability are restored; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2532E

★645. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2478] [REPLIED TO AND REMOVED IN TERMS OF RULE 146(2)]

★646. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture: [Written question 2480]

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 1758 on 17 April 2026, what are the full, relevant details of the outdoor gym equipment programme since inception, including a complete list of every installation site, broken down in terms of (a) province, (b) municipality, (c) ward number, (d) school, public park and/or community facility, (e) date of installation and (f) total budget spent per site;
- (2) what are the relevant details of the (a) comparative needs assessments and/or investigations conducted across all affected municipalities that informed the selection of specific wards and sites and (b) full implementation schedule for all planned future installations, including (i) timelines and (ii) locations where available? NO2548E

★647. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture: [Written question 2481] [REPLIED TO AND REMOVED IN TERMS OF RULE 146(2)]

★648. Ms F Mbiko (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education: [Written question 2663]

- (1) Whether the (a) development and (b) implementation of a youth employment equity strategy falls within the mandate of his department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (i) measures have been taken to develop and adopt a youth employment equity strategy, (ii)(aa) qualitative instruments and (bb) national youth indicator frameworks are used to ensure the strategy is evidence based and (iii) are the specified time frames and milestones for final (aa) adoption and (bb) lifespan of the strategy;
- (2) what (a) processes are in place to review, monitor and/or evaluate the strategy and (b) measures such as stakeholder consultations, lessons learned, exercises or gap analyses are being put in place to draft the next strategy;
- (3) whether he will furnish Ms F Mbiko with a copy of the strategy; if not, why not; if so, on what date? NO2749E

★649. Ms F Mbiko (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture: [Written question 2665]

- (1) Whether the (a) development and (b) implementation of a youth employment equity strategy falls within the mandate of his department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (i) measures have been taken to develop and adopt a youth employment equity strategy, (ii)(aa) qualitative instruments and (bb) national youth indicator frameworks are used to ensure the strategy is evidence based and (iii) are the specified time frames and milestones for final (aa) adoption and (bb) lifespan of the strategy;
- (2) what (a) processes are in place to review, monitor and/or evaluate the strategy and (b) measures such as stakeholder consultations, lessons learned, exercises or gap analyses are being put in place to draft the next strategy;
- (3) whether he will furnish Ms F Mbiko with a copy of the strategy; if not, why not; if so, on what date?

NO2751E

★650. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development: [Written question 2677]

What are the reasons that she had remained in clear breach of the National Assembly Rules and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, by her failure to respond to questions directed to her that were published in the period 6 to 27 March 2026, thereby contravening both National Assembly Rule 145(5), requiring of her to provide the reply within 10 working days and section 92(3)(b) of the Constitution enjoining Cabinet members to provide full and regular reports concerning matters under their control?

NO2765E

★651. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2681]

With reference to the delivery of state-subsidy houses in the uMngeni Local Municipality, what are the relevant details of the (a) current housing backlog in the specified municipality, including the (i) total number of households registered on the housing demand database and (ii) methodology used to determine housing demand and allocate projects across municipalities, (b) intergovernmental interventions her department has undertaken, in collaboration with the municipality, uMgungundlovu District Municipality and other spheres of government, to support (i) housing delivery for bulk infrastructure provision and (ii) measures to unblock stalled housing projects and (c) key challenges that are affecting housing delivery in the municipality, including (i) reasons for delays, (ii) contractor performance issues and (iii) consequence management measures implemented where projects have failed and/or been significantly delayed?

NO2776E