

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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## QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

THURSDAY, 18 JULY 2024

(REPLY BY 1 AUGUST 2024)

**1. Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) With reference to the extension to 31 December 2024 of the temporary visa concession for foreign nationals who are currently awaiting the outcome of visa, waiver and appeal applications, (a) how does the concession for foreign nationals align with the Government's strategy to reduce unemployment and protect job opportunities for South Africans, especially in light of the Republic's high rate of unemployment and (b) what (i) are the relevant details of the Skills Transfer Plan for foreign workers and (ii) specific measures and/or initiatives are in place to facilitate the transfer of valuable skills from foreign nationals to local South African employees;
- (2) what (a) measures does his department have in place to address issues of fraudulent visa issuances and ensure stringent audits to prevent abuse of immigration policies, thereby safeguarding the integrity of the immigration system and (b) steps does his department intend to take to tackle so-called visa shopping, where individuals move between visa categories to qualify for permanent residency, thereby creating backlogs and potentially exploiting loopholes in the system;
- (3) what are the full, relevant details of the beneficiaries of the visa concessions, categorised by their respective nationalities;
- (4) what measures does his department intend to implement to ensure that housing affordability remains within reach for South African citizens, particularly in high-demand areas such as Cape Town, given concerns about the impact of wealthy foreigners on local property markets? NWIE

**2. Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) With reference to the strike action by workers affiliated with the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa at the Gautrain Maintenance Workshop Depot Midrand, where private security forces deployed water cannons and SA Police Service (SAPS) members took possession of rifles with rubber bullets, what is the current total number of active private security firms in the Republic, compared to the combined strength of the SAPS and SA National Defence Force;
- (2) what is the detailed breakdown of the local or foreign ownership of the largest private security firms operating in the Republic, particularly those licenced to carry heavy firearms;
- (3) (a) what measures are in place to ensure that private security firms licenced to carry heavy firearms do not pose a national security risk and (b) are such measures regularly reviewed and/or updated;

- (4) whether the SA Police Service has identified any instances where private security firms have been found to have compromised national security and/or engage in illegal activities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what action were taken to address such incidents? NW2E

**3. Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

- (1) Whether the Republic is still in possession of its highly enriched uranium (HEU) stockpile; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of (a) the (i) enrichment levels and (ii) current estimated value of the uranium stockpile and (b) how the Republic ensures the long-term sustainability and reliability of its uranium stockpile, particularly in terms of (i) mining, (ii) processing and (iii) enrichment capabilities;
- (2) whether there has been any attempts in the past six years by any country to move the Republic towards downgrading its HEU; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) by which countries were such attempts made and (b) what was his and/or the Government's response in each case? NW3E

**4. Mr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Given that despite 30 years of democratic governance, more than 10% of the population in rural areas are still struggling with access to clean water, what specific measures are being implemented to ensure that rural communities gain consistent and reliable access to clean water;
- (2) given that the water shortage affects health, education and overall economic development, despite annual government budgets allocated to address such issues, what steps has her department taken to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the water and sanitation projects to ensure that allocated budgets are being utilised efficiently and effectively;
- (3) given that the Republic's economy is heavily dependent on the mining sector and noting that much of the specified industry is owned by foreign companies, what steps has the Government taken to ensure that local communities benefit from their natural resources, particularly in terms of (a) access to water and (b) water infrastructure development;
- (4) (a) what role does the Government envisage for the regained ancestral lands in enhancing (i) water supply and (ii) sanitation infrastructure and (b) how can the mineral wealth derived from such lands be used to fund critical water projects that promote development and progress within the nation? NW4E

**5. Mr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

- (1) In light of the ongoing challenges faced by many South Africans regarding land ownership and access to land, what (a) is the current status and progress of his department's land reform initiatives and (b) measures has he taken to ensure that land redistribution is both equitable and efficient, particularly for historically disadvantaged communities;

- (2) what steps (a) has his department taken to address the bottlenecks and delays in the land claim process and (b) are being implemented to accelerate the resolution of outstanding land claims;
- (3) what are the relevant details of the support systems his department has in place for new landowners to ensure that they have the necessary resources and knowledge to utilise their land productively;
- (4) what is the Government's strategy for balancing land reform with agricultural productivity and food security, given the crucial role that agriculture plays in the economy of the Republic? NW5E

**6. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether her department has any plans and/or measures in place to tackle the critical issues of (a) 3 million South Africans who are lacking access to safe drinking water, (b) 14 million who are lacking access to basic sanitation facilities and (c) the prevalence of contaminated water sources affecting nearly half of the water supply of the Republic; if not, why not, in each case; if so, (i) what urgent steps has her department taken to (aa) improve water quality and (bb) ensure that all citizens have access to safe drinking water, (ii) how does her department intend to address the lack of basic sanitation facilities in underserved communities and (iii) what plans does her department have in place regarding infrastructure upgrades and investment in rural and peri-urban areas;
- (2) given the exploitation of rural communities by private dam owners, what legislative reforms and/or regulatory frameworks does her department intend to implement to ensure fair and equitable access to water resources, without the financial exploitation of vulnerable populations;
- (3) what are the full, relevant details on how her department intends to allocate resources and invest in infrastructure that will eradicate pit latrines? NW6E

**7. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

- (1) Whether her department intends to develop strategies to protect small businesses from exploitative practices such as being extorted to pay protection fees; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the relevant details of such strategies and (b) steps will her department take to implement these strategies effectively;
- (2) what initiatives will her department implement to ensure that South African-owned businesses that are law-abiding and tax-compliant will be able to compete fairly against foreign-owned businesses that operate in local markets;
- (3) how does her department intend to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation among young South Africans, particularly in sectors crucial for economic diversification and job creation;
- (4) what (a) steps will her department take to support small businesses to access government-backed loans and other forms of financial support and (b) measures will her department implement to ensure that the programmes are accessible and effective for small businesses;

- (5) what measures will her department implement to tackle (a) the challenges faced by small businesses in rural and underserved areas and (b) issues such as limited access to the essential services of water and electricity, as well as restricted access to markets and infrastructure? NW7E

**8. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

- (1) (a) What is his policy position on the recent removal of Mr Luxolo Adams from the South African Paris Olympics 2024 team, despite having duly qualified in August 2023, (b) what specific steps has his department taken to date to address Mr Adams' concerns about his removal and (c) how does his department intend to ensure that Mr Adams is fairly reinstated to compete for the Republic;
- (2) what steps will his department take to (a) address the alleged boardroom politics behind the removal of Mr Adams and (b) ensure that athletic performance and dedication are the only factors determining team selection;
- (3) whether there are any specific policies and/or guidelines in place to protect the rights of athletes during selection processes; if not, why not; if so, (a)(i) what are the relevant details of such policies and/or guidelines and (ii) how will they be enforced and (b) what steps does his department intend to take to ensure that such instances of perceived injustice where qualified athletes are sidelined, are prevented in future;
- (4) what message of support would his department offer Mr Adams and other athletes like him, regarding their future participation in representing the Republic internationally, who may feel discouraged by such decisions?

NW8E

**9. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) What (a) total number of detectives are currently employed in the SA Police Service (SAPS) and (b) number of the total specified number are employed in each province;
- (2) what total number of vacancies for detectives exist in each province;
- (3) what total number of detectives have since October 2023 (a) voluntarily left the employ of the SAPS and (b) informed the SAPS that they have joined the private sector?

NW9E

**10. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Police:**

With reference to firearms and ammunition stolen during the period 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024, what (a) total number of firearms were stolen from the SA Police Service (SAPS) in the specified period, (b) is the breakdown of the (i) total number and (ii) type of firearms in each case stolen from the SAPS in each province, (c) total number of firearms were recovered, (d) total number of arrests were made, (e) total number of rounds of ammunition were (i) stolen and (ii) recovered during the period and (f) total number of police officers were robbed of their service pistols? NW10E

**11. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) What total number of (a) South African citizens over the age of 18 has never applied for identity documents (IDs) and (b) IDs remain uncollected at Home Affairs offices;
- (2) what is the breakdown of the total number of uncollected IDs in each province;
- (3) what are the (a) names and/or (b) location of the top 5 Home Affairs offices with the highest number of uncollected IDs;
- (4) what measures has his department taken to reach the applicants of uncollected IDs;
- (5) what total number of Home Affairs officials have been disciplined and/or fired for selling South African IDs to foreign nationals? NW11E

**12. Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Whether, in the wake of alleged widespread abuse of the Republic's intelligence services for alleged illegal political purposes under his predecessor, he has taken any steps to prevent a recurrence of such incidents; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW12E

**13. Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) In light of the inhumane conditions that South African military personnel deployed to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are subjected to, what steps has she taken to improve the living conditions and human dignity of South African soldiers deployed to foreign lands;
- (2) whether she has found that the South African soldiers in the DRC are receiving adequate air cover and evacuation support; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW13E

**14. Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What (a) total number of officials from her department have been successfully prosecuted by the criminal justice system over the past three financial years and (b) is the breakdown of the charges in each case? NW14E

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

Whether, considering that before the publication of the full 2023 Blue Drop, No Drop and Green Drop Reports on 5 December 2023, the last Drop Reports were published in 2014, and noting that significant deterioration in water and wastewater quality and increased water losses have since occurred, her department intends to statutorily conduct Drop Reports; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how regularly will reports be conducted? NW16E

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

Whether, considering the acute water shortages in the Republic, she has implemented measures to ensure that emergency items such as bottled water and tankers are not subjected to extortion and price gauging by service providers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW17E

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

Whether, considering the deficits in infrastructure investment, she and/or her department, in collaboration with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, have plans to ensure that local and provincial governments earmark funds for (a) maintenance of infrastructure and (b) new infrastructure? NW18E

**18. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Whether medical practitioners, such as doctors and nurses, who conduct family counselling sessions at the intensive care unit (ICU) of an immediate biologically-related patient who is being cared for in the ICU are allowed to make family members sign an acknowledgement on a blank counselling session form of the Critical Care Society of Southern Africa (CCSSA); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether (a) medical practitioners are allowed to write information discussed within the counselling session in a separate hard-cover notebook about a patient and (b) family members of the patient must also sign the specified notebook entry of such a counselling session; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (3) whether the family members who have attended the counselling session have the right to review the notes which have been jotted down on the CCSSA form and within the hard-cover notebook prior to signing an acknowledgement of the session; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether medical practitioners are allowed to refuse a patient's family access to the patient's medical information, notes in the file and/or any other record; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether any actions are instituted against CCSSA when a violation regarding access to a patient's information occurs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW19E

**19. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Whether doctors who hold the status of a medical officer and not that of a medical specialist or intensivist are allowed to administer treatment to a patient in the intensive care unit (ICU); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether (a) medical officers and (b) intensivists are allowed to certify a patient dead within the ICU; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) what surgeons are allowed to administer and/or recommend treatment to patients in ICU;
- (4) whether a nurse and/or doctor within the ICU is allowed to switch off the life support systems to a patient without seeking the permission of the patient's family and/or making the family aware of the proposed decision; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what actions may be taken by the patient's family through the medical process if due process to switch off a patient's life support system without seeking the permission of the patient's family and/or making the family aware of the proposed decision has not been followed? NW20E

**20. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Whether (a) nurses who work in the high care and intensive care units (ICU) are required to register with the Critical Care Society of Southern Africa (CCSSA); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether doctors who are not intensivists are allowed to work in the ICU and administer treatment to patients; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the ICU holds a separate medical file from the main hospital file of each patient; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) how can family members receive a copy of all ICU records, including the CCSSA counselling session notes? NW21E

**21. Mr C F B Smit (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

- (1) With reference to the Presidential event in Mokopane and the unveiling of the 100 mobile Home Affairs offices on 7 May 2024, what are the total costs of the (a) event and (b)(i) fuel and (ii) toll gates fees to transport the 100 trucks to and from Mokopane;
- (2) what are the total costs related to the drivers of the specified 100 trucks, including (a) wages, (b) subsistence and travel allowance, (c) accommodation, (d) meals, (e) total cost for the venue in Mahwelereng, (f) lease of the Mahwelereng Stadium and (g) any other related cost incurred? NW22E

**22. Mr C F B Smit (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

- (1) With reference to the Presidential event in Mokopane and the unveiling of the 100 mobile Home Affairs offices on 7 May 2024, what are the total costs for the (a) hire of the (i) marquee tent, (ii) tables, (iii) chairs, (iv) stage and (v) sound system and (b) advertisements and branding and (c) catering for the attendees;
- (2) what are the total costs of transport to get attendees to and from the venue;
- (3) what was the total number of (a) attendees who were catered for and (b) persons who actually attended the event on the day? NW23E

**23. Mr E M Ntshingila (MK) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

- (1) Whether her department has any plans to facilitate the implementation of the declaration to scrap experience for an entry level position; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the specified declaration was a stunt for political point scoring that creates false hope for the poor people of the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) to what extent does her department consider supporting industrialisation in the minerals sector in order to create factories for purification and the entire value chain thereof which would create thousands of job opportunities;
- (4) whether her department has explored any concept aimed at creating household employment to ensure that each household has a breadwinner; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW24E

**24. Mr E M Ntshingila (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) Whether her department has any plans to reduce the burden of transport costs on the poor persons of the Republic who spend approximately 30% of an average worker's salary on transport; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the all-inclusive stakeholder involvement plan of her department to (a) resolve the Go! Durban multi-billion infrastructure project in the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality that costs millions due to the stalemate in the project and (b) ensure commencement of the specified project that is long overdue? NW25E

**25. Mr E M Ntshingila (MK) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

- (1) What is the plan of her department, through the public private partnerships, to ensure that capital from the private sector that is within the regions of institutions of higher learning assists in building a strong third income stream for the financial sustainability of each institution;
- (4) what is the plan of her department through higher education about taking responsibility for nation building by higher education institutions providing African solutions to African problems through higher education? NW26E

**26. Mr E K Madlala (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) are the traits of a Grade 12 learner who has completed a primary level of education, (b) guarantees does the grade offer the learner to be equipped with and (c) employable involvement does a learner who has completed Grade 12 have in the economy? NW27E

**27. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) What has the impact of the World Bank's involvement been to improve port performance for Transnet as the entity is reportedly the worst in port management in the world;
- (2) whether the introduction of the World Bank to improve port performance is intended to make a case for privatisation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW28E

**28. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether, in light of the fact that the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, signed the law that allows the private sector to participate in Transnet on 11 June 2024, (a) what is the role of the private sector in Transnet and (b) how will the specified role affect Transnet operations? NW29E

**29. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

Whether, in light of the fact that Eskom coal power stations have gone through intense maintenance in the past 18 months, load shedding has now completely been stopped; if not, should the Republic still expect load shedding in due course; if so, what are the relevant details? NW30E

**30. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What is the (a) fleet complement of all vehicles procured by the SA Police Service and (b) estimated monetary value of the specified vehicles? NW31E

**31. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether, in light of how Government continues to pay R71 billion per annum for its 1,3 million employees to access private hospitals that compete with public hospitals, he has considered repurposing portions of the public hospitals into private sections to be used by government employees so that billions of Rand will circulate in the public sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW32E

**32. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What (a) happens to the Government Employees Pension Fund when a member dies six years after retirement and (b) steps of intervention are taken to cushion the fund from employees who do not qualify for state-subsidised houses and/or bank approved home loans? NW33E

**33. Adv B J Mkhwebane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Which processes were followed to procure the services for the digitisation of records;
- (2) whether the digitisation process was awarded as a tender or participation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) what is the total value of the project;
- (4) whether the value was budgeted for; if not, (a) how is the service provider paid and (b) what amount has already been paid towards the project to date?  
NW34E

**34. Adv B J Mkhwebane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) (a) How is the cost-of-living allowance for diplomats representing the Republic in foreign missions currently taxed and (b) what factors are considered in determining the taxation of cost-of-living allowances for diplomats;
- (2) whether there are any specific guidelines and/or regulations put in place regarding the taxation of cost-of-living allowances for diplomats; if not, why not; if so, how does the taxation of cost-of-living allowances for diplomats differ from that of other employees?  
NW35E

**35. Adv B J Mkhwebane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What (a) plans are put in place to review the taxation of cost-of-living allowances for diplomats in the near future and (b) impact does the taxation of cost-of-living allowances for diplomats have on their ability to fulfil their duties effectively?  
NW36E

**36. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether she is aware of the struggles of access to water services by the residents of Gataote Village, North West; if not, why not; if so, what plans has her department put in place to ensure the provision of sustainable water services to the residents of Gataote?  
NW37E

**37. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

What are the reasons that employees at the Masters Office, in the Northern Cape High Court, Kimberley, take prolonged lunch breaks from 12:00 until 14h00 effectively causing the closure of operations and denial of access to services to members of the public?  
NW38E

**38. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

(a) What is the status of the implementation of the National Assembly resolution on the closing down of the Israeli embassy and (b) when does he envisage the finalisation of this matter?  
NW39E

**39. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:**

What (a) programmes has his department implemented as part of the commercialisation of black farmers, (b) impact has these programmes had on the commercialisation of black farmers and (c) are the transactions details of all the programmes that were funded by his department in (i) 2021-22, (ii) 2022-23 and (iii) 2023-24 financial years?  
NW40E

**40. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

- (1) What economic opportunities have been made available to National Rural Youth Service Corps (NARYSEC) volunteers in the three previous years;
- (2) whether he will furnish Mr Montwedi with a list detailing the current whereabouts of the volunteers who were part of NARYSEC;
- (3) what are the reasons for not utilising the NARYSEC volunteers to build state capacity and assist with farming infrastructure programmes?

NW41E

**41. Ms M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether, with reference to a reply by Ms A T Didiza, the former Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to question 522, he is aware that officials from the Land Claims Commission in the Eastern Cape have processed payments for a few households in lower Ngqumeya and not payments of the claims for the rest of the households in the three affected villages; if so, what is causing the delays in processing compensations for these land claims?

NW42E

**42. Ms M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

- (1) With regards to the settlement of the Lower Zingcuka Land Claim in Keiskammahoek, Eastern Cape, what are the reasons that officials from the Land Claims Commission demand households to produce permission to occupy (PTO) certificates before payments for compensation are processed;
- (2) whether the requirement to produce PTO certificates has replaced the auditing of dispossessed households which was practiced by his department; if so, what are the regulatory or legislative basis for this requirement?

NW43E

**43. Ms M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether, with reference to a reply to question 552 by Ms A T Didiza, the former Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development regarding the delays in the processing of payments for compensation to the Lower Zingcuka Land claimants, his department will adhere to the stipulated timelines; if not, what is the updated timeline envisioned for the processing of outstanding claims; if so, what steps will his department undertake to expedite the process?

NW44E

**44. Mr C G Niehaus (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the recent tragic death of two members of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) and twenty SANDF members deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) that were seriously injured on 26 July 2024 following attacks by M23 rebels in Sake, the SANDF troops deployed in the DRC are adequately equipped to deal with any airborne attacks; if not, why not; if so, what are the reasons that the attacks resulted in two fatalities and serious injuries to the troops;

- (2) whether the withdrawal of all SANDF troops from the DRC was necessitated by the palpable inability and lack of financial resources? NW45E

**45. Mr C G Niehaus (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) will be able to obtain R 2,4 billion required for the deployment of additional 2 900 SANDF troops; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of funding;
- (2) whether it is the intention to deploy the additional SANDF troops without securing the required budget? NW46E

**46. Mr C G Niehaus (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether the underspending on Military Veterans Pensions amounts to R 250 million; if so, what (a) are the reasons for this underspending and (b) steps does her department intend to take to avoid gross underspending in the next financial year? NW47E

**47. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Noting the importance of the database for the identification of military veterans for the effective administration of the benefits provided for in the Military Veterans Act, Act 18 of 2011, what (a) criteria is used for identifying a military veteran, (b) is the current status of the Database Verification and Cleansing Committee and (c) steps have been or are currently undertaken to ensure the effective and non-partisan functioning of this Committee? NW48E

**48. Mr M Manyi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

- (1) Whether he will furnish Mr M Manyi with a comprehensive list of all apartheid and colonial symbols, and statues currently situated around the Parliament precinct; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the significance of their presence in terms of the broader societal impact and reconciliation efforts;
- (3) whether there are existing or proposed plans to remove them from the Parliament precinct; if not, why not; if so, what (a) steps and (b) timelines are proposed for their removal, including the possibility of relocating them to the Apartheid Museum or other appropriate historical archives;
- (4) how is his department engaging with affected communities, historians, and other stakeholders to ensure the process of addressing symbols that should reflect the Republic's commitment to the constitutionally enshrined founding principles of healing and unity? NW49E

**49. Mr M Manyi (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) In light of the reported undercounting of the population of the Republic by Stats SA in 2022 CENSUS, (a) what steps is her office taking to investigate the veracity of these reports that Stats SA has undercounted the population in 2022 CENSUS and (b) how will the potential undercounting affect national planning and resource allocation;

- (2) what (a) mechanisms has her office put in place to safeguard the integrity and ensure the credibility of the work of Stats SA, (b) methodologies were used by Stats SA during 2022 CENSUS (c) is likely to have informed the undercounting allegations? NW50E

**50. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What are the relevant details of the forms of assistance that his department has provided to the family of a 35-year-old female patient who died due to the fire that occurred in Dr George Mkhari Hospital? NW51E

**51. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What urgent steps of intervention have been undertaken by his department to address renovation delays prohibiting the performance of emergency surgeries at Leratong Hospital in Katlehong, Gauteng? NW52E

**52. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether she is aware that learners of Thubelihle Secondary School in Jabavu, Soweto, Gauteng, are taught outside during these freezing conditions due to shortages of classrooms at the school; if not, why not; if so, what urgent steps of intervention does her department intend to take to address the prevailing situation? NW53E

**53. Mr L G Mokoena (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether he will furnish Mr L G Mokoena with a list of projects executed under the banner of the Mzansi Golden Economy Strategic Fund since 1 January 2012; if not, why not; if so, (a) who were the recipients of the grant and (b) what total amount was spent on each project? NW54E

**54. Mr L G Mokoena (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) What is the total cost of maintaining the Art Bank of South Africa and (b) how has its upkeep been financed on a yearly basis since its inception on 12 December 2017? NW55E

**55. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) What (a) total amount has the SA Police Service (SAPS) spent on training highly trained police personnel and special forces in the past three financial years, in view of how the Republic is losing special forces to the private sector and (b) total number of troops did SAPS (i) train in each year in the past three financial years for the (aa) Tactical Response Team, (bb) Public Order Policing and (cc) National Intervention Unit and (ii) lose to the private sector in each case in each year;
- (2) what plan does the SAPS have in place to keep troops more loyal to the Republic? NW56E

**56. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) How has the transition of early childhood development (ECD) functions from the Department of Social Development to her department been managed so far, (b) what challenges have been encountered in this regard and (c) what steps are being taken to address the needs of children with disabilities within the ECD framework?

NW57E

**57. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What (a) is the current total number of unemployed graduate educators nationally and (b) are the relevant details of the steps of intervention that have been taken in the past five years by her department to ensure that graduate educators are employed?

NW58E

**58. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) What are the full relevant details of any measures that have been put in place by her department recently to prevent acts of violence in schools;

(2) whether there is any cogent policy in place that deals with the issue of safety and security in schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW59E

**59. Ms M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What additional resources and skills does she intend to put in place to address the challenges regarding the (a) implementation of catchment plans for mine water and wastewater management and (b) assessment of water supply systems for compliance with blue drop regulatory targets, which are critical targets that involve complex regulatory and technical challenges?

NW60E

**60. Ms M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What projected (a) risk assessments and (b) mitigation measures has her department put in place to ensure cost overruns and time frames are in place for the water resources management programme that was put in place in the 2024-25 financial year, as her department has encountered challenges in project management of built infrastructure in the water and sanitation water value chain in the past?

NW61E

**61. Ms M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What are the relevant details of the establishment of the National Water Resource Infrastructure Agency that will oversee the planning, financing and development of water infrastructure in the Republic and the maintenance of existing water resource infrastructure?

NW62E

**62. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(1) What total number of private water-use licenses have been issued by her department (a) in the past three years and (b) since 1 January 2024;

- (2) whether her department keeps record of the demographic details of the recipients of private water use licences; if not, why not; if so, what total number of private water-use licenses was awarded to white citizens and/or entities owned by white citizens (a) in the past three years and (b) since 1 January 2024?  
NW63E

**63. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether her department has put any systems in place to (a) prevent water-borne diseases, (b) manage contamination and (c) respond to outbreaks effectively; if not, why not; if so, what are the full relevant details of the systems?  
NW64E

**64. Ms L Managa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

What interventions have been put in place to address shortfalls that are exacerbated by budget cuts on the existing contractual obligations which include fixed costs services of his department such as the (a) facilities management costs, (b) vessel operating costs, (c) information, communication and technology and (d) Expanded Public Works Programme?  
NW65E

**65. Ms L Managa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

What are the relevant details of the steps his department will take to fund the 230 vacant posts to address the shortage of personnel with the current budget of R2,24 billion, as his department only spent 22,8% of their total allocated budget in the 2023-24 financial year?  
NW66E

**66. Ms L Managa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

What has he found to be the permanent solution for the communities that reside in industrial areas which have high emissions of smoke that pollutes the air and poses danger to health of the persons living around the areas?  
NW67E

**67. Mr L M Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of incidents where officers of the SA Police Service (SAPS) fled from a community feud; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the relevant details of the circumstances surrounding their flight and (b) protocols are in place for SAPS officers responding to community disputes and/or conflicts;
- (2) whether he has found that the response time of SAPS officers was adequate in each specified instance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?  
NW68E

**68. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) Whether, following the commitment made by the Road Accident Fund (RAF) to pay all outstanding claims within a stipulated period, she will furnish an update on the status of the backlog; if not, why not; if so, what (a) is the total (i) number and (ii) projected cost of all claims that are more than four years old and (b) are the relevant details of how the RAF will settle the claims;
- (2) what (a) total number of the specified claims have been taken to court and (b) are the amounts involved in each claim? NW69E

**69. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Considering that the court dismissed the initial application by the Road Accident Fund (RAF) for leave to appeal the judgment that declared invalid its regulation that barred illegal foreign nationals from lodging road accident claims and that the RAF has again lodged an application for leave to appeal the judgment, what are the (a) total legal costs paid by RAF in the specified matter to date and (b) projected total costs that will be paid by RAF after lodging another application? NW70E

**70. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) What percentage of (a) primary agriculture and (b) large agro-food complex comes from black farmers, considering that primary agriculture accounts for 4,5% of the Gross Domestic Product of the Republic while the largest agro-food complex accounts for another 9%;
- (2) what (a) number of the million agricultural workers are (i) Africans, (ii) coloured, (iii) white and (iv) foreign nationals and (b) is the provincial breakdown in each case? NW71E

**71. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:**

What is the (a) agricultural net export minus other products and commodities and (b) total net amount that comes directly from black-owned production? NW72E

**72. Mr Y Tetyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What are the relevant details of the urgent steps that have been taken by his department to (a) reduce and (b) completely eradicate the backlog of birth registrations? NW73E

**73. Mr Y Tetyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether her department is responsible for the awarding of water-tankering contracts to municipalities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) total number of municipalities have been awarded water-tankering contracts and (b) are the details of the associated time frames for each contract? NW74E

**74. Mr Y Tetyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What is the (a) total allocated budget to erect sanitation infrastructure in all the informal settlements in the Republic and (b) breakdown of the budget in terms of each (i) province and (ii) municipality? NW75E

**75. Ms M S Letlape (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether the SA Police Service has a strategy and/or plan for the top 30 police stations with the highest contact crime figures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the full details of the progress that has been made in this regard? NW76E

**76. Ms M S Letlape (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Considering that the Park Road Police Station in Bloemfontein, Free State, has been under renovations for the past 8 years or so, (a) what total amount has been spent thus far, (b) on what date is it envisaged that the project will be completed and (c) what are the reasons that there have been so many delays? NW77E

**77. Mr T P Mogale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) What total (a) number of buildings are leased by his department from private owners and (b) amount is his department spending on each building lease per annum;
- (2) whether he will furnish Mr T P Mogale with a detailed list of all (a) leased buildings, (b) the names of the owners of each building and (c) the amounts paid for each building; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW79E

**78. Mr T P Mogale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether, considering that the Lubisi Report exposed serious corruption in the issuing of visas and permits by his department, any recommendation of the report has been implemented; if not, why not; if so, what total number of visa applications have been (a) turned down due to corruption and (b) approved since the report was received? NW80E

**79. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

What (a) total number of delictual claims are due and/or outstanding subject to court proceedings in respect of alleged recklessness, negligence and misconduct of the SA National Defence Force and (b) is the full list of the total contingency liability in this regard? NW81E

**80. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What (a) total number of delictual claims are due and/or outstanding subject to court proceedings in respect of alleged recklessness, negligence and misconduct of the SA Police Service and (b) is the full list of the total contingency liability in this regard? NW82E

**81. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

What (a) total number of claims are due and/or outstanding subject to court proceedings against (i) the Government in general and (ii) state-owned entities (SOEs) in respect of alleged recklessness, negligence and misconduct of the respective functionaries or officials, (b) is the full list of the total contingency liability in this regard and (c) number of the claims has she found to be (i) defensible and (ii) indefensible in each (aa)(aaa) national and (bbb) provincial department and (bb) SOE? NW83E

**82. Mr V G Reddy (MK) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) Whether he has been informed of members of the SA Police Service that were brutally assaulting a member of the public at the uMkomaas Beach in KwaZulu-Natal (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, will he institute an urgent investigation headed by the Independent Police Investigative Directorate into the conduct of the policemen concerned and report on the outcome;

(2) what immediate measures will he take to address such behaviour and prevent such incidents in the future, considering the apparent use of excessive force by the policemen, which is unwarranted and unacceptable? NW86E

**83. Ms M C Mafagane (MK) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

With regard to the report in the previous term on 11 October 2023, that impairment write-off and bad debt provisions on loans and advances had increased by a net amount of R594 million, what are the practical steps that have been taken to improve the quality of the loans book and collections of entities reporting to her? NW87E

**84. Mr W M Douglas (MK) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

(a) What are his plans to address the issue of cadre deployment within his department and (b) how will his department ensure that diplomats are selected based on merit and are fit for purpose? NW88E

**85. Mr W M Douglas (MK) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What steps are being taken to promote black and coloured small-, micro- and medium enterprises in foreign countries through his department's international missions? NW89E

**86. Mr W M Douglas (MK) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

How does he intend to (a) address the issue of political appointments for ambassadorships and (b) ensure that ambassadorship positions are not used as retirement parachutes for elderly politicians? NW90E

**87. Mr D D D van Rooyen (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

With reference to the Board positions that have remained vacant for extended periods in the entities that report to her, what is the status of the appointment of Board members for each of the specified entities? NW91E

**88. Mr D D D van Rooyen (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) Whether he will furnish Mr D D D van Rooyen with the (a) audit outcomes and (b) management reports of (i) his department and (ii) the entities that report to him for the past three financial years; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) has made any progress on the allocation of the new operator's licence for the National Lottery, given the litigious nature of awarding the specified licence (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the full details of the process, including advertisements, that will be followed in the appointment of the new operator, (b) are the names of candidates in both the long- and short list, (c) are the names of the interviewing panellists, (d) probity checks and/or independence tests have been conducted to, among other things, check if there are any relations between the Board members of the NLC and the members of his department, (e) assurances will the current Board of the NLC give to the nation that it will adjudicate and advise his department properly to avoid compromising the process and (f) on what dates are the interviews scheduled to be conducted? NW92E

**89. Mr D D D van Rooyen (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) What total number of members of Distributing Agencies have been appointed on a full-time basis at the National Lottery Commission in terms of the Lotteries Act, Act 57 of 1997, since April 2022 and (b) on what date was each member appointed;
- (2) whether he has found that his predecessor discharged his executive obligation in accordance with the Lotteries Act, Act 57 of 1997, regarding the appointment of members of the Distributing Agencies; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW93E

**90. Ms D Zuma-Sambudla (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What (a) total number of grantees and/or beneficiaries were funded through research-based funding in the past five financial years, (b) amount was paid to each grantee and/or beneficiary and (c) are the names of the specified grantees and/or beneficiaries? NW94E

**91. Ms D Zuma-Sambudla (MK) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) What (a) are the names of legal firms and counsels that were briefed or allocated work by (i) her Office and (ii) the entities reporting to her in the past five financial years, (b) is the breakdown of allocation for each firm and/or counsel and (c) services were rendered for each allocation;
- (2) what (a) process was followed in appointing the legal firms and/or counsels, (b) was the tender number of the contract and (c) total number of firms (i) applied and (ii) were appointed;
- (3) whether any of the appointment of the legal firms and/counsels were declared as irregular by the relevant statutory bodies; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what actions were taken against those who caused the organisation to incur an irregular expenditure;
- (4) whether the legal firms and/counsel whose appointment were declared irregular continued to be utilised by her Office and the entities reporting to her; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what actions are being taken against the use of the specified firms? NW95E

**92. Ms D Zuma-Sambudla (MK) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What (a) are the names of consultants who were appointed by (i) her Office and (ii) the entities reporting to her in the past five financial years, (b) total amount was paid to each consultant; (c) is the description of services rendered and (d) process was followed in appointing each consultant? NW96E

**93. Mr G Taaibosch (MK) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether, considering the money that is spent on gender-based violence (GBV) training programmes for the members of the SA Police Service and the fact that there is a rise in the incidences of GBV, an impact assessment was ever conducted to determine the effectiveness of such training programmes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW97E

**94. Mr J A Mngxitam (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) (a) What total number of vacant and funded positions currently exist at her department and (b) are the reasons that her department has workers who are employed on contract;
- (2) what (a) total number of officials in her department are on suspension, (b) are the charges against each of the specified officials, (c) were the outcomes of the cases that have been concluded and (d) for how long each of the specified officials has been on suspension;
- (4) whether there is an intention to appoint a permanent director-general for her department; if not, why not; if so, what are the time frames in this regard;

- (5) considering that the former Deputy Minister of her department reported that senior officials were suspended due to maladministration and corruption, (a) what is the current status or outcomes of their disciplinary cases and (b) how does her department hold management meetings with skeleton staff?

NW98E

**95. Mr J A Mngxitam (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether, considering that her department has been returning budgeted funds annually to the National Treasury, any plans have been put in place to address the problem of underspending in her department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW99E

**96. Mr J A Mngxitam (MK) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

Whether, considering that the National Development Plan prescribes the national objective of the eradication of the triple challenge, namely inequality, poverty and unemployment by 2030, and in view of the fact that there are six years left before 2030, she has found that the Government will meet the specified objective; if not, why not; if so, how far is the Government from achieving the specified objective, expressed in percentages of achievement?

NW106E

**97. Mr G Taaibosch (MK) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether his department will give recognition to the first Khoi and San kings and chiefs this year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW113E