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Deputy President

(Deferred from 27 August 2026)

Financial/administrative consultants

★13. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:

(1) Whether the Government has considered taking decisive measures to address the infinite consultant loop in the local government sector which has seen municipalities spending R1.61 billion on financial and administrative consultants during the 2024/25 financial year though 61% of them still submitted financial statements with material misstatements, indicating a cycle of high cost and poor value for money; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether such measures include developing a local government skills development plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1110E

Rapid-response mandate

★14. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Deputy President:

What measurable outcomes demonstrate that his rapid-response mandate has actually turned around dysfunctional municipalities rather than simply monitoring their continued decline in light of his undertaking in May 2023 that within six to twelve months, he would implement rapid-response interventions and troubleshoot service-delivery hotspots and later identified 66 municipalities that are requiring immediate support while many municipalities more than three years later continue to suffer from precisely the same failures that were identified previously? CO1113E

Fighting high levels of crime

★15. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:

(1) Whether, in light of the prevalence of violent crime, proliferation of illegal firearms, extortion and gang violence, particularly in provinces such as the Western Cape and Gauteng, the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster has considered ensuring that South Africa develops mechanisms to wage a concerted and decisive fight against the disconcertingly high levels of crime to achieve its primary mandate of ensuring that all citizens in South Africa are and feel safe; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether such mechanisms include coordinating resources across provinces to reduce crime, improve criminal justice system and manage national security; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1111E

National Water Action Plan

★16. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Deputy President:

In light of his responsibility of Chairing the Water Task Team in addressing water challenges in various areas of the country and the introduction of the National Water Action Plan on 23 July 2026 to address structural water failures across the Eastern Cape, (a) how he justifies the total lack of clean and running water for thousands of residents in Butterworth, specifically within the rural Mambendeni in Ward 12 in Ndabakazi area which have been subjected to decades of dry taps, broken infrastructure and empty promises, (b) what immediate emergency relief interventions he is coordinating to supply regular and reliable water to Ward 12 where impoverished residents are routinely left stranded and/or forced to purchase water from private trucks at exorbitant rates they could not afford and (c) what measures are in place to prioritise underfunded and unserved rural communities like Ndabakazi to ensure that water infrastructure development is not exclusively channelled toward affluent urban centres? CO1115E

Sustainable employment/access to skills

★17. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Deputy President:

In light of South Africa's persistently high youth unemployment and the growing adoption of artificial intelligence (AI), automation and robotics, (a) what concrete measures has the Government put in place to ensure that young South Africans, particularly those in rural and disadvantaged communities gain sustainable employment and access to skills in emerging sectors such as technology, manufacturing and the green economy and (b) what steps is the Government taking to prevent large-scale job displacement and ensure the reskilling and retention of South African workers as businesses increasingly adopt AI and automated technologies? CO1118E

SANDF budget constraints

★18. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:

Whether the Governance, State Capabilities and Institutional Development Cluster has considered the severe constraints that are facing the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) which are arising from chronic budget underfunding and the impact on the SANDF's state capacity to defend and protect the Republic, its territorial integrity and citizens in accordance with the Constitution and international law; if not, why not; if so, (a) what mechanisms are proposed to address the dire state of the SANDF and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO1112E