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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2026

CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

★668. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether she has disclosed gifts given by foreign governments timeously; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4662E

★687. Ms B E S Zuma (MK) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether, given that the National Spatial Development Framework (NSDF) is intended to guide planning across all spheres of government, her department has established any binding compliance and/or accountability mechanism to ensure that provincial and municipal spatial plans align with the NSDF; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4684E

★**697. Ms D R Direko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With reference to the report of the Public Protector, named *Systemic Investigation into alleged failure by the City of* Cape *Town Metropolitan Municipality to provide basic municipal services in Langa Flats and Khayelitsha Township,* which made damning findings against the City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality, what steps has his department taken to engage the City in order to get the specified issues addressed? NO4701E

★**681. Mr C Matiwane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

What strategic intervention plans have been put in place flowing from the recommendations made by the National Planning Commission (NPC) in its October 2025 Advisory Note on the National State of Service Delivery in South Africa that wastewater treatment plants are currently processing volumes 50% above their intended limits? NO4677E

★**654. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

(1) Whether, given that the Republic has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the world, she has found that the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) has made a measurable contribution towards reducing youth unemployment; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what evidence can she provide in this regard;

(2) whether the NYDA's contribution has been verified independently; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4647E

★**700. Mrs D E Mpapane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

Given that the 7th Administration has prioritised the implementation of measures to lower the cost of living and tackle food insecurity, what steps has her department taken to ensure that departments include such measures in their annual performance plans? NO4705E

★**703. Mr S H M van Wyk (PA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Given that the United Nations recognises the Khoi and San as the oldest First Nation of Southern Africa, yet the traditional Khoi and San leaders remain excluded from full recognition, resourcing and participation in the National House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders in the Republic, what (a) concrete steps has his department taken since he assumed office to correct the historical injustice and (b) are the reasons his department has failed to implement a recognition framework that respects First Nation chiefs as equal to other traditional authorities? NO4709E

★673. Ms A M van Zyl (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

As the Auditor General of South Africa, the Special Investigating Unit and law enforcement agencies continue to expose widespread corruption and financial misconduct in municipalities, what are the details of cases where his department has intervened to ensure implementation of appropriate disciplinary action, civil and/or criminal lawsuits? NO4668E

★701. Ms P P Xaba-Ntshaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Given that a significant number of public servants who joined the Public Service in 1994 are approaching retirement, and noting the implications of this to State capacity and leadership, what (a) measures has his department put in place in respect of the imminent changes and/or transition in the Public Service and (b) is the envisaged impact of the such transition on the implementation of the Public Service Amendment Act, Act 9 of 2025? NO4706E

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

What (a) has he found to be the reason that the Khoi and San leadership has still not received similar recognition as the Nguni traditional leadership, despite the appointment of the Commission on Khoi and San Matters which was established in terms of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, Act 3 of 2019, and (b) steps must the Khoi and San leadership take on behalf of the Khoi and San nation take to be treated equally to Nguni traditional leaders? NO4686E

★679. Ms P R Mailola (EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

In view of the fact that violence against women and girls remains unacceptably high despite significant government expenditure on gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) programmes, what (a) measurable outcomes have the programmes achieved 2025 and (b) are the full details of the measures that her department has in place to evaluate whether its interventions are actually reducing GBVF? NO4675E

★702. Mr N T Tshotetsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

In advancing the constitutional rights of persons with disabilities, what concrete interventions has her department implemented to ensure that government preparations for the upcoming local government elections are fully accessible and inclusive for persons with disabilities? NO4707E

★**665. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

Whether the regulations required for mandatory lifestyle audits will be in place for councillors elected after the local government elections; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4659E

★**661. Mr J N de Villiers (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

(1) Whether the Central Register for Verification of Dismissals and Resignations Pending Disciplinary Case includes local government officials; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether he has found that the establishment of the Register will ensure that those officials who were dismissed for malpractice would be unable to conduct business with the State; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4654E

★**694. Ms N Buthelezi (MK) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

Given reports that approximately R800 million has been spent on officials who are on suspension with full pay while their disciplinary matters remain unresolved beyond prescribed timeframes, what (a) is the total number of identified public servants who are currently on suspension with full pay and (b) corrective steps has his department taken to enforce the prescribed timeframes for the finalisation of disciplinary cases? NO4693E

★**678. Ms P R Mailola (EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

What (a) has she found to be the reasons for the delays in finalising a broader South African Youth Development Strategic Bill framework to coordinate cross-sectoral support for youth support and the rights of persons with disabilities and (b) are the time frames in this regard? NO4674E

★**663. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What are the relevant details of the mechanisms used by the Government Communication and Information System to measure whether government communication campaigns achieve measurable improvements in public awareness, understanding and behavioural change, rather than simply reporting communication outputs? NO4657E

★**669. Ms T K Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What progress has been made in the implementation of an (a) Integrated Government Communication Plan and (b) Editorial Command Centre for the Government Communication and Information System? NO4664E

★670. Ms T K Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

How will the Government Communication and Information System maintain independence in the forthcoming local government elections? NO4665E

★671. Ms K A Christie (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

With reference to the Statistics South Africa head office that was planned to accommodate 2000 employees in 2011, in the Public Private Partnership arranged by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), and considering that the DPWI at the time committed Statistics South Africa to an annual unitary fee or bond for which the 2026-27 financial year will amount to R349,5 million, what (a) was the original purchase price of the building in 2011 and (b) was the rationale for tying Stats SA to an unaffordable rental agreement, when the organisation should have been prioritising salaries in their budget? NO4666E

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★706. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: *[Written question 573]*

From 1 March 2024 up to 28 February 2026, what (a) total number of board meetings did BrandSA hold, (b) was the average number of board meetings in the previous five years and (c) had led to the increase in board meetings? NO635E

★707. Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: *[Written question 1714]*

Whether, since the start of the 7th Administration, she has undertaken any official trip outside the borders of the Republic on which she was accompanied by her spouse, civil partner, domestic partner, or romantic partner; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what was the (a) purpose of the trip, (b) destination of travel, (c) duration of the visit, (d) date of travel and/or visit and (e) cost of the (i) flight tickets and (ii) accommodation of the spouse, civil partner, domestic partner or romantic partner? NO1922E

★**708. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 2302]***

Whether, from the start of the 7th Parliament to date, any official from her Office 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? NO2412E

★**709. Ms K A Christie (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 2671]***

Considering that accurate statistics guide the government as it measures the effectiveness of its policies, and given that the vacancy rate at Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is at about 23% with approximately 760 vacant posts and that the retention of experienced and qualified staff at competitive salaries is crucial for the sustainability and effectiveness of Stats SA, what plan has been developed to ensure that the Stats SA is fully capacitated and financed? NO2759E

★**710. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 2690]***

(a) Which of the provinces have acting heads of her division and (b) how long has it been since the specified provinces had permanent heads? NO2556E

★**711. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 2771]***

Whether she will furnish Ms S Singh with the (a) proportion of government spend towards advertising in community and small commercial media through the Government Communication and Information System, (b) criteria guide used for the allocation of government advertising across various media platforms and (c) measures implemented to ensure equitable government advertising to community media outlets; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2853E

★**712. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 2772]***

(1) Whether she will furnish Ms S Singh with the safeguards existing within the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) to ensure communication funded by taxpayers remains politically neutral; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether any complaints and/or investigations have been conducted regarding partisan messaging in government campaigns; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether her Office will consider independent oversight mechanisms to strengthen public confidence in government communication; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) what (a) are the details of the measurable indicators used to determine whether GCIS communication campaigns improve public awareness and uptake of government services and (b) total amount has been spent on government communication campaigns in the past three financial years;

(5) whether any independent evaluations have been conducted to assess the effectiveness and value for money of the campaigns; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2854E

★**713. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 2773]***

(1) (a) How does the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) ensure funding allocations are fair and free from influence and (b) what criteria are used by the MDDA in determining grant allocations;

(2) whether she will publish (a) a database of the grant recipients and (b) funding decisions; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what (a) number of community media projects that have been funded by the MDDA in the past 10 years remain operational and (b) are the relevant details in each case? NO2855E

★**714. Ms T K Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 2782]***

(1) What is the (a) average monthly cost of broadcasting fees to Sentech by community radio stations, (b) total amount do community radio stations in each province owed to Sentech, (c) total number of community radio stations migrated to self-distribution due to failure to pay fees to Sentech, (d) total number of radio stations operate without a valid broadcasting licence and (e) total number of self-distributing community radio stations are broadcasting in each province;

(2) considering the fact that community radio stations rely on advertising from audience ratings for financial sustainability, what are the (a) instruments used to measure audience ratings for community broadcasters and (b) details of the latest reports on audience ratings;

(3) whether the Media Development and Diversity Agency has made direct payments to beneficiaries and/or intermediaries are used to make the payments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2866E

★**715. Ms Singh (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 3293]***

What (a) are the relevant details of the (i) the total number and (ii) names of (aa) active and (bb) closed community radio stations in each (aaa) province and (bbb) district municipality and (b) was the reason that each community radio station closed? NO3423E

★**716. Ms Singh (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:** ***[Written question 3294]***

What (a) is the (i) number and (ii) names of (aa) active and (bb) closed community newspapers in each (aaa) province and (bbb) district municipality and (b) is the reason for the closure of each community newspaper? NO3424E

★**717. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:** ***[Written question 3994]***

Considering that there are national government departments and provincial government departments with outstanding lifestyle audit monitoring and compliance reports as at 1 June 2026 as reflected in his department's 2024-25 Annual Report, what consequence management has been implemented to deal with failures to submit lifestyle audit compliance reports? NO4238E

★**718. Ms A M van Zyl (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:** ***[Written question 3995]***

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to question 3139 on 17 June 2026, lifestyle audit regulations will be completed before the local government elections; if not, why not; if so, on what exact date;

(2) what are the timelines and/or deadlines of the two remaining workstreams that form part of the task team? NO4239E
