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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026

(REPLY BY 26 FEBRUARY 2026)

1. Dr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether, given that on 16 September 2025 the National Assembly agreed to a motion noting that while the Social Assistance Act, Act 13 of 2004, provides for a disability grant as support for a person with disabilities, under Regulation 20(2) the income of a spouse is counted in the means test (details furnished), her department intends to urgently review the provisions of the specified Act, so that persons with disabilities are not unfairly punished for choosing marriage by either losing their disability grant or receiving a reduced disability grant; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she has implemented the National Assembly resolution adopted on 16 September 2025 calling for the urgent review of Regulation 20(2) of the Social Assistance Act, Act 13 of 2004, which includes a spouse's income in the means test for the disability grant, regardless of marital property regime; if not, what are the reasons for the delay; if so, (a) what progress has been made in this regard and (b) by what date will the amended regulations be implemented?

NW1E

2. Dr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether he has been informed that graduates employed under the digitisation programme of his department, particularly at Silverton, Brits and biometric verification system technology offices, were initially appointed on three-year fixed-term contracts, with the first and second cohorts having rendered services for those periods, and that in October 2025 the specified contracts were renewed for only five months from November 2025 to March 2026; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the long-term and definitive plan for such graduates upon the expiry of their contracts in March 2026 and (b) will the graduates be absorbed into permanent positions?

NW2E

3. Mr A Sauls (PA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether he will furnish Mr A Sauls with the relevant details on the international trip undertaken by his predecessor, Dr D T George, on 26 June 2025 to Antarctica; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether his predecessor undertook the specified trip in his personal capacity with departmental resources; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (3) whether the trip was an official trip; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what was the total cost to his department;
- (4) whether the trip was duly declared to all relevant authorities as per the Ministerial Handbook at the time of travel; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW3E

4. Dr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the President of the Republic:

With respect to the most recent Poverty Trends Report released by Statistics South Africa showing that approximately 23,2 million South Africans or 37,9% of the population were living below the lower-bound poverty line in 2023, and that children aged 0-17 years account for over 43% of the poor despite national declines in poverty, what steps has the Government taken to (a) accelerate poverty eradication beyond long-term, gradual decline, with specific targets and timelines aligned to the National Development Plan 2030 to reduce poverty below 20% by 2030 and (b) address structural poverty drivers such as (i) unemployment, especially amongst the youth aged 18-35 years, and (ii) economic exclusion in rural provinces such as (aa) the Eastern Cape, (bb) KwaZulu-Natal, (cc) Limpopo and (dd) North West?

NW4E

5. Ms S W Davids (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

- (1) Given that the Republic is embarking on a nationwide foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) vaccination campaign, aiming to inoculate the entire national cattle herd (details furnished), (a) what is the current domestic manufacturing capacity for FMD vaccines and (b) how does his department intend to meet the demand of vaccinating the national cattle herd;
- (2) how does his department intend to support and enable local small businesses and/or emerging manufacturers to venture into the specified opportunity, by participating in the (a) production, (b) supply and/or (c) distribution of FMD vaccines needed for the national vaccination programme?

NW8E

6. Dr N P Nkabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Given that small-scale livestock farming remains a key livelihood strategy in many rural parts of KwaZulu-Natal and other rural communities and noting that farmers continue to face service-delivery challenges (details furnished), which constrain productivity and income generation, what steps has his department taken to (a) reduce the total cost of key production inputs such as feed, veterinary services and breeding stock for small-scale livestock farmers in Mpumalanga and (b) improve their access to formal and high-value markets, including abattoirs, auctions and public procurement platforms?

NW9E

7. Ms N Gantsho (ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

In light of prevailing fiscal consolidation, what (a) specific strategic shifts have been implemented and/or explored by his department to ensure that (i) job creation via the Expanded Public Works Programme and (ii) environmental targets remain sustainable, despite reduced and/or uncertain funding and (b) alternative funding models are under consideration? NW10E

8. Ms J Q Khumalo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Considering the escalating threats posed by invasive alien species (IAS) on food security, livelihoods, biodiversity and water resources, what (a) innovative operational changes have been made to increase the efficiency of Expanded Public Works Programme projects under Environmental Programmes within his department and (b) are the timelines towards resolving the growing threat posed by IAS? NW11E

9. Ms N Makasi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Given that Elands Bay forms part of the proclaimed fishing harbours of his department, what (a) steps have been taken to address the cracked slipway at Baboon Point which is hazardous to the physical wellbeing of the fishing community and could lead to damaging the equipment and (b) sources of (i) financial and (ii) non-financial support are available for the development of the Elands Bay fishing community? NW12E

10. Mr S M Maeco (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(1) With the aim of attracting 15 million international arrivals and R45,1 million domestic trips by 2030, what measures have been implemented to ensure that more emphasis is placed on marketing the Republic as a destination of choice using our natural resources and unique cultural crafts and artistry (details furnished) to create immersive and authentic experiences that showcase the richness of our heritage and attract visitors worldwide;

(2) working together with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, what steps have been taken to support local artists to take their craft globally, as a tool to draw the attention of the rest of the world to our beautiful country? NW13E

11. Ms R S Nalumango (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What measures have been implemented to ensure that small-, medium- and micro-enterprises owned by black persons in townships gain adequate support and market access to enable them to elevate into the mainstream tourism economy? NW14E

12. Ms L E Ligaraba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(a) How does her department drive responsible tourism in the Vhembe District Municipality and (b) what are the key elements that define the specified district's strategic tourism route? NW15E

13. Mr S I Subrathie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

Taking into account the need for collaboration to avoid duplication in broadband infrastructure provision, particularly for underserved and underprivileged communities, and to create synergies across state entities where possible, what (a) progress has been made on establishing the State Digital Infrastructure Company through the potential merger of state-owned Broadband Infracore and Sentech and (b) measures has his department implemented to ensure co-ordinated planning between (i) his department, (ii) the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, (iii) Eskom, (iv) Transnet, (v) the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa and (vi) the SA National Roads Agency SOC Ltd on the rollout of fibre infrastructure? NW16E

14. Ms K L N Sangoni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Tehnologies:

Given that the SA Post Office (SAPO) still requires R3,8 billion to fully implement its business rescue plan, (a) what funding mechanisms is his department pursuing for the recapitalisation of SAPO and (b) how will his department ensure that rural communities retain access to essential postal services, given the planned reductions at SAPO branches? NW17E

15. Mr S I Subrathie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

With reference to the funding model of the SA Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) developed by a certain company (name furnished) that was appointed in September 2025, which has been granted an extension to submit its final report by the end of February 2026, what (a) measures has he implemented to ensure that the funding model development process is not further delayed beyond the extended deadline, (b) are the reasons that the funding model was developed within his department and (c) safeguards will be established to ensure that the proposed funding model will provide sustainable long-term recapitalisation for the SABC while preserving its editorial independence? NW18E

16. Mr M C Masina (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether, following the signing ceremony between the Republic and African Export-Import Bank, any key pipelines are ready to be considered for funding by the specified bank? NW19E

17. Ms S Mosikatsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Given that the Industrial Development Corporation has shown signs of underperformance, what practical steps will he take to ensure consequence management, given that spending is low and potential projects are turned back without any attempt to assist the applicants? NW20E

18. Mr V A Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

Given the world-class capabilities of the Denel Overberg Test Range, what (a) specific initiatives, (b) structural changes and (c) measurable targets have been prioritised by his department to ensure (i) better alignment and (ii) optimal utilisation of the strategic asset among all relevant national role-players? NW21E

19. Ms T V B Mchunu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

Regarding the roadmap of the SA National Space Agency for indigenous launch capability and the investment by his department to support the Aerospace Systems Research Institute to develop liquid-propellant rockets, what (a) is the defined timeline for transitioning the liquid-propellant rocketry technology developed at the Overberg Test Range from the research and testing phase into a readiness level for potential sovereign operational deployment and (b) specific human capital development metrics beyond general training are in place to quantify the success of the specified programme in transferring critical, niche skills necessary for liquid propulsion systems and independent launch operations to a sustainable cohort of South African engineers and technicians? NW23E

20. Ms N A Gcaleka-Mazibuko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Noting the direct impact of the prolonged financial distress and sustained inability of the Emfuleni Local Municipality to afford its bulk service payment obligations on service delivery in Vereeniging, what (a) specific enforcement measures has the National Treasury directed and/or enforced to address the financial deterioration, including the collapse of billing and revenue-collection systems at the specified municipality and (b) is the current financial position of the municipality, including outstanding balances owed to (i) Eskom and (ii) Rand Water as at the latest specified date for which information is available? NW24E

21. Mr M Segede (ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether, in light of large and small businesses in Vereeniging that have reported halted operations due to the failure of the Emfuleni Local Municipality to timeously approve rezoning applications from residential to business use, thereby hindering investment, job creation and local economic growth, the National Treasury has been informed of the specified issue; if not, why not; if so, what (a) assessment has the National Treasury made of the economic and revenue impacts of the issue and (b) corrective interventions have been considered to address the municipal planning dysfunction that undermines entrepreneurial activity, municipal revenue base and job creation;
- (2) whether the National Treasury will consider imposing conditions on future grants to the municipality, based on its immediate resolution of the issue; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW25E

22. Ms F Hassan (ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

- (1) Whether, given that Level 10 weather events are becoming more frequent, his Ministry will commit to (a) undergrounding and/or (b) elevating critical electrical infrastructure in the flood-prone zones of (i) Limpopo and (ii) Mpumalanga, rather than just repairing the old vulnerable systems; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) with reference to reports of pylon struts that were stolen while the power was out during floods in Tshwane, in particular, what (a) smart grid technologies and/or (b) increased security measures have been deployed to protect vulnerable assets during disaster-related blackouts? NW26E

23. Mr V A Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

- (1) Given that flash floods have submerged local mini-substations in areas such as Tembisa and Mamelodi, what safety protocols have been implemented to prevent electrocution in flooded informal settlements before power is restored;
- (2) whether his Ministry intends to fast-track licences for community-based micro-grids and solar hubs in provinces that are flood-prone, to ensure that whenever the main Eskom line is cut by a flood, hospitals and schools in rural areas will retain power; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW27E

24. Ms N S Sompa-Masiu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

What urgent steps will his department take in the City of Matlosana Local Municipality pertaining to issues such as (a) the lack of service delivery, (b) problems with the billing system and (c) maintaining (i) grass and (ii) graveyards in public spaces? NW28E

25. Mr S M Maeco (ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

Regarding the intention published by her department in January 2026 to deem performers in the performance of advertising, artistic and cultural activities as employees rather than independent contractors, what (a) is the outline of the intention process and (b) are the expected short- to long-term benefits and impact thereof in the creative industry sector? NW29E

26. Mr M Nontsele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

Considering the objectives of Project 20 000, an initiative launched by her department in late 2024-25 to recruit 20 000 unemployed graduates into 24-month public sector internships between 2025 and 2027, and noting in particular its intended impact on youth unemployment, poverty reduction and the transfer of skills and experience to young persons, what (a) specific progress has been achieved in this regard to date and (b) demonstrable impact has the specified project had on the overall performance and objectives of the Inspection and Enforcement Services? NW30E

27. Ms N S Nkopane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

Based on the first quarter report of the 2025-26 financial year, which highlights administrative challenges at the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac), potentially exacerbated by the announcement of the National Dialogue and Nedlac's role as its facilitator, (a) what specific and concrete remedial measures have been implemented by her department to address the organisational and administrative bottlenecks and (b) how will such interventions ensure that Nedlac is fully capacitated and effective in supporting its core mandate and responsibilities concerning the National Dialogue?

NW31E

28. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, given the recent tragedy that occurred in January 2026 when a minibus in the form of scholar transport collided with a truck claiming 14 learners in the Sebokeng township, Vanderbijlpark in Gauteng, her department intends to make it compulsory for all public transport to have a camera at the back and front to monitor reckless driving on all roads, as the camera on the specified truck pointed to reckless driving by the minibus driver on the specified date?

NW32E

29. Ms N S Nkopane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, given the poor road conditions and non-maintenance thereof in the (a) Matatiele, (b) Mount Frere and (c) Ntabankulu areas which form part of the Alfred Nzo region in the Eastern Cape, where learners still have difficulty in reaching schools due to bad roads, especially during the rainy season, there is a detailed plan to fix the road and maintenance challenges in the specified region; if not, why not, as such challenges have been reported for the past decade; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW33E

30. Ms N E Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether there is a detailed plan to deal with the issues of delayed maintenance and upgrades in Secunda and the rest of Mpumalanga, especially with regard to the lack of funding and investment in upgrades in water and electricity infrastructure?

NW34E

31. Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, given the recent severe weather in Limpopo, especially in the Vhembe district, and the devastating floods in the specified area which lead to fatalities, infrastructure damage (especially roads and bridges), displacement and school closures, her department has a detailed plan to fast-track the (a) provision of homes to those affected by the floods and (b) re-construction of damaged infrastructure; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NW35E

32. Ms M C Dikgale (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

(1) What interventions does her department intend to implement to strengthen the support ecosystem for co-operatives, particularly in relation to (a) registration assistance, (b) co-operative governance training, (c) incubation services and (d) market-linkage facilitation;

(2) how does her department measure improvements in service delivery for co-operatives at (a) provincial and (b) district levels?

NW36E

33. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether her department has assessed the adequacy and efficiency of (a) financial and (b) non-financial support programmes delivered through its (i) entities and (ii) collaborations with provincial and municipal ecosystems; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (aa) findings emerged regarding the timeliness of disbursements, post-funding business mentoring and monitoring capacities and (bb) remedial steps are envisaged to strengthen programme delivery and beneficiary outcomes? NW37E

34. Mr M G Mahlaule (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

With regard to Social and Labour Plans (SLPs) and the repository information that his department has, what (a) total number of mining companies, disaggregated by province, were found to be non-compliant with their SLP commitments in the 2024-25 financial year, (b) enforcement actions have been taken against non-compliant companies and (c) mechanisms has his department implemented to ensure that SLP commitments translate into tangible benefits for mining-affected communities? NW38E

35. Ms M L Mofokeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

Given the water contamination from acid mine drainage affecting communities in Gauteng, Mpumalanga and the Free State, where contaminated water from mining operations has polluted streams, groundwater and agricultural land, what (a) interventions has his department implemented to address acid mine drainage in the Witwatersrand Basin and other affected areas and (b)(i) total number of water use licence holders in the mining sector have been found to be non-compliant with permit conditions in the past financial year and (ii) penalties have been imposed upon them? NW39E

36. Dr M J Maswanganyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What steps has he taken to ensure that municipalities are setting aside financial resources for infrastructure maintenance in their infrastructure budgets to mitigate against decay, which later becomes too expensive due to neglect? NW40E

37. Mr S C Sekoati (ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What steps has the National Treasury taken to strengthen disaster risk financing, especially in rural and small municipalities, as such areas have resource and technical capacity constraints and are heavily reliant on disaster recovery grants? NW41E

38. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether, in light of the prevailing challenges of rural underdevelopment and infrastructure decay affecting areas such as the Siyancuma Local Municipality where the quality and supply of water and sanitation services have deteriorated, thus impacting negatively on service delivery households, schools, clinics and businesses, there is a specific, co-ordinated rural developmental response by his department that brings together national and provincial departments and municipalities to expedite bulk infrastructure development, as well as the overall budget, scope and timelines for the rollout of such interventions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW42E

39. Mr M Mrara (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

(1) Given that rural communities, including farms, are currently disconnected from enablers particularly roads, energy and technological infrastructure networks, what specific (a) plans, (b) measurable indicators, (c) budgets, (d) scopes and (e) time frames are in place to upscale agro-logistics, especially in the identified rural nodes;

(2) whether any notable infrastructure networks have been implemented; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) what is the overall impact of such infrastructure networks in rural enterprise development?

NW43E

40. Ms T Sokanyile (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What (a) measures have been implemented by her department of Military Veterans to address the backlog in (i) pension payments and (ii) medical support for military veterans and (b) is the projected timeline for resolving outstanding claims?

NW44E

41. Mr M M Hala (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What are the relevant details of Project OWETHU, an initiative aimed at providing integrated healthcare, social and youth development services to impoverished and rural communities, that will be implemented in Limpopo from 26 January to 17 February 2026, specifically the (a) total number of (i) districts where services are delivered and (ii) beneficiaries assisted to date and (b) manner in which the specified initiative supports the overall strategy of her department for community outreach and assistance to military veterans and local communities?

NW45E

42. Mr W T D Plaatjies (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What (a) steps has her department taken to counter the spread of false information about SA National Defence Force recruitment and (b)(i) corrective communications and (ii) public education measures are currently in place to clarify legitimate recruitment channels?

NW46E

43. Mr M D Legoete (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

With reference to the Board of Inquiry established by her department into the participation of the navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the South African-led *Will for Peace 2026* naval exercise in January 2026, what (a) is the (i) current status and progress of the specified inquiry, including whether it has commenced and (ii) expected timeline for the completion and submission of the report to her and/or the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, and (b) are the relevant details on how the findings will inform any (i) remedial actions, (ii) accountability measures and/or (iii) changes to command protocols within the SA National Defence Force?

NW47E

44. Ms A N Kumbaca (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

In view of the decision of the State of Israel to retaliate and expel the Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to the State of Palestine, Mr Shaun Edward Byneveldt, what additional diplomatic measures does his department intend to pursue to protect South African interests, personnel and representation in the specified region?

NW48E

45. Mr S O R Mahumapelo (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Considering the Republic's participation in the 2026 China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchanges initiative, launched on 8 January 2026 at the headquarters of the African Union in Addis Ababa, (a) what main projects and/or events are planned for key focus areas such as culture, education, tourism, arts, youth exchanges and scholarships in the Republic and (b) how will this advance the Republic's foreign policy objectives of strengthening South-South cooperation and bilateral relations with the People's Republic of China?

NW49E

46. Mr N T Tshotetsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

Given that the Government has declared gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) a national disaster, what urgent steps will her department take to strengthen the fight against GBVF, with particular focus on the (a) publication of the names of individuals who commit sexual acts against children and (b) setting up of GBVF courts?

NW50E

47. Ms N E Motaung (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

What progress has been made on measures undertaken by her department in the fight against corruption to finalise the whistleblower protection framework to address the existing gaps?

NW51E

48. Mr O M Mathafa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

With reference to the recent shooting incident at the Booyens Magistrate's Court, what progress has been made in strengthening security within and around the courts in the Republic?

NW52E

49. Ms M Modise-Mpya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What measures will be implemented by his department to audit the population register, with the view to correcting fraudulent, duplicate and/or incorrect citizen data contained in the population register?

NW53E

50. Mr M S Chabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Given that the Government Printing Works (GPW) is one of the capable institutions responsible for the issuance and protection of documents within his department and other government institutions, and noting that the GPW has been confronted by governance challenges, what are the relevant details of any plans to mitigate such challenges?

NW54E

51. Mr M S Chabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Given that Home Affairs offices are dilapidated, thereby hampering good service delivery to South Africans, what are the relevant details of the total cost of renting Home Affairs offices throughout the Republic for the 2024-25 financial year?

NW55E

52. Mr M S Moela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

What steps has he taken to address matters of basic service delivery in the community of Zebediela Moletlane, ward 12 in Limpopo, that has been without electricity for more than 13 years?

NW56E

53. Mr M S Moela (ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Given the high rate of school break-ins, clinic break-ins and robberies in Zebediela Motletlane, ward 12 in Limpopo, and surrounding areas without any successful arrests from the SA Police Service, how does he intend to curb the scourge of institutional theft and robbery?

NW57E

54. Ms I M Mbiyo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Given that the Bekkersdal community in Gauteng is facing ongoing issues with road conditions which have not seen substantial improvements in eight years, significantly impacting residents' daily lives and making it challenging for them to attend important events such as funerals and access essential services, what progress has been made on developmental plans to address the pressing maintenance issues?

NW58E

55. Mr E A Cloete (ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Whether a satellite police station can be established to assist the Kamieskroon Police Station in the Northern Cape that is currently serving eight rural communities spread over a wide area; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW59E

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

- (1) What total number of municipalities have been able to secure payment plans with (a) Eskom and (b) Water Boards to date;
- (2) What (a) total amount do government departments owe municipalities and (b) is the plan of his department to ensure that debt owed to municipalities by government departments gets the same attention and rules from the National Treasury and his department, as the National Treasury has decided to withhold equitable share and infrastructure grants to municipalities that are financially distressed?
NW60E

57. Mr P Ndamase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) What (a) total number of informal settlements exist in Cape Town, (b) is the name of each specified informal settlement and (c) number of residents live in each settlement;
- (2) what is the status of basic services (details furnished) in each informal settlement;
- (3) what areas in the central business district of Cape Town have been converted to affordable housing for the poor by using government conditional grants earmarked for the specified purpose;
- (4) what total amount has been spent on each informal settlement from the budget of the (a) City of Cape Town and (b) national conditional grants in each of the past five financial years?
NW62E

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

- (1) With regard to the report from the Public Service Commission which has revealed that the Free State has the highest number of grievances compared to other provinces, what (a) kind of grievances have been reported and (b) measures have been taken to assist the specified province;
- (2) who will administer the flagship programme known as the Central Register for Disciplinary Cases for All State Institutions that has been initiated by his department?
NW63E

59. Ms W Tikana-Gxotiwe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

- (1) Whether his department has considered extending its lifestyle audits to all procurement staff members in the public service in order to deal with corruption as his department has left a lot of lower management employees unchecked especially those who work in procurement;

- (2) what total number of procurement officers (a) are currently facing disciplinary actions in the public service and (b) have been dismissed for misconduct?

NW64E

60. Ms M J Aphiri (ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

- (a) What are the key outcomes of the mid-year report of the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) in line with the Results Framework, (b) which policy areas are not meeting the required targets and (c) what corrective measures will the Cabinet implement to enhance implementation as consistently monitoring the implementation of the MTDP is critical to enable agile interventions from the Cabinet and by respective organs of state?

NW65E

61. Ms T Mgweba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

- What (a) total number of accounting officers have entered into a performance agreement with her, (b) is the name of each director-general who has not entered into a performance agreement with her and (c) consequence management actions have been undertaken by her Office to ensure compliance?

NW66E

62. Ms M L Dunjwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

- What mechanism does her Office have to monitor infrastructure development across all organs of state to ensure a whole-of-government approach to infrastructure development, ensure prioritisation of maintenance and diverse approaches to increasing funding for infrastructure?

NW67E

63. Ms T M Chauke-Adonis (ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

- (a) How does her Office ensure the effective mainstreaming of women, youth and persons with disabilities across the planning, budgeting and service-delivery programmes of all (i) departments and (ii) municipalities and (b) what (i) accountability and (ii) corrective measures are applied by her Office where implementation fails?

NW68E

64. Ms T M Chauke-Adonis (ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

- In implementing the Gender-based Violence (GBV) and Femicide National Strategic Plan, how does her Office ensure effective interdepartmental coordination to prevent and/or assist the SA Police Service to respond to statutory rape and GBV cases and thereby and guarantee accessible, integrated support services for survivors across health, justice, social development and safety sectors?

NW69E

65. Ms. F L Shabangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What role does her Office play in (a) monitoring and (b) strengthening local government performance to ensure that the Integrated Development Plans and service-delivery programmes provide safe, inclusive and accessible services, including policing, transport, healthcare, education and secure housing tenure for women, youth and persons with disabilities?

NW70E

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

Noting the high number of matriculants who achieved Bachelor passes and the fact that public universities collectively has capacity for approximately 235 000 first-year students, what mechanisms has his department put in place to ensure that the higher education sector addresses and progressively closes the gap between the number of matriculants who qualify for Bachelor studies and the number of available spaces in public institutions of higher learning?

NW71E

67. Ms J Q Khumalo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What (a) criteria were used to appoint community health workers in Mpumalanga and (b) are the reasons that they were not all appointed using the same criteria?

NW72E

68. Ms J Q Khumalo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) What are the details of the current national policy framework governing (i) access to and (ii) payment for public healthcare in health facilities by foreign nationals and (b) how does the Government balance the constitutional obligations to provide basic services to all who reside in the Republic with the need to ensure the sustainability of public resources?

NW73E

69. Mr G D Kgabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

What are the plans of his department to build a (a) library, (b) sporting facilities and (c) a multi-purpose centre in Christiana where drugs and alcohol have become the only form of entertainment due to the lack of the specified facilities?

NW74E

70. Mr S T D Louw (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

(a) What immediate interventions has his department prioritised to facilitate the repair and restoration of non-functional stadiums in the Phokwane Local Municipality and (b) how will his department work with local authorities to ensure that the specified facilities are fully operational again?

NW75E

71. Ms P P Xaba-Ntshaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has been informed of the reasons that the provincial department (a) has not delivered the 21 classrooms at Clayville Ext 45 in Ward 102 as promised (details furnished) and (b) also failed to move the existing nine mobile classrooms from Olifantsfontein Primary to the school site in Clayville Ext 45 during the December school holidays?

NW76E

72. Ms P P Xaba-Ntshaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has been informed that the Olifantsfontein Primary School has old, dilapidated infrastructure that no longer guarantees the safety of learners and educators and that the school raised the concern about infrastructure with the provincial department several years ago, but to date, no action has been taken; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how will her department address the matter and (b) what are the relevant details? NW77E

73. Mr K S Ramaila (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What are the technological measures and innovations that the SA Social Security Agency has put in place to deal with the long queues as there has been an outcry about the long queues? NW79E

74. Mr T B Munyai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What resource capacity has been used to deal with the high volume of social grant reviews in local offices? NW80E

75. Mr T B Munyai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether she has found that the (a) process and (b) models presented to her for the introduction of the Basic Income Support Grant are currently appropriate; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW81E

76. Mr T B Munyai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether she intends to undertake any further feasibility and/or case studies to ensure that the Basic Income Support Grant is realised by the Seventh Administration; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW82E

77. Mr G D Kgabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What plans have been put in place to open a Home Affairs office in the Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality as there are no Home Affairs offices in the specified municipality and the communities must travel to nearby areas to access Home Affairs services? NW85E

78. Mr S T D Louw (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

(a) What measures has his department implemented to ensure that agricultural activities in the Phokwane Local Municipality contribute to local job creation and community development and (b) how has his department engaged with farmers to expand economic opportunities for residents of the area? NW86E

79. Ms B M Kegakilwe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) How will she address the recurring delays in contractor payments by the North West Department of Human Settlements to prevent project stagnation;
- (2) whether her department has a plan with timelines to assist the North West government regarding the issue of non-payment of the contractors; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW87E

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

- (1) What steps has her department taken to address the water and sanitation challenges in the North West (details furnished);
- (2) whether her department has a plan with clear timelines to address the water and sanitation challenges in the North West? NW88E

81. Mr R A P Trollip (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

What (a) are the reasons that samples of the SAT-1, SAT-2 and SAT-3 foot-and-mouth disease virus strains were not submitted to the Pirbright Institute from the inception of taking ministerial office until mid-January 2026, (b) impact did this dereliction of duty or delay have on (i) vaccine strain matching, (ii) procurement timelines and (iii) outbreak containment, (c) proactive steps were taken prior to the declaration of the comprehensive vaccination campaign to secure sufficient vaccine supply for existing and anticipated outbreaks and (d) progress has been made in securing inputs, licensing and private-sector partnerships to enable the local manufacture of adequate foot-and-mouth disease vaccines in the Republic? NW89E

82. Mr R A P Trollip (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

What (a) total number of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine doses have been lost, discarded and/or rendered unusable since January 2024 due to (i) cold-chain failures, including freezing and/or temperature excursions, (ii) breakages and (iii) expiry, (b) total number of doses are currently held in storage at the (i) Agricultural Research Council, (ii) Onderstepoort Biological Products and (iii) departmental and/or provincial depots, (c) are the expiry dates of the doses held in storage and (d) monitoring, audit and verification mechanisms have been put in place to ensure compliance with cold-chain requirements from importation and/or manufacture through to final distribution? NW90E

83. Mr R A P Trollip (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

- (1) (a) Where, (b) on what date and (c) who administered the nearly 2 million vaccines that he mentioned in his press briefing on 14 January 2026, disaggregated by (i) province, (ii) production system such as feedlot, commercial and/or communal and (iii) implementing authority;
- (2) what measurable outcomes resulted from the work of the Ministerial Task Team in 2025 in terms of changes to the departmental processes, strategy and/or intergovernmental coordination;

- (3) with reference to his public statements on misinformation undermining the foot-and-mouth disease campaign, (a) what specific misinformation was identified, (b) by whom was it propagated and (c) what corrective communication and/or enforcement actions were taken? NW91E

84. Ms L M Ngobeni (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

With reference to his failure to provide the information to the points raised in question 6734 of which he received notice on 14 November 2025 and that had subsequently lapsed on 8 January 2026, what (a) is the complete breakdown, since his reply to question 2595 on 1 August 2025, of all (i) international and (ii) domestic travel undertaken by (aa) him and the (bb) Deputy Ministers, (b) was the purpose and justification for each trip, (c) was the date and destination(s) of each trip, (d) were the total costs incurred, disaggregated by transport such as airfare and vehicle hire, accommodation, meals and any other incidental and/or related expenses, (e) is the name and official role of each accompanying support and protection staff and (f) is the corresponding cost breakdown for each individual, disaggregated by transport such as airfare and vehicle hire, accommodation, meals and any other incidental and/or related expenses and any additional and/or once-off costs associated with each specified trip such as visa fees, travel insurance and/or conference registration fees? NW92E

85. Ms L M Ngobeni (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 6896 on 19 December 2025, which failed yet again to provide the information to the points raised in the question, he can now provide the complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) him and (b) the Deputy Minister since they assumed office on 3 July 2024, including the (i) purpose and justification for each trip, (ii) destination details, (iii) costs incurred, including but not limited to transport, accommodation, meals and other related incidental expenses, (iv) names and roles of all accompanying support staff and their respective costs and (v) additional costs associated with each specified trip; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW93E

86. Ms L M Ngobeni (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Since his reply to question 3523 on 20 June 2025 and his subsequent reply to question 6953 which failed to provide any of the information raised in the points of the specified question, what (a) is the complete breakdown of all (i) international and (ii) domestic travel undertaken by (aa) him and the (bb) Deputy Minister, (b) was the purpose and justification for each trip, (c) was the date and destination(s) of each trip, (d) were the total costs incurred, disaggregated by transport such as airfare and vehicle hire, accommodation, meals and any other incidental and/or related expenses, (e) is the name and official role of each accompanying support and protection staff and (f) is the corresponding cost breakdown for each individual, disaggregated by transport such as airfare and vehicle hire, accommodation, meals and any other incidental and/or related expenses and any additional and/or once-off costs associated with each specified trip such as visa fees, travel insurance and/or conference registration fees? NW94E

87. Dr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

- (1) Notwithstanding posting her official travels on X, which is a social media platform, why does she continue to defy the Constitution of the Republic, 1996, by refusing to provide the information under constitutional scrutiny;
- (2) what is the complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) her and (b) the Deputy Ministers since they assumed office on 3 July 2024, including the (i) purpose and justification for each trip, (ii) destination details, (iii) costs incurred, including but not limited to transport, accommodation, meals and other related incidental expenses, (iv) names and roles of all accompanying support staff and their respective costs and (v) additional costs associated with each specified trip?
NW95E

88. Dr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Whether he intends negotiating with affected parties outside of court to resolve the ongoing disputes relating to the implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the reasons that he continues to sideline Parliament in the appointment of governing structures, such as the NHI Board, when such appointments should be subject to parliamentary oversight and processes rather than being made at his sole discretion;
- (3) what (a) is the rationale for establishing a separate Benefits Committee and (b) specific gap is the specified committee intended to address if the intention of the NHI is to provide the healthcare that patients need and to achieve universal health coverage?
NW96E

89. Dr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What (a) total amount of the Municipal Systems Improvement Grant funding has been returned to the National Treasury, (b) is the total amount that was returned by municipalities, broken down for each of the past five financial years and (c) consequence management and/or remedial steps have been implemented to prevent the continued surrender of infrastructure grant funding intended for service delivery?

NW97E

90. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) What (a)(i) is the total number and (ii) are the names of insurance companies that have a contract and/or agreement in place with the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) for funeral policy premiums to be deducted from social grants, in terms of Section 29(a) of the Social Assistance Act, Act 13 of 2004, (b) processes need to be followed by an insurer, registered under the Long-term Insurance Act, Act 52 of 1998, to enter into a contract with SASSA and have such deductions made, (c) is the total number of funeral policies that each of the specified insurance companies have, (d) is the total monthly Rand value of deductions for funeral policies for each insurance company, (e) is the total number of monthly funeral policy deductions that are deducted from each social grant type and (f) is the total monthly Rand value of funeral policies deducted from each social grant type;
- (2) whether SASSA has taken any action in the past five years against insurers who have been found guilty of mis-selling and/or requesting that deductions be made without permission from the grant beneficiary; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the action taken by SASSA;
- (3) what (a) systems have been put in place to ensure beneficiaries are not exploited by insurance companies and (b) total number of beneficiaries have cancelled their funeral policies in the past five years? NW98E

91. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether, with regard to funeral policy premiums deducted from social grants, the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) has at any stage denied any insurance company permission to make deductions from social grants, either after they applied or after they were initially granted deductions permissions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the relevant details of such companies and (b) was the reason for them being denied permission or for the revocation of the permission;
- (2) whether SASSA is currently investigating possible fraud involving funeral policy deductions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether SASSA has previously investigated possible fraud involving funeral policy deductions from social grants; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what were the findings;
- (4) whether there is any monetary compensation and/or fee paid by the insurance companies to SASSA; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the (a) total fee amount and (b) formula used to work out the fee;
- (5) whether the fee is built into the cost of the policy and paid by the beneficiary or the insurer; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW99E

92. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

With regard to the investigation of the Special Investigating Unit into media buying contracts at SA Tourism, namely purchase orders 43540, 43559 and 43583, (a) what are the values of the specified contracts, (b) what are the names of the service providers and (c) who is responsible for approving the procurement thereof? NW100E

93. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) With regard to the Academic Excellence Recognition Programme for Tourism Graduates, (a) how was the design for the programme arrived at;
- (2) since the inception of the Tourism Monitor Programme, what number of tourism monitors achieved the Certification of the Academic Excellence Recognition Programme for Tourism Graduates? NW101E

94. Mr C Hattingh (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) With regard to (a) Project Thusano, (b) Project Kgala, (c) any other SA National Defence-related cooperation and (d) training and/or support arrangements involving Cuba, what was the total expenditure actually incurred and paid by her (i) department and the (ii) SANDF in each of the past four financial years and the current financial year, as reflected in the audited annual financial statements of her department for the past four financial years;
- (2) (a) what amount constitutes direct payments to the Cuban government or Cuban state-linked entities in each specified financial year and (b) under which contracts, memoranda of understanding or intergovernmental agreements were such payments made? NW102E

95. Mr C Hattingh (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(a) With regard to (i) Project Thusano, (ii) Project Kgala, (iii) any other SA National Defence-related cooperation and (iv) training and/or support arrangements involving Cuba, what total amount was spent on Cuban personnel deployed in South Africa, disaggregated into (i) remuneration, (ii) allowances, (iii) accommodation, (iv) travel, (v) subsistence and related costs and (b) under which budget programmes and cost centres were the specified amounts recorded? NW103E

96. Mr C Hattingh (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(a) With regard to (i) Project Thusano, (ii) Project Kgala, (iii) any other SA National Defence-related cooperation and (iv) training and/or support arrangements involving Cuba, what total amount was spent on the SA National Defence Force members or students sent to Cuba in the past four financial years, disaggregated into (aa) tuition, (bb) stipends, (cc) accommodation, (dd) travel and subsistence, (ee) oversight and liaison visits and (b) under which budget programmes and cost centres were the specified amounts recorded? NW104E

97. Mr R Smith (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) What was the total cost (a) of South Africa's G20 presidency including funding obtained from private sector partners and (b) to other government ministries and departments;
- (2) whether he will provide a breakdown of (a) all tenders advertised and (b) awarded for all service providers over the entirety of South Africa's G20 presidency in 2025, including the (i) name of each company, (ii) the address of their headquarters, (iii) the service provided and (iv) cost breakdown?

NW106E

98. Mr R Smith (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What were the reasons for the withdrawal of naval vessels belonging to the Islamic Republic of Iran from the waters of the Republic as part of Exercise Will for Peace?

NW107E

99. Mr D D Klopper (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(a) What is the total number of operational Master's Offices nationally, (b) which of the specified offices handle deceased estates, trusts and curatorships, (c) what number of estate controllers are currently assigned to each office, (d) what is the total number of estate-related matters currently open at each office, (e) what number of the specified matters are older than (i) 3 months, (ii) 6 months and (iii) 12 months, and (f) what is the classification of each matter in terms of deceased estates, trusts or curatorships?

NW108E

100. Mr D D Klopper (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(a) What is the current average turnaround time in each province for (i) deceased estates, (ii) trust registrations, (iii) curatorship appointments and (iv) section 18(3) matters at the various Master's Offices in the Republic, (b) which offices currently exceed six-month turnaround times in any category, (c) what is the departmentally approved caseload ratio for each estate controller, (d) what is the current average caseload for each estate controller and (e) what interim support measures are provided to overburdened offices?

NW109E

101. Mr D D Klopper (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) Whether, in light of the growing backlogs and operational inefficiencies reported at the Master's Office, there is currently a national backlog reduction plan in place, if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) specific targets have been set to reduce case delays and (b) are the details of any performance indicators used to track progress in each office;
- (2) what is the (a) current vacancy rate at each Master's Office, (b) number of unfilled funded posts, broken down by post title and (c) average time taken to fill critical posts such as estate controllers;

- (3) whether any task teams, special projects and/or temporary staffing interventions have been deployed to assist offices with significant backlogs; if not, why not; if so, what (a) provinces have received such support since 1 April 2022 and (b) measurable impact have the specified interventions had on service delivery;
- (4) (a) what is the current level of digitisation of files and services at the Master's Office and (b) by what date will a fully functional digital case management system be in place;
- (5) whether any system failures have contributed to delays; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW110E

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

- (1) Whether, with reference to the COVID-19 relief funding allocated to his department in the 2020-21 financial year, and noting that R235 million was earmarked for direct relief while the beneficiary list published in July 2024 reflects disbursements of just under R89 million, and further noting his public commitment to a full audit and transparency regarding the specified funds, as well as ongoing public requests for clarity on the status of the remaining funds, an audit, reconciliation and/or investigation into the variance has been initiated or finalised since he assumed office; if not, why not; if so, on what date (a) was it completed and (b) will Parliament receive the report;
- (2) what amount (a) of the originally earmarked funds remains unaccounted for, (b) was not disbursed, (c) was returned to the National Revenue Fund and (d) was reallocated for other purposes;
- (3) how will he ensure that Parliament and the public are provided with full and timely disclosure on the matter in line with his stated commitments? NW111E

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

Whether, considering widespread concern from South African football supporters regarding visa allowances and entry arrangements for the FIFA World Cup in the United States (US), he has engaged FIFA and/or relevant US authorities to clarify the arrangements; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps will be taken to provide clear guidance as soon as possible; if so, what guidance will be provided to (i) ensure supporters have clarity about visa requirements and (ii) the interaction of the FIFA fast-track portal with recent US visa restrictions? NW112E

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

- (1) In light of the removal of the World Surf League's Corona Open Jeffreys Bay event from the 2026 Championship Tour calendar, reportedly due to the absence of national government funding and/or support what (a) specific engagements has his department undertaken with the (i) World Surf League, (ii) Surfing South Africa, (iii) Eastern Cape Provincial Government and (iv) Kouga Local Municipality to secure the continuation and reinstatement of the event and (b) are the reasons that no national funding commitment was made to support the event, despite its long-standing status as the only Championship Tour stop in the Republic and its prior removal from the calendar in 2023 due to scheduling clashes with the Olympic Games, which at the time drew significant concern and frustration from local organisers and stakeholders;
- (2) whether he disputes the estimates cited by local organisers and stakeholders in 2023, that the event contributed approximately R150 million to the Jeffreys Bay and surrounding regional economy; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what basis;
- (3) whether his department has alternative economic impact figures supported by evidence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what assessment was conducted by his department on the potential economic impact on the local community arising from the loss of the event, particularly given the previously cited economic contribution and the expressed intent by stakeholders in 2023 to secure the event's long-term return? NW113E

105. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

- (1) (a) What amount of the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) funding has the Republic taken up to date and (b) at what cost in terms of (i) interest rates, (ii) repayment terms and (iii) other conditions attached;
- (2) (a) what comparative market funding has he sought and/or assessed as an alternative to JETP financing and (b) at what cost;
- (3) on what basis does he conclude that JETP funding is not competitive, given that the German KfW facility offers a fixed interest rate of 4,31% compared to the South African Government bond yields of approximately 8,43%? NW114E

106. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

- (1) With reference to the recent proposal to retain the National Transmission Company South Africa (NTCSA) as a subsidiary of Eskom Holdings, (a) how does the model rely on the provisions of Section 34A and 34B of the Electricity Regulation Amendment Act, Act 38 of 2024, which explicitly mandate the establishment of an independent Transmission System Operator State-Owned Company (SOC) Ltd and (b) what specific legal advice has his Office received regarding the legality of splitting the System Operator functions from the Transmission Assets as currently proposed;

- (2) given that Section 34B(2) of the specified Act, requires the Transmission System Operator to provide non-discriminatory access to the transmission system, (a) what mechanisms will be implemented to ensure that the NTCSA does not prioritise Eskom Generation's assets over private independent power producers while remaining a subsidiary of Eskom Holdings, and (b) how will he prevent the board of Eskom Holdings from exercising fiduciary influence over the strategic and operational decisions of the NTCSA;
- (3) whether (a) he or (b) his Office has received any formal or informal notifications from the International Partners Group or other lenders regarding the \$8,3 billion Just Energy Transition Partnership funding in relation to the revised unbundling model; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the details of the concerns and (b) how does his Office plan to mitigate the risk of losing the concessional funding?
NW115E

107. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

- (1) With regard to the recent proposal to retain the National Transmission Company South Africa (NTCSA) as a subsidiary of Eskom Holdings, what is the plan of his Office to ensure that the NTCSA will achieve an independent credit rating and raise the estimated R440 billion required for grid expansion, considering that its parent company, Eskom Holdings, remains burdened with significant legacy debt and historical financial instability;
- (2) whether there has been any formal consultation between his Office and The Presidency's Operation Vulindlela regarding the shift from full structural separation to the subsidiary model; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date did this consultation occur and (b) what was the outcome of the assessment regarding the impact of the change on the national Energy Action Plan?
NW116E

108. Dr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) Noting that the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality was placed under provincial intervention in December 2019 in terms of section 139(5)(a) and (c) and subsequently under national administration on 6 April 2022 in terms of section 139(7) of the Constitution of the Republic, 1996, since the inception of the Hauweng Integrated Public Transport Network (IPTN), what total amount of funds allocated to the project have been classified as (a) irregular expenditure, and (b) fruitless and wasteful expenditure in each financial year;
- (2) how have the amounts of (a) irregular expenditure and (b) fruitless and wasteful expenditure related to the Hauweng IPTN project evolve in each financial year since the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality was placed under national administration in terms of the specified sections in 2022;
- (3) what is the current fleet size that is in operation within the (a) Hauweng IPTN and GoGeorge bus network?
NW117E

109. Dr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Given that the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality is currently under national administration pursuant to section 139 (5) and (7) of the Constitution of the Republic, 1996, and the Xhariep to Mangaung Water Pipeline project is intended to have a direct impact on the accessibility and costs associated with the distribution of water in Mangaung, a core municipal function, what (a) has been the consultation and coordination process between the Department of Water and Sanitation leading the project with officials within his department, the municipal executive of Mangaung and the Municipal Council, (b) are the reasons that there were no consultations that occurred amongst the specified parties and (c) are there specific meetings scheduled to address the coordination gap?

NW118E

110. Dr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

In light of the fact that the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality is under national administration pursuant to section 139 (5) and (7) of the Constitution of the Republic, 1996, what (a) plans and (b) concrete measures does her department intend to take to prevent such a water crisis from occurring in Mangaung (details furnished)?

NW119E

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

(1) With reference to his reply to question 7326 on 18 December 2025, what (a) total number of contracts were awarded to Ngwato and Manzi Group (NMG) in each province (i) in each of the past seven financial years and (ii) from 1 January 2026 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) is the name of each contract and (c) are the relevant details related to the (i) duration, (ii) total monetary value and (iii) scope of each contract;

(2) on what date was (a) the Modipadi Nokaneng company removed and/or deleted from the database, (b) NMG registered on the database and (c) 0711 Stuttgart registered on the database?

NW120E

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

What (a) total number of contracts have been awarded to the Modipadi Nokaneng company in each province (i) in each of the past seven financial years and (ii) from 1 January 2026 to the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) is the name of each contract and (c) are the relevant details related to the (i) duration, (ii) total monetary value and (iii) scope of each contract?

NW121E

113. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether the National Treasury is mandated to monitor and report on contracts awarded by each national and provincial department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the (a) total number, (b) reference number and/or name, (c) duration, (d) total monetary value and (e) scope of each contract awarded to (i) Ngwato and Manzi Group, (ii) Modipadi Nokaneng company and (iii) 0711 Stuttgart in each province and in each year from 2016 to 2026;

- (2) whether each of the specified companies is still registered on the central supplier database of the National Treasury; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW122E

114. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

With reference to her reply to question 5715 on 9 December 2025, (a) what is the (i) progress of re-establishing each of the 19 planned community nutrition and development centres in Limpopo, (ii) address of each site and (iii) cost of establishing each site and (b) on what date will each site open? NW123E

115. Mr M A Nhanha (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) Whether it is in accordance with his department's policy and/or any legislative provisions for a traditional leader to reside in another country while continuing to draw a salary for a chieftaincy that requires them to be based in their area of jurisdiction in the Republic; if not, what (a) are the reasons in this case, (b) measures are in place to prevent and/or address such phenomenon and (c) steps will he take regarding allegations that a certain chief (name and details furnished) has been residing primarily in eSwatini while drawing a government salary; if so, what are the full details of such policy and/or legislative provisions;
- (2) what total amount has the specified person been paid as (a) monthly salary, (b) allowances and (c) any other remuneration and/or benefits since taking up his position as traditional leader? NW124E

116. Mr M A Nhanha (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Government can recover money paid to a traditional leader who left their post while still receiving their salary; if not, why not; if so, what is the process;
- (2) whether his department has started any process to recover the money paid to a certain person (name furnished) since he reportedly left Alice in February 2024; if not, why not; if so, at what stage is the specified process;
- (3) whether he has been informed that the specified person has been living mainly in eSwatini while being paid as a traditional leader in the Eastern Cape; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what date did he and/or his department find out about this and (b) what (i) is he currently doing about this situation and (ii) are his plans going forward? NW125E

117. Mr M A Nhanha (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

- (1) Considering that only 42% of land reform beneficiaries in the Eastern Cape earn any wildlife income despite holding ecologically valuable land, primarily due to lack of basic infrastructure, what total number (a) of land reform projects since 1994 included wildlife-based enterprises in their approved business plans and (b) are currently (i) operational and (ii) generating income from wildlife activities;

- (2) what was the total budget allocated in the (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26 financial years, specifically for infrastructure support such as (i) fencing, (ii) water and (iii) accommodation on land reform farms pursuing wildlife economy enterprises? NW126E

118. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) With regard to her recent statements concerning the marketing of the Republic as a Muslim-friendly country for tourism, what are the full details of (a) how SA Tourism and/or her department marketed the Republic in this light and (b) the (i) marketing plan and (ii) timelines thereof;
- (2) which actors are involved in servicing Muslim travellers;
- (3) whether the Department and/or SA Tourism has a project lead related to the marketing; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there are any targets and/or goals in the Annual Performance Plans of her department and/or SA Tourism regarding marketing the Republic in this manner; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW127E

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

- (1) Since her reply to question 1748 on 17 April 2025, what is the updated cost overrun for Phase II of the Lesotho Highlands Project;
- (2) whether the targeted completion date remains 2029; if not, what is the revised completion date; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what update can she provide on the stage of treaty renegotiations with the Kingdom of Lesotho? NW128E

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

Since her reply to question 2405 on 2 June 2025, what is the current status of the bucket eradication infrastructure project? NW129E

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

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 6153 on 27 November 2025, in addition to the City of Johannesburg, she will furnish Mr S J Moore with a list of both water and sanitation projects in each metropolitan municipality delayed due to late or non-payment of contractors in each of the past three financial years, indicating the (a) project name, (b) contractor, (c) duration of the delay and (d) total amount outstanding in respect of each contractor as of 1 January 2026; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details? NW130E

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

Whether it is her department's mandate to protect (a) state-owned and (b) privately owned land from illegal occupation; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what was the (i) total number of reported cases of attempts to occupy (aa) state-owned and (bb) privately owned land and (ii) extent of illegally occupied (aa) state-owned and (bb) privately-owned properties, including land parcels in each metropolitan city and province in each financial year from the 2020-21 financial year to the 2025-26 financial year?

NW131E

123. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

In each metropolitan municipality in each financial year from the 2021-22 financial year to the 2025-26 financial year, what (a) total amount was spent on the provision of basic services to illegally occupied land, (b) were the total costs towards (i) evictions from illegally occupied land and (ii) the provision of temporary accommodation to illegal occupiers and (c) total amount of revenue was lost due to illegal occupation of property?

NW132E

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

Whether she will furnish Mr L Mphithi with the lists of advisory panels reporting to her, indicating (a) the name of the panel, (b) individuals serving on the panel, (c) the date of appointment of each panel member and expiry of tenure and (d) qualifications and experience of each panel member; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW133E

125. Ms G Mchunu (MK) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What (a) measures has she implemented to ensure that all public facilities, services and development programmes are fully accessible to persons with disabilities, particularly in rural and township communities and (b) mechanisms are in place to monitor and enforce compliance with disability-inclusive standards across national, provincial and municipal spheres of government?

NW134E

126. Ms G Mchunu (MK) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What (a) are the full details of accountability mechanisms that she has put in place to ensure that she accounts to the residents of the Republic, especially women, youth and persons with disabilities, on the impact, expenditure and outcomes of departmental programmes and (b) mechanisms are in place to ensure that such groups are meaningfully consulted, protected from exclusion and able to influence policy in this regard?

NW135E

127. Ms M C Mafagane (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What (a) is the status update of the Tourism Equity Fund and (b) are the relevant details of the plan to accommodate small business owners who (i) have already applied, (ii) have complied, (iii) qualified and (iv) are waiting for funding?

NW136E

128. Mr G Taaibosch (MK) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

In view of reports that indicate that specific community property associations (CPAs) and non-profit entities closely tied to the leadership of the San Council and National Khoi-San Council have been chosen to administer the Rooibos benefit funds, (a) what formal criteria and/or vetting procedures were used to select or elect the trustees and CPAs that serve on the benefit-sharing trusts, (b) how were such processes and/or criteria formulated, including which parties were involved in their formulation, (c) what proof exists to show that such mechanisms and criteria were adhered to, (d) what oversight and/or accountability mechanisms are in place to review the conduct of the trustees/CPA officials, (e) what process is in place to remove and/or replace any trustee or official found guilty of corruption, nepotism or financial mismanagement and (f) what are the reasons that any such accountability processes have not been used, despite numerous complaints against the conduct of the trustees and CPAs? NW137E

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

- (1) Whether, in light of the fact that his department has publicly stated that it no longer recognises the National Khoi-San Council (NKC) as a legitimate representative body of the Khoi and San, he has formally notified the (a) Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment and (b) Department of Sport, Arts and Culture that Clause 3.1.3.2 of the Benefit Sharing Agreement has been triggered, requiring the NKC's rights and obligations to be ceded to a different body; if not, what are the reasons that the specified clause has not been activated; if so, which new organisation has been authorised to represent the Khoi and San nation under the specified agreement;
- (2) (a) in light of the finding that any continued involvement of the NKC after denouncement would be illegal and ultra vires, how does his department justify any NKC role in Rooibos benefit distributions and/or trust administration at present, (b) what steps will be taken to reverse any conduct and/or decisions made by the NKC from its denouncement to date and (c) what are the reasons that his department has not taken such steps from date of denouncement?

NW138E

130. Mr Z K A Cele (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What are the underlying reasons (a) for the Government's continued failure to adequately resource, equip and modernise the SA National Defence Force and (b) that the majority of former combatants and/or freedom fighters do not receive pensions after more than 30 years of freedom, with many having died in poverty? NW139E

131. Mr Z K A Cele (MK) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What (a) has she found to be the reasons that schools for learners with disabilities continue to lag behind in access to modern educational resources, infrastructure, assistive technologies and adequately trained educators and (b) steps does she intend to take to mitigate the situation faced by learners with disabilities? NW140E

132. Mr G Motaung (MK) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (1) What measures has his department taken to investigate the ongoing allegations of rampant corruption at the Kgosi Mampuru Correctional Centre, as well as reports from officials and kitchen staff implicating inmates in the mismanagement of food supplies;
- (2) whether he has been informed that inmates at the specified correctional centre has for several months been fed the same meals consisting mainly of beans and soya, and that in recent weeks inmates have allegedly been provided with only one meal per day and in some instances only stale bread; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (3) whether such practices comply with his department's nutritional standards and constitutional obligations; if not, what immediate corrective actions will he take to ensure inmates receive adequate, nutritious and regular meals; if so, what specific legislative provisions does his department rely on in this regard?

NW141E

133. Mr G Motaung (MK) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

- (1) Given that many rural and township communities still lack basic sport and recreational facilities, how does his department justify the decision to invest R632 million in the construction of a new museum in KwaZulu-Natal;
- (2) whether he has found that the allocation of R632 million for a new museum reflects a troubling misalignment of priorities, particularly when sport and development infrastructure in disadvantaged areas remains severely underfunded or non-existent; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps does he intend to take to rectify the situation;
- (3) whether his department had considered renovating and upgrading the existing museum infrastructure at a significantly lower cost, and then redirecting the remaining funds towards development programmes and facilities that would directly uplift youth, women and persons with disabilities, and restore hope and opportunity in communities that have been neglected for decades; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW142E

134. Mr M S Mbatha (MK) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

What (a) concrete corrective actions has he taken during the (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2025-26 financial years to address (aa) recurring adverse audit findings, (bb) governance instability and (cc) financial stability risks at the Technology Innovation Agency and (b) successes have been achieved due to the corrective actions taken?

NW143E

135. Mr M S Mbatha (MK) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

In light of ongoing underinvestment in research infrastructure, increasing operating costs at national research facilities, as well as the continued loss of highly skilled researchers to the private sector and to other countries, what is his department's funded and time-bound plan to (a) stabilise and modernise strategic national research infrastructure, (b) retain and develop early- and mid-career researchers within public research entities and universities and (c) ensure that bursary and postgraduate support programmes translate into long-term employment within the National System of Innovation?

NW144E

136. Mr M S Mbatha (MK) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

Given the continued underperformance of the Republic in translating publicly funded research into commercially viable products and firms, what (a) total number of (i) technologies, (ii) start-ups and (iii) intellectual property assets have been supported through his department's commercialisation and innovation support instruments, including the Technology Innovation Agency and associated funding programmes in the past three financial years and (b) proportion of these have progressed to (i) market entry, (ii) private-sector co-investment and (iii) sustainable revenue generation?

NW145E

137. Mr T T S Kubheka (MK) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

- (1) What are the full details of the 17 bidders that have been pre-qualified to build and finance the Republic's R440 billion grid expansion plan;
- (2) what are the reasons that the grid expansion plan is not regarded as a strategic state asset and financed through the Public Investment Corporation or the likes of the Government Employees Pension Fund, so that it remains a state asset and does not fall into foreign hands?

NW146E

138. Mr M M Gasa (MK) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether he has found that the serious breaches of security and operational protocols at the Oudtshoorn Correctional Centre, and the fact that retaliatory violence is endemic in correctional centres nationwide, prove that his department is incapable of self-policing, making a fully independent, resourced and empowered external oversight body non-negotiable; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW149E

139. Mr M M Gasa (MK) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether he has found that his department's mandate of ensuring safe custody and human development is hamstrung by overcrowding, violence and decay, demanding a legislative rupture from its current objectives; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW150E

140. Mr M M Gasa (MK) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether he has found that the designed protocols between his department and the SA Police Service create accountability vacuums, permitting catastrophic security and identification failures to slip through between institutional cracks; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW151E

141. Mr Z E Mthethwa (MK) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Whether he has given a statutory mandate for the production of the vaccinations for foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) to the private sector, which effectively means the private sector will have a monopoly in the production of the FMD vaccine; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what statutory provisions did he rely when he did so? NW152E

142. Mr Z E Mthethwa (MK) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether he has found that the Community Property Associations Act, Act 28 of 1996, is working in cross purposes with the return of the land to the amakhosi as the claimants because the land is given to these mushrooming community property associations who never claimed such lands; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps does he intend to take in this regard? NW153E

143. Mr Z E Mthethwa (MK) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

On what date will he take the amakhosi into his confidence that their powers according to the constitutional amendments will be affected to restore the King's rights over the lands, thereby giving effect to the saying: a King is only a King because of the land he rules? NW154E

144. Ms N Buthelezi (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) How has the lack of action from her affected the overall performance and effectiveness of the Tourism Board;
- (2) whether there are any legal and/or regulatory implications arising from her failure to address the Tourism Board issues; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW155E

145. Ms M B Muhammad (MK) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What (a) total number of (i) mobile Home Affairs units are currently operational in each province, (ii) service days did each unit deliver and (iii) citizens were assisted by the units (aa) in the past financial year and (bb) since 1 April 2025 and (b) was the total expenditure on the mobile Home Affairs programme in the specified period? NW156E

146. Ms M B Muhammad (MK) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) What is the current backlog for (i) Smart Identity Document cards, (ii) passports and (iii) late birth registrations, (b) how long is the average waiting period for each service and (c) what consequence management steps have been taken against officials and/or contractors responsible for the delays?

NW157E

147. Ms M B Muhammad (MK) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What total number of (a) foreign nationals currently hold valid work visas according to each sector, (b) workplace inspections were conducted to verify compliance in the past 12 months, (c) visas were cancelled for violations and (d) employers were penalised for employing illegal foreign nationals?

NW158E

148. Mr W M Douglas (MK) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Whether, in light of sworn testimony before the Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System, that classified SA Police Service (SAPS) documents were unlawfully shared with private individuals, and further considering that more than 5 800 SAPS firearms were reported lost or stolen between 2019 and 2024, what is the total number of (a)(i) criminal cases opened against senior SAPS officials for information leakage since 2019 and (ii) such cases that has been finalised and (b) officials who have been (i) suspended, (ii) dismissed and (iii) criminally charged?

NW159E

149. Mr W M Douglas (MK) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Whether, given that the Republic recorded approximately 27 000 murders during the 2024-25 financial year and that gang-related killings in the Western Cape increased by more than 12%, he will explain how real-term reductions in visible policing budgets are consistent with the Government's stated commitment to reduce violent crime, while expenditure on Very Important Person protection and national headquarters administration continues to increase; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW160E

150. Mr W M Douglas (MK) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Since 1 January 2022, what total number of (a) senior officials within the intelligence services (i) underwent lifestyle audits and (ii) failed such audits and (b) criminal cases were instituted as a result?

NW161E

151. Mr J A Mngxitam (MK) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

In light of the fact that the farm equity scheme has cost the State over R700 million, while most of the schemes have not benefited farm workers (details furnished), (a) what steps has he taken to address the problem, (b) on what date will he release to the public the research report on farm equity schemes undertaken by a certain person (name furnished) in the Northern Cape, which apparently reveals massive corruption in the farm equity schemes and (c) by what date shall the specified person be paid for the work he undertook on behalf of his department?

NW162E

152. Dr K Litchfield-Tshabalala (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What (a) plans does he have in place to address the Republic's debt-to-gross domestic product ratio in the short- to medium-term and (b) economic policies will be implemented to stimulate sustainable growth in the next three financial years?

NW163E

153. Dr K Litchfield-Tshabalala (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether he has found that the neoliberal economic policies pursued by the Government (a) exacerbate inequality and (b) hinder sustainable growth; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what alternative strategies have been considered to address the Republic's debt-to-gross domestic product ratio, without compromising job creation and industrial development?

NW164E

154. Dr K Litchfield-Tshabalala (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Given the Government's neoliberal policies which lead to forced de-industrialisation, how does he intend to ensure the upcoming budget allocations prioritise (a) job creation in manufacturing and (b) reversing the textile industry's decline, which saw employment drop by 46% in the period 2003 to 2013 and domestic production's share of demand fall from 76% to 60% in the period 2005 to 2011?

NW165E

155. Mr J B Mtolo (MK) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether he has conducted any recent performance and compliance assessments of municipalities that were placed under administration in the past five years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the (a) outcomes of the interventions, (b) financial costs incurred by the national fiscus and (c) consequence management steps that were taken against political and/or administrative officials found to be responsible for governance failures?

NW166E

156. Mr J B Mtolo (MK) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What (a) total number of housing projects funded by the Government remain incomplete and/or abandoned to date, (b) are the primary causes of the failures and (c) steps have been taken to (i) blacklist non-performing contractors and (ii) prioritise affected communities that have waited for more than 10 years for adequate housing?

NW167E

157. Mr V G Reddy (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(1) Whether she has been informed that the Nomzamo Primary School in Welbedacht, Chatsworth currently has a learner enrolment exceeding 1 200 learners, despite infrastructure designed to accommodate only about 500 learners, resulting in severe overcrowding and pressure on educators and facilities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps does she intend to take in this regard;

- (2) whether she has been informed that the Seven Hills Primary School, situated within approximately 5 km of the Nomzamo Primary School, is reportedly facing possible closure due to declining learner enrolment despite having infrastructure capacity for approximately 1 500 learners; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps does she intend to take in this regard;
- (3) whether her department has conducted any assessment into the rationalisation of learner placement between the specified two schools to address overcrowding at the Nomzamo Primary School while utilising available capacity at the Seven Hills Primary School; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether her department has considered providing scholar transport to enable the transfer of learners from the Nomzamo Primary School to the Seven Hills Primary School as a practical intervention; if not, (a) why not and (b) what immediate steps will be taken to address overcrowding, educator shortages and infrastructure strain at the Nomzamo Primary School? NW168E

158. Mr V G Reddy (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that certain public schools, particularly those catering for learners with special educational needs, are provided with fuel allocations and/or petrol cards by her department to enable the transport of learners to and from school; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether she has been informed that petrol cards issued to some of the schools in KwaZulu-Natal were reportedly suspended without prior notice on Friday, 23 January 2026, resulting in the disruption of transport services and vulnerable learners being unable to attend school; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the reasons for the sudden suspension of the fuel provisions;
- (3) whether any alternative arrangements were put in place to ensure uninterrupted learner transport; if not, why not; if so, what urgent steps has her department taken to reinstate the fuel support and prevent further disruption to the education of learners with special educational needs? NW169E

159. Mr V G Reddy (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that the current quintile ranking and no-fee school classification system under the National Norms and Standards for School Funding is widely regarded as outdated and applied inconsistently, resulting in schools serving poor learners being placed in higher quintiles and receiving reduced allocations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps will she take to rectify the situation;
- (2) whether she has been informed of cases where schools in deep rural and/or township communities are excluded from no-fee status, despite learners coming from severely impoverished households; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what criteria and datasets are used to determine quintile status, (b) how often are the rankings updated, (c) what total number of schools (i) nationally and (ii) in KwaZulu-Natal appealed their quintile ranking in the past five years and (d) what were the outcomes of the appeals,

- (3) whether the learner household income is considered when determining a school's quintile; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there are plans to review and reform the quintile system to better reflect the socio-economic realities of learners and ensure equitable funding; if not, why not; if so, what reforms and time frames are envisaged? NW170E

160. Mr M Manyi (MK) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) Whether the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) has entered into a settlement agreement with a certain person (name furnished), resulting in the payment of public funds in excess of R1 million in respect of civil claims arising from the prosecution of the specified person in the Cato Manor racketeering and so-called death squad matter; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what date was such settlement concluded, (b) what was the total amount paid, (c) under which legal authority and/or settlement mechanism was the payment made and (d) what steps have been taken to establish accountability for the circumstances that gave rise to the civil claims;
- (2) whether any admission of liability was made by the NPA; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW171E

161. Mr M Manyi (MK) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 6818 on 7 January 2026, he will furnish Mr M Manyi with the (a) written deployment orders, (b) unit logs and (c) duration records for all SA Police Service units, including elite units, deployed at or in the immediate vicinity of Richards Bay Minerals from 1 October 2022 to date; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW172E

162. Mr M Manyi (MK) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to question 6818 on 7 January 2026, he will furnish Mr M Manyi with supporting documentation which shows that the Special Task Force was not deployed at Richards Bay Minerals; if not, why not; if so, by what date will he provide Mr Manyi with the documentation;
- (2) whether, with the benefit of hindsight, he has found that his reply was not accurate; if not, why not; if so, will he withdraw the reply? NW173E

163. Mr A Nchabeleng (MK) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

- (1) In light of the fact that Eskom has quietly handed over R580 million in a settlement at Kusile Power Station, on what basis should the specified settlement not be seen as anything more than a final reward for contractors who helped bleed this country dry through a project built on corruption, inflated contracts, political protection and a decade of lies;
- (2) whether he intends to institute investigations to determine the persons who will be held accountable for the looting at Kusile Power Station; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date and (b) what will be the terms of reference of the investigation? NW174E

164. Mr A Nchabeleng (MK) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) In light of the fact that the High Court has now declared that Ngcobo is in a state of anarchy, a South African town effectively surrendered to criminal syndicates, where armed gangs rule and residents live in terror, (a) how does the Government justify abandoning an entire community to lawlessness and (b) what immediate, decisive executive action will he take to (i) remove failed SA Police Service commanders, (ii) deploy specialised units and (iii) restore the rule of law in Ngcobo;
- (2) whether he has any plans in place to ensure that under his Presidency criminals do not govern our towns and the State restores and maintains its capacity and the will to protect its own people; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW175E

165. Mr A Nchabeleng (MK) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

Whether, considering that unemployment in the Republic remains among the highest in the world, with youth unemployment still at catastrophic levels, she will explain what exactly the Government believes it has upended, when communities on the ground see no jobs, no economic relief and no meaningful opportunities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW176E

166. Mr S G Mwali (MK) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

Given that the money owed by municipalities to Eskom has grown to alarming proportions, where will the money come from to settle the debt? NW177E

167. Mr E K Madlala (MK) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Given that the money owed by municipalities to Eskom has grown to alarming proportions, where will the money come from to settle the debt? NW178E

168. Ms Z S Abader (MK) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

How does he reconcile the Republic's current foreign policy stance with the action steps it has taken regarding the suffering of millions of Palestinians, Sudanese and Congolese whose cries for justice grow louder each day? NW179E

169. Ms Z S Abader (MK) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) With reference to the disasters and other related tragedies that are experienced by the Republic on a yearly basis, what are the reasons that his department fails to prepare thoroughly and act in time and thereby avoid leaving millions of vulnerable citizens exposed to predictable and/or preventable disasters;
- (2) who will be held accountable for the specified annual cycle of negligence? NW180E

170. Ms N A Mtshweni (MK) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether his department made budget allocations in the 2025-26 financial year for (a) salaries of artists to ensure fair and sustainable remuneration for creators working under public and/or private contracts and (b) royalties owed to artists and creatives for (i) repeats and (ii) cross-channel broadcasts of their work; if not, why not in each case; if so, what total amount was allocated in each case? NW181E

171. Rev N B Gwabaza (MK) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

- (1) What total amount was allocated for (a) performing arts, (b) media and (c) audio-visual arts in the 2025-26 financial year;
- (2) what concrete steps has his department taken to assist artists and ensure that their outstanding royalties are paid (a) in full and (b) on time? NW182E

172. Mr C V Shongwe (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Given that the money owed by municipalities to Eskom has grown to alarming proportions, (a) what plans does the National Treasury have in place to assist owing municipalities and (b) where will the money come from to settle the specified debt? NW183E

173. Mr C V Shongwe (MK) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

What proportion of the Eskom municipal debt is owed by rural municipalities? NW184E

174. Ms P P Mngadi (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has been informed of allegations that at certain schools, such Addington Primary School in Durban, learners whose parents are without legal residency papers are granted access to education; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the reasons that children of undocumented and/or illegal foreign nationals are allowed to enrol in public schools in the Republic and (b) how does her department justify the allocation of public resources to the specified learners when it has an impact on the quality of education and access for South African learners? NW185E

175. Mr S S Zibi (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

- (1) What total number of public healthcare facilities in each province (a) have and (b) do not have a valid occupational health and safety certificate;
- (2) what is the total number of labour inspections that have been conducted at public healthcare facilities in each province in each of the past three years;
- (3) what total number of (a) complaints were submitted by members of staff at public healthcare facilities and (b) the specified complaints were resolved in each province in each of the past three years? NW186E

176. Mr S S Zibi (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) What is the breakdown of the total number of public healthcare facilities which (a) were inspected by the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC) and (b)(i) met and (ii) did not meet OHSC standards (aa) in each province and (bb) in each of the past five years;
- (2) what is the estimated cost of making the identified non-compliant healthcare facilities compliant with OHSC standards? NW187E

177. Mr S S Zibi (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) What total number of (a) cases of (i) murder, (ii) attempted murder, (iii) assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm, (iv) common assault and (v) rape were referred to the SA Police Service (SAPS) for prosecution and (b) the specified cases were subsequently declined for prosecution in each of the past five years;
- (2) what are the typical reasons provided for the decision to decline prosecuting such violent crimes;
- (3) how does the National Prosecuting Authority work with SAPS to address shortcomings in cases of violent crime that are referred for prosecution? NW188E

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

- (1) What total number of cases of (a) murder, (b) attempted murder, (c) assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault and (e) rape were reported in the 2024-25 financial year;
- (2) (a) what total number of the specified cases have (i) been referred for prosecution and (ii) resulted in a (aa) conviction, (bb) acquittal and (cc) dismissal and (b) how do the specified figures compare to that of the previous five financial years? NW189E

179. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) In the past seven years, what (a) total number of licences were issued to gambling and betting operators in each year, (b) is the breakdown of the type of licences issued by each gambling authority and (c) is the period of validity for each specified licence;
- (2) what total number of (a) provincial and (b) national licences were issued by each provincial gambling authority in each year in the past seven years and (c) of the specified licences are still operational;
- (3) what total number of national licences (a) were issued by the National Gambling Board in each year in the past seven years and (b) are pending approval and/or concurrence, in accordance with section 42 of the National Gambling Act, Act 7 of 2004? NW190E

180. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether the SA National Roads Agency Limited owns the property or site that is currently operating as Engen Big Bird 1 Stop located in New Road Interchange in the N1 Highway in Midrand; if not, who is the owner of the property; if so, what (a) is the size of the property and (b) are the terms of the lease agreement in terms of the (i) name of the main tenant, (ii) monthly rental fee, (iii) date on which the contract (aa) was signed, (bb) commenced and (cc) is set to expire? NW191E

181. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What progress has been made in finding the replacement for the retiring Commissioner of the SA Revenue Service who has already given an indication that he will be vacating office? NW192E

182. Mr T P Mogale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether her department has any plans in place to build new schools in the City of Tshwane; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW193E

183. Mr T P Mogale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether the process of changing the name of Pretoria to its indigenous name, Tshwane, has commenced; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW194E

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

(1) Considering that the oversight visit conducted by the Portfolio Committee on Health to Mapulaneng Hospital in Mpumalanga observed that the specified hospital faces water supply challenges (details furnished), what (a) is the total number of hospitals in each province that do not have connected water tanks, (b) are the names of the specified hospitals and (c) support has been provided by his department to resolve the matter;

(2) (a) on what date does he envisage that his department will resolve the water crises in hospitals and (b) what efforts have been made by his department to initiate collaboration with other relevant departments to resolve the water challenges in hospitals? NW196E

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

With reference to the oversight visit conducted by the Portfolio Committee on Health to Davhana Clinic in Limpopo which highlighted the lack of a standard reporting of cases of child rape, pregnancies and termination of pregnancies by children under the age of 16, despite the clarity the Children's Act, Act 38 of 2005, provides on the matter (details furnished), what (a) are the reasons that his department has not created a system of reporting that is mainstream across all healthcare facilities, (b) total number of underage pregnancies delivered in each province have been reported to the SA Police Service in the past five years and (c) steps has he and/or his department taken to address the crisis? NW197E

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

What (a) is the total number of healthcare facilities in each province in the Republic, (b) total number of the specified facilities (i) have and (ii) lack the services of social workers? NW198E

187. Ms N M Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

With regard to the filling of vacant SA Police Service (SAPS) posts in the Republic's foreign missions and/or embassies in the continent, (a) what is the breakdown of the foreign missions of the Republic that have vacancies for the SAPS positions, (b) on what date(s) did the specified positions became vacant, (c) what is the timeline to fill the vacant posts in each mission and (d) how has the vacancies affected the ability of the SAPS at foreign missions to fight cross-border crimes? NW199E

188. Ms N M Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether the property that houses the Republic's foreign mission in Mozambique is owned by the South African government; if not, (a) under whose name is the title deed of the mission registered and (b) what are the timelines for the title deed to be transferred into the ownership of the South African government; if so, what are the relevant details? NW200E

189. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

- (1) What progressive, state-driven actions has her Office proposed to eliminate the economic oppression of women, moving beyond the unsuccessful voluntary gender targets of the Employment Equity Act, Act 55 of 1998;
- (2) on what date will her Office introduce legislation that will compel all sectors, particularly mining, finance and construction, to achieve 50% ownership, management and procurement from women-owned businesses, especially those owned by black women, within a specified time frame? NW201E

190. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

- (1) Considering the inadequacies of the police and judiciary in addressing issues such as low conviction rates for rape and femicide, what is the detailed (a) plan and (b) budget of her Office for developing state-funded, specialised and women-led crisis centres for gender-based violence in every township and village which will offer comprehensive support, including legal assistance, psychological care and temporary housing;
- (2) whether the specified centres will employ full-time social workers rather than relying on the volunteers from non-governmental organisations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW202E

191. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

On what date will her Office propose a transformative policy to address the unpaid care work predominantly carried out by women, which should include legislation for a universal basic care grant for all caregivers and significant state-led initiatives to build public, free early childhood development centres and after-school programmes in every community, aimed at truly realising women's economic potential? NW203E

192. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether he has been informed that the Home Affairs offices in Phuthaditjhaba, Free State, have been without running water for more than 12 months; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the reasons that the specified offices have been without running water for such a long time? NW204E

193. Mr M Khoza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

What is the (a) total number of (i) medical doctors who are currently employed to work at the SS Gida Hospital in Keiskammahoek and (ii) funded posts for doctors at the specified hospital and (b) ideal number of doctors required to work at the hospital? NW205E

194. Mr M Khoza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) What are the (a) total costs of the upgrades that were done in recent years at SS Gida Hospital in Keiskammahoek, (b) full details of the work done during the upgrades;
- (2) whether he has been informed that the roof leaks, the doors and taps are not working despite the work that was done at the hospital; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has his department taken to intervene and thereby ensure that (a) such dilapidation does not continue and (b) repairs are done in earnest? NW206E

195. Mr M Khoza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether he has been informed that the St Matthews Clinic in Mthwaku Village, Keiskammahoek, makes use of a gas fridge to store critical medication such as vaccines, and that when the gas is depleted, the clinic has no other way of storing vaccines; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has he taken to assist the clinic to ensure that (a) it is managed in an acceptable way and (b) the problem is resolved? NW207E

196. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

In light of the fundamental rejection of the unbundling of Eskom by organised labour, which views the unbundling process as a neo-liberal project aimed at privatisation, what specific mechanisms have been put in place to (a) manage the uncertainty of potential job losses and (b) ensure energy remains an affordable public good rather than a profit-driven commodity? NW208E

197. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

- (1) Whether he has found that the five-year timeline for establishing a fully independent Transmission System Operator outside of Eskom provides sufficient certainty for investors; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the interim structure where Eskom retains control of transmission assets undermines fair and transparent grid access for competing generators; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW209E

198. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

To what extent has he found that the recent reversal from the independent Transmission System Operator model previously endorsed by the National Treasury and Operation Vulindlela jeopardises the overall positive trajectory of the energy reform agenda of the Republic, given that the electricity sector reform scores have already slipped for two consecutive quarters?

NW210E

199. Ms C N Mkhonto (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Considering the outcry over the 30% minimum matric pass rate, what (a)(i) number and (ii) percentage of learners who passed the 2025 National Senior Certificate by 30% and (b) total number of the specified learners were able to proceed to institutions of higher education?

NW212E

200. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What interactions has she had with the Acting Minister of Police in the past financial year to deal with the problem of taxi operators who illegally stop private cars to inspect for passengers, and in certain circumstances violently take out passengers from private cars?

NW213E

201. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What (a) engagements has she had with the City of Cape Town considering that the City plans to build a wall along the N2, purportedly to deal with criminality and (b) sort of impact has she found that the wall would have on the public road network in the city?

NW214E

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

What (a) was the approved Grade 1 learner intake for New Hope Special School in Pretoria for each of the past five academic years, (b) total number of Grade 1 applications were (i) received, (ii) approved and (iii) rejected by the school in each of the past five academic years, (c) specific reasons were recorded for each category of rejection and (d) is the racial breakdown of learners (i) admitted and (ii) rejected in each year in the specified period?

NW215E

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

What is the current (a) overall staff complement of New Hope School in Pretoria in terms of (i) race and (ii) gender and (b) educator staff complement of the school?

NW216E

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

What (a) is the current number of buildings of public schools that are (i) closed, (ii) abandoned and (iii) not fully utilised in each province and (b) plans has her department put in place to deal with the issues related to the specified buildings?

NW217E

205. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Whether he has conducted any assessment of the impact of the foot-and-mouth disease on the agricultural sector of the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the full details of the impact of the disease specifically on communal and emerging black livestock farmers?

NW218E

206. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Considering that the foot-and-mouth disease is not a new disease and that there have been various outbreaks at different times, what are the reasons that his department has not prepared enough for the recent round of the outbreak?

NW219E

207. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

What specific short- to medium-term measures has he put in place to ensure that the production of vaccines for the foot-and-mouth disease is prioritised to protect vulnerable farmers from the devastation brought by the disease?

NW220E

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

What (a) are the reasons for the high unemployment rate among doctors and pharmacists in the Republic, given that the country faces shortage of healthcare workers and (b) measures has his department taken to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated for the hiring of healthcare professionals?

NW221E

209. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What support systems have been put in place for the 70,000 suspended grant recipients, (b) how will they be notified about the suspension and (c) what measures have been initiated to (i) prevent similar suspensions in future and (ii) improve the grant distribution process?

NW222E

210. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

What systems and/or mechanisms has his department put in place to support the Special Investigation Unit in its probe into alleged procurement irregularities in vaccine research and manufacturing projects at the University of KwaZulu-Natal?

NW223E

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

- (1) Given reports that rhino poaching incidents are increasing at the Kruger National Park (KNP), and considering the impact of January's devastating floods on the park infrastructure, how has flood-damaged infrastructure affected (a) ranger mobility, (b) response times and (c) surveillance capacity in vulnerable areas of the KNP;
- (2) what contingency measures have been implemented to ensure effective anti-poaching patrols in areas currently inaccessible due to damaged roads and/or infrastructure;
- (3) whether there has been an increase in poaching incidents, attempted poaching, or snaring activities within the KNP since the floods; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) verified data and/or statistics support the department's assessment, (b) additional strategies have been introduced to intensify anti-poaching operations and ensure the long-term survival and protection of rhino populations;
- (4) whether the SA National Parks has deployed and/or planning to deploy additional technological interventions, including drones, aerial surveillance, tracking systems or other advanced monitoring tools, to compensate for reduced ground access and improve detection capabilities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what mechanism have been put in place to ensure that the current anti-poaching interventions are effective enough to guarantee that future generations will not inherit a country where rhinos have been driven to extinction under the current government's watch? NW224E

212. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

On what date will SA Tourism deliver (a) a full implementation framework for the Tourism Transformation Council of South Africa and (b)(i) measurable transformation targets and (ii) timelines? NW225E

213. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether the SA Tourism has initiated a review to determine whether the Tourism Transformation Council of South Africa remains (a) fit for purpose, (b) financially viable and (c) aligned with transformation priorities of the Government; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW226E

214. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether the SA Tourism intends to use state attorneys only instead of private legal firms to reduce costs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW227E

215. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

- (1) What total number of matters related to Communal Property Association were referred to the Land Rights Management Facility since 2011;
- (2) whether any reports were submitted on the outcomes of the specified matters; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) was the impact of the intervention and (b) are the relevant details? NW228E

216. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

- (1) Whether his department has placed any Communal Property Associations under judicial administration; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether the intervention yielded positive results; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW229E

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

Whether, given the concerns regarding the manner in which her department decided to appoint a Board of Inquiry into the allegations that the instruction of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, on how Exercise Will for Peace 2026 should be conducted, in particular the participation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, was not carried out by the South African Navy (details furnished), she has found that the failure of her department to acquaint itself with the legal provisions for such a Board of Inquiry prior to the announcement, particularly amid subsequent concerns that she does not have the legal right to appoint such a Board and that non-military personnel cannot serve on it, indicates an extraordinary dereliction of duty and/or a lack of diligence on her part; if not, why not; if so, (a) how does she respond to the serious allegations that the intention of the Board of Inquiry was not intended to get to the bottom of what seems to be a diplomatic disaster, but rather to procrastinate, cover up and prevent the truth from emerging, and (b) what specific steps has she taken to (i) address the specified concerns and (ii) mitigate the diplomatic embarrassment the specified debacle has caused for the Republic? NW230E

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

- (1) Whether the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) has budgeted R372 million for the upcoming Armed Forces Day Parade scheduled for 21 February 2026 in Thohoyandou, Limpopo; if not, what is the actual budget for the specified event; if so, how does she justify such an exorbitant expenditure given the dire circumstances of the SANDF (details furnished);
- (2) whether she has found that hosting the specified event constitutes mismanagement and/or wasteful expenditure; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps will she take to ensure the event and/or wasteful expenditure does not take place? NW231E

219. Mr C G Niehaus (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether, in light of the recent one-year extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) until 31 December 2026, and given South Africa's continued inclusion in AGOA despite ongoing US-imposed 30% tariffs on the country's exports, diplomatic tensions, and accusations of interference in our sovereign foreign policy (details furnished), he has found that remaining in AGOA serves the interests of our nation's economic sovereignty, development and strategic alliances with BRICS partners and the broader Global South, particularly when AGOA has allegedly functioned as a tool of US imperialism to manipulate African nations (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has he taken to proactively initiate a process for the Republic to exit AGOA and focus on prioritising interventions such as the radical economic transformation through nationalisation of key industries, a accelerated beneficiation and enrichment of our own minerals, and the expansion of industrial, trade, and economic partnerships? NW232E

220. Mrs H Denner (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (1) What is the current ratio of correctional officials to inmates in each (a) correctional centre and (b) management region;
- (2) how do the specified staffing ratios compare with the required standards of his department that are aimed at ensuring secure custody, effective rehabilitation and supportive engagement between officials and inmates;
- (3) what progress has his department made in recent years to (a) strengthen staffing levels and (b) improve the quality of interaction between officials and inmates;
- (4) what further measures have been considered to (a) enhance staff capacity, (b) promote professional conduct and (c) maintain positive correctional centre environments? NW234E

221. Mrs H Denner (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 5970 on 30 October 2025, wherein he outlined construction projects underway for (a) new correctional facilities and (b) expanding existing centres, what (i) is the estimated budget for each of the specified projects and (ii) progress has been made to date;
- (2) how are the facilities expected to (a) improve inmate accommodation standards or reduce overcrowding and (b) enhance (i) rehabilitation and (ii) security outcomes across the correctional system;
- (3) what partnerships and/or intergovernmental coordination processes have been put in place to support the successful implementation of the specified infrastructure projects? NW235E

222. Mrs H Denner (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether his department has initiated any new agricultural and/or farming projects in correctional facilities in the past three financial years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of each project in terms of the (a) location, (b) nature, (c) scale of the project, (d) capital expenditure incurred and (e) expected production outputs;
- (2) how does his department ensure that the new farming projects (a) contribute to food security in the correctional system and (b) reduce reliance on external procurement;
- (3) whether inmates are involved in the newly established farming projects; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) training, (b) skills development programmes and (c) certification opportunities are provided to participating inmates?

NW236E

223. Dr W J Boshoff (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether he has been informed about the (a) unilateral cancellation by the Director of Small Scale Fisheries Management of valid West Coast Rock Lobster permits for 16 vessels of the Doring Baai Lighthouse Small Scale Fishing Co-operative, without notice, reasons or due process as prescribed in the Marine Living Resources Act, Act 18 of 1998, shortly after their issuance in December 2025 and (b) ongoing withholding of export permits that has prevented any harvesting; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (i) was the basis for the specified actions, (ii) has he found to have been the impact of such actions on the community's livelihoods and food security and (iii) are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether his department has plans in place for a national reduction of line fish permits for small-scale fishing co-operatives from 547 to 56 vessels, leaving Doring Baai with only two permits, without consultation and/or socio-economic assessment; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the reasons for the specified action and (b) steps have been taken to ensure the fairness and transparency of the process;
- (3) whether his department received written requests for engagement from structures such as the cooperatives, African Institute for Community Leadership and the Legal Resources Centre regarding the specified matters; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (4) whether his department responded to the written requests; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he will urgently intervene to suspend further unilateral decisions pending proper process, ensure compliance with administrative justice requirements and facilitate direct engagement with affected co-operatives; if not, why not; if so, what are the details and/or timelines?

NW237E

224. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

- (1) With reference to SA Police Service (SAPS) K9 Academy in Roodeplaat which is allegedly in a state of disarray, what has he found to be the reason for the significant decline in the state of the facilities and resources at the specified training institute;
- (2) what immediate actions will be taken to address the deplorable state of the facilities and thereby ensure the safety and well-being of handlers and dogs;
- (3) what (a) are the reasons that the allocation of dog food has been allegedly inadequate and (b) measures have been implemented to prevent such shortages in future;
- (4) whether the SAPS intends to have an urgent investigation into the management and leadership of the academy to address the serious concerns and restore the institution's reputation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW239E

225. Mr I Ismail-Moosa (Al Jama-Ah) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What action has her department taken to hold no-fee paying schools that are illegally forcing parents/guardians to pay exorbitant amounts of monies and stationery, accountable as the specified schools are prohibited from charging compulsory school fees (details furnished)?

NW240E

226. Mr I Ismail-Moosa (Al-Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

In light of the fact that on 21 November 2023, the National Assembly passed a resolution to close the Israeli embassy in the Republic and suspend all diplomatic ties until a ceasefire is agreed to by the State of Israel, and considering that in late January and early February 2026, the Republic and the State of Israel engaged in mutual expulsions of top diplomats, escalating the tension and the Republic declaring the Israeli chargé d'affaires a persona non grata (details furnished), (a) how long still and (b) what more needs to happen before a formal, permanent closure of the Zionist embassy of Israel is finalised?

NW241E

227. Mr I Ismail-Moosa (Al Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Higher Education

- (1) Following the recovery of the amount of more than R1,7 billion of unused and misallocated funds of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) by the Special Investigating Unit, what systems have been put in place to (a) prevent misuse of NSFAS funds in future, (b) accommodate thousands of students who have passed with bachelor passes and distinctions who could not secure placement in universities and technical and vocational education and training colleges due to lack of space;
- (2) whether there is any plan to integrate private institutions of higher learning into public universities and thereby allow students who are funded by the NSFAS to access tertiary education through the specified institutions?

NW242E

228. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

- (1) What total number of (a) private security companies are currently registered and operating in the Republic and (b) individuals are employed within the private security sector;
- (2) what (a) total number of foreign nationals are employed in the private security sector and (b) steps has the SA Police Service (SAPS) taken to ensure national security despite having foreign nationals in the sector;
- (3) what total number of police officers are currently employed by the SAPS?
NW245E

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

- (1) Whether he appointed a certain person (name furnished) to the Immigration Advisory Board (IAB), as announced on or about 1 April 2025 and were any concerns raised during the selection process regarding his nationality, background and/or advocacy positions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the specified person is a Zimbabwean national and/or was born and raised in Zimbabwe, as has been publicly reported in various sources; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what were the detailed reasons for appointing the person to the IAB at a time when the Republic is facing significant challenges with illegal immigration, undocumented foreign nationals, border control and public concerns regarding the impact of migration on employment, service delivery, crime and social cohesion, (b) was the appointment of the person consistent with section 4 of the Immigration Act, Act 13 of 2002, particularly the requirement that independent members be selected on the basis of their knowledge, experience and involvement in immigration law, control, adjudication and enforcement and (c) was any preference and/or weighting given to individuals with a South African citizenship or long-term permanent residency background in light of current national priorities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (4) how does he reconcile the specified appointment with the stated priority of Government which is to strengthen immigration enforcement, combat illegal migration, and prioritise the interests of South African citizens, given that the person serves as Head of Advocacy and Legal Advisor at the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town, an organisation known for advocating for the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, including those from Zimbabwe;
- (5) (a) what specific vetting processes, security clearances, and conflict-of-interest assessments were conducted prior to the appointment of the person as an independent member and (b) who served on the shortlisting and interview panels?
NW246E

230. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with regard to the alleged presence of a Bulgarian national (name furnished), listed by Interpol as wanted by Romanian authorities for drug trafficking, who is reportedly residing in Cape Town and operating openly as a personal trainer at a commercial gym in Constantia, his department detected the entry and presence of the specified person within the Republic; if not, how did his department fail to identify a foreign national wanted for a serious transnational crime; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what systems and processes does his department use to screen foreign nationals entering and/or residing in the Republic against Interpol Red Notices and other international law-enforcement databases;
- (3) whether the person was lawfully admitted into the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) did he hold a valid visa, work permit or residency status at the time he was employed and (b) under which visa category;
- (4) how did his department fail to (a) flag and (b) act against a wanted international fugitive living and working openly in a public-facing environment?

NW247E

231. Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) Given that the State Attorney relies on years of practice to determine experience, how is the exclusion of specialised skills, such as construction law and/or project finance acquired in corporate environments, justified when allocating briefs;
- (2) what (a) are the reasons that the State Attorney briefed advocates without the relevant experience in construction and engineering law to the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure and not assigned senior counsels and only later, abandoned the briefs and (b) accountability measures have been put in place;
- (3) what are the reasons that the few advocates who have acquired experience in the specified and specialised skills were disregarded and those without the relevant experience were briefed;
- (4) how does the State Attorney ensure that briefs for value are allocated fairly, and not merely used to inflate statistical reports, given the disparity in earnings among advocates;
- (5) (a) what is the justification for paying advocates' fees at 2015 rates for matters ongoing in 2026 and (b) will the State Attorney revisit the policy to reflect fair compensation?

NW248E

232. Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the issues at uMngeni-uThukela Water, where allegations of corruption, mismanagement and favouritism have emerged following the merger of Umgeni Water and Mhlathuze Water (details furnished), she will furnish Mr V Zungula with (a) a list of all employees from the erstwhile Mhlathuze Water whose salaries were unduly increased shortly before the staff, assets and liabilities were transferred to uMngeni-uThukela Water, indicating the change in their salaries since the 2019-20 financial year and (b) minutes for shortlisting, interviews and approval of the appointment of the sampled senior managers into their upgraded positions, indicating what grades they were previously and what their new grades are; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) whether, considering that there was a moratorium on the filling of vacancies since before the merger (details furnished), she will furnish Mr V Zungula with a list of (a) all employees who were employed at Umgeni Water during the moratorium and (b) the positions they were appointed in, including the start and termination date of their employment; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (3) what are the relevant details of all the positions that have been advertised after the moratorium was lifted, including the (a) initial employer of each of the members of the panel, (b) grade of the position and (c) each member of the panel;
- (4) what are reasons that a certain person (name furnished) who was returned to work by a court order continues to be sidelined by the organisation, with another member of Executive taking decisions on areas that fall under his scope of work;
- (5) what (a) is the status of the reports of investigations into the governance challenges at uMngeni-uThukela Water and (b) date is scheduled for the implementation of remedial actions?
NW252E

233. Ms D E James (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether, given his continued failure to provide the information on the points raised in question 6742 of which he received notice on Friday, 14 November 2025 and that subsequently lapsed on Thursday, 8 January 2026, what (a) is the complete breakdown, since his reply to question 23 on 28 May 2025, of all (i) international and (ii) domestic travel undertaken by (aa) him and the (bb) Deputy Ministers, (b) was the purpose and justification for each trip, (c) was the date and destination(s) of each trip, (d) were the total costs incurred, disaggregated by transport such as airfare and vehicle hire, accommodation, meals and any other incidental and/or related expenses, (e) is the name and official role of each accompanying support and protection staff and (f) is the corresponding cost breakdown for each individual, disaggregated by transport such as airfare and vehicle hire, accommodation, meals and any other incidental and/or related expenses and any additional and/or once-off costs associated with each specified trip such as visa fees, travel insurance and/or conference registration fees?
NW254E

234. Ms D E James (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether, given her continued failure to furnish the relevant details to the points raised in question 7314 of which she received notice on Thursday, 4 December 2025 and that subsequently lapsed on Thursday, 8 January 2026, she was offered two luxury 4x4 vehicles from officials representing a foreign government; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether the specified vehicles were intended for (a) her personal use, (b) official departmental use, or (c) any other purpose; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what steps were followed to regularise the vehicles including getting them duly (i) recorded in the official register of assets and (ii) declared and therefore added into the Register of Members' Interests?
- (3) what are the reasons that for more than a month she had failed to respond as required, in clear breach of Parliamentary Rule 145(5), which obliges Ministers to provide replies to questions within 10 working days;
- (4) whether she has found that such conduct undermines the authority of Parliament; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW255E

235. Ms D E James (ActionSA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

- (1) In light of his recent statement that he does not believe that we are currently in a position to defeat the gangs, amid escalating organised crime and gang violence across several provinces, what additional budget allocations, personnel increases, specialised units, intelligence capabilities, and other resource interventions are required to place the SA Police Service in a position to effectively dismantle and defeat organised gangs;
- (2) whether he has engaged with the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, regarding the use of constitutional powers to declare a state of emergency in crime-ridden areas to restore law and order; if not, why not; if so, what were the outcomes of such engagement;
- (3) what immediate interventions, beyond existing anti-gang strategies and operations, have been considered to address the current levels of gang violence in the (a) Western Cape, (b) Eastern Cape and (c) other affected regions?

NW256E

236. Ms M P Kobe (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

Given his continued failure to furnish the relevant details of his and his Deputy Minister's travel expenses to the points raised in question 6743, of which he received notice on Friday, 14 November 2025, and that subsequently lapsed on Thursday, 8 January 2026, what (a) is the complete breakdown, since his reply to question 3195 on 14 July 2025, of all (i) international and (ii) domestic travel undertaken by (aa) him and the (bb) Deputy Minister, (b) was the purpose and justification for each trip, (c) was the date and destination(s) of each trip, (d) were the total costs incurred, disaggregated by transport such as airfare and vehicle hire, accommodation, meals and any other incidental and/or related expenses, (e) is the name and official role of each accompanying support and protection staff and (f) is the corresponding cost breakdown for each individual, disaggregated by transport such as airfare and vehicle hire, accommodation, meals and any other incidental and/or related expenses and any additional and/or once-off costs associated with each specified trip such as visa fees, travel insurance and/or conference registration fees? will he now furnish the details requested in the specified question and provide the outstanding information without further delay?

NW257E

237. Ms M P Kobe (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

- (1) Whether, given his continued failure to furnish the relevant details of whether Mr Vusimuzi Cat Matlala has leased any properties from his department as requested in question 7172, of which he received notice on Friday, 28 November 2025, and that subsequently lapsed on Thursday, 8 January 2026, his department has leased any properties to Mr Vusimuzi Cat Matlala; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) which properties, (b) on what terms and (c) what is the total value of the properties leased to the specified person;
- (2) what amount (a) has been paid to his department in respect of the lease(s) and (b) remains outstanding;
- (3) whether his department has sent a request to the SA Police Service (SAPS), as a client department, to vacate any of the said properties in order for the person to take occupation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what date was this communicated and (b) what reasons were provided;
- (4) whether his department has received any communication from the National Commissioner of the SAPS regarding the intention by the SAPS to vacate the properties; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what date was the communication received;
- (5) whether he will furnish Ms M P Kobe with the letters from the National Commissioner; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? will he now furnish the details requested in the specified question and provide the outstanding information without further delay?

NW258E

238. Ms M P Kobe (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What (a) total amount (i) of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) funding was returned to the National Treasury by all metropolitan municipalities in the Republic and (ii) was returned by each metro in each financial year in the past five financial years and (b) consequence management and/or remedial steps have been taken to prevent the continued surrender of infrastructure grant funding intended for service delivery?

NW259E

239. Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

(1) Since his reply to question 2376 on 8 January 2025, what is the latest complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) him and (b) the Deputy Minister since they assumed office on 3 July 2024, including the (i) purpose and justification for each trip, (ii) destination details, (iii) costs incurred, including but not limited to transport, accommodation, meals and other related incidental expenses, (iv) names and roles of all accompanying support staff and their respective costs and (v) additional costs associated with each specified trip;

(2) whether, given that the question was again published on 20 May 2025 as number 3196 with date of reply set down for 13 June 2025, but subsequently lapsed on 8 January 2026 in accordance with Rule 135, he has found that the failure to respond within the 10 working days stipulated by Assembly Rule 145(5) undermines the authority of Parliament to hold the Executive accountable; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NW260E

240. Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

(1) What is the name of each (a) Minister and (b) Deputy Minister who is currently (i) accommodated in official ministerial residences provided by his/her department and (ii) making use of alternative accommodation paid for by the State;

(2) whether, given that the question was again published on 19 September 2025 as number 5443 with date of reply set down for 6 October 2025, but subsequently lapsed on 8 January 2026 in accordance with Rule 135, he has found that the failure to respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the National Assembly Rule 145(5) undermines the authority of Parliament to hold the Executive accountable; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW261E

241. Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

- (1) Whether his department has been informed that residents of Welcome Glen and Da Gama Park in Simon's Town have endured repeated and prolonged water outages, including a four-day outage between 20 and 24 November 2025, as a result of ageing and poorly maintained water infrastructure situated on the SA Navy land under the custodianship of his department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his department has investigated the resultant failure of fire hydrants in the community during the wildfire of 22 November 2025, which severely hampered firefighting efforts and placed both lives and property at risk; if not, why not; if so, what remedial and mitigating actions will be taken;
- (3) what amounts have been budgeted (a) in each of the past five financial years for the (i) repair, (ii) upgrade and (iii) maintenance of the water pipelines and related infrastructure on the water infrastructure under the custodianship of his department and (b) for future years for the upgrade of the critical water infrastructure;
- (4) whether his department has engaged the City of Cape Town and the SA Navy with regard to the responsibility for clearing overgrown invasive alien vegetation on the fire line, which residents have identified as a major fuel source during the most recent blaze; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (5) (a) what long-term infrastructure plan has his department developed to ensure a reliable and stable water supply to the affected communities that rely on the critical water infrastructure under the custodianship of his department and (b) by what date will the upgrades be completed to prevent future life-threatening failures during fire season?

NW262E