

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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1. ★ Indicates an oral question.
2. † Indicates the translated version of the question.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2026

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

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

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

NO3437E

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

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

NO3438E

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

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

NO3439E

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

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

NO3440E

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

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

NO3441E

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

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

NO3442E

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

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

NO3443E

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

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 1854 on 4 May 2026, wherein he outlined reforms including the direct payment model, Special Investigating Unit interventions and governance stabilisation within the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), and noting that concerns continue to persist regarding delayed accommodation payments and their impact on students and service providers, what measurable improvements have been achieved since the implementation of the specified interventions in reducing accommodation payment delays;
- (2) given the ongoing reports of payment backlogs, what further corrective steps have been considered by his department to ensure full financial stability (details furnished) within the NSFAS accommodation system? NO3444E

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

What are the implications and/or consequences of the recent Constitutional Court judgment (CCT240/24) on 18 May 2026 on (a) existing policy frameworks or future legislative interventions and (b) broader health system reforms? NO3445E

★541. Mr S L Dithebe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether, given that the Housing Development Agency (HDA) aspires to become the Government Developer of Choice, her department is willing to practically and sustainably support the HDA by radically revising its funding model, to ensure its sufficient and expanded developer activity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3446E

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

Given that his department has noted the *2024 SA Social Cohesion Index* report of the Inclusive Society Institute, where inter-racial trust stands at a low 40%, how will the 15 planned community conversations for the 2026-27 financial year be designed to move the Republic towards meaningfully strengthening social cohesion and nation-building? NO3447E

★543. Mr M Dlelanga (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What progress has been made in addressing the delays in the implementation of the Mzimvubu Water Project, which remains critical in providing much-needed water relief to the eastern parts of the Eastern Cape;
- (2) whether she has found any challenges affecting the projected timelines for the completion of the project; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3448E

★544. Ms T E Magagula (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Given that the Payneville Primary School in Springs, Gauteng, and Ehawini Technical School in Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal, have been utilising mobile classrooms for more than 10 years, (a) for how long should the specified schools utilise temporary measures as permanent solutions and (b) what plans and/or timelines have been implemented to build permanent structures?

NO3449E

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

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

NO3450E

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

Considering that during oversight visits it was observed that whenever new public primary healthcare and/or health facilities are built, services are moved into the new structures and the old buildings are left unattended with patients' records and other official documents, which leaves the abandoned facilities vulnerable to vandalism, theft and possible breaches of patients' confidentiality, what measures will be implemented by his department, together with provincial health departments, to ensure that all the important documents are properly transferred, secured and archived when services are relocated?

NO3451E

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

Noting that in his reply to question 1789 on 26 November 2024, extended operating services hours and days are to commence from 1 April 2025 for Morgenzon Clinic, Mpumalanga, what are the (a) reasons that this has not occurred, given the demand since the specified clinic is far from other health facilities that operate for 24 hours and (b) envisaged timelines for the extension of working hours at the clinic?

NO3452E

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

Since his reply to question 2915 on 6 June 2025, what measurable progress has been made to replace the side covers of the waiting area in the Stanwest Clinic in Standerton, Mpumalanga?

NO3453E

★549. Ms M L Mmolotsane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Given that some federations and entities, such as Cricket South Africa and the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, have reportedly not received their full 2025-26 allocations, despite his claims that they would as far back as 2 December 2025 during the meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture, what (a) progress has been made on the disbursement of funds and/or mitigation plans for future disbursements and (b) impact the delays have had on the specified entities and federations?

NO3454E

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

Given the critical role of community sport in keeping the nation active and promoting healthy lifestyles, what measures has his department put in place to ensure that the total number of sport and recreation activities planned for the 2026-27 financial year are targeted to be responsive to communities in distress due to unemployment, substance abuse and other social ills?

NO3455E

★551. Ms K C Tlhong (ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:

Whether the existing policy framework is responsive to the scourge of alcohol and drug abuse in the Republic; if not, (a) where are the identified gaps and (b) what measures have been taken to address such gaps; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3456E

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

What (a) short- to (b) long-term mechanisms has her department implemented to accommodate victims of gender-based violence and/or domestic abuse and homelessness in the Sekhukhune District Municipality in Limpopo, given the current infrastructure constraints, despite a great demand for safe spaces?

NO3457E

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

How does her department intend to address the (a) severe housing challenges in the North West (details furnished) and (b) slow formalisation of informal settlements, given the growing concern that conditions on the ground do not align with the progress reported by her department?

NO3458E

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

Whether, given that the Phokwane Local Municipality in the Northern Cape is one of the municipalities affected by the recent floods, which severely affected schools and other sectors of the community, her department, working together with the Northern Cape Provincial Department of Education, established the total number of schools affected by the floods; if not, why not; if so, what mechanisms has she instituted to ensure that (a) learners from affected schools do not lose contact time and (b) the infrastructure from affected schools is rehabilitated? NO3459E

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

What measurable results have occurred through the memorandum of understanding between her department and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture since 2024 in revitalising school sports, particularly within historically disadvantaged and underprivileged communities? NO3460E

★556. Ms Y Govana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether, considering that numerous schools in the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape fall in quintile 1 to 3 and are heavily characterised by infrastructural inadequacy, which tremendously hampers the provision of quality of teaching and learning as teachers move to better-resourced schools, she intends to prioritise under-resourced rural and townships schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of plans to enhance the retention of teachers in such schools? NO3461E

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

With regard to the engagements of his department with the Sekhukhune Kingdom, the Bapedi Kingdom, in Limpopo aimed at advancing youth empowerment, vocational training and broader economic development in the specified area, what are the full, relevant details of the (a) concrete plans and (b) implementation timelines to ensure the operationalisation of the agreed initiative in the area? NO3462E

★558. Ms Y Govana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

What are the full, relevant details on the (a) delays and (b) lack of visible progress affecting the construction of the Osborn Community Learning Centre in Mount Frere in the Eastern Cape for which the Director-General of his department approved a budget of R47 million in 2024? NO3463E

★559. Mr G D Kgabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

(a) What is the current status and timeline for the completion of the feasibility study for the North-West University School of Mines and Mining Engineering and (b) how does his department intend to fund the specified expansion within current fiscal constraints? NO3465E

★560. Mr G D Kgabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

What (a) are the reasons that nursing, agricultural and Road Traffic Inspectorate colleges continue to operate largely in isolation from the broader post-school education and training system despite the growing national demand for the critical skills offered in the specified institutions and (b) concrete steps has his department taken, together with relevant departments, to better integrate and expand the specified training institutions to produce more nurses, veterinarians, agricultural professionals and road traffic officers needed by communities and the economy?

NO3466E

★561. Mr S L Dithebe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What (a) concrete steps will her department take, in collaboration with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, to support the rehabilitation of critical municipal water infrastructure in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, where nine of 11 wastewater treatment plants and 25 pumping stations are reportedly dysfunctional and contributing to significant sewer spillages and system failures and (b) are the reasons for the absence of coordinated action in this regard?

NO3467E

★562. Mr M Dlelanga (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What measures has her department implemented to ensure equitable and sustainable water allocation within the Middle Letaba Catchment area as tensions over water allocation between domestic and agricultural users continue to grow?

NO3468E

★563. Mr K S Ramaila (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Given that the long-delayed Groblersdal-Moutse Bulk Water Supply Project, intended to service the Moutse villages under the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality in Limpopo, has reportedly remained at approximately 95% completion for an extended period, what (a) are the reasons for the delay in finalising and commissioning the specified project and (b) definitive date will her department ensure that clean, sustainable and reliable tap water is fully delivered to the affected communities of Moutse?

NO3469E

★564. Mr S Mahlangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Noting that the Republic and Botswana signed a Memorandum of Agreement on the joint management of water quality and aquatic invasive species in the Upper Limpopo River Basin during the 6th Session of the South Africa-Botswana Bi-National Commission, and further considering that the Limpopo River Basin is a critical transboundary water resource supporting approximately 14 million persons across the Republic, Botswana, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, (a) what are the key strategic outcomes that the Republic seeks to achieve through the specified agreement and (b) how will the Memorandum of Agreement strengthen enforcement, coordination and early response mechanisms to improve water quality management (details furnished) under the Limpopo Watercourse Commission framework?

NO3470E

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

Given the repeated findings of weak intergovernmental and poor implementation of oversight recommendations across departments and municipalities, (a) what mechanisms has she put in place to ensure that failing municipalities responsible for water and sanitation actually implement corrective action identified by the Auditor-General of South Africa and (b) how does her department monitor and enforce compliance where the recommendations have been ignored?

NO3471E

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

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

NO3472E

★567. Dr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

Given that he has stated that his department cannot provide reliable figures on student dropout rates at technical and vocational education and training colleges, (a) on what basis does his department make policy and funding decisions without accurate data on completion and dropout rates in each programme and (b) what steps will his department take to address the critical issue?

NO3473E

★568. Dr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

Given that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has previously been placed under administration on multiple occasions, what (a) specific structural and governance interventions will distinguish the current administration process from the past interventions that failed to resolve the persistent matters regarding maladministration and (b) plans ahas he put in place to ensure that the intervention materially improves the lived realities of students who continue to face delayed allowances (details furnished)?

NO3474E

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

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

NO3477E

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

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

NO3478E

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

(a) What steps will her department take to shift its strategy from a reactive, emergency-based footing to a proactive, climate-resilient urban design model and (b) how does her department reconcile the constitutional mandate for safe housing delivery with the harsh geographical reality that many existing informal settlements are situated on land structurally unsafe for long-term habitation?

NO3479E

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

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

NO3480E

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

In light of South Africa hosting the Cricket World Cup next year, what measures has his department put in place to ensure that (a) ordinary South Africans (details furnished) will meaningfully benefit from the economic and social opportunities associated with the tournament, instead of primarily only benefiting politically connected individuals and established commercial interests and (b) specific plans exist to ensure accessible ticket pricing?

NO3481E

★574. Mr G Motaung (MK) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

What total number of entities and federations under his department have (a) received and (b) not received their allocated funding in the 2026-27 financial year?

NO3482E

★575. Mr M P Msezane (MK) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

What (a) total number of students are currently faced with funding issues because institutions failed to submit registration data and (b) what consequence management has been effected to the officials who have failed to carry out their responsibilities?

NO3483E

★576. Mr M P Msezane (MK) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

What are the reasons that the critical vacancies of the (a) chief financial officer and (b) deputy director-general of corporate services have not been filled to date?

NO3484E

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

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

NO3485E

★578. Nkk N A Mtshweni (MK) ubuzo uNgqongqoshe wezokuThuthukiswa koMphakathi:

Ngabe uNgqongqoshe uthini ngokwanda kwesihlava sokuhlukunyezwa kwabesifazane nezingane ezweni, futhi yiziphi izinyathelo eziphuthumayo ezithathwayo ukuqinisekisa ukuthi izindawo zokuphepha kanye nosizo lwezimo eziphuthumayo kuyatholakala emiphakathini yasemakhaya?

NO3486Z

(Translation):

[Ms N A Mtshweni (MK) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:†

What (a) steps has she taken to deal with the scourge of abuse of women and children in the Republic and (b) urgent steps have been taken to ensure that places of safety and emergency services are available in the communities? NO3486E]

★579. Nkk N A Mtshweni (MK) ubuza uNgqongqoshe wezokuThuthukiswa koMphakathi:

Njengoba abesifazane nezingane beqhubeka nokukhala ngokungatholi ukuvikelwa okwanele, uMnyango uzobhekana kanjani nokushoda kosonhlalakahle kanye nokungasebenzi kahle kwezinhlelo zokuphendula ngokushesha kubantu ababhekene nodlame nokuhlukunyezwa? NO3487Z

(Translation):

[Ms N A Mtshweni (MK) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:†

What steps will her department take to address the (a) shortage of social workers and (b) dysfunctional emergency response which is unable to respond to persons in violent and abusive situations as children and women complain about the lack of adequate safety? NO3487E]

★580. Ms Z S Abader (MK) to ask the Minister of Human Settlement:

- (1) Whether the housing delivery model of her department has become a cycle of endless announcements, pilot projects and media briefings with little measurable impact on the ground; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) who will be held personally accountable for the collapsing quality of RDP houses, stalled developments and the continued suffering of poor and working-class families living in unsafe conditions?

NO3488E

★581. Mr V G Reddy (MK) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether, following the announcement of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, of a national intervention and coordinating structure to address the worsening water crisis, she will furnish Mr V G Reddy with the name of each person appointed to the specified structure; if not, why not; if so, on what dates have they met since the inception of the structure;
- (2) what measurable outcomes have been achieved in the communities where the water supply has demonstrably improved as a direct result of its interventions?

NO3489E

★582. Mr V G Reddy (MK) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

In light of repeated findings before the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation regarding deteriorating infrastructure despite billions of Rand transferred through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant and Water Services Infrastructure Grant, what objective criteria does her department use to determine if a municipality is competent to continue receiving infrastructure funds without national intervention or reassignment of implementation responsibility?

NO3490E

★583. Mr M P Motubatse (MK) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) What are the reasons that there is no dedicated budget line for indigenous medicine research, institutionalisation and/or intellectual property protection, while millions are spent on governance structures and (b) how does his department justify the imbalance when traditional healers remain excluded from workforce planning?

NO3491E

★584. Mr M P Motubatse (MK) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Whether he has found that the Indigenous Traditional Health Practitioners Council has failed to demonstrate any measurable preservation and/or institutionalisation of indigenous knowledge systems beyond consultations and codes of ethics; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) whether he will furnish any evidence that indigenous medicine has been integrated into the National Health Insurance framework, as constitutionally required; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3492E

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

- (1) Whether she has received the clarification she undertook to seek from the National Treasury regarding the textbook production tender worth approximately R285 million that was awarded to Lighthouse Publishers (Pty) Ltd; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) whether she and/or her department has taken any initiative to investigate potential breaches of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, and/or any applicable regulations in respect of the tender; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3493E

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

- (1) Given the seriousness of the alleged conflict of interest involving the Director-General in relation to the textbook production tender, what immediate disciplinary and/or precautionary measures has she instituted to safeguard the integrity of the procurement processes of her department;

- (2) whether she intends to refer the matter to independent investigative bodies such as the Auditor-General and the Public Service Commission for a transparent and time-bound inquiry; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3494E

★587. Mr M J Matutu (MK) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Given that the water crisis of the Republic is driven by, among other things, the aging infrastructure challenges and government failures, what specific actions has her department undertaken to improve water security in 2026? NO3495E

★588. Mr M J Matutu (MK) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What specific and detailed emergency plans does she have in place (a) to ensure accountability for illegal connections and failing municipal infrastructure, which have been identified as major causes of the national water crisis and (b) for the provinces and/or regions that are the most impacted by water theft and leaks? NO3496E

★589. Mr S W Mkhize (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Given the deteriorating state of school infrastructure against the budget deficit and/or funding gap of R90 billion in the Medium-Term Budget Framework, what plans has her department put in place (a) to prevent more schools from becoming dilapidated and (b) for schools that have already become dilapidated in the specified period without the R90 billion funding gap? NO3497E

★590. Mr S W Mkhize (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has found that the absence of reliable planning data negatively affects the school infrastructure projects of her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what mechanisms has her department put in place to allocate funding to its various infrastructure programmes without reliable planning data? NO3498E

★591. Dr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

In light of the ongoing closure of the Dulcie September Primary School in Rabie Ridge, Gauteng, and considering that the matter was formally escalated to her department on 21 May 2026 and her department gave assurances that it would be referred to the Office of the Director-General for possible intervention, what (a) immediate interventions, assessments and/or remedial actions have been undertaken since the matter was formally escalated and (b) are the reasons that the specified school remains closed? NO3499E

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

In light of the perceived instability in the leadership of the department following the dismissal of the former Minister, what are the full details of the measures that she will put in place to ensure that all 28 million social grant beneficiaries receive their social grants (a) in full and (b) on time?

NO3500E

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

- (1) Whether, in light of the recent Constitutional Court ruling that declared key Certificate of Need provisions unconstitutional for unjustifiably limiting the freedom of healthcare professionals to practise their profession, and given the Government's own admission in court that such provisions formed a central pillar of the National Health Insurance (NHI) framework, has he found that the judgment will have an impact on the viability and/or implementation of the NHI; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether the Government will now reconsider its approach to centralised state control over healthcare; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3501E

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

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

NO3502E

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

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

NO3503E

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

Given the deepening crisis facing learners with disabilities and special educational needs in the Republic, and noting that thousands of children remain out of school for years due to long waiting lists at schools for learners with special educational needs (LSEN), what is the (a) current total number of learners on the national waiting list for placement in LSEN schools and (b) total number of learners who have been waiting for longer than one year?

NO3504E

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

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

★598. Ms M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) Whether her department has conducted audits on buildings that provide social housing but posture themselves as private property while they benefited from grants from the previous administration; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the reasons that the forensic report on Communicare social housing properties has still not been released to date? NO3507E

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

What is the total number of vacant but funded executive or senior management positions in (a) his department and/or (b) the technical and vocational education and training colleges? NO3508E

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

Whether a specific site has been identified and approved for the establishment of the proposed University of Ekurhuleni; if not, (a) why not and (b) on what date does his department envisage to finalise the acquisition and/or designation of a site; if so, who owns the site? NO3509E

★601. Ms B K Diale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Considering that the 2024-25 annual report of the Auditor-General determined that the main root causes of failures in the water value chain include, among others, inadequate coordination and collaboration across the sector due to poor oversight, fragmented planning and inconsistent reporting, what actions has her department undertaken to ensure seamless coordination and/or alignment of duties and services within the (a) sector and (b) three spheres of government? NO3510E

★602. Mr E Mthethwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether he has found that the decision to dissolve the National Arts Council Board constitutes an admission that previous appointments were influenced more by political party loyalty than by relevant skills and expertise; if not, what (a) were the primary reasons for the dissolution and (b) is his response to public concerns regarding the transparency and impartiality of board appointments; if so, what measures have been put in place to ensure that future board appointments are based strictly on merit, skills and experience, rather than political affiliation?

NO3511E

★603. Ms P Marais (EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:

Considering that the verification process for pensioners takes long, what immediate steps has the department taken to ensure that no pensioner is deprived of their pension money in the short- and medium term?

NO3512E

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

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

NO3514E

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

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

NO3515E

★606. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Given increasing concerns regarding violence, bullying, substance abuse and safety risks in schools, what steps has her department put in place to strengthen the implementation of the National School Safety Framework and thereby ensure safe and supportive learning environments for both learners and educators?

NO3516E

★607. Mr A K Ngobese (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Given that the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements flagged a critical lack of system integration between her department and the Department of Home Affairs, what strategic intervention plans have been put in place to build a shared data network for the secure and timeous verification of emergency housing beneficiaries?

NO3517E

★608. Mr N M Hadebe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What overarching policy measures have been put in place to fast-track the rehabilitation of dilapidated and/or non-functional municipal wastewater treatment works, which continue to discharge untreated effluent into major national river systems, to safeguard communities downstream from severe ecological hazards and health risks?

NO3518E

★609. Mr C J Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Considering that the fiscal allocations under Budget Vote 33: Human Settlements are declining despite the rising urbanisation pressures and a housing backlog of approximately 3 million households, what strategic intervention plan has her department put in place to maintain housing delivery targets under worsening fiscal constraints?

NO3519E

★610. Mr S J Moore (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

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

NO3520E

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

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

NO3521E

★612. Dr K W du P le Roux (DA) asked the Minister of Health:

Whether any investigation has been instituted into concerns regarding failures of care in public hospitals in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan area, following the reported death of 16-year-old Keanu Friskin at Livingstone Hospital around 20 May 2026; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3522E

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

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

NO3523E

★614. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) asked the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

With regard to the first R20 million tranche that he has transferred to the SA Football Association (SAFA) for the implementation of the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) in the Premier Soccer League (PSL), what (a) is the total amount that is still going to be transferred to SAFA for the implementation of the VAR and (b) is the rationale for funding the VAR initiative for the PSL from the taxpayers' funds? NO3524E

★615. Mr J J McGluwa (DA) asked the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

- (1) Whether the 2026-27 budget makes specific provision for funding Project 350 which aims to send at least 350 South African athletes to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles; if not,
- (2) whether the project will be funded through private sources only; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3525E

★616. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

What are the reasons that his department has been unable to guarantee a stable and functional start to the academic year for students, considering the recurring challenges at the start of the previous academic years, such as delayed funding decisions and accommodation uncertainty, to mention a few? NO3526E

★617. Ms N Sharif (DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:

Whether any consequence management process was initiated in respect of the findings of the Public Service Commission on the appointment of Ms L S Mabiletja, despite the fact that she did not meet the requirements; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the details of all persons against whom consequence management was initiated and (b) were the outcomes? NO3527E

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

(a) What progress has been made regarding the independent external investigation into the Foundation Phase National Catalogue process and (b) to what extent has the investigation impacted the publication of the catalogue? NO3528E

★619. Ms N Sharif (DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Social Development:

What are the full details of the strategic intervention plans she has put in place to stabilise the department since her appointment as acting Minister, particularly with regard to appointments to be made in senior positions that are vacant or occupied in an acting capacity? NO3529E

★620. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

What intervention plan has been put in place to ensure that the system, which is already facing challenges such as severe infrastructure backlogs, and rising student debt, can withstand the expanding enrolment targets in terms of adequate support and funding for the students who are currently enrolled in universities and technical vocational and education colleges? NO3530E

★621. Mr J J McGluwa (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether, in view of the important role of the arts in fostering a sense of national identity and Memorandum of Understanding he signed in 2024 with the Department of Education to progressively transform access to both sports and cultural programmes in schools, he has taken any steps to have arts integrated into the national curriculum; if not, why not; if so, how are these agreements being implemented across provinces? NO3531E

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

Considering the last-minute cancellation of the 2026 SA Schools' Athletics Championship in April 2026 and his assurance that those at fault would be held accountable, what steps has he taken since April 2026 to fulfil his promise of accountability? NO3532E

★623. Ms C Jordaan (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Considering that crime statistics for the fourth quarter released by the SA Police Service reveal that 8 cases of murder, 33 cases of attempted murder and 93 cases of rape affecting 69 learners were reported in the sample as crimes that took place on the premises of educational institutions, what total number of search and seizure operations have been undertaken in schools since the beginning of the academic year in January? NO3533E

★624. Dr K W du P le Roux (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

What is the total number of community service doctors who completed their community service at the end of 2025 who are currently employed (a) full time in the government sector in South Africa and (b) are appointed in sessional or locum posts? NO3534E

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

Given reduced water infrastructure expenditure, what strategic intervention plans has her department put in place to reduce water losses in the (a) eThekweni and (b) Mangaung Metropolitan Municipalities, which have increased to more than 40% respectively? NO3535E

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

What is the average period it takes for an adoption to be finalised after all the steps of the processes have been undertaken?

NO3536E

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

Whether the department has domesticated the 2019 United Nations General Assembly resolution on the promotion and protection of the rights of children; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3537E

★628. Mr C J Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Considering that blocked housing projects are a significant risk to service delivery and value for money, what is (a) the current total number of blocked housing projects of her department and (b) their total financial value?

NO3538E

★629. Ms K L Khakhau (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

With reference to the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa's statement that the sector education and training authority system should be overhauled and replaced, what total number of training (a) accredited and (b) unaccredited training agencies do SETAs currently have?

NO3539E

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

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

- (3) what is the breakdown of the international and local travel budget for each financial year since 1 April 2020? NO1535E

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

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

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

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

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

Whether, from the start of the 7th Parliament to date, any official from her department attended party political study groups and/or meetings in their official capacity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what (i) are the names of the officials and (ii) is the total number of study groups and/or meetings they attended, (b) on what date was each study group or meeting held, (c) what was the agenda and/or topics covered in each study group and/or meeting and (d) what is the name of each political party that hosted each specified study group and/or meeting? NO2409E

★634. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture: [Written question 2317]

- (1) In light of reports confirming that a three-year agreement was concluded in respect of the successful LIV Golf South Africa event, together with his alleged direct involvement in securing the event and his public undertaking to cover any financial shortfall, what are the reasons that comparable support was not extended to the Corona Open J-Bay, which reportedly generated approximately R150 million in economic impact in 2023 and holds similar significance within the international surfing community;

- (2) with reference to his statement that he was unaware of any multi-year agreement between the Eastern Cape Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and the World Surf League and that the event should have applied, what (a) are the reasons that the proactive approach taken by his department in securing the LIV Golf South Africa event was not adopted in the case of the Corona Open J-Bay event, (b) steps has he taken to verify with the Eastern Cape Department of Sport, Arts and Culture the existence of any such multi-year agreement with the World Surf League;
- (3) whether support by his department is determined strictly on the basis of policy and economic impact; if not, why not; if so, how does he explain the discrepancy in the provision of support to international events of equal stature as indicated above? NO2431E

★635. Mr C J Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2332]

Considering that in her keynote address at the Second Local Government Residential Property Summit on 26 March 2026 she spoke about the convergence of policy reform, technological innovation, private sector capability and local government leadership, what are the full details of the (a) formal frameworks or mechanisms that are underway to ensure policy convergence across national, provincial and local spheres of government, (b) projects enrolled under the new approach and (c) the time frame of her department to finalise reforms to address existing policy bottlenecks that hinder large scale housing delivery? NO2454E

★636. Mr C J Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2333]

- (1) Whether, with reference to her indication that up to 2% of departmental funds sent to provincial and local governments may be allocated towards promoting innovative building technologies, the specified allocation is mandatory for all provinces and municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what consequence management measures have been put in place to deal with non-compliance;
- (2) whether her department intends to increase the 2% allocation to ensure meaningful scale and impact on housing delivery; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2455E

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

- (1) What total (a) amount has her department spent on housing projects and programmes in uMngeni Local Municipality in each year over the past 10 financial years and (b) number of housing units were delivered in each year;

- (2) what (a) total number of housing projects are currently planned and/or approved for implementation in uMngeni Local Municipality, (b) is the project (i) name and (ii) location, (c) number of housing units are planned for each housing project, (d) budget allocation and (e) is the anticipated (i) start and (ii) completion date for each project?

NO2459E

★638. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2337]

What (a) are the full details of the current housing backlog in uMngeni Local Municipality, (b) is the total number of households that are registered on the housing demand database, (c) methodology is used to (i) determine housing demand and (ii) allocate projects across municipalities, (d) intergovernmental interventions has her department undertaken in collaboration with uMngeni Local Municipality and uMgungundlovu District Municipality to support housing delivery, (e) steps has her department taken to (i) coordinate the provision of bulk infrastructure and (ii) unblock stalled housing projects and (f) are the details of key challenges that are affecting housing delivery in uMngeni Municipality, (g) has she found to be the reasons for delays of housing projects in uMngeni Local Municipality and (h) consequence management measures have been implemented where projects have failed or have been significantly delayed?

NO2460E

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

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

NO2166E

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

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

NO2446E

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

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

NO2447E

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

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

NO2530E

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

- (1) Given that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) continues to experience severe information and communication technology (ICT) and data management failures (details furnished), which raise serious concerns regarding value for money, internal controls and audit readiness under the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, (a) how is NSFAS addressing the systemic ICT failures, data integrity weaknesses and continued over-reliance on outsourced contractors for core functions, (b) what internal ICT capacity currently exists at NSFAS versus external contractors and (c) what is the total annual cost of ICT contractors compared to the projected cost of permanent staff;
- (2) what (a) are the reasons that NSFAS failed to build internal ICT capacity, despite sustained reliance on outsourced contractors and (b) corrective measures have been implemented following the identification of payments to deceased beneficiaries;
- (3) (a) by what date will NSFAS implement real-time data verification systems with the Department of Home Affairs and other databases, (b) what caused the reported failure of the call centre and student support systems and (c) what is the current operational status;
- (4) what (a) are the reasons that student applications and appeals which are submitted via *myNSFAS* do not reflect on internal systems and (b) is the timeline for full system integration;
- (5) whether the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) has flagged the ICT and data control failures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what were the findings of the AGSA? NO2531E

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

- (1) Whether, given that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has reportedly initiated a decentralisation process, including issuing Requests for Proposals for a 4 000 m² head office in Gauteng and a 2 000 m² regional office in the Western Cape, a formal decentralisation policy, feasibility study and/or cost-benefit analysis have been approved; if not, on what basis is NSFAS proceeding with decentralisation and new office infrastructure commitments in the absence of an approved policy framework and demonstrated operational stability, amidst serious concerns regarding wasteful expenditure and compliance with the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999; if so, will the specified decentralisation policy be tabled in Parliament;

- (2) (a) what is the total projected cost of the new office leases over the five-year period, (b) how does the specified expenditure align with ongoing concerns about high administrative costs at NSFAS and (c) how will NSFAS avoid duplication of roles and inefficiencies across multiple offices;
- (3) whether (a) any consultation has taken place with organised labour and (b) such consultation was compliant with the Labour Relations Act, Act 66 of 1995; if not, what are the reasons for such failure in each case; if so, how will staffing for new offices be managed if employees are not required to relocate;
- (4) whether the National Treasury has approved and/or been consulted on infrastructure commitments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he will consider halting decentralisation until governance and operational stability are restored; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2532E

★645. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements: [Written question 2478]

With reference to the delivery of state-subsidy houses in the uMngeni Local Municipality, what are the relevant details of the (a) total amount her department has spent on housing projects and programmes in the specified municipality in each of the past 10 financial years, including (i) a year-by-year breakdown of expenditure and (ii) the total number of housing units delivered each year and (b) housing projects currently planned and/or approved for implementation in the municipality, including for each project the (i) project name and location, (ii) total number of planned housing units, (iii) budget allocation and (iv) envisaged start date and completion date?

NO2544E

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

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

**★647. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:
[Written question 2481]**

- (1) Given the serious allegations surrounding the nonpayment of the prize money of the Soweto Marathon (details furnished), what circumstances led to the decision by Athletics South Africa (ASA) and Central Gauteng Athletics (CGA) to change the long-standing organisational structure of the Soweto Marathon, including (a) who authorised the change, (b) what due diligence was undertaken, (c) what consultation occurred, (d) what criteria were used to appoint and/or recognise the new organising entity and (e) if that decision contributed to the subsequent governance and payment failures;
- (2) whether his department has determined how a premier national marathon of significant economic, tourism and sporting importance was permitted to proceed without verified proof that prize money obligations, supplier commitments and athlete protections were fully secured in advance; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) engagements have been held with affected race participants considering threatened legal action and (b) steps have been taken to secure payment and avoid unnecessary litigation costs;
- (3) whether ASA and CGA complied with all governance, due diligence, sanctioning and financial risk requirements before approving the event; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what documentary assurances were provided;
- (4) whether his department has assessed if warning signs existed prior to the event relating to internal disputes, ownership conflicts, financial instability, organisational capacity and/or reputational risk; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the reasons that such warning signs did not trigger intervention;
- (5) whether an independent forensic investigation will be commissioned into the governance and financial administration of the Soweto Marathon, including sponsorship income, procurement processes, payment flows, beneficiary entities, race rights, sanctioning decisions and the conduct of all responsible officials; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2549E

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

- (1) Whether the (a) development and (b) implementation of a youth employment equity strategy falls within the mandate of his department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (i) measures have been taken to develop and adopt a youth employment equity strategy, (ii)(aa) qualitative instruments and (bb) national youth indicator frameworks are used to ensure the strategy is evidence based and (iii) are the specified time frames and milestones for final (aa) adoption and (bb) lifespan of the strategy;

- (2) what (a) processes are in place to review, monitor and/or evaluate the strategy and (b) measures such as stakeholder consultations, lessons learned, exercises or gap analyses are being put in place to draft the next strategy;
- (3) whether he will furnish Ms F Mbiko with a copy of the strategy; if not, why not; if so, on what date? NO2749E

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

- (1) Whether the (a) development and (b) implementation of a youth employment equity strategy falls within the mandate of his department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (i) measures have been taken to develop and adopt a youth employment equity strategy, (ii)(aa) qualitative instruments and (bb) national youth indicator frameworks are used to ensure the strategy is evidence based and (iii) are the specified time frames and milestones for final (aa) adoption and (bb) lifespan of the strategy;
- (2) what (a) processes are in place to review, monitor and/or evaluate the strategy and (b) measures such as stakeholder consultations, lessons learned, exercises or gap analyses are being put in place to draft the next strategy;
- (3) whether he will furnish Ms F Mbiko with a copy of the strategy; if not, why not; if so, on what date? NO2751E

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

What are the reasons that she had remained in clear breach of the National Assembly Rules and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, by her failure to respond to questions directed to her that were published in the period 6 to 27 March 2026, thereby contravening both National Assembly Rule 145(5), requiring of her to provide the reply within 10 working days and section 92(3)(b) of the Constitution enjoining Cabinet members to provide full and regular reports concerning matters under their control? NO2765E

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

With reference to the delivery of state-subsidy houses in the uMngeni Local Municipality, what are the relevant details of the (a) current housing backlog in the specified municipality, including the (i) total number of households registered on the housing demand database and (ii) methodology used to determine housing demand and allocate projects across municipalities, (b) intergovernmental interventions her department has undertaken, in collaboration with the municipality, uMgungundlovu District Municipality and other spheres of government, to support (i) housing delivery for bulk infrastructure provision and (ii) measures to unblock stalled housing projects and (c) key challenges that are affecting housing delivery in the municipality, including (i) reasons for delays, (ii) contractor performance issues and (iii) consequence management measures implemented where projects have failed and/or been significantly delayed? NO2776E
