

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER****Note:**

1. † Indicates the translated version of the question.

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY****THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025****(REPLY BY 20 FEBRUARY 2025)****1. Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether the municipalities reported to him the demographics of the spaza shop registrations according to (a) nationality and/or citizenship, (b) gender, (c) information on the total number of registrations, (d) provincial distribution and (e) any other relevant demographic details as at 31 January 2024; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each specified case? NW1E

**2. Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(1) Whether he intends to sign off on a proclamation for a Special Investigating Unit investigation into marriages of convenience by foreigners who fraudulently acquire South African citizenship; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what measures are currently in place to detect fraudulent marriages of convenience by foreigners seeking to acquire South African citizenship? NW2E

**3. Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

(1) What (a) is the total number of bogus colleges that closed down from 1 January 2023 to date and (b) are the relevant details on the respective consequences her department imposed on the individuals running the bogus colleges such as (i) bringing criminal charges, (ii) pursuance of prosecutions and (iii) assisted in successful convictions;

(2) what measures does her department have in place to prevent such bogus colleges from operating further? NW3E

**4. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

What is the detailed breakdown of the total number of work permits issued in 2024, including the (a) categories, (b) total number of work permits issued, (c) countries of origin and (d) total number of permits issued per country? NW6E

**5. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

What is the breakdown of the total number of employers and/or managers of companies who were arrested, charged and convicted for violating immigration laws by employing illegal immigrants and/or foreigners without valid work permits in 2024? NW7E

**6. Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the national parks which are tourist attractions and a sense of national pride, he will furnish Ms T L Marawu with a detailed breakdown of the (a) total number of foreign nationals employed in national parks and (b) respective nationalities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what plans does his department have in place to prioritise the (a) up-skilling and (b) employment of South African citizens in the specified national parks?

NW8E

**7. Mr R A P Trollip (ActionSA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

What is the complete breakdown of all official travel for him since he assumed office on 3 July 2024, including the (a) purpose and justification for each trip, (b) destination details, (c) costs incurred, including but not limited to transport, accommodation, meals and other related incidental expenses, (d) names and roles of all accompanying support staff and their respective costs and (e) additional costs associated with each specified trip?

NW15E

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

What is 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?

NW16E

**9. Mr R A P Trollip (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

What is 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?

NW17E

**10. Ms L M Ngobeni (ActionSA) to ask the Deputy President:**

What is the complete breakdown of all official travel for him since he assumed office on 3 July 2024, including the (a) purpose and justification for each trip, (b) destination details, (c) costs incurred, including but not limited to transport, accommodation, meals and other related incidental expenses, (d) names and roles of all accompanying support staff and their respective costs and (e) additional costs associated with each specified trip?

NW18E

**11. Ms L M Ngobeni (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What is the complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) her 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?

NW19E

**12. Ms L M Ngobeni (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether she will furnish Ms L M Ngobeni with a comprehensive list of all costs associated with a (a) certain person (name and details furnished), as well as each (b) deputy director-general and (c) chief director of her department, for international and domestic travel broken down by each year since 1 January 2015, detailing 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 specified case?

NW20E

**13. Mr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

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?

NW21E

**14. Mr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

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?

NW22E

**15. Mr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What is 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?

NW23E

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

- (1) What (a) is the (i) exact number and (ii) total monetary value of hijacked buildings under the care of his department in each province and (b) specific plans does his department have to repossess the specified buildings, including the (i) timelines and (ii) actions in each case;
- (2) what (a) measures are being implemented to prevent the further hijacking of public assets under the care of his department and (b) are the estimated costs of the implementation of the specified measures? NW24E

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

What is 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? NW25E

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

- (1) Whether (a) he, (b) his deputy and/or (c) any other member of his staff has at any time directly and/or indirectly intervened, influenced and/or sought to influence any procurement matter vested under his department, including but not limited to actions that may reasonably extend beyond the established scope of his or their authority since 3 July 2024; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether (a) he, (b) his deputy and/or (c) any member of his staff ever authorised, facilitated and/or arranged any form of payment, financial compensation and/or other incentives to members of the media for the purpose of influencing editorial content, including publishing, writing and/or sharing stories that pertain to his department or its activities since 3 July 2024; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, will he furnish full details regarding the nature, circumstances and rationale of such interventions and/or payments? NW26E

**19. Ms D E James (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What is the complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) him 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? NW27E

**20. Ms D E James (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

What is 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?

NW28E

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

What is the complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) her 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?

NW29E

**22. Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation to question 2297 on 24 December 2024, the National Treasury approved any reallocations, virements and/or funding mechanisms under the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999, to cover the expenditure of R38 381 031,63 incurred by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation on litigation at the International Court of Justice from 1 January 2023 to date, prior to the tabling of the Special Appropriation Bill [B19-2024] on 30 October 2024; if not, how does the National Treasury justify the specified expenditure incurred by the specified department before the enactment of the specified Bill in December 2024; if so, (a) on what date was the approval granted and (b) what specific provisions of the PFMA were used to authorise the expenditure?

NW30E

**23. Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

What is 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?

NW31E

**24. Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) Given the disastrous closing of the longs steel business of ArcelorMittal South Africa (AMSA) (details furnished), what immediate steps is his department taking to save this vital steel industry;
- (2) what are the (a) reasons that he failed to attend his own scheduled meeting with AMSA on the specified matter on 21 November 2024 and (b) relevant details on (i) any other follow-up meetings and (ii) the outcomes of such meetings;

- (3) what are the relevant details of the proposed bailout of the company that amounts to R1 billion, including but not limited to (a) relevant legislation and (b) the conditions of the specified bailout;
- (4) what measures are being considered to mitigate the closure of the specified steelworks on other industries, and particularly in supporting the automotive sector and protecting jobs in related industries? NW32E

**25. Mr W W Wessels (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) Whether blue lights are installed in the official vehicles of the (a) Minister and (b) Deputy Minister; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? NW35E

**26. Mr W W Wessels (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether her department has taken any steps to address the invasive water hyacinth plant in the Hartbeespoort Dam; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps, (b) how effective has the specified steps been, (c) what is the current level of infestation, (d) what further steps will be taken to rid the dam of the specified plant and (e) what has the impact of the infestation been on the ecosystem to date;
- (2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? NW36E

**27. Mr W W Wessels (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether all the recommendations of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Impropriety at the Public Investment Corporation have been implemented; if not, (a) what total number of the recommendations are outstanding, (b) which specific recommendations are outstanding and (c) what are the reasons that such recommendations are outstanding in each case; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? NW37E

**28. Mr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With regard to the National Senior Certificate examinations over the past five years, what were the (a) average, (b) median and (c) modal marks for (i) Mathematics, (ii) Mathematical Literacy, (iii) Physical Science, (iv) Economics and (v) Accounting? NW38E

**29. Ms N L Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) total number of learners have (i) written the Information Technology examination in each of the past five years and (ii) obtained marks above (aa) 50% and (bb) 60% and (b) interventions has her department implemented to improve the performance of learners in the specified subject? NW39E

**30. Mr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What is the status of the Annual National Assessments (ANAs), (b) by what date will the ANAs be reinstated and (c) how does her department intend to administer the ANAs after reinstatement? NW40E

**31. Ms N L Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What is the learner dropout rate, in absolute numbers, for Grade 10 learners in each of the past five years? NW41E

**32. Mr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) is the status of the roll-out of Coding and Robotics as mandatory subjects for Grades 1 to 9 and (b) progress has been made in this regard to date? NW42E

**33. Mr F Adams (NCC) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether he has found that the initial security clearance of a certain person (name and details furnished) was legitimate; if not, what are the relevant details of the consequence management that he will implement to the (a) specified person and (b) officials who granted the person what amounts to a fraudulent clearance; if so, what are the relevant details? NW43E

**34. Mr F Adams (NCC) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What are the reasons that a certain person (name furnished) is allowed to work in Crime Intelligence in the SA Police Service in the absence of the specified person's own security clearance? NW44E

**35. Adv S Salie (Al Jamah-ah) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether he is taking any steps to improve the upsurge in lack of services at hospitals throughout the Republic, leading to horrendous conditions for the underprivileged and even deaths in hospitals due to (a) a lack of doctors, (b) about 2 000 doctors who are looking for jobs, (c) insufficient nurses and (d) the poor state of hospitals and clinics? NW45E

**36. UNksz N A Mtshweni (MK) Umbuzo obhekiswe kuNgqongqoshe woMnyango wezeMfundo:**

Mhlonishwa kusukela ngo 1994 kuphethe inhlangothi yakho, sikubonile ukungalingani ngokwezeMfundo phakathi kwezikole zasemakhaya nezaseMadolobheni, kube ezabaMnyama nabaMhlophe. EziseMadolobheni nezabaMhlophe zinazo zonke izinsiza okungamanzi, ugesi nemitapo yolwazi, namakhompyutha okuyizinto eziyiphupho ezikoleni zaboHlanga ezisemakhaya. Kule minyaka emihlanu edlulile, zingaki izikole ezilekelelwe ngalezi zinsiza engizibalule ngenhla okuhlanganisa nama-khompyutha, kanti-ke lezi ezingalekelelwe ziyekelweni, futhi zingaki? NW46Z

(Translation):

**[Ms N A Mtshweni (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:†**

Given that since 1994 inequality in education has been evident between schools in the rural and urban areas and between white and black schools, as schools in the urban areas and white schools have all the required infrastructure (details furnished) which are a dream to black learners and schools in the rural areas, what (a) total number of schools in the rural areas (i) have been supplied with infrastructure that is important to education, including computers, in the past five years and (ii) have not been supplied with the specified infrastructure and (b) are the reasons that the specified schools have not been supplied with the infrastructure? NW46E]

**37. Mr M M Gasa (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Given the ongoing challenges with inadequate school infrastructure, particularly in (a) rural and (b) township schools, what specific and actionable steps is she taking to ensure that all schools in the Republic have access to basic facilities such as (i) electricity, (ii) running water and (iii) safe classrooms within the next three years? NW47E

**38. Mr M M Gasa (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Given the persistent exclusion of children with disabilities from mainstream education, what practical plans does she have in place to ensure that each child, regardless of ability, has access to inclusive education, with a clear timeline for providing necessary support structures such as (a) specialised educators and (b) accessible learning materials? NW48E

**39. Mrs P P Ncube (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) measures is her department implementing to address the 0,8% of learners who remain unplaced as at 23 January 2025, given that approximately 99,2% of new learners have been successfully placed in schools and (b) specific strategies are in place to ensure that the needs of such unplaced learners are met in a timely manner? NW49E

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

Whether her department has any strategies in place to ensure that urban housing policies do not exclude vulnerable populations such as (a) migrants or (b) informal workers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW50E

**41. Mr M M Gasa (MK) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What progress has been made in providing security of tenure to residents living in (a) informal settlements and (b) rural areas? NW51E

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

(a) What amount was paid out as prizes to the winners of the National Presidential Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Co-operatives Awards and (b) what amount of the total prize money was awarded to (i) women, (ii) youth and (iii) persons living with disabilities? NW53E

**43. Mr T S Mjadu (MK) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Whether there has been any amount allocated for furthering medical innovations and research (a) to improve the health system of the Republic and (b) on non-curable diseases; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what (i) amount and (ii) are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) whether, given the critical role of research in strengthening the health system, his department has found that dedicated funding for health research is a priority; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?  
NW54E

**44. Mr T S Mjadu (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) What are the (a) reasons (i) that new members of the SA Council for Space Affairs (SACSA) have not been appointed since 2022 and (ii) for the failure to appoint the specified members and (b) time frames for the appointment of new members of the space council;
- (2) who is currently responsible for implementing the provisions of the SACSA Regulatory Framework in the absence of the specified council;
- (3) (a) what are the reasons that the national space policy is not being reviewed and (b) on what date will the specified review be conducted?  
NW55E

**45. Ms Z S Abader (MK) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) What are the reasons that the SA Police Service (SAPS) has failed to prevent the hijacking and vandalism of buildings in Zone 11, Johannesburg, thereby creating dangerous living conditions and criminality;
- (2) by what date will the SAPS implement concrete actions with clear deadlines to raid the specified buildings and protect residents?  
NW56E

**46. Mr M K B Molefe (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) During the period 1 March 2020 up to 31 January 2024, what (a) total number of employers have withheld pension fund contributions in contravention of section 13A of the Pension Fund Act, Act 24 of 1956, and (b) are the reasons for withholding the contributions;
- (2) what number of the specified employers has the National Treasury reported (a) to the SA Police Service and (b) have been (i) prosecuted and (ii) criminally convicted as a result?  
NW57E

**47. Mr M K B Molefe (MK) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Since 1 March 2020 to 31 January 2024, what number of criminal cases have been reported to the SA Police Service (SAPS) of employers who have withheld pension fund contributions in contravention of section 13A of the Pension Fund Act, Act 24 of 1956;

- (2) what number of the specified cases has the SAPS handed over to the National Prosecuting Authority for prosecution;
- (3) of the cases handed over to the NPA by the SAPS, what number of employers have been (a) prosecuted and (b) criminally convicted? NW58E

**48. Mr M K B Molefe (MK) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Since 1 March 2020 to 31 January 2024, what number of criminal cases of employers, who have withheld pension fund contributions in contravention of section 13A of the Pension Fund Act, Act 24 of 1956, have been investigated and handed over to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for prosecution;
- (2) of the cases handed over for prosecution, what number of the specified cases have been prosecuted by the NPA;
- (3) what number of employers have been criminally convicted? NW59E

**49. Mr S R Moodley (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What actions has she identified that can curtail complicated visa regulations and processes which have a negative impact on tourism in the Republic? NW66E

**50. Mr D D D van Rooyen (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether the logistics division of the Department of Defence is operating without the intervention of the office of the Secretary for Defence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW67E

**51. Mr D D D van Rooyen (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether she has found that the SA Army Infantry Formation is sufficiently motivated to handle the current situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the SA National Defence Force will lose any credibility if they withdraw from the DRC because of fatalities on the battlefield? NW68E

**52. Mr D D D van Rooyen (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) What measures is the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) implementing to ensure that the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) does not lead to immediate proliferation of small armies in Africa;
- (2) what measures is the SANDF taking in the DRC to prevent it from being turned into another global neo-colonial destabilisation of regions around BRICS member states? NW69E

**53. Ms G Mchunu (MK) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) What specific measures has his department implemented to reduce pollution in the (a) rivers and (b) oceans of the Republic in the 2023-24 financial year;
- (2) whether he will furnish the empirical evidence of improved water quality, such as data on reduced contamination levels, enforcement actions taken against polluters and budget allocations dedicated to the interventions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW70E

**54. Mr M J Matutu (MK) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) What is the total number of vacant funded posts in each department of the Public sector;
- (2) (a) how long have the specified vacancies remained unfilled and (b) what are the reasons that the vacancies have not been filled;
- (3) what has he found to be the impact of the vacancies on service delivery? NW71E

**55. Mr M J Matutu (MK) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) Given the cost-cutting measures of the Government, what total number of public servants are envisaged to exit the system in the 2025-26 financial year;
- (2) what plans are in place to (a) mitigate the impact of their exit from the public service on service delivery and (b) ensure (i) stability and (ii) continuity in the public sector? NW72E

**56. Mr S G Mwali (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) What is the (a) total number of schools in Ward 4 of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, (b) condition of each school and (c) availability of basic facilities like toilets, water and electricity at each school;
- (2) what total number of schools within the specified ward has her department eliminated pit toilets to date;
- (3) how far is her department from achieving the goal of eradicating pit toilets nationwide by 31 March 2025? NW73E

**57. Mr M P Motubatse (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the National Treasury will make funds available to save lives and jobs of South Africans who depended on the PEPFAR programme as it is anticipated that the withdrawal of PEPFAR funding will have severe consequences, including the loss of life-saving medication wherein over 4,7 million persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Republic will be affected; if not, why not; if so, (a) what amount will the National Treasury make available and (b) by what date? NW74E

**58. Ms N M Gasa (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What measures has her department taken to (a) identify and (b) prevent sexual offenders from infiltrating the education system in the 2024-25 financial year, despite the existence of vetting procedures as the recent revelation of nine sexual offenders within Gauteng schools, including teachers and teaching assistants, which highlight severe vulnerabilities in the safeguarding mechanisms of the education system (details furnished)?

NW75E

**59. Mr S P Mkhize (MK) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) What concrete actions has his department taken to deal with the egregious sewage spills that have led to the closure of some beaches in the Republic;
- (2) what are the reasons that his department has failed to work with other relevant departments to repair and upgrade sewage infrastructure despite the devastating impact on the coastal communities and the environment;
- (3) what are the specific measures that (a) he and (b) his department will take to rectify the situation, including timelines, budget allocations and accountability mechanisms to repair and upgrade sewage infrastructure?

NW76E

**60. Mr S G Mwali (MK) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether she will provide a report on the relevant details regarding the current state of the water supply infrastructure that serves (a) Isithumba Primary School and (b) Zifikele High School, including the age, condition and capacity of the infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the source of the water supply for the specified schools;
- (3) whether there are any plans to upgrade and/or change the source of the water supply in the near future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what (a) plans are in place to upgrade the water supply infrastructure at the two schools and (b) is the expected timeline for completion?

NW77E

**61. Rev N B Gcwabaza (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What amount has the National Treasury recorded were spent by government departments on private security for (a) Ministers and (b) Deputy Ministers in the (i) 2021-22, (ii) 2022-23 and (iii) 2023-24 financial years?

NW78E

**62. Rev N B Gcwabaza (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What (a) is the total amount of irregular, fruitless, and wasteful expenditure recorded in the National Treasury by each department in the 2023-24 financial year and (b) disciplinary actions have been taken by the National Treasury against the officials responsible and accountable for such expenditure?

NW79E

**63. Mr M V Daniels (PA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

- (1) Whether she intends reviewing the Z83 job application form that segregates South Africans on the basis of race, in light of the fact that White, Indian and Coloured persons, who are born in the Republic, are not classified as African; if not, why not; if so, by what date;
- (2) what are the reasons that the Z83 form does not regard job seekers as South Africans instead of categorising them in terms of race;
- (3) whether she has found that applicants are being disadvantaged for not being regarded as African; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW80E

**64. Ms B E Machi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) What specific (a) strategies and (b) timelines does his department have in place to reduce the current vacancy rate within his department, particularly in critical roles that directly impact service delivery;
- (2) what measures are being implemented to (a) attract and (b) retain skilled personnel, including offering competitive remuneration, career development opportunities and conducive working conditions, to ensure that his department has the necessary capacity to fulfill its mandate effectively? NW81E

**65. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Following the unsettling news of the fallen soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo, what is the current combat readiness status of deployed soldiers;
- (2) whether (a) equipment and supplies are sufficient and well-maintained and (b) soldiers received adequate training and preparation for deployment; if not, in each case, why not, if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (3) whether (a)(i) communication and (ii) coordination between units and command are effective and (b) soldiers are informed of and adhere to rules of engagement and operational procedures; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there are any gaps and/or deficiencies in deployment procedures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW82E

**66. Ms B E Machi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) (a) What bilateral and/or multilateral agreements are currently in place between the Republic and other Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries to strengthen cooperation in addressing cross-border crimes such as human trafficking, smuggling, and illegal crossings and (b) how effective have the specified agreements been in reducing such activities;

- (2) what additional measures is his department considering to enhance cross-border collaboration with SADC countries, including information sharing and joint operations, to ensure tighter border security and more effective crime prevention?  
NW83E

**67. Mr M A Mncwango (IFP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

- (1) How does the Republic plan to leverage its role in the United Nations and the African Union to ensure the implementation of sustainable solutions for the ongoing conflict and humanitarian challenges in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC);
- (2) what mechanisms are in place to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the contributions made by the Republic to regional peacekeeping and conflict resolution efforts in the Eastern DRC?  
NW84E

**68. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) In light of the recent violent incident outside the Lenasia Magistrate Court, what immediate measures has her department taken to enhance the safety and security of court personnel, legal practitioners, and members of the public within and around the judicial precincts of the Republic;
- (2) (a) how does her department plan to address the growing concerns regarding the safety of court facilities across the Republic, and (b) what steps have been taken to ensure that such incidents do not undermine public trust in the judiciary and the rule of law in the Republic?  
NW85E

**69. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) What measures are currently in place to prevent police officers from collaborating with criminal networks, such as those involved in illegal mining operations;
- (2) what specific actions have been taken to (a) address and (b) investigate allegations of police complicity in the recent escape of the illegal mining ringleader;
- (3) (a) what (i) immediate and (ii) long-term strategies are implemented to strengthen internal accountability mechanisms within the SA Police Service to prevent such incidents in the future and (b) how will the public be assured of the integrity and effectiveness of the measures?  
NW86E

**70. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) What concrete steps are taken to ensure that the values of integrity and excellence are not just ideals, but are actively embedded in the daily practices of public servants across all government departments in 2025;

- (2) how does he envisage the key strategic interventions, that were discussed during the Governance State Capabilities and Institutional Development cluster retreat to enhance state capacity by 2029, translating into actionable policies that will impact public service delivery in the short term, particularly as we embark on 2025?

NW87E

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

What collaborative efforts has her department embarked on to curb the growing crisis of teenage pregnancies?

NW88E

**72. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether her department records the total number of learner pregnancies in each (a) province and (b) district; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case in the past five years?

NW89E

**73. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) What number of (a) children have been adopted in each province from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2024 and (b) the specified adoptions were (i) related adoptions, where a child was adopted by a family member and (ii) unrelated adoptions in each province from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2024;
- (2) what number of adoptions have been undertaken by (a) her department and (b) non-profit organisations in each province from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2024;
- (3) what total number of adoption social workers of her department have been deregistered in each province from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2024?

NW90E

**74. Ms N H Mhlongo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Whether, following the withdrawal of PEPFAR funding, there is a process readily available to ensure continuity of care, adherence to re-order levels and adequate procurement of supply of drugs in place particularly for vulnerable communities in the rural and underprivileged areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his department has considered and commenced engagements with international donors and/or local stakeholders to fill the potential funding gap left by PEPFAR's withdrawal; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW91E

**75. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What (a) specific enforcement mechanisms will be introduced to ensure full compliance by homebuilders and prevent substandard workmanship and poor-quality materials and (b) penalties will be imposed on building contractors who fail to meet the set standards?

NW92E

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

What (a) key performance indicators have been set to measure the success of the Safe Schools App which has been recently launched by her department to combat and track the removal of pit toilets in schools and (b) long-term infrastructure maintenance plans does her department have to ensure that schools do not revert to unsafe sanitation due to poor upkeep of new facilities?

NW93E

**77. Mr B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) With reference to the reply to question 1880 on 4 December 2024, what is the (i) total number of recorded car-spinning events that were held nationwide (ii) data on participant demographics, (iii) reported accidents, (iv) injuries and (v) fatalities in the past five years and (b) how does the specified number compare to other recognised motorsports in terms of safety and public interest?

NW94E

**78. Ms B E Machi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Given the recent alarming rise in teenage pregnancies and its long-term socio-economic impact, what (a) are the key performance indicators established to assess the effectiveness of You Only Live Once and ChommY programmes in reducing teenage pregnancies and (b) specific mechanisms are in place to ensure continuous monitoring and evaluation throughout the five-year period, allowing for necessary adjustments to enhance the impact of the programme?

NW95E

**79. Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 2099 on 10 December 2024 regarding the measures implemented by her department to prevent future misappropriation of funds and following the recovery of R857 million by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme through the Special Investigating Unit, (a) her department will furnish Mr S S Zondo with detailed information regarding the mechanisms used to verify the (i) accuracy of student data and (ii) claims submitted by institutions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what measures are in place to detect fraudulent claims and/or errors in real-time before payments are processed;
- (3) whether, with reference to the recent announcement of the establishment of a special war room with regard to the specified matter, she will furnish Mr S S Zondo with detailed information on the operational framework of the special war room; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what mechanisms are in place to ensure efficient communication between the war room, institutions and affected students to promptly address and resolve any emerging issues during the reopening process and beyond?

NW96E

**80. Mr N Z Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) In addition to the R34,1 million allocated to empower Amakhosi, what other programmes and/or initiatives is his department planning to support rural communities, especially those facing challenges such as poverty, unemployment and lack of infrastructure;
- (2) how will he ensure that the funding and resources provided to traditional councils are used in a way that generates sustainable long-term benefits for rural communities;
- (3) how will the R34,1 million budget allocation impact the local economies of the rural communities, particularly in terms of job creation, local infrastructure development and service delivery? NW97E

**81. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) Whether his department has commissioned any intergovernmental research to support and prepare farmers for the challenges posed by climate change including floods, droughts and fires that severely impact the farmers on whom the Republic relies for food security; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) given the government's financial constraints, what alternative funding sources is his department exploring to assist farmers to address the challenges posed by climate change? NW98E

**82. Ms N H Mhlongo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

- (1) What initiatives has his department identified as successful in recovery efforts of debts owed to Eskom with (a) functional and (b) dysfunctional municipalities;
- (2) what initiatives has his department, in collaboration with municipalities, implemented to address areas plagued by non-payment and illegal connections as consumer behaviour remains the primary obstacle to fostering a culture of electricity payment? NW100E

**83. Mr N M Hadebe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether, given the financial constraints of Government and the suspension of foreign aid by the United States of America, the National Treasury is exploring any alternative funding sources; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the alternative funding sources;
- (2) whether the National Treasury intends to borrow from international financial institutions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW101E

**84. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

- (1) Whether she intends to implement initiatives in collaboration with the Department of Health to absorb workers with the necessary expertise in HIV/AIDS, considering the decision by the United States of America (USA) to suspend foreign aid for 90 days, which will likely lead to an increase in unemployment as clinics, public health centres and other health services have shut down with no guarantee that they will reopen; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the initiatives;
- (2) whether, given the financial constraints of Government and the existing backlog in paying out Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) benefits, her department is exploring any alternative funding sources to fast-track the process of the UIF payments for workers who may require it during the 90-day suspension of foreign aid by the USA; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW102E

**85. Mr T M Langa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What (a) is the detailed breakdown of the R100 billion Transformation Fund and (b) specific governance and/or oversight mechanisms will be put in place to ensure that the R100 billion target is transparently mobilised and it effectively reaches the intended beneficiaries?

NW103E

**86. Mr B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What are the full details of the steps her department has taken to ensure alignment of the Small Enterprise Development Finance Agency and the development finance institutions that it intends to collaborate with to (a) avoid duplication and (b) enhance efficiency in supporting small businesses?

NW104E

**87. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Given that his department has identified project inefficiencies, poor recruitment processes and inadequate oversight as major concerns, what are the full details of the plans of his department to (a) implement market-research pricing, (b) improve transparency in project execution and (c) ensure better recruitment practices to prevent further irregularities?

NW105E

**88. Mr M A Mncwango (IFP) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

- (1) With rising concerns about the inefficiencies in land verification, with some communities undergoing their fifth verification since 2008, what measures are being introduced to (a) streamline land verification, (b) ensure timely finalisation of claims and (c) prevent the wasteful expenditure of resources;

- (2) considering that the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Land Reform recommended the (a) immediate transfer of Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy farms to lessees and (b) transfer of Financial Assistance Land Administration properties under rent-to-buy agreements, what specific (a) timelines and (b) additional measures is his department implementing to accelerate the process and address administrative delays, as only 11 transfers out of 209 approved projects have been completed? NW106E

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

- (1) Whether he has engaged the Prudential Authority to ensure the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on Oversight visit to Ithala SOC Limited (Ithala Bank), which was adopted by the National Assembly on 3 December 2024, specifically regarding the (a) necessary interventions required for converting Ithala Bank into a mutual bank and (b) the provision of interim financial support; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the full details of the (i) engagements and (ii) results thereof;
- (2) what has he found will be the consequences of the liquidation of Ithala Bank on the socio-economic priorities outlined in the report, considering the role of Ithala Bank in the financial sector landscape? NW107E

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

- (1) Whether she verified the qualifications of a certain person (name furnished) before making the appointment (details furnished); if not, why not; if so;
- (2) whether the specified person met the requirements for the specified position; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW108E

**91. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Whether she intends to investigate the conduct of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in the matter between her and Advocate Phumeza Futshane, a former employee whose suspension was found to be unprocedural, particularly regarding the finding of the bargaining council that the National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP) was on a witch-hunt and simply dug up an old accusation; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether she will intervene in the matter to ensure that the NDPP pays the R1 million the NPA was ordered to pay the former employee, as the case was the consequence of reckless and incompetent conduct; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW109E

**92. Ms B K Diale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) Following the confirmation by the National Commissioner of Correctional Services around October 2024 that there were officials of his department who were found to be involved in contraband smuggling, particularly at the Polokwane Remand Detainee Centre, what total number of officials of his department who were found to be involved in contraband smuggling were nabbed;
- (2) whether the specified officials were charged (a) through the internal consequence management processes of his department and (b) criminally; if not, why not in each case; if so, in each case, what (i) number was charged, (ii) is the nature of the charges, (iii) is the employment status of each official that was charged in each case and (iv) progress has been made in each case? NW110E

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

- (1) In light of the need to fight crime and enhance security at the borders of the Republic, (a) what total number of drones has the Border Management Agency (BMA) procured to monitor the borders of the Republic, (b) how frequently are the drones deployed and (c) what number of surveillance cameras does the BMA have;
- (2) whether the BMA agents have been (a) equipped with firearms and (b) provided with enough vehicles for border patrol; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW111E

**94. Mr T P Mogale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 1172 on 23 April 2024, she had sourced the detailed plans from the province as she undertook to do so; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether she can furnish Mr T P Mogale with copies of the detailed plans; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what (a) is the (i) clear time frame and (ii) due date for the completion of the R703 road repair project between Tweespruit and Verkeerdevlei and (b) total amount was budgeted for the project? NW112E

**95. Mr T P Mogale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Given the persistent and rapid increase of high murder statistics in the Republic year-on-year, what are the full details of the additional steps he intends to take to decisively reduce the high levels of murder, thereby uprooting crime? NW113E

**96. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

What total amount has been paid by the State Attorney's offices in each province for legal services that have been outsourced to each privately owned legal firm (names furnished) in each of the past five financial years ending 31 March 2024? NW114E

**97. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) With reference to the low threshold of a sequestrable amount in terms of the Insolvency Act, Act 24 of 1936, which is read to date to be an equivalent of approximately R1,163,83, what (a) total number of persons have been sequestrated in the past five financial years, (b) was the lowest debt amount that led to the sequestration and (c) are the statistics of sequestrated people in each province in each of the specified financial years;
- (2) whether he intends to introduce amending legislation to the specified Act to raise the threshold and exclude certain types of debts from insolvency; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW115E

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

- (1) With reference to oversight visits to police stations across the Republic during the parliamentary recess that found that public toilets at the front of many police stations are full of human waste and that some police stations are without water, particularly those in the black residential areas in villages and townships, what is the total number of public toilets at police stations that (a) are not in working order, (b) do not have water and (c) have not been cleaned for over a month;
- (2) whether his department intends to get assistance from municipalities to provide (a) cleaning services and (b) water tanks to affected police stations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW116E

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

In light of the numerous burglaries that continue to occur at the Maokeng Primary School in the Modimolle Local Municipality in Limpopo, sometimes in the presence of a security guard on duty, what interventions does she have in place to (a) curb the criminality that disrupts the process of learning for the pupils at the school and (b) ensure the safety and a conducive environment for the learners to learn at the school? NW117E

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

Whether he has been informed of the shortage of nurses and medical doctors at the Phagameng Clinic in the Modimolle Local Municipality in Limpopo, even though the clinic serves a vast range of communities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what interventions has he put in place to ensure that there are enough nurses and medical doctors at Phagameng Clinic? NW118E

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

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 1761 on 3 January 2025, he will furnish Mr N S Matiase with (a) a copy of the complaint that a certain person (name furnished) forwarded to his department, alleging fraud by some of the claimants and (b) the minutes of the meeting the officials of his department had with the community, in which the community confirmed the legitimacy of the specified person and the authority he has over the specified community; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details? NW119E

**102. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether a certain person (name furnished) is a legitimate chief in Keiskammahoek, Eastern Cape; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the names of the villages that the specified person has legitimate control over;
- (2) whether the villages in Lower Zingcuka in Keiskammahoek are part of the villages that fall under the legitimate control of the specified person; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what basis? NW120E

**103. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

What monitoring strategies does his department have in place to ensure that fishing trawlers do not catch more than the quota they are awarded when offloading their catch in the harbours of the Republic? NW121E

**104. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

Since he recently announced a 36% increase in key species to fishing cooperatives, what measures has he put in place to ensure that (a) there are offtake agreements for the increased allocation and (b) cooperatives will not have to rely on big fishing companies to buy their harvest at rock-bottom prices? NW122E

**105. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

Whether his department has proactively put guidelines in place for the disposal of renewable energy components such as solar panels, batteries and inverters once they are no longer useful; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW123E

**106. Mr L M Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

In light of the recent deaths of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), what (a) immediate measures are being taken to ensure that SANDF soldiers who are deployed on peacekeeping missions are properly equipped and protected, given the growing risks in regions like the DRC, (b) steps is the Government taking to reassess the safety protocols and military strategies that are currently in place for SANDF soldiers deployed in peacekeeping missions and (c) are the full details of the support her department will provide to the families of the SANDF soldiers who died during the peacekeeping missions in the DRC? NW124E

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

Whether, considering his public statements at the funerals of Doc Shebeleza and Winnie Khumalo's that the Cultural and Creative Industries Federation of South Africa (CCIFSA) was a criminal organisation, his stance has changed on the recently selected sector representatives from the *bosberaad* of same names of members who are listed as CCIFSA members and former members; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW125E

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

Whether, given the inaccuracy of the report on videos project of the Association of Independent Record Companies about the details of the service provider (details furnished), he intends to take steps regarding the misleading information; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the details of the steps he will take and (b) are the time frames in this regard?

NW126E

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

Whether, considering that the USIBA Creative and Cultural Awards were posed and widely publicised as his awards, contrary to his department's testament during the meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture that the specified awards were the unsolicited project of the Cultural and Creative Industries Federation of South Africa, he will clarify the contradicting postures by his department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW127E

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

- (1) Whether, in light of the fact that the Modika Secondary School in the Mopani region of the Limpopo is without infrastructure, security, water and basic sanitation, (a) her department intends to implement any measures for teaching and learning to take place effectively with proper infrastructure; if not, what justification can she provide for her to remain in her position as Minister; if so, (a) what plans are in place to improve the conditions at the specified school and (b) by what date will the plans be implemented;
- (2) in light of the disturbing reality that learners at Magoletsa High School in the Mopani region in Limpopo continue to learn in dilapidated classrooms with big cracks on the walls, (a) what plans does her department intend to implement for teaching and learning to take place effectively at the school and (b) by what date will the specified plans be implemented?

NW128E

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

Given that learners at both Tshweni and Motsheudi High Schools in the Mopani region in Limpopo are in need of educators for technical streams, laboratories and workshops for practical instruction, what plans does her department intend to implement in order for teaching and learning to take place effectively with all the necessary human resources and teaching material at the specified schools?

NW129E

**112. Mr S Lonzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

In light of the registration of spaza shops, (a) what plans are in place to ensure that the local residents of the respective communities are the primary and majority beneficiaries of the township and rural economies, considering that big business retailers have announced their plans to use the registration period of spaza shops to enter the more than R200 billion township economy to bolster their profit margins and (b) how does she plan to protect locals hoping to open, own and fully control businesses in the township from the profit-driven white business corporations?

NW130E

**113. Mr S Lonzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

- (1) In view of the fact that her department is responsible for compiling the Critical Skills List Report, (a) on what date was the Critical Skills List of her department last updated, (b) which skills are currently on the list and (c) how is the Critical Skills List developed and/or compiled;
- (2) whether, in compiling the list, her department has considered unemployed South African graduates and youth; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW131E

**114. Mr S Lonzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What (a) total number of Ministerial appointments to councils in public universities and technical, vocational and education training colleges are still pending, (b) number of entities reporting to her are still without boards, (c) are the time frames for filling the specified vacancies, as the vacancies negatively impact the fiduciary standing and effectiveness of the institutions?

NW132E

**115. Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether she has found that the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) contingent deployed to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as part of the peacekeeping missions of the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community had sufficient military equipment, which includes ammunition and defence capacity during battles with rebel forces; if not, why not; if so, what has she found led to the death of 14 SANDF members and (b) to what extent were there deficiencies in supplies, with specific reference to which equipment was not available?

NW134E

**116. Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Deputy President:**

- (1) Whether the Clearing House Mechanism that was established with the purpose of resolving policy disagreements within the 10-member Government of National Unity also reviews and/or reaches compromises on legislation which has been passed by Parliament; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what authority does the specified mechanism have to review and reach compromises on Bills passed by Parliament and (b) what are the details of the reviews and/or compromises that have been made with regard to the Basic Education Laws Amendment Act, Act 32 of 2024, before its signing into law by the President of the Republic;
- (2) whether there are any reviews and/or compromises being considered by the Clearing House Mechanism with regard to the National Health Insurance Act, Act 20 of 2023; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW135E

**117. Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

With reference to the seizure and destruction of illicit goods, including alcohol, cigarettes and drugs, what (a) mechanisms does the SA Police Service (SAPS) have in place regarding the storage and destruction of such evidence and (b) is the total monetary value in Rand that has been lost due to the loss of the illicit goods evidence while in SAPS storage in the past five years?

NW136E

**118. Ms N V Mente-Nkuna (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What (a) is the status of his department's appeal of the order by the Competition Tribunal that blocked off Vodacom's R13,2 billion deal to buy a stake in Remgro's fibre businesses, (b) is the current status of the costs of the specified legal action and (c) is the envisioned and/or preferred outcome of his department in the matter?

NW137E

**119. Ms M S Letlape (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Considering the huge role played by the Independent Development Trust (IDT) in delivering most of the projects of his department, while the Infrastructure Development Trust Board is currently dysfunctional due to the vacancies that have not been filled, what steps has he taken to ensure that (a) the IDT receives utmost support for the benefit of service delivery and (b) clients fulfil their payment obligations to the entity so that the entity can continue to be functional and capacitated?

NW138E

**120. Ms M S Letlape (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the nationwide challenge of water, electricity and the flawed billing system of municipalities due to illegal connections by many households that connect illegally to schools, (a) he has considered a structured system that would protect schools from being victims of billing systems of municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what interventions does his department have in place to assist and resolve the challenge faced by schools and municipalities, as some schools end up owing municipalities ludicrous amounts of money to the tune of R1 million?

NW139E

**121. Ms M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) (a) What total number of houses was the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) given to build in their contract for Piketberg, (b) what was their allowed amount or quantum and (c) how long will it take ASLA to complete the project;
- (2) whether all ASLA's buildings were approved by the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC); if not, who undertook the project; if so,
- (3) whether the NHBRC report will be released to the public; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW140E

**122. Ms M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (a) By what date is it expected that the clinic in the completed Ethandakukhanya building will start its operations, (b) what recourse was used when the contractor was removed from the site, (c) what total amount was lost and (d) how will the money be recovered?

NW141E

**123. Ms M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What total number of missing children (a) have been reported to the SA Police Service in each province in the last quarter, (b) have been found and (c)(i) cases have gone without a trace and (ii) for how long?

NW142E

**124. Mr C G Niehaus (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) With reference to his reply to question 2064 on 10 December 2024, (a) what is the detailed breakdown of the debt incurred by Eskom to each listed (i) domestic and (ii) foreign company, (b) how is each debt serviced and (c) what total amount of the debt that Eskom has with each of the companies and/or entities is due to the cost of renewable energy;

(2) whether renewable energy is produced at a considerably higher price than the price at which Eskom sells electricity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW146E

**125. Mr C G Niehaus (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether, with reference to her Cabinet statement on 5 December 2024 where she announced the appointment of the non-executive members to the Board of Armscor, she and the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans were informed that a series of gross irregularities (details furnished) occurred in the run-up to her announcement that compromised the integrity and legality of the Armscor Board; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW147E

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

In light of the fact that a certain senior official of Armscor (name and details furnished) has allegedly usurped some of the functions of the Armscor Company Secretary, as the liaison official with the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans (details furnished), what (a) steps will she take to prevent a potential serious lapse of governance and illegal interference by the specified senior official from occurring again and (b) consequence management steps is she taking against the specified senior official?

NW148E

**127. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What steps will she take to address the problem of grandparents who are struggling to get foster grant for their grandchildren because the whereabouts of both biological parents are not known and the required documents are therefore unavailable?

NW149E

**128. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What measures has she put in place to address the challenge faced by occupants of RDP houses in the Mbhashe Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape, which were built and given to people in 2015, but until today have neither taps nor a source of water, leading to excruciating suffering?

NW150E

**129. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What measures has her department put in place to respond to the problem by residents of an informal settlement in the Mbhashe Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape which has been in existence since 1990, but, until today, the people who live there have not been given decent houses, instead they are being threatened with evictions and forceful removals to a wetland that is located far away from town and economic activities?

NW151E

**130. Ms C N Mkhonto (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a)(i) total number of clinics in the Republic have power back-up systems to mitigate the impact of loadshedding and/or load reduction, (ii) are the details of the contingency plans for clinics that do not have the power back-up systems and (iii) besides the day-to-day functioning of the clinics, other basic needs and/or services are negatively impacted by loadshedding and/or load reduction and (b) are the full details of each clinic in each province that is affected by the unavailability of a power back-up system?

NW152E

**131. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

- (1) In light of the recent reports indicating that South African universities received applications that far exceed their available spaces (details furnished), what steps is her department taking to address the significant imbalance between demand and capacity in higher education institutions;
- (2) whether there are any plans to (a) increase the number of available spaces in universities and (b) develop alternative pathways for students who meet the admission criteria but are unable to secure placement due to capacity constraints; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NW153E

**132. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What total number of rural high schools with learners who are turning 16 years, and therefore eligible to apply for a driver's licence, has her department identified for assistance in the 2025 academic year?

NW154E

**133. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What are the time frames for her department to respond to requests submitted by schools regarding infrastructural improvements and (b) on what date will her department respond to the request submitted by Kgomotso High School in the Phokwane Local Municipality, Northern Cape, dated 14 April 2024?

NW155E

**134. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a)(i) is the total number and (ii) full details of schools in the Republic that have challenges with shortage of furniture such as chairs and tables, which are a basic need for everyday schooling and (b) are the time frames that her department has put in place to resolve the shortage by each school?

NW156E

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

- (1) (a) What total number of land claims will be settled in the 2025-26 financial year and (b) on what date is it envisaged that the backlog of claims will be settled to make way for the new claims;
- (2) whether he has engaged with the National Treasury to avail more funds to finalise all outstanding claims; if not, why not; if so, what was the response from the National Treasury?

NW157E

**136. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

- (1) What are the full details of the progress that has been made to date regarding the merger of the Small Enterprise Development Agency and the Small Enterprise Finance Agency with the Cooperative Banks Development Agency;
- (2) whether she has finalised a fit for purpose structure of the merger; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what date is it envisaged that all the positions will be finalised?

NW158E

**137. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

In light of the fact that the Landbank, as the fund administrator of blended finance, invited commercial banks to assist in implementing blended finance, what are the reasons that the National Treasury is not prioritising entities such as the Small Enterprise Finance Agency, the National Empowerment Fund and other financial institutions to assist with the implementation of blended finance, as part of the support of state-owned entities?

NW159E

**138. Ms L Managa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Considering the ongoing challenges posed by malaria in the Republic, especially after heavy rains, what (a) specific measures have been taken by his department to address the failure to implement effective precautionary measures and (b) steps has his department taken to (i) ensure better prevention, treatment and awareness to protect vulnerable communities and (ii) prevent more deaths that occur as an outcome of malaria?

NW160E

**139. Ms L Managa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What were the reasons for closing the malaria prevention centres in some parts of the Republic such as Limpopo;
- (2) whether his department has any plans in place to re-open the centres; if not, why not; if so, what are the time frames for the re-opening of the centres;
- (3) what total number of deaths have occurred due to malaria in all the malaria-infested areas during the summer of 2024;
- (4) whether there are any follow-ups with (a) families and (b) communities where people have passed on due to malaria; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the further relevant details in each case?

NW161E

**140. Mr N L S Kwankwa (UDM) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) Whether, given the alarming 1,502 road fatalities recorded in December 2024, marking a 5,3% increase from the previous year, (details furnished), she will clarify the specific strategies for policy implementation regarding increasing dedicated highway patrols, particularly on high-risk routes such as the N1, N2 and N4; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so; what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are any plans for shifting resources from urban roadblocks to highway patrols to ensure more effective enforcement; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what progress has been made so far in implementing the measures? NW162E

**141. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) With reference to her alleged directive to the State Security Agency staff that employees over 50 must take early retirement or face dismissal for operational reasons or retrenchments, (a) how will the dismissal and/or early retirement of so many senior staff at the State Security Agency assist the Republic in being removed from the Financial Action Task Force grey list and (b) what criteria did she use to determine that 50 years should be the age after which staff must be retired out of the State Security Agency,
- (2) what is the (a) current staff contingent of the State Security Agency and (b) total number of current (i) staff who have Top Secret Security clearances and (ii) members of the State Security Agency have passed their compulsory five-year vetting? NW163E

**142. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to her alleged directive to State Security Agency staff that employees over 50 must take early retirement or face dismissal for operational reasons or retrenchments, any of the employees who fall within the purported retirement scheme were either (a) implicated in or (b) under investigation for any offences and/or wrongdoing highlighted in the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any of the employees who do not fall within the purported retirement scheme were not implicated in the specified inquiry; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further, relevant details? NW164E

**143. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether a certain person (name and details furnished) has been appointed in Crime Intelligence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the full details of the process that was followed in the specified person's appointment and (b) mechanisms were put in place to prevent any potential undue influence in the appointment process;

- (2) whether the specified person previously worked at a certain company (name furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what specific security sector-related expertise will her appointment contribute to law enforcement?  
NW165E

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

- (1) (a) On what date will the SA National Military Veterans Associations (SANMVA) hold its elective conference and (b) what are the reasons that the elective conference has been delayed for years;
- (2) whether there is a budget allocation set aside for the SANMVA member organisations to hold their elective conferences in order to appoint representatives; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the full details of the budget allocation?  
NW166E

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

- (1) Given that over 18 000 applications that have been received by Government Pension Administration Agency (GPAA) are currently under consideration, what is the total number of (a) applications for pension benefits that have been (i) received, (ii) considered, (iii) approved and (iv) rejected, and (b)(i) benefits that have been activated by the Department of Military Veterans in each month in the past 24 months and (ii) military veterans that have been paid out;
- (2) what are the reasons that (a) so few applications have been acknowledged within the prescribed period of 90 days as per the regulations and (b) the applications were sent to GPAA before Department of Military Veterans had confirmed a military veteran was on the database to avoid delays and confusion;
- (3) on what date is it envisaged that an online enquiry system will be implemented so that military veterans can establish the status of their application?  
NW167E

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

- (1) Whether her department earmarked a budget of R331 million in the 2023-24 financial year in order to get 4 000 military veterans paid out in the rollout of the military veterans' pension benefits; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) amount was spent, (b) total number of payouts were made, (c) amount was returned to the National Treasury and (d) are the reasons that the amount has been reduced to R158 million in the 2024-25 financial year;
- (2) whether the budget includes the Government Pension Administration Agency administration costs; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details;
- (3) whether the maximum payout per military veterans of R5 400 per month, which will allow for 2,500 military veterans to be paid, is the new target that has been set; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in this regard?  
NW168E

**147. Mr A D de Blocq van Sheltinga (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

With reference to fences along substantial stretches along the western border of the Kruger National Park in the vicinity of Numbi that are either damaged, ineffective or missing, (a) who is responsible for the different sections of fences and (b) what (i) are the reasons the fences are in a state of disrepair and/or missing and (ii) is being done to rectify the situation, thereby preventing human-wildlife conflict around porous borders and disease threats from livestock that are now wandering into the park? NW169E

**148. Mr A D de Blocq van Sheltinga (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

Given the budget cuts and underfunding experienced by his department and entities reporting to him, how does he plan to leverage the G20 presidency in 2025 to (a) increase funding for important issues such as conservation and climate change, (b) address funding and capacity gaps in his department and (c) contribute to the Government of National Unity's objectives of job creation and economic growth?

NW170E

**149. Mr A D de Blocq van Sheltinga (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What (a) strategies and (b) actions is her department and the entities reporting to her taking to maximise tourism income during the upcoming high season while also safeguarding visitor services and safety, especially at South African National Parks, the botanical and zoological gardens and the iSimangaliso Wetland Park?

NW171E

**150. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

What (a) total number of salt mining (i) licences and (ii) permits have been (aa) granted and (bb) rejected in each province in the past five years, (b) are the (i) shortest, (ii) longest and (iii) average periods taken between application and issuing of the specified licences, (c) is the total annual royalty tax gained from all salt mining operations in each of the past five years and (d) environmental authorisations do prospective salt miners have to obtain?

NW172E

**151. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

Whether his department has received complaints of blast and/or other damage caused by operations of a certain company (name furnished) in Ekurhuleni; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has his department taken in response to the specified complaints?

NW173E

**152. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What (a) is the total number of drug related murders that have been investigated in (i) Ward 69, particularly Westbury and Coronationville in Johannesburg and (ii) Ward 82, particularly Westbury, Newclare, Claremont, Bosmont in Johannesburg, in (aa) 2023 and (bb) 2024 and (b) total number of the specified cases (i) were taken to court for prosecution and (ii) resulted in convictions?

NW174E

**153. Ms K Kgobisa-Ngcaba (DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 1553 on 22 November 2024, what are the reasons that (a) centres like Waterval procured one walk-through metal detector for R7,5 million, while the walk-through metal detectors at Kokstad cost R77,000 each, R26,000 at Bizza Makhate and R18,500 at Rustenburg, (b) searching mirrors cost R20,000 each at Amathole, while they cost R4,163 in most other places and R1,237 at Mthatha, (c) a parcel scanner costs R350,000 at Ncome, while they cost R135,333 at Brandvlei, Rustenburg and other centres, (d) handheld metal detectors cost R2,799 at Boksburg, while costing R345 at other centres and (e) closed-circuit television cameras at Mthatha, Barberton, Groenpunt and Bizza Makhate cost more than R12,000 each, while most other areas paid R4,415 or less;
- (2) what are the reasons that the procurement of two-way radios is not centralised and procured from the Kokstad supplier, which provides the radios at a significantly lower cost of R461, instead of the average R2,949 seen in other regions;
- (3) (a) who monitors the expenditure trends, (b) what happens when unreasonable expenditure is found and (c) what total number of officials have been disciplined for unduly high procurement costs? NW175E

**154. Ms K Kgobisa-Ngcaba (DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

What is the total number of bail absconders in the Republic (a) with currently active cases, (b) with cases that are more than five years old, (c) with archived cases, (i) who are foreign nationals, (ii) who are violent offenders and were found and reincarcerated, (iii) who are still in prison and (iv) who were subsequently released? NW176E

**155. Ms K Kgobisa-Ngcaba (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What total (a) number and (b) percentage of cases over the past 12 months have investigations stalled or gone cold due to the use of (i) unregistered and (ii) untraceable mobile numbers in the facilitation and/or commission of the crime? NW177E

**156. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Given the critical impact of the mismatch between learners' home language and the Language of Learning and Teaching, particularly in Quintile 1–3 schools, (a) what specific (i) timelines and (ii) measurable outcomes has her department put in place for rolling out the Mother-Tongue Bilingual-Based Education programme and (b) how will her department (i) monitor the programme's impact on literacy and numeracy performance and (ii) ensure teachers are adequately trained to implement bilingual instruction effectively? NW178E

**157. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) Considering that the reports of the SA System Evaluation and the Southern and Eastern Africa Consortium for Monitoring Educational Quality which highlight inequities in infrastructure, learning materials and teacher competency levels, particularly in mathematics and science, what immediate steps is her department taking to (a) upgrade facilities in under-resourced schools and (b) address disparities in teacher training;
- (2) whether her department has specialised programmes that will target provinces or districts with the greatest deficiencies to ensure equitable access to quality education; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW179E

**158. Dr D C Christians (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) What targeted interventions is her department implementing to improve foundational literacy and numeracy outcomes for learners in Quintile 1–3 schools, where deficits are most severe;
- (2) how does her department plan to integrate the measures with dropout prevention strategies to keep learners engaged throughout their schooling, particularly in economically disadvantaged communities?

NW180E

**159. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Considering that the draft regulations of the Geomatics Profession Act, Act 19 of 2013 were published for public comment in 2017, (a) on what date will he sign the specified regulations into law, (b) how have the SA Geomatics Council (SAGC) and the Registrar been fulfilling their statutory duties of managing the professional conduct of registered members without approved regulations in place and (c) what total number of disciplinary matters have been (i) brought before the SAGC since 2013 and (ii) resolved as at the latest date for which information is available?

NW181E

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

With reference to medical doctors who obtained their qualifications abroad who are citizens of the Republic or permanent residents of the Republic, what (a) is his department's policy regarding the specified doctors who possess valuable scarce skills being allowed to register as independent practitioners and work in the Republic to serve its people and (b) process should such doctors and specialists follow to be registered as independent practitioners with the Health Professions Council of South Africa and (c) is his department doing to facilitate the process?

NW182E

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

- (1) With regard to the Medical Board Exam used by the Health Profession Council of South Africa's (HPCSA) Medical Professional Board and administered by the University of KwaZulu-Natal to establish and ensure that health professionals who obtained their qualifications abroad and intend to enter the health system of the Republic possess adequate professional knowledge, skills, values and competence to practice their health professions, (a) how often is the exam held and (b) on what dates will the exam be held in (i) 2025 and (ii) 2026;

- (2) (a) what are the details of the Medical Board Exam Guidelines that have been issued by the Medical and Dental Professions Board of the HPCSA and (b) where can they be found on the HPCSA website? NW183E

**162. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) With regard to the security of the information technology systems in entities reporting to him, what total (a) number of entities have been targets of cyberattacks in the past five years and (b) amount has been spent (i) on security to prevent such attacks and (ii) paying ransoms to those responsible for the attacks in the specified period;
- (2) whether those responsible for the cyberattacks have been identified and referred to law enforcement agencies for criminal prosecution; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW184E

**163. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

On what date will his department (a) finalise the (i) internal audit and (ii) investigations into allegations of misgovernance and corruption at the SA Bureau of Standards, (b) publicise the findings of the audit and investigation and remedial actions taken and (c) announce the appointment of a permanent chief executive officer? NW185E

**164. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

With regard to the cannabis masterplan that has now been transferred from the Department of Agriculture to his department (a) on what date does his department intend tabling legislation to enable the commercial exploitation of cannabis and hemp, including agro-processing and manufacture of cannabis and hemp-based products, (b) on what date will the hemp value-change development plan be put to his department's social partners, business, labour and communities for sign off and (c) what incentives will be made available to commercial growers of hemp and investors into Phyto fineries planned for the Eastern Cape? NW186E

**165. Mr A G Bateman (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 804 on 1 October 2024, which stated that all recommendations made by the Mpati Commission that needed further forensic investigations have been completed, and where required, matters were referred to the relevant law enforcement agencies, including the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations (the Hawks) and the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, he will furnish Mr A G Bateman with a (a) description of every matter so referred and to which law enforcement body it was referred and (b) comprehensive list of any matters raised by the Mpati Commission for possible referral to a law enforcement body, which were not referred, together with the reasons why they were not so referred; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the further, relevant details? NW187E

**166. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) What total amounts (a) have been spent to date and (b) are budgeted for in the 2024-2025 and 2025-26 financial years for litigation regarding the conflict between Israel and Palestine at the International Court of Justice (ICJ);

- (2) with regard to the total amounts spent to date on litigation regarding the conflict between Israel and Palestine at the ICJ, what is the detailed breakdown of (a) expenditure per line item and (b) projected costs until estimated completion of litigation? NW188E

**167. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) Whether she intervened and assured the reinstatement of Mr Bandile Maqetuka as the Regional Manager of the SA Social Security Agency in the Eastern Cape after he was accused of sexual harassment and abuse of power; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what legislative provisions did she rely when she did so;
- (2) (a) on what date was Mr Maqetuka dismissed, (b) what were the reasons for his dismissal and (c) on what date was he reinstated? NW190E

**168. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether Mr Bandile Maqetuka received compensation in the form of a salary for the period his case was before the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration following his dismissal; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how was she informed of the specified case, (b) what led to the SA Social Security Agency to intervene in the case and (c) what was the record of decision that led to the reinstatement of Mr Maqetuka? NW191E

**169. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) Who served as Regional Manager of the SA Social Security Agency in the Eastern Cape while Mr Bandile Maqetuka was dismissed,
- (2) whether the specified person or official occupied the position in an acting capacity; if not, what happened to the official who filled it before Mr Maqetuka was reinstated; if so, (a) what were the reasons that the position was not filled permanently and (b) is the position filled permanently? NW192E

**170. Mr I Cameron (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Given recurring allegations of corruption within the SA Police Service (SAPS), especially in its senior ranks, (a) what steps has he taken to ensure that comprehensive lifestyle audits are conducted on all high-ranking SAPS officials, including those in Crime Intelligence, (b) how often are such audits conducted and (c) on what date was the last audit completed;
- (2) whether his department will make the results of the specified audits available to Parliament in a redacted form for oversight purposes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will commit to appointing an independent external auditor to conduct lifestyle audits of senior officers to ensure transparency and avoid internal bias; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW193E

**171. Mr I Cameron (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) (a) What mechanisms are in place to identify and address instances where officials in the SA Police Service (SAPS), particularly in sensitive units like Crime Intelligence, display lifestyles inconsistent with their declared incomes, and (b) given the secretive nature of Crime Intelligence operations and the access senior officials have to large sums of money, how does SAPS ensure that lifestyle audits specifically target the specified unit to detect and deter corruption;
- (2) whether he will commit to involving (a) the Inspector General of Intelligence and (b) an independent forensic auditor in reviewing SAPS's compliance with lifestyle audits, particularly in cases involving financial misconduct and/or suspicious transactions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW194E

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

Given that thousands of families are still waiting for houses and/or to become homeowners due to delays caused by (a) blocked projects and (b) not being in possession of title deeds to the properties they occupy, in each case, what (i) are the full details of the causes of the delays, (ii) measures have been put in place to address the delays and (iii) is the current backlog (aa) nationally and (bb) in each (aaa) province and (bbb) municipality?

NW195E

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

Whether, considering the backlog in the issuance of title deeds, her department has considered an amendment to the allocation policy to ensure that the issuance of title deeds is a mandatory requirement for every new property development, thereby preventing further delays and ensuring that families receive the security and dignity of homeownership; if not, what is the position of her department in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW196E

**174. Mr S Zondi (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

Whether a certain company (name furnished) has pulled out of funding the feasibility study in respect of the PetroSA tender 0001/2023 for the restart of the Mossel Bay's Gas-to-Liquid Refinery; if not, by what date is the feasibility study expected to commence; if so, what (a) were the reasons the company pulled out and (b) are the further, relevant details in this regard?

NW197E

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

- (1) Whether SA Tourism will be returning almost R800 million to the National Treasury due to the non-utilisation of funds; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) is the exact total amount of unspent funds that will be returned to the National Treasury and (b) are the reasons for the failure to utilise the specified funds in a timely manner;
- (2) what are the full details of the expenditure incurred by the SA Tourism from its 2024-25 budget?

NW198E

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

With reference to Eskom's implementation of load reduction, what total number of hours (a) of (i) planned and (ii) unplanned load reduction incidents were implemented in each (aa) province, (bb) metropolitan and (cc) local municipality from 1 January 2024 until the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) were as a result of infrastructure failures in each specified province, metropolitan and local municipality?

NW199E

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

- (1) What are the full details of (a) SA Tourism marketing operations overseas and (b) service providers and/or contractors, specifying the recipients of each contract in each hub and (c) the objectives and/or measurable outcomes of the specified marketing operations to date;
- (2) whether there have been any irregularities and/or excessive expenditure, including promotional events and/or hospitality benefits, that have been identified in relation to SA Tourism's overseas marketing efforts; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what measures have been taken to address such findings?

NW200E

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

- (1) With regard to the viability of current SA Tourism overseas operations, (a) which operations are still functional viable or functional and (b) what is the detailed cost breakdown of each viable or functional hub;
- (2) what (a) is the detailed analysis of operations that have been deemed non-viable, (b) are the associated costs of each operation, (c) criteria is used to determine the viability and non-viability of an operation and (d) are the timelines for shutting down non-viable operations;
- (3) what (a) controls and (b) monitoring mechanisms have put in place to ensure transparency, cost-effectiveness, and accountability in SA Tourism's (i) marketing spend and (ii) procurement processes for overseas operations?

NW201E

**179. Dr M J Burke (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) (a) What were the conditions for the R47 billion debt guarantee facility made available to Transnet in 2023 and (b) to what extent has each condition been complied with;
- (2) besides the 2023 debt guarantee, what (a) total number of bailouts and/or debt guarantees has Transnet received since 1994, (b) were the conditions for each specified bailout and/or debt guarantee and (c) to what extent were the conditions complied with?

NW202E

**180. Mr A G Bateman (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether National Treasury took any steps to sanction municipal officials who allowed funds to be placed with VBS Mutual Bank and/or other mutual banks; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the steps that have been taken;
- (2) whether steps have been taken to ensure that no municipal funds are currently placed in mutual banks; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the steps that have been taken? NW203E

**181. Mr A G Bateman (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) What actions or steps is he taking to ensure that government remuneration levels are benchmarked relative to the market, as recently recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance;
- (2) whether he will consider proposing changes to the national wage negotiation process to limit the fiscal risk posed by remuneration increases awarded to government employees who are excessively compensated relative to benchmarks; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW204E

**182. Ms E Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(a) What (i) role do women play in the Republic's tourism industry, (ii) are the reasons their participation is crucial and (iii) initiatives has her department undertaken to empower women in tourism and (b) how does she envisage the tourism sector evolving to create more opportunities for women, particularly in leadership roles? NW205E

**183. Ms E Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What (a) has she found to be some of the biggest challenges women face when trying to establish themselves in the tourism industry and (b) measures has her department put in place to (i) assist in overcoming the challenges and (ii) address issues such as (aa) gender inequality and (bb) the wage gap in tourism-related jobs? NW206E

**184. Ms E Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) Whether there are specific programmes and/or partnerships that support women entrepreneurs within the tourism sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how does her department support the development of women-led tourism businesses in rural and/or underdeveloped areas;
- (3) what role do mentorship and capacity-building programmes play in empowering women in tourism? NW207E

**185. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What (a) total number of bogus colleges and/or higher learning facilities have been reported to her department in each year from 1 January 2019 to date, (b) specific actions were taken in each case that was reported and (c) total number of persons have been victims of the specified institutions of learning in the specified period? NW208E

**186. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

(1) What total number of (a) applications were received by each technical and vocational education and training (TVET) college in the Republic for the 2025 academic year, (b) spaces did each TVET college have and (c) students did each TVET college enrol;

(2) in each specified TVET college, what total number of students (a) are funded by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) bursary scheme and (b) receive funding from the NSFAS student loan scheme? NW209E

**187. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

(a) What total number of (i) official residences and (ii) embassies are currently leased his department, (b) where are the properties located, (c) what is the monthly rental paid by Government for each property and (d) on what date does each lease expire?

NW210E

**188. Ms L M Maseko (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

(1) What total number of (a) applications were received by each university in the Republic for the 2025 academic year, (b) spaces did each university have and (c) students did each university enrol;

(2) in each specified university, what total number students (a) are funded by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) bursary scheme and (b) receive funding from the NSFAS student loan scheme for the current academic year? NW211E

**189. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

(1) With reference to his reply to question 2462 on 2 January 2025, wherein he indicated that a Directive on Discipline Management in the Public Service which directly addresses the issue of suspensions by guiding departments to consider precautionary transfers before placing employees on suspension was approved, what (a) total number of precautionary transfers have taken place between 2021 and 2025 as a disciplinary consequence, (b) is the breakdown by (i) department and the (ii) number of transfers in each case and (c) is the ratio of disciplinary actions to precautionary transfers during the specified period;

(2) whether any of the specified precautionary transfers resulted in further disciplinary actions in the departments to which the employees were transferred; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what total number;

- (3) what factors and/or contraventions of the Code of Conduct are considered grounds for initiating a precautionary transfer rather than formal disciplinary proceedings;
- (4) what measures have been put in place to ensure that this mechanism of precautionary transfers is not perpetuating misconduct by transferring issues to another department rather than addressing them directly? NW212E

**190. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to his replies to questions 1849 on 2 December 2024 and 2460 on 2 January 2025, wherein he indicated that the financial cost of suspended employees for the Quarter 1 reporting period, April-June 2024, is R140,379,612.44, and yet in the latter the cumulative cost for suspended employees is recorded as R118,004,977 over a broader five-year period, he will clarify this apparent contradiction in financial reporting; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether, with reference to his reply to question 2460, wherein he stated that the total number of suspended employees at the national level is 345, and yet in the reply to question 1849 he mentions no specific figure for suspended employees within the same reporting framework, he can reconcile the specified differences and provide a consistent and accurate breakdown of the financial and personnel data for suspended employees at both national and provincial levels; if not, what is the position in this regard if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether, with regard his reply to question 2460, wherein reference is made to disciplinary case resolution rates and detailed reports on PERSAL data, and yet on the other hand, his reply to question 1849 highlights the decentralised management of payroll controls and responsibility at the departmental level, he can clarify the oversight role of his department in reconciling and standardising such data across departments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW213E

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

- (1) With reference to the reinstatement of Mr Ntabozuko Nomlala as the Chief Director in her department, (a) what are the reasons the specified person was suspended in the first place and (b) on what date was he suspended;
- (2) whether the specified person had a formal disciplinary hearing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what was the outcome of the matter of *Nomlala v Chairperson of Public Service Commission and Others*, case no: 46739/2021, whereby Mr Nomlala attempted to have a Public Service Commission report scrapped and (b) on what grounds has she felt it prudent to reinstate and promote Mr Nomlala;
- (4) whether the Director-General (DG) of her department was consulted on the matter; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what role did the DG play in dropping the labour charges against the specified person? NW214E

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

- (1) Whether there has been an investigation into the allegations of irregular appointments in her department, with specific reference to the position of the (a) Administrative Officer: Assets, Fleet and Mobile Account Management, (b) Assistant Director: Organisational Development and Human Resources Planning, (c) Head of Office of the Director-General and (d) Chief Director: Human Resources and Corporate Services; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what investigative processes have been conducted, (ii) on what basis were the specified appointments questioned, (iii) what (aa) was the outcome of the investigation of each appointment and (bb) actions were taken against each individual employed in the specified positions;
- (2) whether any official who occupied any of the specified positions while they were under investigation is still employed in her department; if not, in each case, why not; if so, (a) which positions are still occupied by the same officials who occupied them while they were under investigation and (b) what are the reasons for this?

NW215E

**193. Ms L Schickerling (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) With reference to his reply to question 1746 on 8 January 2025, (a) what was the (i) reason for declining each security clearance application, (ii) rank and (iii) name(s) of each high-ranking officer that had their security clearance declined, (b) for how long has each of the security clearance certificates been expired;
- (2) whether any of the holders of expired security clearance certificates still have access to information which requires such security clearance; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW216E

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

With reference to the recommendations made by the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements after it conducted an oversight visit to Stellenbosch and Strand municipalities, what total number of the specified recommendations (a) have been implemented fully and (b) are (i) being processed and (ii) still outstanding?

NW217E

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

- (a) What is the total (i) number of community education and training infrastructure projects that are currently underway, (ii) cost and (iii) scope of each project, (b) at which institutions of higher learning were the specified projects initiated and (c) what (i) are the relevant details of the respective contractors and (ii) is the duration, including commencement and completion, of each project?

NW219E

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

What total amount was spent on advertising the National Health Insurance (a) in the (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2021-22, (iv) 2022-23 and (v) 2023-24 financial years and (b) from 1 April 2024 to date?

NW220E

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

What is the breakdown of the total number of children who died of (a) pneumonia, (b) diarrhoea, (c) moderate acute malnutrition, (d) severe acute malnutrition and (e) HIV in public health facilities in each (i) province and (ii) year from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2024?

NW221E

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

(1) What is the current ratio of (a) patient to doctor and (b) patient to nurse in public (i) hospitals and (ii) clinics (aa) nationally and (bb) provincially,

(2) what are the forecast ratios over the medium term?

NW222E

**199. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

(1) Whether, during the period 1 April 2024 to 31 October 2024, the Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency (SEFDA) incurred expenditure on acting allowances due to reasons other than unfilled vacancies; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what was the total expenditure;

(2) noting that SEDFA spent R6 639 676 on acting allowances for employees in higher positions during the specified period due to vacant positions remaining unfilled, what percentage does this equate to in relation to the total employee costs for the same period?

NW223E

**200. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What total (a) number of (i) employees has (aa) her department and (bb) entities reporting to her suspended in the past five years and (ii) the specified suspensions led to (aa) dismissals and (bb) resignations and (b) expenditure was incurred for (i) employee costs and/r remunerations and (ii) legal fees due to the specified suspensions?

NW224E

**201. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Noting that her department has assisted 857 cooperatives in the past five years, what is the breakdown of the cooperatives by (a) province, (b) district and (c) municipality?

NW225E

**202. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What specific mental health services are currently available in rural areas for women, youth, and persons with disabilities?

NW226E

**203. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Whether her department is engaged in any collaborative initiatives with the Department of Health to ensure that women, youth, and persons with disabilities in rural areas have access to mental health services; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of such initiatives?

NW227E

**204. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether there are training and capacity-building programmes in place to equip healthcare professionals and community workers in rural areas to address mental wellness issues effectively? NW228E

**205. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

- (1) Given that the Commissioner of the Unemployment Insurance Fund was suspended for many months in 2023 and again in 2024, even though no action was taken for the first suspension, what (a) were the actual charges, (b) were the reasons that there was no action taken about the first suspension and (c) is the current status and/or has transpired regarding the suspension;
- (2) whether the Commissioner is going to remain on suspension indefinitely; if not, on what date will the matter be finalised; if so, on what basis? NW229E

**206. Mr E V Baptie (DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

With reference to the municipality debt to Eskom that was sitting at about R95,4 billion in November 2024, which is likely to reach R110 billion by March 2025, and given the strategic role the specified utility plays in the broader economy of the Republic (details furnished), what alternative strategies is the utility pursuing to remedy the revenue collection shortfalls? NW230E

**207. Mr E V Baptie (DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

Given that Eskom applies load reduction in instances where illegal connections overload the system and cause damage to transformers, while the technical staff of the specified energy utility is often met with resistance and face safety threats from individuals and/or groups who use the illegal connections, what (a) initiatives have been taken by his department, in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, to provide Eskom staff with security when removing illegal connections and (b) measures has his department instituted to monitor and respond to subsequent illegal reconnections? NW231E

**208. Ms L Schickerling (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) With reference to tender bid number 19/1/9/1/01TR(24), published on 25 October 2024 for the provision of money laundering investigation and crime scene investigation tools, which was subsequently cancelled on 18 December 2024 for administrative errors to be sorted out, what (a) administrative errors needed to be sorted out and (b) are the reasons the bid was cancelled after the bid closing date of 14 November 2024;
- (2) whether any bids were received in respect of the specified tender prior to the closing date; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of (a) the names of the specified bidders and (b) their respective bids;
- (3) whether the bid was awarded; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) to whom was it awarded and (b) what were the terms of the award? NW232E

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

Regarding the National Presidential MSME & Cooperatives Post Awards Breakfast, where prizes were given out to competing participants, what total (a) amount was given out as prizes to the winners and (b) prize money was awarded to (i) women, (ii) youth and (iii) persons living with disabilities? NW233E

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

- (1) Given the prolonged delays in the disbursement of norms and standards funding allocations to schools, what measures has she put in place to ensure timely oversight and accountability in the payment of the specified funds;
- (2) what immediate actions will her department take to rectify the outstanding payments and prevent further financial strain on no-fee schools, particularly those in impoverished areas, which are struggling to meet basic operational costs such as water, electricity, and security;
- (3) by what date will the affected schools receive their outstanding funding allocations;
- (4) what steps will be taken to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, and other relevant legislations to prevent such delays in the future? NW234E

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

Considering that the Republic's trade deficit with the United States has widened to about US\$2.8 billion in 2024, and that imports from China remain three times higher than exports, what (a) specific trade and economic diplomacy strategies has his department implemented to reverse the specified imbalances, (b) measurable results has his department achieved in expanding market opportunities for the small businesses and emerging entrepreneurs in the Republic and (c) diplomatic agreements and/or partnerships have been secured to ensure that the Republic's black-owned small, medium and micro enterprises have direct access to these markets? NW235E

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

With the Republic's trade with the Southern African Development Community countries accounting for approximately 13% of total exports and regional non-tariff barriers (NTBs) costing the Southern African economy an estimated US\$4.8 billion annually, what specific interventions has his department undertaken in the past 12 months to (a) reduce red tape for the Republic's informal traders and black-owned small, medium and micro enterprises at key border posts such as Beitbridge, (b) ensure the implementation of commitments made in regional summits to eliminate NTBs and (c) monitor and hold regional trade partners accountable for reducing trade inefficiencies that hurt small businesses? NW236E

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

Given that the African Renaissance and International Cooperation Fund (ARF) reported a surplus of R583 million for the 2024-25 financial year, while several African countries face severe socio-economic and humanitarian crises, what (a) are the reasons that (i) his department has underutilised the funds instead of actively deploying them for African socio-economic development and humanitarian aid and (ii) the ARF is failing to fund projects aimed at accelerating the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area and (b) contingency plans does his department have in place to retain the surplus funds, given the National Treasury's authority to deny a request by the ARF to retain surplus under section 53(3) of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999?

NW237E

**214. Ms N L Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to her announcement relating to making public the list of convicted sexual offenders and gender-based violence perpetrators, the specified list is the National Register of Sexual Offenders (NRSO) which was established in terms of Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, Act 32 of 2007; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how will the list be made publicly accessible;
- (3) which specific crimes will be covered by the specified list;
- (4) what total number of persons will be on the list on the date of publishing?

NW238E

**215. Mr T M Langa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What mechanisms are currently in place to protect whistleblowers who provide critical information about alleged misconduct at the SA Bureau of Standards, ensuring that they are not subject to retaliation?

NW245E

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

What (a) plans are in place to build a high school in Extension 10 of the Modimolle Local Municipality in Limpopo in line with the promise made by her department more than 10 years ago and (b) is the time frame in this regard?

NW247E

**217. Mr B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

With reference to the reply to question 1258 on 25 October 2024 and since the SA Cultural Observatory is producing 16 research documents for the 2024-25 financial year, how have the findings from previous research been practically applied to policy changes and/or funding decisions within the arts and culture sector?

NW248E

**218. Ms N H Mhlongo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) How will his department ensure the immediate and effective implementation of the Johannesburg Labour Court ruling that community health workers, who for years have been employed by his department on recurring fixed-term contracts, must be deemed permanent government employees and (b) what timeline has been set for finalising the permanent employment of the 50 000 affected community health workers? NW252E