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**QUESTION PAPER**

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**NOTE:**

1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY****THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2026****Deputy President***Decline/collapse of rail transport system***★1. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

- (1) Whether, in line with his function of implementing rapid response interventions to service delivery which requires leading high-priority service model designed to identify, diagnose, and resolve operational, technical, or public-sector disruptions, he has engaged with all relevant Ministers to develop interventions to mitigate against economic impact of the decline and collapse of the rail transport system on provincial economies and economic activities of rural towns that are adjacent to railway stations, particularly as a result of the collapse of long-distance passenger rail and freight transport services which have resulted in severe economic collapse and reduction of economic activities in several rural towns and regional economies; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Government has developed any plans to restore long-distance passenger rail and freight transport services between major cities such as (a) Cape Town and Johannesburg, (b) Johannesburg and Durban and (c) Johannesburg and Mpumalanga; if not, why not; if so, what plans? CO43E

*Detection/prevention of corruption in SAPS***★2. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether, as Chairperson of the Justice, Crime-Prevention and Security Cabinet Committee, he will outline any corrective measures the said committee has implemented to detect and prevent corruption in the SA Police Service (SAPS) prior to the Madlanga Commission that has now been publicly exposed, especially since the July 2021 insurrection that exposed the SAPS's malfeasance? CO41E

*Illegal mining in East/West Rand***★3. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

- (1) Whether the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Committee has examined why it took the police and other security agencies so long to respond to the growing problem of illegal mining in Gauteng's East and West Rand, particularly in the Gugulethu and Sporong informal settlements (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Government has devised any action plans to bring stability and security to such areas; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO44E

*State of municipalities***★4. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Deputy President:**

- (1) Whether, in accordance to his role in assisting the President in the roll-out of the District Development Model through effective coordination of the different spheres of government which will improve the functioning of municipalities and address community concerns, he has been informed that municipalities such as the Ditsobotla and Emfuleni Local Municipalities remained in a state of collapse despite multiple section 139 interventions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so;
- (2) whether section 139 has failed as a tool for service delivery instead been utilised as a factional weapon to deploy liberation administrators; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so; (a) why has no single municipality under his rescue plans achieved a clean audit in the past three years and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CW39E

*Distressed/dysfunctional municipalities***★5. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Deputy President:**

In accordance with his role in assisting the President in the roll-out of the District Development Model through effective coordination of the different spheres of government which will improve the functioning of municipalities and address community concerns, (a) how many municipalities are currently in financial distress and/or dysfunctional (details furnished), (b) how many have improved to (i) clean and/or (ii) unqualified audits as a direct result of government intervention and (c) what consequence management has been implemented against those in Executive who have presided over the steady collapse of local government while billions in public funds continue to be wasted?

CO38E

*Abandoned/incomplete water infrastructure projects***★6. Mr B S Mabebo (North West: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the persisting water crisis in some parts of the country, the Water Task Team has assessed the negative impact of abandoned and incomplete water infrastructure projects in South Africa on the current water crisis, including stalled critical bulk supply and sanitation projects that have faced numerous years of delays; if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures are being taken in this regard and (b) what measures is the Water Task Team putting in place to implement consequence management measures for municipalities that fail to ring-fence water revenue for infrastructure maintenance, instead of using it for other operational costs such as salaries;
- (2) what practical steps are being implemented to address the current water crisis in provinces such as (a) Gauteng, (b) Eastern Cape, (c) KwaZulu-Natal and (d) Western Cape?

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