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WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2019

Questions deferred from Tuesday, 12 November 2019:

Financial misconduct in local government

★240. Mr T B Matibe (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(a) What is the role of the National Treasury in dealing with financial misconduct in the local sphere of government and (b) what measures are in place to improve (i) financial transparency and (ii) governance processes at the local government level? CO486E

Impact of NHI on departments' budget

★222. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether, with regard to the state of the economy and the contraction of the fiscus, the National Health Insurance will be launched without taking further budget from other departments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO466E

Delivery of municipal services

★232. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether he will increase the allocation of funds from the Division of Revenue to municipalities to equal that of provinces and the national government so that they will be able to (a) appoint qualified officials and deliver services (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO476E

Revitalising government-owned industrial parks

★241. Ms D G Mahlangu (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What are the successes of revitalising government-owned industrial parks in the townships as he announced in his 2018 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (details furnished)? CO487E

Assistance from National Treasury

★225. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Considering the many social problems the country is encountering (details furnished), what action is the National Treasury taking to ensure that the country does not become a welfare state that relies on handouts for survival? CO469E

High quality policy research

★242. Mr Y I Carrim (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

How successful has the National Treasury been in upgrading economic planning and coordinating capacity of the State by working with other government departments and international agencies in producing high quality evidenced-based policy research? CO488E

High unemployment rate

★192. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

- (1) Whether his department has developed any programmes and strategies to address the high unemployment rate which affects the youth in the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether such programmes and strategies will include assistance to unemployed graduates; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO417E

High unemployment rate

★178. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

- (1) Whether, considering the high unemployment rate in the country (details furnished), his department intends to adopt any of the elements of the Minister of Finance’s recently released paper on “Economic Transformation, Inclusive Growth and Competitiveness: Towards and Economic Strategy for South Africa”, which aims to ensure that (a) the economy is turned around and (b) South Africa remains a free trading country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his department will continue to support the trade unions and political parties (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO402E

Access to basic rights

★183. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

- (1) Whether his department has undertaken any study on the working conditions of farm workers in the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether farm workers have access to basic rights that all workers have in the country; if not, (a) why not and (b) why has he not paid attention to the plight of such vulnerable workers; if so, what are the relevant details? CO407E

*Eviction of farm workers***★195. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

Whether his department has any processes to assist farm workers who are facing eviction by the farm owners (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what processes and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO420E

*uFiling system***★173. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

(a) Who was responsible for the optimal functioning of the uFiling system of his department, (b) who received the contract to update the website and (c) how much was the total cost that was paid to date for the running and maintenance of the website? CO397E

*Integration of informal sector***★196. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

Whether his department has developed any strategies to integrate the informal sector into the mainstream economy in order to unleash its full economic potential and improve the lives of the people (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what strategies and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO421E

*Small scale tourism initiatives***★191. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) Whether South Africa has developed a blue print of support in investment facilitation and trade promotions for small scale tourism initiatives; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how many initiatives are in each province;
- (2) whether such initiatives are yielding any benefits in expanding access for small scale tourism initiatives into the tourism sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO416E

*Rolling out e-visa applications***★176. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether any progress has been made in rolling out e-visa applications in order to attract visitors as announced by the Minister of Home Affairs, with April 2019 as the deadline and the President in his state-of-the-nation-address in February and June 2019 (details furnished); if not, (a) why not and (b) what discussions have taken place between her department and the Department of Home Affairs to ensure that South Africa is on track in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO400E

Tourism activities for townships/rural areas

★187. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether her department has developed any programmes for enhancing tourism activities in the townships and rural areas for economic development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO412E

Decline in tourist numbers

★186. Mr S E Mfayela (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) What action has her department taken to (a) work towards reaching the target of the Tourism Business Council of SA (details furnished) and (b) prevent the continued decline in international tourism;
- (2) what is the (a) greatest challenge that her department has identified as facing Tourism South Africa currently and (b) plan to deal with such a challenge? CO411E

Police visibility in tourist destinations

★177. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether she held any (a) discussions with the Minister of Police to increase police visibility at all major tourist destinations in order to avoid attacks on tourists and (b) interactions with the municipalities to assist in curbing the rise of crime in their areas; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the (i) outcomes of such discussions and (ii) further relevant details in each case? CO401E

Crime in tourism sector

★194. Ms S Shaikh (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether her department has considered the (a) impact of crime in the tourism sector and (b) effectiveness of working with the security sector to enhance safety in the sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO419E

Equity Equivalent Investment Programme

★169. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

- (1) What (a) is the Equity Equivalent Investment Programme and (b) contribution does it make to (i) the economy and (ii) job creation;
- (2) whether the programme is in line with the developmental aspects of the National Development Plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO393E

*Finalising Competition Commission forensic audit report***★174. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

What progress has been made in finalising the forensic audit report regarding the Competition Commission? CO398E

*Programmes to curb fronting***★170. Mr E R Landsman (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(a) What programmes does his department have to curb fronting (details furnished) and (b) how widespread is it? CO394E

*African Continental Free Trade Area***★185. Ms S B Lehihi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(a) What impact will the African Continental Free Trade Area have on the country's manufacturing industry and (b) what actions his department will take to ensure that the movement of goods and services across the continent is limited to Pan-African goods only? CO410E

*Successes of BBBEE***★175. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

What successes did the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment policy have in (a) decreasing unemployment levels and (b) reducing inequality? CO399E

*African Continental Free Trade Agreement***★171. Mr T B Matibe (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(a) What advantages does the newly-approved African Continental Free Trade Agreement that was launched in March 2018 have for (i) the continent in general and (ii) South Africa in particular and (b) how far is the process of implementing it? CO395E