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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 08 MAY 2026

[Reply by 22 May 2026]

Approved Elephant Management Plans

476. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the recent statements by Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife to remove 1050 elephants but subsequently increased them to 1220 from the provincial reserves of Hluhluwe iMfoloze, Ithala, Tembe, iMkuze and iSimangaliso and given the magnitude of such proposed removals, he will provide details of (a) the current approved Elephant Management Plans for each of the said reserves, including the date of approval thereof, (b) requests for approval of any culling (i) plans and (ii) permits and (c) any other requests for approval of lethal removal of elephants; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he has been informed of the conspicuous lack of scientific research that is supporting assertions of elephants that are caused by biodiversity loss in Ezemvelo reserves and the implications on the (a) national policy of Science-Based Decision Making and (b) potential for expensive litigation arising from the absence of the appropriate science; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW571E

National databases for elephants

477. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, with reference to an article by certain employees of his department (details furnished) that has been published in The Daily Maverick of 23 March 2026 (https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2026-03-23-conservation-by-choice-or-by-chance-understanding-human-nature-interactions-in-sa/?dm_source=blocks-horizontal&dm_medium=card-link&dm_campaign=inform) that “properties which hold elephants or black rhinos must submit annual reports detailing births, deaths, translocations, poaching incidents and management removals. These reports feed into national databases that track both population numbers and all forms of offtake” (details furnished), he will provide details of records for (a) 2023, (b) 2024 and (c) 2025 of the (i) births, (ii) deaths, (iii) translocations, (iv) poaching incidents and (v) management removals being recorded in the national databases for elephants on each property that has been included in the said databases; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW572E

*Removal of border fence***478. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) Whether he will provide details of any considerations which have been given to the removal of border fence between Tembe Elephant Reserve and Mozambique to allow the movement of elephants into Mozambique, including any relevant reports of Memoranda of Understanding or agreements; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will provide details of any discussions that have been held regarding the removal of the Tembe Mozambique border fence on his recent visit to Mozambique with the President; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW573E

*Disciplinary action against MM***479. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether he has been informed of the disciplinary action for allegations that constitute an abuse of process against the Municipal Manager of Fezile Dabi District Municipality regarding the implementation of a Council resolution that has been passed on 10 June 2025; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CW574E

*Nala LM under administration***480. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether he has been informed that the Nala Local Municipality which is comprising of Bothaville and Wesselsbron has been subjected to repeated but ineffective interventions, including being placed under administration on 8 May 2025 and multiple section 106 investigations into maladministration, with reports that were never tabled before the Council within the legally prescribed 90 days; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) why have the said forensic investigation reports, including the one directed in 2019 been suppressed and/or ignored and (b) who is being protected from accountability? CW575E

*Performance/accountability assessment***481. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

Whether, in light of the reported expenditure of approximately R800 million annually on salaries for public servants on prolonged suspension at national and provincial levels, her department has conducted any performance and accountability assessments regarding the impact of such suspensions on public service delivery; if not, why not; if so, (a) what were the findings and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW576E

Prevention of illegal medication distribution**482. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) What proactive measures have been implemented to prevent the distribution of illegal medication in townships, following the recent raid of illegal pharmacy with R160 000 worth of controlled medicines by the Hawks in Galeshewe, Kimberley and (b) how will future monitoring be strengthened to protect community health? CW577E

Illicit residential operations**483. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Following forfeiture order secured by Hawks against an illegal pharmacy that was found selling codeine-based syrups and other unregulated medications in Galeshewe, Kimberley, what specific steps has his department taken to disrupt such illicit residential operations;
- (2) whether his department has launched any public awareness campaigns to educate citizens on how to distinguish between regulated and unregulated medication; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW578E

Recouping lost contact time**484. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What specific curriculum recovery plans her department has implemented to recoup lost contact time and ensure that learners are adequately prepared for the upcoming June examinations regarding the severe flooding in the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality that has rendered roads inaccessible and hindered school attendance? CW579E

SEDFFA project support**485. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

- (a) How many projects that received financial and non-financial support from her department and the Small Enterprise Development Finance Agency over the past three financial years and
- (b) what are such projects in each province, district and/or region and local municipality? CW580E

Governance/financial management/operational failures**486. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the governance, financial management and operational failures which have been reflected in the Unemployment Insurance Fund

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(UIF)'s audited 2024/25 Annual Report that was presented to the Select Committee on 10 March 2026; if not; what is the position in this regard; if so;

- (2) (a) why the UIF failed to implement 66% of its audit action plans, (b) why it achieving only 34% (48/140) and (c) why only 52% (4,958/8,178) of valid invoices were paid within 30 days both in direct breach of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), compliance requirements? CW581E

Escalating illegal mining activities

487. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

Whether he has been informed of the escalating illegal mining activities in the North West and the resultant safety, environmental and criminal risks associated with disused and/or operational sites; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what specific interventions have been implemented to (a) ensure mine closure compliance and the rehabilitation of abandoned shafts, (b) strengthen enforcement operations and (c) improve coordination with the SA Police Service, Hawks and local municipalities to curb such criminal syndicates?

CW582E

Severe infrastructure decline

488. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether, in light of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence's oversight visits to Johannesburg and Durban shipyard in the final week of April 2026 which revealed severe infrastructure decline (details furnished), she will clarify the frequency of reports received regarding the state of such facilities and the reasons for the lack of regular public updates on her department's deteriorating infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW583E

Integrated Database Management System

489. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether she will provide (a) a comprehensive status report on the implementation of the (i) Integrated Database Management System and (ii) digital transformation strategy, (b) an update on the long-term plan to relocate her department to more suitable office facilities and (c) a detailed audit report verifying the academic and professional qualifications of her department's senior management team; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW584E

*Acts of vigilantism***490. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) What is his department's official position on the acts of vigilantism such as the rising tensions and reported incidents of groups who are conducting unauthorised searches of migrants and removing children from schools;
- (2) whether his department has issued any formal warnings against such unlawful actions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will clarify his department's position on the citizenship and educational rights of children who are born in South Africa to foreign parents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW585E

*Kenneth Kaunda DM projects***491. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) What (a) monitoring and (b) evaluation tools or instruments her department has in place to ensure Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality's projects, including rigorous multi-sphere oversight engagement with the provincial government of the North West, particularly with the City of Matlosana Local Municipality are secured;
- (2) whether liable parties for financial losses of the Breaking New Ground housing projects were (a) investigated and (b) blacklisted; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW586E

*Sustainable human settlements principles***492. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What other mechanisms has her department planned in ensuring that no other human settlements are built without proper infrastructure, recreational facilities, paved roads, sports, arts and culture, libraries and amenities to avoid experiencing unfinished projects like the sub-station in Manzil Park near 503 Road in the Matlosana Local Municipality (details furnished)? CW587E

*Integrated National Electrification Programme electricity grant***493. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What value for money will the community of Jacaranda derive from the proposed Integrated National Electrification Programme electricity grant for 300 stands rather than the 1667 stands, including monitoring of communal taps, persons with disabilities' human settlements and communal toilets in extension 12 in Matlosana Local Municipality, given the allocations and value for money and cutting of the provision of paraffin for community members? CW588E

*Continuous hindrances at TVET colleges***494. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What concrete measures are being prepared by his department to address continuous hindrances at Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges to ensure the National Students Financial Aid Scheme allowances and accommodation payments are disbursed on time to prevent registration and living crises for students? CW589E

*Maladministration within NSFAS***495. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What oversight mechanisms his department has implemented to (a) investigate and (b) resolve maladministration within the National Student Financial Aid Scheme? CW590E

*Outdated NATED courses***496. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

What specific timelines for phasing out the outdated National Accredited Technical Education Diploma courses and replacing them with curricula that is aligned with current national priorities and industry needs? CW591E

*Annual King Hintsa Hiking event***497. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) What frameworks are in place for her department to collaborate with local municipalities to ensure rural cultural events receive adequate recognition and financial support regarding the annual King Hintsa Hiking event that has been hosted by the Mbashe Local Municipality;
- (2) whether her department will formally partner with the said municipality to elevate such event into a nationally recognised tourism attraction; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW592E

*Integration of scarce skills***498. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) With reference to Statistics South Africa Quarter 1 2026 data showing 32% graduate unemployment among the youth (details furnished), what steps is her department taking to integrate scarce skills awareness and training at Grade 9 and 12 levels;
- (2) (a) how many schools are offering structured critical skills-aligned career guidance in each province as of 30 April 2026, (b) how much budget is allocated for this purpose in the 2026/27 financial year and (c) what are the details of partnerships with the

Department of Higher Education, Sector Education and Training Authorities and industry to ensure workplace exposure for learners before exit? CW593E

Illegal immigration

499. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) What immediate lawful and effective measures his department is implementing to address illegal immigration, in light of growing public concern and recent community marches in KwaZulu-Natal regarding undocumented foreign nationals and (b) how his department is ensuring that immigration laws are enforced in a manner that upholds human rights and prevents discrimination? CW594E

Unsafe scholar transport

500. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Transport:

(a) When will she provide clear and time-bound plans to eliminate the use of unsafe and overloaded minibuses that are transporting learners, particularly in KwaMashu where learners commute to urban schools and (b) what immediate interventions have been implemented to protect learners from unroadworthy and overcrowded vehicles? CW595E

Illegal demolishing of houses

501. Mr J S Majola (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Cooperation Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether his department is intending to initiate any relief efforts to assist victims and the homeless as a result of the alleged illegal demolished houses and evicted community in accordance with section 35(1)(a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW596E

SAPS emergency response times

502. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

- (1) With reference to the findings by the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service regarding the SA Police Service response times (details furnished), (a) what is the current national average response time for (i) Alpha, (ii) Bravo and (iii) Charlie complaints as at 30 April 2026, (b) how many 10111 call centres are fully staffed and operational 24/7, including those that are operating below capacity, (c) how many emergency calls were not (i) responded to or (ii) dispatched in the 2025/26 financial year and (d) what is a clear breakdown of (i) technical failures, (ii) staffing shortages and (iii) system inefficiencies that are responsible for the continued collapse of 10111;
- (2) whether the current state of emergency response results in a functional breakdown of policing, where citizens call for help and receive no response, effectively renders the

state absent at the point of crisis; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what immediate time-bound interventions will be implemented to restore a reliable emergency response system? CW597E

Advisory/performance improvement studies

503. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) Whether her department, Transnet State-Owned Company Ltd and/or Transnet Port Terminals have commissioned and/or participated in any diagnostic, advisory and/or performance improvement studies by an international financial institution and/or external advisor in respect of the Port of Cape Town in the past five years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) which institution conducted the studies, (b) when they are completed, (c) what were the main findings and (d) when will she table the report in Parliament;
- (2) whether any recommendations have been made regarding (a) terminal productivity improvements, (b) equipment modernisation, (c) staffing and operational reforms and (d) private sector participation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what recommendations and (ii) what are the reasons for not having made such as a report public;
- (3) whether her department has received any external recommendations in the past five years regarding (a) private sector participation in container terminal operations, (b) equipment fleet modernisation, (c) maintenance restructuring, (d) staffing reform and/or (e) operational productivity improvements at the Port of Cape Town; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) which of such recommendations have been implemented, (ii) which have not been implemented, (iii) why and (iv) what measurable performance improvements have resulted from the implementation of such said recommendations? CW598E

Gross Crane Hour productivity

504. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) (a) What was the Gross Crane Hour (GCH) productivity that has been achieved at the Cape Town Container Terminal during November 2025 to February 2026, (b) what is her department's target GCH productivity level, (c) what interventions are being planned to achieve a target of 30 GCH, given that current productivity is approximately at 16 GCH and (d) when;
- (2) whether her department considers this performance acceptable as the target berth waiting time at the Cape Town Container Terminal (CTCT) is 40 hours and that the reported waiting time in January 2026 was 175.44 hours; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what consequence management measures have been instituted against responsible executives and (b) what specific corrective action plans have been implemented with measurable timelines;

- (3) (a) how is CTCT's current productivity compared to international benchmark container terminals of similar size and configuration, (b) what financial penalties and/or contractual liabilities were incurred as a result of vessel delays that are exceeding her department's own performance targets and (c) what are the primary constraints that are preventing CTCT from achieving internationally competitive productivity levels? CW599E

Wind resilience of terminal operations

505. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (a) What long-term measures have been implemented to improve wind resilience of terminal operations at the Port of Cape Town as wind conditions are a known and recurring operational constraint, (b) which equipment types are currently certified to operate at wind speeds between 80 and 90 kilometres per hour at the Cape Town Container Terminal, (c) why newly deployed Rubber-Tyred Gantry Cranes are not currently able to operate effectively at higher wind speeds, (d) when will the terminal be able to sustain operations across a broader wind-speed range and (e) what capital and/or operational upgrades are required to improve high-wind operability across the terminal? CW600E

Electricity outage at Agri-Park

506. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether he has been informed of the electricity outage at the Zastron Agri-Park in the Mohokare Local Municipality in the Free State which has significantly disrupted operations and undermined the purpose of Agri-Park in supporting local agricultural development and economic activities (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) when will the electricity be restored and (b) what additional steps will her department implement to ensure the sustainability of such project and create jobs? CW601E

Internal disciplinary action

507. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) Whether an internal disciplinary action has been instituted against a certain Colonel (details furnished) of the Western Cape Protection and Security Services who is stationed at the Western Cape Provincial Office following his arrest and court appearance on charges on sexual assault; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date was such disciplinary action initiated, (b) what specific charges were brought against him in terms of the SA Police Service (SAPS) Disciplinary Regulations 2016 and (c) what is the current status of such disciplinary proceedings;
- (2) whether the said Colonel has been placed on precautionary suspension pending the outcome of the criminal and/or disciplinary proceedings; if not, why not; if so, on what date was he suspended;

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- (3) whether such suspension is with and/or without remuneration; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what measures have been implemented to ensure that he will not exercise authority over members and/or have contact with potential witnesses and/or complainants within such workplace;
- (3) whether any risk assessments were conducted by the SAPS to determine the said Colonel's continued suitability to remain in an operational and/or managerial role following the allegations against him; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the Independent Police Investigative Directorate has made any recommendations to the SAPS regarding disciplinary and/or administrative actions in such a matter; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he will provide full timelines of all administrative and disciplinary steps that have been taken by the SAPS from the date of the alleged incident to the present date; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW604E

Specific programmes for Operation Prosper

508. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to Question 350 on 15 April 2026 in which she stated that the short-term impact on operational readiness, training, maintenance of equipment, infrastructure and other planned activities is expected to remain limited during the 2025/26 financial year (details furnished), she will provide a full breakdown of the specific programmes, sub-programmes and/or line items that have been reprioritised, deferred and/or reduced to fund the interim deployment of SA National Defence Force members under Operation Prosper as authorised in the President's letter of employment on 11 March 2026; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any funds allocated for training, maintenance, infrastructure and/or force rejuvenation have been diverted and/or delayed as a result of the deployment; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the affected programmes, (b) what amounts have been shifted in each case and (c) what is the projected impact on operational readiness;
- (3) whether failure to secure funding prior to the deployment places her department at risk of non-compliance with section 38(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1991 (Act No. 1 of 1991); if not, why not; if so, what is the basis for such conclusion;
- (4) whether she will provide a detailed cost breakdown of the projected R823 million for such deployment, including personnel costs, logistics, accommodation, transport, subsistence and operational support; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW605E

Investigators for sexual offences against minors

509. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

- (1) (a) What assessments have the SA Police Service stations and specialised investigative units in the Western Cape conducted regarding the operational preparedness and resourcing of the family violence, child protection and sexual offences units and any other units which are responsible for investigating sexual offences involving minors (you cannot use this when the sentence is not starting with whether) (b) on what date was the most recent assessment conducted, (c) what were the key findings regarding staffing levels, vacancies and investigative capacity at each station within the province and (d) what remedial actions have been implemented to address any identified shortfalls;
- (2) (a) what is the current fixed establishment of members who are assigned to investigate sexual offences involving minors in each police station in each specified province, (b) what are their ranks and functions, (c) how many funded posts are vacant, (d) how many members are currently unavailable for operational duties as a result of suspension, training, sick leave and/or other administrative reasons and (e) what is the current average caseload for each investigator? CW606E

Prosecution of sexual offences involving child victims

510. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) Whether her department has identified any legislative and/or procedural gaps in the prosecution of sexual offences involving child victims under the age of five years, particularly in circumstances with such victims being unable to provide formal testimony and/or where evidentiary requirements present barriers to successful prosecution; if not, why not; if so, (a) what specific gaps have been identified and (b) what steps have been (i) taken to and/or (ii) planned amend the relevant legislation, including the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, 2007 (Act No. 32 of 2007), to better accommodate the evidentiary and testimonial limitations of very young children;
- (2) whether her department has considered the introduction of additional statutory mechanisms such as expanded use of expert testimony, recorded forensic interviews and/or alternative evidentiary standards to ensure that cases involving victims below the said age are not withdrawn and/or fail as a result of developmental limitations of the child; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what measures are in place to ensure that prosecutors and courts are adequately trained and resourced to manage cases involving very young child victims;
- (4) whether any specialised prosecutorial and/or legislative reforms are under consideration to improve conviction rates in such matters; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW607E

*Permitting system***511. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) With reference to her reply to Question 334 on 15 April 2026 where she stated that the initial system specification for the Directorate for Conventional Arms Control (DCAC) permitting system was defective and required rework (details furnished), who is currently responsible for technical maintenance, support and operational management of the DCAC permitting system;
- (2) whether the State Information Technology Agency (Sita) is responsible in whole and/or in part for the hosting, maintenance and/or support of the system; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what specific services the Sita provides in respect of the said system, (b) what is the total annual cost that is associated with such services, (c) what were the original estimated costs for the ongoing maintenance and support of the system at the time the project was approved and (d) what are the current annual costs to date;
- (3) whether any service-level agreements (SLAs) exist between her department and Sita in respect of system uptime, data integrity and permit processing continuity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the key performance standards that have been contained in such agreements;
- (4) whether any system failures, downtime incidents and/or performance disruptions have occurred since the system became operational; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what dates has such incidents occurred, (b) what was the duration of each incident and (c) what impact has such incidents had on the processing of permit applications;
- (5) whether (a) the original system specifications were approved prior to included implementation automated processing, audit-trail functionality, transparency safeguards and electronic submission capabilities and (b) any disciplinary, contractual and/or financial consequences have been imposed on any officials, contractors and/or service providers in respect of delays, cost escalations and/or system performance failures that are associated with the permitting system; if not, (i) why no disciplinary and/or financial consequences been imposed and (ii) why her department now asserts that the original specification was defective; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

CW608E

*Fatal assault/subsequent death of inmate***512. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

- (1) With reference to replies to Question 81 on 20 March 2026 and 82 on 2 March 2026 which confirmed that the SA Police Service (SAPS) was only notified of the fatal assault and subsequent death of a certain inmate (details furnished) at the Goodwood Correctional Centre on 18 February 2025 (details furnished), why his department is

continuing to treat the matter as one that merely requires further consideration rather than recognising that such delays and failure to preserve the scene constitute conduct that amounts to defeating and/or obstructing the ends of justice;

- (2) whether allowing officials to delay notification to SAPS in circumstances involving a fatal assault effectively afforded such officials the opportunity to clean the scene, discard evidence, alter documentation and/or otherwise interfere with the investigation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any persons have been identified as responsible for failure to immediately notify SAPS and secure the scene; if not, why not; if so, what specific criminal consequences will follow for any officials who failed to report the incident timeously and preserve the crime scene in a matter involving the death of an inmate in state custody?

CW609E

Delays in prosecution decision

513. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) With reference to her replies to Questions 360 and 361 on 15 April 2026 which confirmed that the docket relating to the fatal assault and death of a certain inmate (details furnished) at the Goodwood Correctional Centre has been circulating between the SA Police Service and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) since April 2025, why has no prosecution decision been made more than a year after the death of the said inmate despite the confirmation that he died as a result of injuries that were sustained during an assault by officials in a state facility;
- (2) whether prolonged delays in making prosecutorial decisions in cases involving custodial deaths undermine public confidence in criminal justice system and risk conveying the message that officials who commit serious offences while in positions of authority may avoid accountability; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what specific steps have been taken by the NPA to ensure that such a matter is prioritised and finalised without further delay and (b) what message is being sent to the millions of law-abiding South Africans who are affected daily by violent crime when a case involving a confirmed fatal assault in state custody remains unresolved for an extended period without charges being instituted?

CW610E

Reduction of allowances

514. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) Whether her department implemented any reductions of allowances exceeding R4 000 for each month payable to members of the SA National Defence Force under the military dispensation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how many

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members were affected by such reductions, (b) what were the ranks, units and geographic locations of the affected members and (c) what were the precise reasons for the reduction of such allowances;

- (2) whether any court proceedings have been instituted (a) by or (b) on behalf of affected members who are challenging such reductions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what is the full case history of such litigation, including the number of matters in which her department has been unsuccessful, (ii) what are the legal costs incurred by her department to date in defending or appealing such matters and (iii) what legal advice has been obtained regarding the prospects of success in continuing to appeal adverse court rulings;
- (3) whether any assessments have been conducted regarding the financial and welfare impact of the allowance reductions on affected members and their families; if not, why not; if so, (a) what were the findings and (b) what remedial steps are being considered to address the hardship that was caused in this regard;
- (4) whether any senior officer or official advised affected members to accept the reduction of allowances or to lower their living standards on the basis that the allowance would not be reinstated; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) who made such statements, (b) under what authority and (c) what disciplinary or corrective steps have been taken in this regard?

CW611E

Military Veterans Pothole Repair Project

515. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) Whether she will indicate the measurable outputs being achieved since the launch of the Military Veterans Pothole Repair Project in October 2021 that has reportedly not repaired a single pothole despite approximately R40 million being spent on procurement of 90 roller machines and a further R25 million on training; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any portions of such expenditure have been classified as irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps will she take to recover any funds determined to have been unlawfully or improperly spent in this regard?

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Engagement of mobile operators

516. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

Whether his department has engaged any major mobile operators, including MTN Group, Vodacom and Cell C regarding the continued affordability of mobile data, particularly for low-income users; if not, why not; if so, (a) what commitments were secured and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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*Addressing online harms***517. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether his department has assessed the effectiveness of the Film and Publication Board in addressing online harms, including child exploitation material, cyberbullying, harmful content and digital safety awareness; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details regarding (a) case volumes, (b) enforcement actions, (c) cooperation with law enforcement and (d) public education programmes?

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*Delays in completion of road upgrade***518. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

- (1) (a) What are the reasons that the upgrading of a 9 km dirt road to a tar road from Coffee Bay to Hole in the Wall on the Wild Coast of the Eastern Cape in which the contract was awarded to his department in 2012 still not completed, (b) what is the expected completion date, (c) what has the cost of the road been so far in total for each kilometre and (d) what is the expected final cost of the road in total for each kilometre;
- (2) how is the cost of such a road compared to the 21 km road upgrade in the same area for each kilometre from Kwaaiman to Zithulele Hospital that has been managed by a certain company (details furnished) and completed in 2011 at the same time when the Coffee Bay to Hole in the Wall Road contract was awarded?

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*Specialised training for SAPS members***519. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether all members who are assigned to investigate sexual offences involving minors in each specified province have received specialised training in child interviewing techniques, forensic evidence collection and victim-sensitive investigative procedures; if not, (a) how many have not received such training, (b) at which stations are they deployed and (c) what steps are being taken to ensure that cases involving child victims are not compromised as a result; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether each police station in each specified province that investigates sexual offences involving minors have adequate access to essential investigative and support resources, including (a) forensic social workers, (b) child-friendly interview facilities, (c) digital forensic capabilities for cases involving the production or distribution of child sexual abuse material, (d) dedicate vehicles and operational equipment and (e) access to victim support services and trauma counselling; if not, what are the full details of the shortfalls at each station; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will provide information that is requested in subparagraphs (1) to (2) in an annexure, listing for each police station in each specified province clearly indicating

the (a) resources currently available at each station, (b) resources required but not currently available and (c) timelines and budgetary allocations to remedy any identified shortfalls; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (4) whether any protocols exist that require a complainant to be interviewed by a state psychologist when private assessments have been conducted; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW616E

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