

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★72. Mrs N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) Whether her department investigated the awarding of tenders for scholar transport in Limpopo to companies that do not qualify and/or do not have the buses to transport learners but instead sub-contract other bus companies; if so, what is the status and findings of the investigation; if not,
- (2) whether she intends taking any action in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what action?

NO1831E

★86. Mr M S Sokatsha (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

In view of the fact that the Northern Cape is hugely disadvantaged in terms of budget allocations for the delivery of services resulting to communities not being serviced by medical officers for lengthy periods, how will his department assist in providing the necessary funding to allocate more community service doctors to the very distant communities of the Northern Cape?

NO1845E

★49. Mr X Ngwezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

(1) Whether her department has compiled a list of regions within the Republic that face imminent water insecurity; if not, why not; if so, what is the list of these regions;

(2) what intervention did she and/or her department make to find a long term and sustainable solution to the water problems in the Ugu District Municipality region; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1699E

★87. Ms A Gela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What (a) plans does his department have in place regarding the Cannabis industry since the Constitutional Court Judgement that legalised marijuana for personal use and (b) measures will be put in place to ensure that the industry is not captured by big pharmaceutical companies?

NO1846E

★65. Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

What number of (a) public health facilities in the Republic have been assessed for compliance with international health standards since 1 January 2018 and (b) the specified facilities were found to be compliant?

NO1824E

★88. Mr K L Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

In light of the fact that the Republic is approaching a patent cliff where opportunities for generic medicines will open up, how will his department ensure that local medicine manufacturers will benefit from this opportunity?

NO1847E

★89. Ms P P Dyantyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What are the details of the recommendations from the Health Compact that he has been able to implement since the compact was signed on 25 July 2019?

NO1848E

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

What total number of foster care orders (a) have expired since 1 January 2019 and (b) will likely expire by 31 December 2019?

NO1809E

★73. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(1) Whether she has been informed that the closest secondary or high school in Ward 29, Makalokwe, Rustenburg, is either 10 or 18 kilometres away and that there is no scholar transport resulting in many learners in the specified community not attending school; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) by what date will the learners of the specified area who are of high school age receive scholar transport? NO1832E

★90. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

What strategic mechanisms has his department put in place to ensure that the critical analysis noted by the Eminent Person Group Transformation Status Dashboard (details furnished) is conducted in order to inform the effective and efficient creation of an enabling environment for the thriving participation of women in sport? NO1849E

★91. Ms V P Malomane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

What are the details of the sustainable and long-term solutions that will be implemented to ensure that the SA Broadcasting Corporation broadcasts the Premier Soccer League matches (details furnished)? NO1850E

★92. Ms J Manganye (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

What steps is his department taking to ensure that physical activity and sports become a vehicle for social cohesion (details furnished)? NO1851E

★62. Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What total number of learners enrolled in Grade 12 in January 2018? NO1819E

★74. Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) In light of the fact that Kriel, in Mpumalanga, ranks as the second worst sulfur dioxide emission hotspot in the world, what preventative measures has Government put in place to counter the health implications of the toxic pollutant;
- (2) how are the health vulnerabilities of pregnant women being protected with such high levels of pollution in Mpumalanga? NO1833E

★93. Mr P M P Modise (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

With reference to the strides made by his department over the past five years as a result of the initiative that addressed societal challenges through a more integrated approach and decisive interventions that included all three tiers of government, what impact will the National Convention that is scheduled for this month have on community engagement, social cohesion and nation building? NO1852E

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

What (a) tangible steps has she taken in the fight against gender-based violence since she took office four months ago and (b) are the details of the results thereof? NO1829E

★94. Mr J B Mamabolo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

How is his department, in partnership with the National House of Traditional Leaders, planning to deepen society's understanding about cultural diversity and our heritage with particular reference to his department's efforts to balance its focus between arts on the one hand and culture on the other hand? NO1853E

★58. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

With reference to her reply to question 22 on 18 July 2019, (a) what are the details of her findings regarding her department's financial capacity and challenges to conduct regular Blue and Green Drop assessments and (b) on what date will her department release the next round of Blue and Green Drop reports? NO1815E

★95. Ms B N Dlulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

(a) What were the key recommendations addressing socioeconomic transformation that came from the inaugural national film summit that was held earlier this year under the theme *Transformation and innovation in the South African film/audio visual industry in the fourth industrial revolution; are we geared for change?* and (b) what are the timeframes for implementing the recommendations? NO1854E

★96. Mr A M Seabi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Noting the mapping conducted by the SA Cultural Observatory, which demonstrates the economic impact of the South African film industry and that was also identified as of key national interest by the partnership between Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS), what does the process of signing the co-production treaties with other BRICS member states mean for the economy of the South African film industry? NO1855E

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

Whether all language policies of the schools of the Republic are hitherto null and void; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1805E

★75. Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) What plans has his department put in place to counter the chronic shortage of anti-retroviral treatment and Nur-Isterate contraceptives in clinics in the Republic since last year;
- (2) whether he has found that some of the alternatives that are provided may have an adverse outcome on some patients? NO1834E

★97. Ms N T Mkhathswa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

With reference to the ongoing call to ensure that the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) does not replace human resources in the Republic, what steps will be taken to ensure that the curricula of higher education institutions address class and gender inequities that may be deepened with the advancement of 4IR? NO1856E

★98. Mr W T Letsie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

Whether, in light of the fact that he committed to reposition his department as a catalyst towards faster economic growth and development during the Debate on Vote No 30 – Higher Education, Science and Technology, Appropriation Bill in Parliament on 9 July 2019, (details furnished), (a) his department will fund women, the youth and people with disabilities and (b) what amount will his department budget towards funding the specified persons? NO1857E

★99. Ms J S Mananiso (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

In light of the fact that gender-based violence and mental health challenges continue to hinder young persons from self-actualisation, (details furnished), what progress has the appointed Ministerial Task Team on Sexual Harassment and Gender Based Violence in South African universities made in making the institutions of higher learning safe spaces that are conducive and allow young persons to achieve self-actualisation? NO1858E

★59. Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

With reference to the nearly R80 billion in medico-legal claims currently against the State, what (a) mechanisms has his department put in place to pay for the claims the State may lose and (b) effect will paying for lost claims have on his department's budget for the current financial year and the proposed National Health Insurance? NO1816E

★76. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

How does he intend to solve the shortage of specialists and staff in general at (a) Ermelo Provincial Hospital and (b) Evender Hospital in Mpumalanga? NO1835E

★100. Mr W T Letsie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

What plans has his department put in place to build more technical, vocational education and training (TVET) campuses and expand the programme of the TVET centres in order to make them institutions of choice and achieve the integration of the higher education system? NO1859E

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

Whether a strategy is in place to direct more funds and extend the mandate of the office of Umalusi to assist in quality assurance of lower grades in order to meet international standards; if not, why not; if so, what are the full relevant details? NO1830E

★101. Ms N T Mkhathswa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

What are the relevant details of his department's position in respect of giving students cash allowances versus giving them book vouchers? NO1860E

★67. Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether his department is investigating alleged (a) irregularities that were identified during the verification of the National Arts Council's (NAC) 2017-18 audit outcomes and (b) misuse of public funds by a certain officer of the NAC (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO1826E

★102. Mr D M Stock (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What were her observations that came from the provincial visits (details furnished) which included engagements with MECs, municipalities as well as the site visits to SA Social Security Agency offices and payments and (b) how will these engagements and observations assist in improving her portfolio's service delivery model? NO1863E

★103. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What programmes has her department put in place to assist our people to gradually graduate from the social grant system to become self-sufficient through entrepreneurship and other empowerment programmes? NO1864E

★61. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

With reference to recent estimates that nearly 80% of 9 to 10 year-olds in the Republic cannot read and understand sentences, what are the relevant details of the (a) steps that her department is taking to improve reading and comprehension in 9 to 10-year-olds and (b) targets set in this regard for the next 10 years? NO1818E

★77. Mr P P Keetse (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

What is his department doing about the deteriorating infrastructure and lack of infrastructure development at technical vocational education and training (TVET) colleges such as (a) Maluti TVET College and (b) Gert Sibande TVET College? NO1836E

★104. Mr M R Mashego (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What is the status of the action her department has taken (a) as it relates to the intervention made by the SA National Defence Force and the National Treasury (details furnished) to assist in efforts to urgently rehabilitate the Vaal River system and (b) to ensure that appropriate action is taken against implicated officials? NO1865E

★105. Ms M R Semanya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

With reference to the presentation by her department to the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation regarding the Giyani bulk water supply project on 27 February 2019, what (a) is the name of each company that has been involved in the abuse of funds and (b) consequence management did her department implement on the transgressions by the specified companies and implicated departmental officials? NO1866E

★106. Mr M R Mashego (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

(a) What mechanisms has her department put in place to resolve the unauthorised expenditure incurred from payments related to the War on Leaks project in the 2017-18 financial year (details furnished) and (b) what plans has her department put in place to ensure that the programme is budgeted for in order for the programme to be sustainable? NO1867E

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

What steps has she taken to give effect to section 12(3)(b) of the South African Schools Act, Act 84 of 1996, as amended, in pursuance of section 12(3)(a) of the Act? NO1806E

★78. Mr P P Keetse (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

How does his department intend to intervene with regard to the high levels of historical debt amongst students and former students? NO1837E

★107. Ms M R Semanya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What are the details of the consequence management mechanisms that her department has put in place for multinational corporations and local business who pollute the rivers and dams of the Republic;
- (2) what is the status of the appointment of the Anti-Pollution Task Team comprising experts from various disciplines to conduct a nation-wide study of the status of water quality (details furnished)?

NO1868E

★108. Ms G K Tseke (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

Whether her department will deliver quality services to the public in light of the number of officials facing disciplinary hearings?

NO1869E

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

Whether her department has taken any measures to deal with the abandonment of approximately 3 500 babies annually in the Republic?

NO1810E

★109. Ms N N Sihlwayi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

In view of the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa's identification of spatial integration, human settlements and local government as one of the Government's seven priority areas, as presented in his 2019 state of the nation address, as a way to resolve the increasing unemployment rate particularly among the youth, how (a) does she intend to ensure that her department plays a role in upskilling the youth, women and persons with disabilities to ensure they find employment and (b) is her department ensuring that the youth, women and persons with disabilities find expression in the economic value-chain of projects in her department?

NO1870E

★110. Mr M A Tseki (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

In view of her commitment to ensuring that her department would embark on a programme of fast-tracking the issuing of title deeds to deserving recipients every Friday, what is the status update of the specified programme as it relates to the (a) beneficiaries as well as the (b) areas she has started issuing the title deeds to date?

NO1871E

★56. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether her department has made changes to or abandoned its policy of determining learners who are to be subsidised by her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1811E

★79. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

In light of the fact that Jozini, in KwaZulu-Natal, currently has a privately-owned dam which belongs to a farmer who was awarded the rights to the dam during apartheid, yet the people in the community do not have access to water, what plans did her department put in place for the Jozini Dam water rights to be restored to the public?

NO1838E

★60. Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

What steps is his department taking to revitalise and employ the requisite number of personnel in the emergency medical services? NO1817E

★82. Mrs D B Ngwenya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether her department has plans to place unemployed social worker graduates at schools, institutions of higher learning and public health facilities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the (a) relevant details of the process and (b) dates for implementation of such plans? NO1841E

★63. Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) By what date does she intend to reintroduce legislation in the National Assembly to establish a statutory framework for the functioning of the National Education Evaluation and Development Unit and (b) on which statutory grounds does the functioning of the Unit currently rely? NO1820E

★66. Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether he has found that the Mzansi Golden Economy programme of his department is achieving its targets; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1825E

★83. Mrs D B Ngwenya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether she has instructed the newly appointed manager of the fraud unit of the SA Social Security Agency to investigate the 2 500 cases of fraud and the officials who have allegedly committed the crime;
- (2) by what date will the payments of the grant recipients of the Republic who did not receive their grants be reinstated? NO1842E

★68. Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether his department has developed any plans, in collaboration with the Department of Basic Education, to provide training to educators to implement physical training programmes in schools; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1827E

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

What number of substance abuse and/or rehabilitation centres (a) have been budgeted for construction and (b) are currently under construction in each province in the current financial year? NO1807E

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

(a) By what amount did the SA Social Security Agency underspend its budget for the 2018-19 financial year and (b) what are the full reasons for the underspending? NO1808E

★64. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has found that her department's progression policy from the foundation phase has achieved its targets; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1821E
