

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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# INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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

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## QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

**THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025**

### *Investigation into departmental cases*

- 1. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether he will provide details of cases that his department in the Northern Cape (a) is currently pursuing and/or investigating and (b) has handed over to the SA Police Service for further investigation; if not, why not; if so, (i) what cases are currently in court, (ii) what are the charges in each case, (iii) who are involved parties and (iv) what progress has been made in each case and (v) what are the further relevant details? CW01E

### *Lifestyle audits at municipality*

- 2. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the SA Revenue Services conducted any lifestyle audits on the current and/or previous (a) municipal managers, (b) directors and (c) senior managers in the past 15 years, considering corruption and the lack of service delivery in the Sol Plaatjie Municipality; if not, (i) why not and (ii); when will such audits be conducted; if so, what are the relevant details? CW02E

### *Municipal water tankers*

- 3. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether she will provide a list of all municipal water tanker contractors that have been supplying water to towns and citizens in the Northern Cape for the past six years up to the latest specified date for which information is available (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the name of each company, (b) what is the company registration number, (c) when each contract started, (d) how much is paid per kilolitre that is being transported, (e) how much is each company earning since the beginning of the contract, (f) what is the amount of water that is supplied in each case and (g) what are the further relevant details? CW03E

### *Water crisis in Matjhabeng LM*

- 4. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What specific measures will she implement to urgently address the dire water quality issues that are faced by residents of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality (details furnished) and (b) how she plans to ensure that they receive access to clean and safe drinking water in the immediate future? CW04E

*Sanitation failures in Matjhabeng LM*

**5. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What accountability mechanisms are in place to ensure that the Matjhabeng Local Municipality addresses the persistent sewage spillages and/or sanitation failures effectively and in a timely manner and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard? CW05E

*Engagements with residents*

**6. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What steps she has taken to engage with residents of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality to (a) restore their confidence in government service delivery and (b) ensure their voices are heard in the solutions that are proposed to resolve water and sanitation issues? CW06E

*Arts youth programmes*

**7. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(1) Whether he has considered any programmes that focus on youth in Arts with the purpose of (a) empowering and/or (b) exposing them to opportunities; if not, why not; if so, what programmes;

(2) (a) how many young persons reach such programmes in each province and (b) what are the prospects of his department in expanding access to more youth pertaining to the said programmes? CW07E

*State-owned theatres*

**8. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) How many theatres that are state-owned and/or are liaison with his department (i) have been shut down, (ii) are malfunctioning and (iii) are under administration in the past 30 years, (b) what are the full details regarding each theatre, (c) what measures will he take to ensure that theatres are a central part of the societies and (d) what interventions will his department undertake in response to the above-mentioned theatres in order to resolve their challenges? CW08E

*Sporting codes investment*

**9. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) Which sporting codes has his department increased investment in since the beginning of the 7th Administration to date, (b) what support has been granted that was not previously

granted to such sporting codes, (c) where his department has (i) increased support or/and (ii) initiated support in the said administration, (d) how has such support been meaningful to date and (e) how many young persons have been impacted by such support? CW09E

*Incomplete school construction*

**10. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether he has been informed of the staff and learners of Petrusville Primary School that were forced to occupy a school that is still under construction after the old school building was demolished with many of the (a) school tools of trade and/or (b) furniture being damaged; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CW10E

*Shortage of stationery/textbooks*

**11. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) Why Visisani Primary School in Petrusville in the Northern Cape experience a shortage of (i) stationery and (ii) textbooks at the reopening, given that the school is one of the identified schools for the pilot project of teaching and learning in African languages (details furnished) and (b) why was such a school not prioritised to ensure that the necessary materials arrive timely for teaching and learning on the first day of school? CW11E

*Temporary school structures*

**12. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) Why Riverton Primary School has been operating in temporary structures in the past year up to date despite the plea by the principal and School Government Body for learners to be safe and shielded from winter winds, (b) when will the construction of a new school commence (details furnished) and (c) what are the time frames in this regard? CW12E

*Emerging municipality challenges*

**13. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether any plans are in place to address emerging challenges of (a) poor governance, (b) political instability and/or interference, (c) corruption, (d) financial mismanagement and (e) poor delivery of essential services (details furnished) as part of post-intervention turnaround strategy in municipalities such as the Thabazimbi Local Municipality that recently came out of section 139(1)(c); if not, why not; if so, (i) what plans, (ii) what time frames are in place in this regard and (iii) what are the further relevant details? CW13E

*Water shortages*

**14. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What remedial steps she has undertaken to prevent the recent water shortages at the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality from 22 to 26 January 2025 for the residents of Tokologo in Malope Village and Mhluzi Extensions 5,6 and 8 to become an untimely occurrence in local government (details furnished) and (b) how she ensures effective water services? CW14E

*Provision of water*

**15. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What remedial actions has her department taken to provide water in the Amathole District Municipality in a sustainable manner (details furnished)? CW15E

*Shortage of classrooms*

**16. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Given that many learners are still being taught under the trees as a result of the shortage of classrooms, what is the breakdown in each province regarding (a) schools that have challenges with classrooms and (b) the number of learners that are affected in this regard? CW17E

*Switch from black to gold SASSA cards*

**17. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What measures are in place to ensure that SA Social Security Agency gold card recipients will not encounter any challenges when the gold cards expire at the end of February 2025 as a result of the switch? CW18E

*SRD SASSA verification system*

**18. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What measures are in place to ensure that Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant recipients are paid on time as the SRD SA Social Security Agency verification system is temporary suspended? CW19E

*Diplomatic ties between SA and Rwanda*

**19. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

In light of how the public stand-off between President Cyril Ramaphosa and President Paul Kagame of Rwanda has sparked international embarrassment, what assurances will be given

that this public fight will not have an influence on our mutual diplomatic ties and South African citizens in Rwanda? CW20E

*Granting of lesser bail*

**20. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

(a) What is the status report regarding the initiative to grant bail of less than R1000.00 for less serious crimes with the aim to release them and alleviate financial pressure on the correctional services system (details furnished) and (b) what time frames are in place in this regard?

CW21E

*Death of SANDF members in DRC*

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

(1) Whether, with reference to the 13 SA National Defence Force members who died in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a detailed report on the training of our soldiers will be provided; if not, why not; if so, when;

(2) whether such soldiers were fully trained to engage in a heavy battle of such nature; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether such soldiers had the relevant (a) ammunition and (b) equipment to engage in such a battle; if not, why not; if so, when will a detailed report be made available?

CW23E

*Illegal mining activities*

**22. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

(1) Taking into consideration the tragic incidents of illicit mining at various mines (details furnished), what is the full impact of illegal mining activities and its economic and environmental consequences;

(2) whether any regulations of strengthening and effectively monitoring and addressing the illegal mining activities are in place; if not, why not; if so, (a) what regulations and (b) what are the further relevant details;

(3) (a) what role will the Government play in promoting responsible mining practices and environmental stewardship within the mining industry, (b) how will mining policies be adapted to address emerging challenges like climate change and technological advancements and (c) what (i) steps and (ii) processes are initiated prior to and in the aftermath of tragedies to halt the continuation of illicit mining?

CW25E

*Corruption hotline/service desk*

**23. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether her department has a hotline and/or service desk to report extortion by officials that are responsible for testing drivers licenses as South Africans are facing fraud daily by driving schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW26E

*National register of driving schools*

**24. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) Whether her department has a national register of all driving school instructors; if not, (a) how are such instructors regulated, (b) what regulations are in place to ensure that such instructors are capable of teaching citizens to drive beyond just being able to drive and (c) what penalties are in place when driving school instructors are not compliant;
- (2) (a) what regulations are in place to ensure driving schools are compliant with legislation and (b) what legislation is in place to monitor driving schools;
- (4) (a) what penalties are in place for non-compliant driving schools and (b) where could citizens report fraudulent driving schools, especially when they have been scammed? CW27E

*National representative at Mangaung MM*

**25. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether he (a) has been informed that the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality currently has no national representative present to monitor section 139 (7) intervention in the metropolitan and (b) will provide the reasons for the absence of such representative;
- (2) whether the municipality has achieved the targets set for the Financial Recovery Plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) why the administration not implemented motions that have been adopted in the council meeting for the establishment of (a) an automated walk-in and online contact centre for the metropolitan, (b) a section 79 oversight committee and (c) an independent Ombudsman as two motions were tabled in 2020 and 2023 in this regard (details furnished)? CW28E

*Transformation Fund*

**26. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) (a) How his department proposes to finance the envisaged Transformation Fund he recently announced and (b) what criteria will be used to determine the beneficiaries of the said fund;
- (2) What legislative and/or constitutional criteria are used by his department to determine a beneficiary's race in order to qualify for any benefits from any (a) funding and/or (b) grants, including the envisaged Transformation Fund as the Population Registration Act, 1950 (Act No. 30 of 1950), was abolished by the Population Registration Repeal Act, 1991 (Act No. 114 of 1991);
- (3) whether he envisages any other (a) funds, (b) schemes and/or (c) grants that all South African (i) citizens and/or (ii) businesses could benefit from irrespective of race, given the ailing state of the country's economy and the need to grow the economy to create employment opportunities in the private sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW29E

*Passing of SANDF soldiers*

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

- (1) What (a) emotional, (b) psychological and (c) financial support is provided to the (i) grieving families and (ii) their next of kin pertaining to the passing of several SA National Defence Force soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- (2) (a) why families of the fallen soldiers first learn of their deaths on social media instead of her department (details furnished) and (b) why her department could not convey messages of the said fallen soldier's death immediately to their (i) families and/or (ii) next of kin?

CW30E

*Overcrowding in prisons*

**28. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

Whether he or his department plans to release any prisoners in order to reduce the number of prisoners in overcrowded SA prisons; if not; why not; if so; (a) when; (b) how many prisoners he expected to be released before the expiry of their prison sentences and (c) from which prisons?

CW31E

*Servicing/procurement of SAPS vehicles*

**29. Mr O J Mokaë (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) (a) What is the total cost breakdown for the year 2024 on (i) servicing and (ii) parts procurement of the SA Police Service (SAPS) vehicles in each province and (b) what are the timelines for such vehicles from the point of breakdown to being operational again;
- (2) whether the system of procuring parts through provincial levels would speed up the timelines in relation to above timelines; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how many SAPS vehicles were unusable in each province as a result of requiring a service and/or a part to be replaced for the year 2024? CW32E

*Sanitary Dignity Programme*

**30. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

- (a) What framework was used for distributing sanitary products to provinces, given that the budget for the Sanitary Dignity Programme in the 2023/24 financial year was R235 million, including but not limited to the amount that was received in each province, (b) what are the names of the schools that were beneficiaries in each province and (c) what amount was supplied to each school? CW33E

*Incomplete infrastructure projects*

**31. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

- (1) (a) How many infrastructure projects are incomplete at present and (b) what was the initial cost of each project;
- (2) whether such projects will be rejuvenated; if not, why not; if so, (a) at what cost and (b) when in each province;
- (3) whether, through the relevant Member of the Executive Council (MEC), he will implement any consequence management against (a) the implicated officials and (b) contractors that absconded with revenues being paid to them in each province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether he will indicate if each provincial Department of Public Works is the implementing agent for all projects; if so,

- (5) whether he and the MECs are confident that their provincial Departments of Public Works have the appropriate (a) capacity and (b) project management skills to deliver in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW34E

***Stock theft***

**32. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) Whether, given the rising incidents of cattle theft, the Government is considering classifying stock theft as a priority crime similar to copper and fuel to ensure stricter penalties and dedicated resources; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) in light of the criminal syndicates that are involved in livestock theft, what legislative amendments are being considered to impose harsher penalties on repeat offenders and networks which are facilitating illegal slaughtering;
- (3) whether there are any plans to (a) amend and/or (b) update the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act No. 57 of 1959), in order to reflect modern challenges, particularly those that are related to organised crime and cross-border theft; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW35E

***Rising incidents of stock theft***

**33. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) Whether the Government has any bilateral agreements with neighbouring countries like Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Botswana to combat cross-border livestock theft; if not, why not; if so, how effective have the agreements been;
- (2) (a) what border control measures are in place to prevent the movement of stolen livestock into Lesotho and other neighbouring countries and (b) how effective have such measures been;
- (3) what steps is the Government taking to ensure that the reportedly under-resourced SA Police Service Stock Theft Unit, especially in the rural and high-risk areas have adequate personnel, vehicles and investigative tools? CW36E

***Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency***

**34. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) What is the current financial status of the Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (Mega) in terms of the (a) annual budget as received from the Government, (b) current total debt, (c) full asset register and (d) yearly loss and/or profit;
- (2) (a) how many industrial parks is Mega currently operating and managing on behalf of the Government and (b) what are the full detailed breakdown, including the list and addresses of properties in this regard? CW37E

*Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency*

**35. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) (a) How many (i) companies and/or individuals are currently leasing properties from the Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (Mega) at Ekandustria in Bronkhorstspuit and (b) what are the full detailed breakdown of all tenants;
- (2) (a) how much rent has been received from the tenants over the past six months and (b) what is the current debt that is owed to the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality by Ekandustria Mega? CW38E

*Maintenance of roads/traffic signals*

**36. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to Question 311 on 4 October 2024 regarding certain roads she referred as provincial roads, she will relook at the original question and reply accordingly as this matter has been reported to Traffic Signal in Gauteng (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she and/or her department will intervene in this matter that has been ongoing for years as government is interrelated and roads are a shared mandate; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW39E

*Lenasia South Hospital*

**37. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether, with reference to various complaints regarding the Lenasia South Hospital (details furnished), he will intervene in the matter; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW40E

*Lack of sport facilities*

**38. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

What actions will (a) he and/or (b) his department take to address the lack of sport facilities both in schools and communities of Region G in Johannesburg which is impacting the youth (details furnished)? CW41E