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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 ORAL REPLY**THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2026****President*****Concerns re-illegal immigration*****★1. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the persistent concerns regarding illegal immigration in South Africa, the Government is putting any immediate measures in place to deal with illegal immigration, strengthening border control, policy enforcement and asylum system which is facing massive administrative backlogs and severe capacity constraints; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether this includes enforcement of mechanisms that limit employment of illegal immigrants and align asylum system with the recent Constitutional Court ruling that has barred rejected asylum seekers from submitting repeat applications while they are already in the country in violation of the country's immigration laws; if not, how is the Government strengthening control measures to deal decisively with challenges of illegal immigration; if so, what are the relevant details? CO834E

Identify/removing criminal infiltration/corruption**★2. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

What steps has the Government taken to identify and remove criminal infiltration and corruption within law enforcement, intelligence and other organs of state in light of the findings from the Madlanga Commission? CO837E

National Illicit Economy Disruption Programme**★3. Mr M G Modise (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

- (1) (a) How far has the establishment progressed for the National Illicit Economy Disruption Programme he announced during his 2026 State-of-the-Nation-Address in targeting illicit trade, specifically within tobacco, alcohol, fuel and counterfeit goods sectors, (b) what specific interventions, enforcement actions or intelligence-led operations have been implemented to date in each such sector and (c) which government departments and law enforcement agencies are currently operationally involved in the said programme;
- (2) (a) what quantifiable results have been achieved since the said programme's inception in relation to the outcomes and impact, including (i) seizures, asset forfeiture or shutdowns of illicit operations and (ii) the arrests, prosecutions or convictions that are linked to illicit trade syndicates and (b) how much revenue has been recovered, preserved or returned to the economy as a direct result of such interventions which are disaggregated by the sector? CO835E

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*Protection of South Africa's international standing***★4. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(a) What steps has he taken to protect South Africa's international standing while restoring relations with other African nations, considering the recent anti-African immigration protests and diplomatic fallout with many African nations, primarily Ghana (details furnished) and (b) how will he address the underlying economic and systemic push and pull factors that drive migration into South Africa while simultaneously ensuring that local resource shortages in healthcare, housing and municipal services are not weaponised by populist movements to mischaracterise foreign nationals as the root cause of domestic unemployment? CO841E

*SA's alignment with certain states***★5. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the President of the Republic:**

- (1) With reference to the response by the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) on his 2026/27 Budget Vote that South African government is mandated to realign relationships with the United States (details furnished), why has South Africa aligned itself with pariah states such as (a) Iran which has killed 40-50 thousand of its own citizens during the recent street protests, (b) Russia which has repeatedly invaded its neighbours, including Georgia and Ukraine and indiscriminately killed civilians of such neighbours in the process and (c) China which maintains one of the worst human rights records in history as proven by its recent treatment of the Uyghurs;
- (2) whether the said Minister acted under his leadership and direction when he attacked the United States and spread the said misinformation that undermines the realignment of relations with Washington; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (3) whether he will discipline the said Minister for such utterances; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) (a) what concrete steps will he direct DIRCO to take to restore South Africa as a truly non-aligned country by distancing itself from Iran, Russia and China and (b) what efforts has the Government taken to address specific issues the United States raised as conditions for normalising bilateral relations? CO842E

*Presidential Nodal Points/Zones***★6. Mr M T Kaunda (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Whether, in light of the Government's Presidential Nodal Points/Zones intervention that was first launched in 2001 and informed by factors such as poverty levels, unemployment and underdeveloped areas which intended to coordinate government interventions and support to stimulate local economic growth, fight crime, develop infrastructure, including social amenities and bringing government services closer to where communities live, the Government has taken any positions to stop such a programme; if not, how will Nodal Points interventions be linked with rural development and the District Development Model to

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expedite delivery of basic services and aggressively tackle high poverty, unemployment and poor service delivery; if so, what were the reasons for stopping such a programme?

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