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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 2026****[Reply by 12 May 2026]*****Manganese dust pollution*****376. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) With reference to the reply to Question 216 by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment on 16 April 2026 concerning manganese dust pollution in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality and the Port of Gqeberha, (a) what role is her department playing in the (i) enforcement and (ii) regulation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993), and (b) what specific measures is her department taking to (i) manage, (ii) prevent and (iii) limit the said dust pollution;
- (2) (a) what is causing the delays in the relocation of manganese terminal from the Port of Gqeberha to the Port of Ngqura, (b) what is the current status of the relocation effort, (c) how long is the estimated delay expected to last, (d) what was the original target date for completion of the relocation and (e) what is the revised expected completion date;
- (3) (a) what are the reasons for Transnet National Ports Authority's failure to submit relocation updates to the said municipality, (b) what will happen to the terminal in light of the fact that the current licences are unlikely to be renewed when it expires on 30 June 2027 and (c) what alternative manganese terminals exist to the current one in the Port of Gqeberha;
- (4) whether she will provide assurances that the damaged road infrastructure in Markman Township which has been caused by manganese trucks and is resulting in excessive dust emissions will be repaired; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) at what cost?

CW430E

Biodiversity Conservation Branch**377. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) (a) What are the details of the total amount the Biodiversity Conservation Branch of his department has spent on international travel in the (i) 2023/24, (ii) 2024/25 and (iii) 2025/26 financial years, (b) what are the (i) details and (ii) positions of the relevant officials who undertook such travels, (c) what international events were attended, (d) what was the purpose of each visit, (e) how such visit enhanced biodiversity conservation in South Africa and (f) what was the (i) cost and (ii) duration of each visit in each of the said financial years;
- (2) what events his department is (a) planning to attend and (b) budgeting for in the next three financial years?

CW431E

*Elephant Management Plan***378. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 142 on 9 April 2026 stating that ‘Operational management interventions relating to elephants within provincial protected areas fall under the jurisdiction of the relevant provincial conservation authority’ and confirmed that the Elephant Management Plan (EMP) for Madikwe Game Reserve was approved by the former Minister in March 2023, the approved Madikwe EMP authorises (a) the North West Parks and Tourism Board, (b) any provincial organ of state or (c) any other organisations or persons to implement the culling of or lethal removal of elephants without any further approval from him and/or his department; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) what additional approvals or permits are required from him and/or his department before culling or lethal removal of elephants may be carried out in the Madikwe Game Reserve, with specific reference to (a) the requirement for the submission of an independent culling plan as an addendum/extension to the EMP in terms of section 6(2)(h) and section 19 of the National Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa, 2008 and (b) any restricted activity permit that is required under section 57(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), and/or the Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS) Regulations;
- (3) whether any culling plans for the said reserve have been submitted to him for approval as an addendum to the EMP; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what dates, (b) what is the current status of the plans and (c) what are the further relevant details;
- (4) whether any application for the TOPS permit or any other permits, culling plans or proposals to cull elephants in the said reserve have been received by his department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what dates and (b) what is the status of such applications;
- (5) whether his reply to the said question means that no national-level approval or permit is required for culling in a provincial reserve such as Madikwe once the EMP has been approved by him (details furnished); if not, what is the correct position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CW432E

*Eradicating bucket system***379. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (a) What is the breakdown of communities that are still using bucket system in each (i) district, (ii) Local Municipality and (iii) province (details furnished), (b) what plans are in place to eradicate bucket system and (c) what timelines are in place, including budget thereof to achieve the vision during the 2026/27 financial year? CW433E

*Eradication of mud houses***380. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) (a) What is the breakdown of mud houses in each (i) district and (ii) province, (b) what plans are in place to eradicate such mud houses, (c) how many households are envisaged to eradicate this matter and (d) how much is the current budget to achieve this in the 2026/27 financial year (details furnished);
- (2) whether any anticipated human settlements are in place to replace eradicated mud houses, taking into cognisance the number of households and right to privacy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW434E

*Investment pledges***381. Mr J S Majola (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

In light of the announcement that South Africa has secured R889.8 billion in new investment pledges at the 2026 Investment Conference (details furnished), (a) what specific mechanisms and enforcement measures has his department implemented to ensure that such newly announced pledges translate into real measurable economic activity, (b) how his department intends to close the persistent gap between investment commitments and the actual delivery, (c) what accountability frameworks, timelines and public reporting systems are in place to track the implementation of such pledges and prevent them from becoming yet another cycle of unfulfilled announcements, (d) how will he justify the continued reliance on headline investment figures when historical conversion rates remain so low and (e) what consequence management has been instituted for failures in coordinating and driving implementation across government? CW435E

*Hazardous R546 route***382. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) What immediate time-bound interventions has her department implemented to address the current hazardous conditions for dangerous and rapidly deteriorating state of the R546 road between Evander and Secunda (details furnished), (b) what is the confirmed budget allocation and appointed contractor status for the full rehabilitation of such a critical route, (c) what is the specific non-negotiable timeline for completion, including milestones to ensure accountability and prevent further delays, (d) how her department justify the continued neglect of a strategic economic corridor in Mpumalanga, despite its importance to industrial activity in Secunda and (e) what consequence measures have been taken against officials responsible for the prolonged inaction? CW436E

Regulating religious institutions**383. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(a) What measures are currently in place or considered to regulate religious institutions, particularly churches to distinguish between legitimate religious practices and fraudulent or exploitative activities and (b) how will such measures balance the need for oversight with the constitutional right to freedom of religion as enshrined in the Constitution? CW437E

Teen abortion trends/interventions**384. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) What is the current status of termination of pregnancy cases among girls aged 12 to 18 in South Africa, (b) what is the number of recorded cases and trends over the recent years and (c) what measures are in place to address such issue? CW438E

Suspension in Fort Hare**385. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

(a) Why the reported suspension process of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Fort Hare and its underlying reasons have not been publicised and (b) what justifies the apparent secrecy surrounding the said matter? CW439E

TB/HIV/Aids initiative**386. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What measurable outcomes in the number of persons being screened, tested and linked to treatment have been recorded from the recent health initiative that is aimed at addressing Tuberculosis and HIV/Aids through community screenings, testing and awareness campaigns? CW440E

Facilities at Vaal Dam**387. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether she has been informed that facilities of her department at the Vaal Dam have been without electricity since 12 December 2025; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, why electricity has not been restored despite repeated complaints that have been lodged with senior officials and political leadership of her department? CW441E

Mafikeng airport**388. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) What plans are in place to make the Mafikeng airport operational, given that it has been closed for more than 10 years (details furnished) and (b) what measures are in place to ensure that no unauthorised planes land on the airstrip to avoid illegal entry of illegal drugs and/or human trafficking?
CW442E

Hotel schools**389. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:**

Whether, given the recent oversight of the Select Committee of Appropriation in the North West regarding the closure of hotel schools in the province and its collaboration with the University of North West to offer courses on hospitality, any consultation with international hotels has taken place to source what their requirements are in terms of qualifications for possible employment outside of South Africa to avoid exploitation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
CW443E

Transportation of learners with disabilities**390. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What plans are in place to ensure that all learners with disabilities, especially those residing in townships attend school and have access to education through the availability of transport?
CW444E

Financial/governance collapse of Rustenburg LM**391. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What specific interventions has the National Treasury undertaken to address the collapse of financial governance, internal controls and compliance in the Rustenburg Local Municipality, given that failures such as the said municipality's inability to produce credible financial records and irregular expenditures by more than R6.4 billion as identified by Auditor-General's 2025 report are structural, persistent and have worsened over multiple audit cycles (details furnished)?
CW4445E

Verification of municipal compliance**392. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With reference to his reply to Question 156 on 27 March 2026 which indicated no qualification verification despite irregular appointments of unqualified senior municipal managers that contributed to service delivery failures and multiple municipalities been under administration in the North West (details furnished), what proactive steps have been taken by his department

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to independently verify compliance, rather than relying solely on municipal self-reporting which has demonstrably failed to prevent the said collapse? CW446E

Financial obligations by municipality

393. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether he has assessed that the conditions described by the Auditor-General in the 2025 report on Rustenburg Local Municipality's incredible financial records and irregular expenditures (details furnished) meet the thresholds for mandatory intervention under section 139(5) of the Constitution and section 139 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003), particularly in relation to the municipality's inability to meet its financial obligations, its failure to prevent irregular and unauthorised expenditure and its ongoing breach of section 65(2)(e) regarding payment of creditors; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW447E

Status of investigation

394. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

(a) What is the status of investigation regarding the building that collapsed in George in the Western Cape on 6 May 2024 with no one been held accountable and/or criminally liable up to date, while families of the victims are not receiving any support from the developer and/or the state and (b) how he anticipates to assist the said families of the deceased and injured? CW448E

Long-term policy strategies

395. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether he has put in place any long-term policing strategies to uproot gang violence as the Cape Flats has once again degenerated into a war zone with multiple gang-related killings with toddlers falling victim to such violence over and above the deployment of the SA National Defence Force; if not, why not; if so, (a) what strategies and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) what plans are in place to work on a dedicated full-time, fully equipped and dedicated gang squad to combat such gangs on the Cape Flats? CW449E

Displacing/killing of Palestinians

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

In light of how the Israeli government has become brazen and arrogant in their plan to displace and kill Palestinians and persons in the Gaza strip and the South African Government's stance and its approach of the International Court of Justice to stop Israel in their tracks and their

Prime Minister Netanyahu a war criminal, (a) what progress has been made in such a matter before the Court and (b) what time frames are in place for the final outcome of such a matter?
CW450E

Provision of safe/reliable water services

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

In light of section 27(1)(b) of the Constitutional which guarantees the right to sufficient water and section 152(1)(b) which mandates municipalities to ensure sustainable service delivery, (a) what specific measures are in place to enforce compliance by municipalities that have systematically failed to provide safe and reliable water services despite repeated audit findings and Special Investigating Unit investigations and (b) how she reconciles the continued denial of access to clean water in areas such as Makhanda?
CW451E

Referral of VAT-related contractual relations

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

Whether, following the referral of Value-Added Tax-related contractual relations in municipalities within the Chris Hani District Municipality to law enforcement agencies, he has (a) instituted any consequence management proceedings against implicated officials and (b) referred any cases for prosecution under the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?
CW452E

Collapse of water infrastructure

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

What intervention plans has she developed to address (a) incomplete water projects, (b) leaking reservoirs, (c) dysfunctional pump stations and (d) urgent refurbishment of water treatment works in Lekwa Local Municipality in light of the collapse of water infrastructure in Masilonyana Local Municipality?
CW453E

Dutywa Healthcare Centre

400. Ms A Matshobeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) What urgent interventions have been made to address shortages of functional computers at the Dutywa Healthcare Centre, (b) why only two computers are available to serve multiple departments such as out-patient, casualty, maternity and dental services and (c) what measures are being taken to ensure that patients are assisted properly, given that services only begin at 11:00 despite staff arriving at 07:00?
CW454E

Broadcast Digital Migration programme**401. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

- (1) (a) How many subsidised set-top boxes (STBs) have been (i) procured, (ii) distributed and (iii) successfully installed in each province since the inception of the Broadcast Digital Migration (BDM) programme and (b) how many qualifying indigent households remain unconnected to digital television services despite being eligible;
- (2) whether any installed STBs are non-functional and/or require software updates; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what percentage of such devices are currently not operational;
- (3) whether any components of the STB rollout, including procurement, warehousing and/or distribution through the SA Post Office have been classified as irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and/or indicative of weaknesses in financial controls; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what consequence management has been instituted in respect of delays, non-performance by implementing entities and deficiencies in procurement and/or contract management, (b) what measures have been implemented to address challenges relating to access to registration services, the functionality of registration systems and public awareness of the said programme, (c) what interventions are in place to address (i) signal reception challenges in the rural areas and (ii) access to STBs for non-subsidised households and (d) what has been the financial and operational impact of legal and/or administrative processes affecting the rollout;
- (4) whether the said programme has met its implementation timelines; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the reasons for such delays and (b) what is the revised timeline for full analogue switch-off;
- (5) whether his department is considering alternative and/or technology-neutral support mechanisms; if not, why not; if so, (a) how will future policy respond to developments in free-to-air satellite and digital broadcasting platforms and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CW455E

Digital skills training programmes**402. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

- (a) What is the breakdown of the total number of beneficiaries being trained in each of the past three financial years in digital skills training programmes that have been implemented through his department and its entities, (b) how many of such beneficiaries subsequently secured employment, (c) how many of those who started registering businesses and/or self-employment ventures and (d) what measures are in place to track long term outcomes and value for money?

CW456E

*AI/automation employment***403. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether his department has assessed the impact of artificial intelligence and automation on employment in sectors such as call centres, retail, administration and entry-level services; if not, why not; if so (a) what are the key findings, (b) which sectors are most vulnerable and (c) what re-skilling and/or worker transition measures are been developed in this regard?

CW457E

*Wind-related stoppages***404. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) (a) What portion of the excess delays between November 2025 and January 2026 is attributable to wind-related stoppages, given that the berth waiting time target of 40 hours was exceeded in each month from 53.43 hours in August 2025 to 107.7 hours in January 2026, (b) what is the total number of crane-operational hours that have been lost during the period November 2025 to January 2026 as a result of (i) wind conditions that are exceeding safe thresholds, (ii) equipment breakdowns such as All Terrain Gear, Staddle, Static Transfer Switch, (iii) maintenance unavailability, (iv) staffing constraints and (v) system and network and/or Information Technology failures and (c) what would the adjusted berth waiting time have been for the recorded 91.21 hours in December 2025 and recorded 175.44 hours in January 2026 after excluding wind-related stoppages;
- (2) whether truck waiting time is measured at the Cape Town Container Terminal; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the reasons for not measuring the said indicator; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any plans are in place to implement such measurement; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans, (b) when and (c) what are the further relevant details;
- (4) whether any root-cause analysis has been conducted to distinguish between weather-related delays and internal operational factors; if not, why not; if so, on what date was such completed;
- (5) whether her department has considered the use of private terminal operators to improve equipment availability and operational discipline; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW458E

*Wind-free operating periods***405. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) (a) What was the average number of crane moves per hour that has been achieved during wind-free operating periods in (i) November 2025, (ii) December 2025 and (iii) January 2026, given the vessel turnaround time target of 30 hours for the period August

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- 2025 to January 2026, (b) what percentage of installed ship-to-shore cranes were operational and staffed during such wind-free periods and (c) how many hours of vessel delays during December 2025 occurred during the periods when wind speeds were within operational limits;
- (2) whether any vessel delays during wind-free periods were attributable to (a) commissioning and/or start-up failures of new equipment, (b) unplanned maintenance, (c) spare parts shortages and/or (d) insufficient certified crane operators; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
 - (3) whether all newly procured rubber-tyred gantry cranes and ship-to-shore cranes were commissioned and operational prior to the commencement of the 2025/26 peak export period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
 - (4) (a) what standard operating procedures are in place for the resumption of operations at the Cape Town Container Terminal following weather-related stoppages, (b) what is the target time for resuming full operations after a stoppage, (c) what was the average time taken to resume operations during the November 2025 to January 2026 period and (d) how many operational hours were lost as result of delays in resuming operations after wind conditions subsided;
 - (5) whether any adjustments have been made to start-up procedures and/or shift arrangements during the peak period to recover lost time; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW459E

Wind-related stoppages/operational factors

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

- (1) (a) What proportion of this shortfall is attributable to (i) wind-related stoppages and (ii) operational factors within the control of the terminal (details furnished), (b) what was the planned staffing complement for each shift for the period of November 2025 to January 2026, (c) what was the average actual staffing level for each shift during the said period, (d) how many shifts operated below the planned staffing levels during wind-free operating periods, (e) how many crane operators were certified and available to operate equipment during the peak period, (f) during which anchorage waiting time was recorded at 165 hours against a target of 120 hours in January 2026 and (g) what percentage of such time occurred during wind-free operating periods;
- (2) (a) what measures have been implemented to mitigate the impact of weather-related delays at the Port of Cape Town, (b) what further measures are planned to mitigate the impact of weather conditions on operations and (c) by what date are such measures expected to be implemented?

CW460E

Digital platform incomes**407. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether his department has engaged the Department of Employment and Labour on the status and protection of persons who are earning income through digital platforms, including ride-hailing, delivery and online freelance platforms; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the details of such engagements, (b) which policy proposals are under consideration and (c) what are the expected implementation timelines in this regard? CW461E

Connectivity affordability/digital participation**408. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether his department has assessed disparities in connectivity, affordability and digital participation between (a) urban and (b) rural communities across provinces; if not, why not; if so, (i) what were the findings, (ii) which provinces reflected the greatest deficits and (iii) what targeted interventions have been implemented to address such disparities? CW462E

AI framework/standards/guidelines**409. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether his department has developed any frameworks, standards and/or guidelines governing the use of artificial intelligence within the public sector, including in areas such as procurement, service delivery, data usage and citizen-facing systems; if not, why not; if so, (a) when are the implementation dates in this regard and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW463E

Persons in correctional facilities**410. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) (a) How many persons are currently awaiting trial in South African correctional facilities, (b) how many of such persons have been granted bail by a court but have not been released as a result of inability to pay the bail amount and (c) how many persons currently in custody have been awaiting trial for longer than (i) a year, (ii) two years, (iii) three years, (iv) four years, (v) five years and (vi) six years and/or longer;
- (2) whether there are any persons currently in custody who have been awaiting trial for longer than 10 years; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW464E

Disciplinary proceedings/criminal investigation**411. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

- (1) (a) What is the current status of the disciplinary proceedings and criminal investigation into the police officer who was caught smuggling drugs through the Athlone Magistrates' Court cells, (b) how long was the officer stationed at the Athlone Police Station after he was caught before he was finally suspended and (c) what are the reasons for such delays, given that the networks he is aiding and/or running in that precinct could still have benefited from his presence at said precinct;
- (2) whether the matter was handed over to the Anti-Gang Unit and Independent Police Investigative Directorate to *inter alia* investigate exactly how this network operates; if not, why not; if so,
- (3) whether any other police officers were involved; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether he has started the process of reviewing the SA Police Service Disciplinary Code of 2016; if not, why not; if so, (a) what process to review the said Code will entail *inter alia* and consultation with the Portfolio Committee on Police and the Select Committee on Security and Justice and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CW465E

Extended Army Command Cadre Conference**412. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (a) What amount was originally budgeted for the Extended Army Command Cadre (EXT ACC) Conference as contemplated in the instruction, given the letter signed by a certain Major-General on 13 March 2026 (details furnished), Chief of the SA Army which instructs that funds budgeted for the EXT ACC be provided and shifted to the host formation in time (details furnished), (b) what total amount of funds was (i) ultimately allocated for the said conference and related activities and (ii) actually expended, (c) what total amounts of funds were shifted between formations and/or budget lines in order to give effect to the instruction and (d) what is the full breakdown of all costs associated with the Golf Day that was hosted by the Chief of the Army at Thaba Tshwane on 10 April 2026, including but not limited to accommodation, transport, security, hospitality, infrastructure preparation and any other related expenditure?

CW466E

Implementation of housing projects**413. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) Whether her department has (a) approved, (b) funded and/or (c) implemented any housing projects, including Mud House Eradication Programme, the Emergency Housing Programme or any other housing intervention in the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality in the QwaQwa area during 1 February 2025 to 31 March 2026; if not,

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why not; if so, (i) what are the names, description and official project reference numbers of each such project, (ii) what is the total number of housing units approved and constructed in each project, (iii) in which wards are they located, (iv) which contractors were appointed, (v) what procurement processes were followed, (vi) what are their Construction Industry Development Board gradings and (vii) what is the total contract value that has been awarded in each case;

- (2) whether the required contractual and regulatory preconditions were complied with prior to construction, including (a) verification of beneficiary lists in conjunction with the relevant local and district municipalities, (b) submission of geotechnical reports and (c) submission and approval of foundation designs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the municipality was consulted and involved in the planning and implementation of the projects; if not, why not; if so, (a)(i) what oversight inspection and (ii) quality assurance measures, including the National Home Builders Registration Council enrolment were undertaken by her department and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (4) whether any payments have been made to the contractor or contractors; if not, why not; if so, (a) what amounts, (b) on what dates and (c) in respect of which certified milestones?

CW467E

Enforcement actions

414. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) With reference to her reply to Question 72 on 12 March 2026 regarding Matjhabeng, (a) what enforcement actions have been taken or are being planned by her department in relation to the matter involving Checkers and (b) what is the case number of the warning statement that (i) has been or (ii) will be issued to the Acting Municipal Manager of the Virginia Wastewater Treatment Works;
- (2) (a) what are the details of the response regarding action steps by the Executive Mayor of Mangaung dated 19 November 2025, (b) what follow-up actions has her department undertaken to date, (c) what is the current status at Robert Street in Springfontein in the Kopanong Local Municipality and (d) what are the findings of the technical assessment at the Reddersburg Wastewater Treatment Works;
- (3) (a) what actions have been taken in response to the directive issued on 19 June 2025 relating to Jacobsdal Orange in Letsemeng and (b) what consequence management has been implemented where administrative actions have been concluded at the Viljoenskroon Wastewater Treatment Works;
- (4) (a) what is the current progress at Van Stadensrus and Bloemindustria and (b) what are the findings of any technical assessments in respect of Mangaung and the said reply?

CW468E

*Implementation of consequence management***415. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question 20 by the Acting Minister of Police on 27 February 2026, any (a) progress has been made as reported by the Acting Minister of Police and (b) officials have been held accountable; if not, why not; if so, what consequence management have been implemented;
- (2) noting that Mafube and Kopanong Local Municipalities are under section 139 interventions, what additional assistance have been provided to ensure service delivery is not interrupted as a result of the Mafube Local Municipality staff salaries that have been delayed since December 2025 and constantly have no chemicals to purify water which clearly show a systemic breakdown of services? CW469E

*Case involving SAPS members***416. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question 177 on 20 March 2026 regarding a certain case (details furnished) involving SA Police Service (SAPS) members attached to the Ravensmead Police Station, (a) what are the (i) full names, (ii) ranks, (iii) force numbers and (iv) current duty status of the two SAPS members who attended the accident scene and transported the suspect, (b) what disciplinary processes have been initiated against the (i) suspect driver and (ii) two SAPS members who transported him from the scene, (c) on what dates were such processes initiated, (d) what are the charges in each case and (e) what is the current status of each process;
- (2) whether either of such members (a) remain on active duty and (b) have been placed on suspension or restricted duties; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (3) whether any processes have been finalised; if not, (a) what are the reasons for the delays in finalisation and (b) what are the expected dates for conclusion; if so, (i) on what dates and (ii) what were the outcomes and sanctions imposed;
- (4) whether any criminal proceedings have been instituted against the (a) suspect driver and (b) two SAPS members implicated; if not, why not in each case; if so, (i) what are the relevant details, including the charges and court dates, (ii) what steps have been taken by his department to address the conduct of the members implicated in such a matter and to ensure compliance with policing standards and (iii) what steps were taken by supervisory officers and station management at the Ravensmead Police Station upon becoming aware of the incident;
- (5) whether any (a) forensic samples, including blood alcohol or toxicology tests were taken from the suspect driver and (b) internal investigations have been conducted in this regard; if not, (i) why not and (ii) what are the reasons that such tests were not taken; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? CW470E

*Internal disciplinary proceedings***417. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

- (1) With reference to the internal disciplinary proceedings concluded against a certain captain of the Phoenix Police Station (details furnished), what factors were considered in determining the sanction imposed in such a matter, including (a) compliance with the protection order, (b) prior complaints or incidents involving the firearm and (c) the circumstances surrounding the incident;
- (2) whether (a) the disciplinary chairperson considered the risk of harm arising from non-compliance with a court order and (b) any aggravating factors were identified during the disciplinary proceedings; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what findings were made by the chairperson and (ii) what were such aggravating factors;
- (3) whether the sanctions imposed are consistent with sanctions in comparable cases involving (a) failure to execute court orders, (b) negligence in domestic violence matters or (c) serious consequences arising from such conduct; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether (a) the certain captain continues to serve in a unit dealing with domestic violence matters and (b) any alternative placement was considered; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what risk assessment was conducted in this regard;
- (5) whether (a) his department has reviewed the disciplinary outcome in light of subsequent criminal proceedings and (b) he will provide the written reasons of the disciplinary chairperson for the sanction imposed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW471E

*Illegal occupation of state house***418. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether a certain judge (details furnished) of the Western Cape High Court has vacated the state allocated house which he is occupying illegally; if not, (a) why not and (b) what processes have been undertaken to inform the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure of his illegal occupation; if so, (i) what steps have been undertaken to ensure that market-related rental value amount which will be calculated from 1 January 2022 to date of his illegal occupation is recovered and returned to the public purse?

CW472E

*Procurement of police dogs***419. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

(a) How many police dogs have been procured by the SA Police Service in each financial year since 2020, (b) who were they procured from, (c) for what amounts were each such dogs procured, (d) for what disciplines were they procured and ultimately trained, (e) to what stations or units were they deployed, (f) what role had Broad-Based Black Economic

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Empowerment (BBBEE) or Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) policies played in each procurement process and (g) what role has BBBEEE or BEE policies play in the lack of procurement of police dogs? CW473E

Deployment of SANDF members

420. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

With reference to the undertaking made by the President in his state-of-the-nation-address regarding the deployment of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) to areas including the Cape Flats, (a) how many SANDF members have been deployed to the Cape Flats as at 22 April 2026, (b) what are the reasons for the level of deployment at the said date, (c) what is the total cost of the deployment from 12 February 2026 to 22 April 2026, (d) how are such costs calculated and (d) by what date will a detailed breakdown of the estimated cost of R823 million as reflected in the Presidential deployment letter be available? CW474E

Formal complaints lodged

421. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to Question 1647 on 7 January 2026 wherein it was indicated that the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) resolved on 2 December 2025 that the Head of Court is duty-bound to lodge a formal complaint against a judge in their division in an instance where criminal proceedings have been instituted, the relevant Heads of Court in the divisions where certain judges (details furnished) serve have since lodged formal complaints with the JSC in respect of criminal charges instituted against each of the said judges; if not, (a) what are the reasons that the relevant Heads of Court have not complied with the said resolution of the JSC and (b) what steps has the JSC or the Office of the Chief Justice taken to ensure compliance with the said resolution; if so, (i) on what date was each complaint lodged, (ii) by who was each complaint lodged and (iii) what is the current status and/or outcome of each such complaint;
- (2) whether any consequences arise in the event that a Head of Court has failed to timeously lodge a formal complaint as required by the said resolution of the JSC ; if not, why not; if so, what are the applicable consequences in law or in terms of the Judicial Service Commission Act, 1994 (Act No. 9 of 1994), or any other applicable regulatory framework;
- (3) whether any such consequences have been considered or implemented in the present circumstances; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW475E

Performance of SITA**422. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether he will furnish a report on the current performance of the State Information Technology Agency in relation to (a) turnaround times for procurement requests, (b) major Information, Communication and Technology project delays, (c) cybersecurity readiness and (d) the steps that are being taken to improve service delivery to departments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW476E

SA Connect Programme**423. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

- (1) Whether he will furnished a report on the progress that has been made under the SA Connect Programme and other broadband rollout initiatives; if not, why not; if so, the report should include the (a) number of sites connected in each province, (b) number of (i) schools, (ii) clinics and (iii) public facilities connected, (c) expenditure to date and (d) revised targets where previous targets were not met;
- (2) whether his department has engaged major mobile network 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, what are the details of such engagements, including any commitments that have been secured? CW477E

Collaboration with SAPO/Postbank**424. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether his department has developed any strategies in collaboration with the SA Post Office and Postbank to utilise existing branch and digital infrastructure to advance financial inclusion, digital payments and community access to E-government services; if not, why not; if so, (a) what strategies and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW478E

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335. Mr B A Radebe (Free State: ANC) (p 170)—Human Settlements.
337. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) (p 171)—Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.
338. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) (p 172)—Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.
339. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) (p 172)—Small Business Development.

Number of foreign-linked companies

340. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: (*Interdepartmental transfer – 24 April 2026*)

- (1) (a) How many foreign-linked companies such as the Jewish militia group in collaboration with Mossad and/or Israel Defense Forces are operating within South Africa (details furnished), (b) what are the credentials of personnel who are operating within the said companies, (c) what is the nature of weaponry being possessed by such companies and (d) what is their legal standing to operate within the borders of South Africa;

- (2) whether any plans are in place to (a) de-register all foreign-linked security companies that are close to farm military training bases (details furnished) and (b) institute legal actions against white farmers who are found to be involved in such activities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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341. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) (p 173)—Mineral and Petroleum Resources.
343. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) (p 173)—Transport.
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Sanitation infrastructure/systems in Alexandra

- 371. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: (*Interdepartmental transfer – 24 April 2026*)**

What immediate and long-term infrastructure plans her department has implemented in line with sustainable human settlements principles that require safe, reliable and environmentally sound sanitation systems to eradicate sewer spillages and rehabilitate failing wastewater infrastructure in Alexandra township, given the alarming sanitation conditions in San Kopano, Extension 12 of the said township, including open drainage systems and raw sewer that is flowing through residential streets and posing direct threat to public health?

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- 372. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) (p 185)—Public Works and Infrastructure.
 - 373. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) (p 185)—Basic Education.
 - 374. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) (p 186)—Basic Education.
 - 375. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) (p 186)—Basic Education.
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