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Digitisation of applications

★81. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether, in light of the Government's contemplating the digitisation of applications for identity documents, birth certificates and passports (details furnished), there are any comprehensive and integrated plans for the digitisation of the applications, especially for the re-issuing of such documents in the near future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO200E

Indian/Chinese tourists to SA

★90. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

It was revealed that only 3,2% of applications for e-visas which are issued to India and China were granted in 2023 (details furnished), what action is (a) he and/or (b) his department taking to facilitate the ease of Indian and Chinese tourists into South Africa? CO209E

Measures to combat xenophobia

★91. Ms N P Mcinga (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

In light of the persistent xenophobic attacks and black-on-black violence that continued to plague our nation, what specific measures has he put in place to ensure that services which are offered at Home Affairs offices, in particular those that are related to (a) citizenship and (b) permanent residence are efficient to minimise the tide of xenophobia in the country? CO210E

Evaluation of BMA

★82. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether any evaluations have been undertaken to assess the extent to which the Border Management Authority has achieved its key strategic milestones as it was established for effective control and management of borders in the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO201E

Delays in IDs/service delivery

★75. Mr M M Peter (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Whether his department has any specific actions to address the significant economic challenges that are faced by residents in the rural areas and/or townships as a result of the delays in obtaining essential identity documents (details furnished); if not, why

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not, if so, what actions have been taken to improve service delivery in such underserved regions;

- (2) whether his department has conducted any impact assessments on mobile trucks that were established to serve marginalised villages; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO193E

Measures for internal anti-corruption capacity

★83. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether any measures are in place to tighten internal anti-corruption controls in his department as it is alleged that corruption could possibly involve sophisticated domestic and international criminal syndicates; if not, why not; if so, what measures? CO202E

Bilateral/multilateral efforts

★76. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

(a) What are the bilateral and multilateral efforts of the South African Government in strengthening regional, continental and international cooperation against rising levels of transnational crimes, especially in areas of human, drugs and arms trafficking (details furnished) and (b) what is the efficacy and effectiveness of such efforts? CO195E

Advancing human rights through SADC

★88. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether he will outline how South Africa utilises its membership to advance human rights through (a) mediation and (b) dialogue in the Southern African Development Community region (details furnished)? CO207E

Unequal global patterns of trade/finance

★79. Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether, since the advent of globalisation has and continues to reproduce and perpetuate the unequal global patterns of trade and finance (details furnished), the BRICS Plus members states have any medium-term vision towards equitable and/or just global trade and finance regime; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO198E

Implementation of Grand Inga Treaty

★89. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) Whether, in light of his confirmation on 12 July 2024 that South Africa was still working to implement the Grand Inga Treaty which was signed in 2013 with the Republic of Congo to help generate over 40 000 megawatts of electricity, South Africa will contribute any funds to the Grand Inga Hydropower Project;
- (2) what is South Africa's (a) current estimated contribution in this regard and (b) total estimated contribution for the (i) construction and (ii) transmission? CO208E

Value of embassies/consulates/diplomatic representatives

★98. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) Whether South Africa's 106 embassies, 14 consulates and four other diplomatic representatives in more than 100 countries worldwide add value as the country has no good relations with some of the countries; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the cost implications to the country to maintain all such embassies? CO219E

SA's critical role in mediation

★80. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether, in light of South Africa's critical role in the mediation of Ukraine-Russian War, Israeli-Palestinian War and other conflicts in some parts of Africa, there are any plans to intensify South Africa's intervention in such conflicts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO199E

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