

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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# INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY****THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026****[Reply by 26 February 2026]*****Confiscated abalone*****1. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) (a) What was the total live equivalent mass in kilograms or tonnage of all abalone that was (i) confiscated and/or (ii) received by his department from 1 January 2021 for each year until to date in each province or region where the confiscation occurred and (b) what is the breakdown of the fate of all confiscated abalone in respect of covering mass that is (i) returned to the ocean with the main release regions and dates and (ii) destroyed or dumped with specifying method and location for each year for the said specified period;
- (2) whether any abalone was (a) processed and/or (b) sold; if so, what was the mass for each batch, including (i) the processor(s) used, (ii) processing cost to his department, (iii) yield recovery rate, (iv) the form and grade of the sold product, (v) the achieved sale price and (vi) buyer(s) or destination(s);
- (3) whether any information is being withheld as a result of investigations; if so, (a) what are the reasons for such investigations and (b) what is the expected release date of such data?

CW01E

***Disability grant medical assessments*****2. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) (a) How many doctors, including medical officers or panel doctors are currently employed or contracted by her department and/or the SA Social Security Agency for conducting disability grant medical assessments, (b) how many of such doctors are actively available and utilised for consultations and assessments and (c) what is the estimated required number of doctors to adequately meet the current and projected demand for disability grant assessments nationwide;
- (2) (a) what specific measures is her department implementing to address any identified shortfalls in medical assessment capacity and (b) what are the timelines for such interventions;
- (3) (a) what is the average monthly expenditure for each (i) doctor or (ii) contracted medical assessor for such services, including fees, allowances or administrative costs and (b) what is the total expenditure on such medical assessment services (i) for the 2024/25 financial year and (ii) from 1 April 2025 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;

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- (4) (a) what is the current backlog in payments to such doctors or medical assessors, including the value of outstanding amounts and the average duration of delays, (b) how such payment backlogs and delays impact the processing and timely payment of disability grants to eligible beneficiaries and (c) what steps is her department taking to resolve and prevent future backlogs?

CW02E

***Withholding equitable shares***

**3. Ms T Breedt (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Considering the National Treasury's withholding of equitable shares from municipalities that are defaulting on payments to water boards, (a) what is the total current debt that is owed to the Vaal Central Water Board and (b) by which municipalities;
- (2) whether any payment arrangements have been made with the mentioned municipalities to settle such debt; if not, why not; if so, (a) what arrangements and (b) what are the relevant details, including timelines and amounts;
- (3) (a) what is the current operational and financial state of the Vaal Central Water Board, (b) how functional in its ability to (i) provide water, (ii) conduct routine maintenance and (iii) undertake planned projects, including details of any (aa) compromised projects or (bb) maintenance activities, (c) what is its overall financial viability and (d) what is the estimate of how long it will sustain operations if the ongoing payment crisis with municipalities is not resolved;
- (4) whether the water board will be saved; if not, what steps has her department implemented to (a) ensure citizens' continued access to fresh water and (b) prevent a total collapse of the associated water infrastructure; if so, what are the relevant details on how this would be achieved?

CW03E

***Taxi Recapitalisation Programme***

**4. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (a) What updates have been provided regarding the progress of the Taxi Recapitalisation Programme, (b) how many illegal panel vans have been scrapped to date, (c) what progress has been made in implementing the policy regarding the scrapping of all inverted panel vans in terms of the 31 January 2023 cut-off date that has been signed off by the former Minister and (d) what specific achievements have been recorded to date in respect of each (i) province and (ii) municipality?

CW04E

***Collapse of oncology services***

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

- (a) What is the current national status of oncology services within the public healthcare system as South Africa loses more than 60 000 lives to cancer annually, (b) how many patients are

currently on oncology waiting lists at each public hospital, (c) what specific and time-bound steps have been taken to address the reported (i) critical oncology staff shortages, (ii) non-functional medical equipment and (iii) extensive treatment backlogs in this regard and (d) what immediate measures are in place to prevent avoidable deaths for patients who have already been diagnosed, yet remain untreated as a result of the said institutional backlogs?

CW05E

*Allocated disaster relief funds*

**6. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Why has there not been any meaningful (a) reconstruction, (b) housing delivery, (c) road rehabilitation and/or (d) flood-mitigation infrastructure that is visible in communities that were declared as disaster areas in 2023;
- (2) whether he will provide a detailed report of all the allocated disaster relief funds, following the 2023 flood disasters in each (a) province and (b) municipality account; if not, why not; if so, (i) what specific oversight, monitoring and reporting mechanisms have been implemented to ensure the said 2023 disaster funds are not stolen through inflated tenders, ghost contractors and politically connected service providers and (ii) what are the further relevant details;
- (3) whether any (a) forensic investigations, (b) lifestyle audits, (c) disciplinary processes and/or (d) criminal cases were initiated against (i) municipal officials, (ii) provincial departments and/or (iii) contractors that failed to account for the delivery of disaster-funded projects; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) how will he explain the repeated floods suffering of the same communities of the (a) King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape, (b) Nkomazi Local Municipality in Mpumalanga and (c) Collins Chabane and Makhado Local Municipalities in Limpopo given the allegedly spend disaster funds in 2023;
- (5) whether his standpoint is that the continued (a) deaths, (b) displacement and (c) suffering of the working-class communities during floods is not a natural disaster, rather a political failure that is rooted in the corruption of the Government of National Unity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW06E

*Foot and Mouth Disease*

**7. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) Whether he will indicate what the vaccination rollout plan for the next six months entails considering the devastation that has been caused to the farming community by the spread of Foot and Mouth disease; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether he will close borders to cattle that originate from (a) Botswana and (b) Namibia, particularly those from identified red-zone areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW07E

***Blended Finance Programme***

**8. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

- (1) How much has Land Bank spent on the Blended Finance Programme to date in comparison to the amount spent by the Industrial Development Corporation, given the delays in the said programme (details furnished);
- (2) whether Land Bank has developed the necessary capacity to successfully implement and administer the Blended Finance Programme over the years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how many average number of days Land Bank has to finalise all approved transactions, particularly from receipt of application to the final disbursement of funds;
- (4) whether Land Bank remains relevant and capable of implementing the Blended Finance Programme, given the operational challenges, including system failures that have been experienced over the past month and a half; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW08E

***Land Bank transactions***

**9. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

How he intends to ensure that Land Bank transactions that have already been submitted are finalised expeditiously, given that their system has been offline since the reopening of offices on 4 January 2026, resulting in delays and discouraging buyers from signing offer-to-purchase agreements? CW09E

***Stabilising Sol Plaatje LM administration***

**10. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (a) What measures are in place to stabilise municipal administration, given the placement of the Municipal Manager of the Sol Plaatje Local Municipality on precautionary suspension and
- (b) what steps he has taken to mitigate the impact of such suspension on essential service delivery to the residents of (i) Kimberley and (ii) surrounding areas? CW10E

*Funds for children with special needs***11. Ms A M Siwisa (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) What measures are in place to (i) track and (ii) ensure that funds allocated to beneficiaries, particularly for children with special needs as a result of guardians misusing funds (details furnished) are been utilised for their intended purpose and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard? CW11E

*Installation of safety systems at schools***12. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether she has been informed that a significant number of public schools in Mpumalanga, including LD Moetanalo High School in Ward 26 in Mhluzi Township operate without insourced security guards, access control systems, Closed-Circuit television cameras, alarm systems or perimeter fencing despite rising incidents of violent crimes and drug-related activities within the school premises and surrounding communities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what portion of the budget has been allocated for the installation of such school-safety infrastructure and (b) what time-bound implementation plans, including measurable targets exist to ensure the installation of such safety systems in all identified high-risk schools in Mpumalanga? CW12E

*Unsafe learning environments***13. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

How she justifies the continued exposure of learners and educators to unsafe learning environments as the SA Police Service continues to record Mpumalanga as having high levels of violent crime, including murder, assault, robbery and gang-related activities? CW13E

*School safety risk audits***14. Mr K Ceza (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) Whether she has conducted any provincial school safety risk audits in Mpumalanga during 2025; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what (a) School Infrastructure Backlog Grant, (b) Education Infrastructure Grant or (c) provincial equitable share allocations are available that may be utilised for security upgrades at schools, in particular at the LD Moetanalo High School? CW14E

*Shortage of STEM educators***15. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What urgent interventions have been made to (a) address the shortage of qualified educators who are specialising in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, given the reports

that many educators lack adequate content knowledge and (b) improve their retention in rural or under-resourced schools? CW15E

*Access to quality education*

**16. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What specific and immediate steps have been taken to upgrade facilities such as laboratories, Information and Communication Technology and materials in under-resourced schools to ensure equitable access to quality education? CW16E

*Learner high dropout rate*

**17. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What interventions have been made to reduce high dropout rate of learners in higher grades, especially in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects and (b) what are the relevant details in this regard? CW17E

*Intellectual property protections*

**18. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

With reference to the reply to Question 1155 by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition on 7 November 2025, (a) how will South Africa's recently passed Expropriation Act, 2024 (Act No. 13 of 2024), particularly its provisions for expropriating intangible assets like intellectual property that are aligned with African Continental Free Trade Area's (AfCFTA) objectives and (b) what measures are in place to ensure that such expropriation will not undermine investor confidence and/or South Africa's commitments under AfCFTA? CW18E

*SA Tourism*

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

- (1) What is her detailed response to the assertions that (a) SA Tourism (SAT) has become increasingly ineffective in fulfilling its mandate and (b) ongoing interference and irregularities from her office and department are contributing to such situation;
- (2) whether she intends to take any steps to (a) address the reported loss of confidence in SAT by key private sector stakeholders and (b) restore effective public-private collaboration in tourism marketing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is her position regarding private sector's decision to (a) manage and (b) fund its own international tourism marketing initiatives independently of SAT;

- (4) whether she will acknowledge that excessive government interference in state-controlled tourism marketing entities may be detrimental to the growth and competitiveness of South Africa's tourism sector; if not, (a) what is the position in this regard and (b) what steps is her department taking to (i) improve relations with private tourism sector, (ii) improve South Africa's brand internationally and (iii) professionalise international marketing in collaboration with private tourism industry; if so, what are the relevant details? CW19E

*Details regarding certain case*

**20. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether he will provide details regarding a certain case (details furnished); if not (a) why not, (b) what are the reasons that the case has not been finalised since 2021 and (c) what progress has been made in the investigation of the case to date; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the matter has been referred to the Hawks or Special Investigating Unit; if not, why not; if so, on what date? CW20E

*Implementation of National Treasury measures/directives*

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

- (1) Whether, the National Treasury has implemented any measures or directives that have been issued by the Auditor-General to the Free State Provincial Treasury regarding the Masilonyana Local Municipality (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures are in place to ensure improved record-keeping and financial reporting in order to comply with applicable legislation and (b) what steps are being taken to ensure that the said municipality consolidates its municipal account billings in accordance with section 102 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000), and section 9 of the Masilonyana Local Municipality Credit and Debt Collection Policy in light of the complaints by residents regarding the issuing of duplicate and unconsolidated statements;
- (2) whether the National Treasury has been informed that the Chief Financial Officer appointed debt collectors without the knowledge of the Municipal Manager or approval of the municipal council, resulting in duplication of municipal services; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what actions have been taken in this regard and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (3) whether any investigations will be instituted into the alleged irregular appointment; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW21E

***Financial/administrative challenges at Masilonyana LM*****22. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the financial and administrative challenges facing the Masilonyana Local Municipality in the Free State, including allegations relating to the creation of fraudulent bank accounts by a municipal official, the relevant authority has taken any actions in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) why no disciplinary steps were taken against the building inspector as reflected in the provided documentation and (b) why no investigation has been instituted in respect of a certain case (details furnished);
- (2) what actions are being taken against the Chief Financial Officer for the appointment of debt collectors without the approval of the municipal council or the knowledge of the municipal manager, given that such appointments fall within the prerogative of the council and the municipal manager;
- (3) whether, in view of the Auditor-General's 2023/24 Report (details furnished), section 139(5)(a) and (c) intervention is being considered to stabilise the municipality's finances; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant timeframes in this regard?

CW22E

***schools constructed*****23. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether her department will provide the average number of schools that have been constructed for each province in each year over the past ten years; if not, why not; if so, (a) what were the time frames for each project, (b) which projects related to the (i) construction of new schools and (ii) expansion of existing schools and (c) what type of school infrastructure was provided in each case, including (i) brick and mortar structure, (ii) mobile schools and/or (iii) any other form of infrastructure?

CW23E

***School infrastructure development*****24. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to school infrastructure development in respect of each province for the past five financial years, (a) how many new (i) schools and (ii) classrooms were constructed, disaggregated by (aa) permanent, brick and mortar infrastructure and (bb) temporary or non-permanent structures, including mobile, prefabricated or modular classrooms, (b) how much was spent by each province in each of the specified financial years on the said structures and (c) how many additional learner places were created in each province in the specified financial years through the said structures?

CW24E

*Pass in Mathematics***25. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether her department will provide the number of learners who passed Mathematics in the National Senior Certificate examinations in each province over the past five calendar school years; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many in each province and (b) what percentage is the number that has been referred to in paragraph (a) that represented of the total number of learners who wrote National Senior Certificate examinations in each province in each of the specified years?

CW25E

*EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism***26. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether his department has conducted any comprehensive assessments of the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), including the announced expansion to downstream products in the iron, steel and aluminium value chains by 2028; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the key findings of the assessments in respect of South Africa's export competitiveness in the European Union market, (b) which sectors and product categories are most exposed to CBAM-related costs and (c) what is the estimated value of South African exports that are at risk over medium term?

CW26E

*EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism***27. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether his department assessed any potential impact of the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism on (a) employment and (b) industrial capacity in downstream manufacturing sectors that are linked to the steel, aluminium and related value chains; if not, why not; if so, (i) what risks to (aa) employment and (bb) domestic manufacturing capacity have been identified and (ii) what measures are being implemented to migrate potential job losses that are arising from the reduced export competitiveness?

CW27E

*EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism***28. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether his department assessed the readiness of South African exporters to comply with the requirements of the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism that are relating to (a) emissions measurement, (b) reporting and (c) third-party verification; if not, why not; if so, (i) what proportion of affected exporters meet these requirements, (ii) what compliance-related and cost barriers have been identified and (iii) what targeted support to reduce regulatory burdens to prevent potential loss of market access?

CW28E

***Operational performance at Port of Cape Town***

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

- (1) (a) What was the average berth utilisation waiting time for container vessels at the Port of Cape Town for November 2025, (b) what performance target was set for this indicator, (c) how many Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit containers were (i) loaded and (ii) unloaded during the said month, (d) what were the respective targets in this regard and (e) what was the average waiting time for trucks to be (i) loaded and (ii) unloaded at the said port;
- (2) (a) what were the performance targets in this regard, (b) what was the (i) average turnaround time for each container vessel and (ii) target, (c) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target and (d) what (i) was the average container dwell time and (ii) target was set for this metric? CW29E

***Operational performance at Port of Cape Town***

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

- (1) (a) What was the average berth utilisation waiting time for container vessels at the Port of Cape Town for December 2025, (b) what performance target was set for this indicator, (c) how many Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit containers were (i) loaded and (ii) unloaded during the said month and (d) what were the respective targets in this regard;
- (2) (a) what was the average waiting time for trucks to be (i) loaded and (ii) unloaded at the said port, (b) what were the performance targets in this regard, (c) what was the (i) average turnaround time for each container vessel and (ii) target, (d) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target and (e) what (i) was the average container dwell time and (ii) target was set for this metric? CW30E

***Operational performance at Port of Cape Town***

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

- (1) (a) What was the average berth utilisation waiting time for container vessels at the Port of Cape Town for January 2026, (b) what performance target was set for this indicator, (c) how many Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit containers were (i) loaded and (ii) unloaded during the said month and (d) what were the respective targets in this regard;
- (2) (a) what was the average waiting time for trucks to be (i) loaded and (ii) unloaded at the said port, (b) what were the performance targets in this regard, (c) what was the (i) average turnaround time for each container vessel and (ii) target, (d) what was the (i) average anchorage waiting time and (ii) target and (e) what (i) was the average container dwell time and (ii) target was set for this metric? CW31E

***Compliance with MFMA***

**32. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the Metsimaholo Local Municipality having forfeited R10.5 million in disaster funding as a result of non-compliance with the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003), he will provide a report on (a)(i) what and (ii) where the said municipality failed to comply with the said Act and (b) the support the Free State Government provided to prevent such forfeiture; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what remedial actions should be taken to access the relief fund and (b) what support his department will provide to ensure (i) the implementation of approved disaster-response projects and (ii) mechanisms are in place to demonstrate transparent spending? CW32E

***Municipal Performance & Technical Support***

**33. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to the National Assembly Question 6399 on 14 November 2025, he will provide a full report on the (a) progress of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Municipal Performance and Technical Support, (b) municipalities which have been targeted through the Service Delivery Workstream, (c) progress that has been made in each municipality and (d) permanent mechanisms that have been put in place to prevent service delivery failures; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) which municipalities have been targeted through the Finance and Governance Workstream, (b) what progress have been made to date, (c) which Financial Recovery Plans have been successfully implemented and (d) how municipalities under Section 139 interventions have been integrated in such workstream? CW33E

***Revenue Data Management Project***

**34. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (a) Which municipalities have implemented his department's Revenue Data Management Project, (b) what steps have been taken in each municipality to (i) improve billing accuracy, (ii) update the indigent register and/or (iii) register additional households and (c) what specific support has been given through (i) section 154 of the Constitution or (ii) gazette mechanisms in terms of section 105 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000)? CW34E

***Revenue Management Programme***

**35. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(a) Which municipalities have been identified for the Revenue Management Programme, (b) what progress has been made with the implementation of the (i) turnaround plans and (ii) monitoring thereof, (c) which municipalities have not been compliant with the Local Government: Municipal Finance Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003), and (d) what corrective steps have been taken in respect of the Municipal Public Accounts Committees that failed to convene regularly or conduct proper investigations? CW35E

***Certification/accredited training***

**36. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question 1553 on 5 December 2025 regarding certification and accredited training, (a) which institutions have been partnered with and (b) what is the breakdown of each institution, including (i) how many Community Work Programme participants have received their documentation and (ii) a proof of records and/or documentation that have been submitted to his department;
- (2) whether the expected participation period is communicated to participants; if not, why not; if so, how his department monitors participation with local municipalities;
- (3) (a) why the success rate of job placement is low when there are over 38 000 participants to be offloaded, (b) what actions his department is taking to encourage more private-public partnerships and (c) what exit programmes are available in his department to assist participants? CW36E