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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2006

### DEPUTY PRESIDENT

**★13. Ms K R Magau (ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

- (1) Whether her visit to India will enhance co-operation between South Africa and India in terms of skills acquisition for young South Africans, training programmes in the field of (a) engineering, (b) mathematics, (c) science and (d) vocational training, small, medium and micro enterprise (SMMEs) development projects and co-operative projects that will benefit rural women; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how;
- (2) whether this visit has contributed to strengthen the India-Brasil-South Africa Forum (IBSA); if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her visit will also enhance co-operation, strengthen economic ties between developing countries and provide platforms to promote a multi-lateral order that is conducive to international security and poverty eradication; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so what are the relevant details? N1847E

**★14. Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether, given the fact that the crime of treason is punishable by death in a number of countries, she will stand by her statement to the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac) that the Government will view any attempt to import clothing cheaply from other countries to cushion the blow of restrictions on cheap imports from China as treason (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, on what grounds will this qualify as treason? N1841E

**★15. Ms M Madumise (ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether, with reference to the Government's firm decision to make the eradication of poverty and unemployment its core national programme of action, the national departments have firm and implementable strategies to ensure that (a) the initiatives of the Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa (Asgisa) are mainstreamed to all departmental programmes and (b) remedial measures, as informed by the African Peer Review Mechanism country self-assessment, have been put in place in order to implement the policy programmes of Asgisa; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N2019E

**★16. Mr I O Davidson (DA) to ask the Deputy President:**

When is it anticipated that (a) the Government will release its broad industrial strategy as envisaged by the Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa (Asgisa) and (b) the Business Process Outsourcing and Tourism components of the strategy will be released? N1842E

## PEACE AND SECURITY

### CLUSTER 1

**★293. Mr V C Gore (ID) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

Whether any policies or guidelines exist for the purchasing and supply of medical equipment for prisoners with disabilities; if not, why not; if so, (a) what policies or guidelines and (b) what is the existing minimum level for the provisioning of medical equipment for such prisoners? N1170E

**★294. Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:†**

- (1) In light of the fact that a jail term of up to 15 years can be imposed for the illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, why was the Director of Military Prosecutions (name furnished) fined with R4 000 and R1 000, respectively for the illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? N1314E

**★295. Mr J Bici (UDM) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

What tangible results does her department have of initiatives aimed at reducing gender-based violence, abuse and sexual abuse? N1436E

**★296. Mr J Bici (UDM) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (a) Which of the recommendations of the Khampepe Commission (i) have and (ii) have not been implemented and (b) what are the reasons for some of the recommendations not having been implemented? N1437E

**★297. Ms M M Mdlalose (Nadeco) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Whether her department has put in place mechanisms to ensure the formation of solid partnerships to raise awareness of the fight against the trafficking in women and girl children; if not, why not; if so, (a) what mechanisms, (b) what partners has her department identified and (c) what is their contribution in the fight against the trafficking in women and girl children;
- (2) (a) what role will the proposed legislative framework against the trafficking in women and girl children play in this regard and (b) how far has her department progressed with processing the legislation? N1443E

**★298. Mrs S A Seaton (IFP) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) Whether he is considering amendments to the Correctional Services Act, Act 111 of 1998, to have the Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons report to the Minister of Correctional Services rather than directly to the President of the Republic and Parliament; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) whether he will consider such amendments in the future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N1931E

**★299. Mr V B Ndlovu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) Whether his announcement that retired officers of the SA Police Service are to be brought back into the current police service to provide training is an acknowledgement that current police officers are (a) inadequately trained and (b) lack the skills and capacity to carry out their duties; if not, why are retired officers needed to conduct training in the SAPS; if so, how will this situation be rectified;
- (2) whether retired officers brought back will be employed on (a) short-term contracts or (b) permanently;
- (3) whether the future employment of retired officers will break the terms of the severance packages they received upon retirement; if so, what are the relevant details? N1932E

**★300. Mr A Harding (ID) to ask the Minister of Defence:**

- (1) (a) How many (i) corvettes, (ii) Hawk trainer aircraft, (iii) helicopters, (iv) submarines and (v) Gripen fighter jets have been delivered since the conception of the arms procurement process and (b) what is the current total cost of the delivered items;

- (2) whether there are still items outstanding; if so, (a) why and (b) what is the projected total cost of the outstanding items? N1934E

**★301. Mr J H van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether, in light of her statement in the National Assembly on 19 May 2006 that her department had not yet started processing 384 applications for presidential pardons lodged by the Inkatha Freedom Party in 2003, her department has now started processing the applications; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will her department start processing the applications; if so, what progress is being made? N1935E

**★302. Mrs C Dudley (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed (a) of the crime situation at the Bongani TB Hospital which has resulted in nurses and general workers striking and (b) that the local station commissioner has expressed doubt regarding the ability of the police in the area to adequately address the situation; if so,
- (2) whether this situation will be investigated with a view to finding a solution; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? N1979E

**★303. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) Whether school-based violence is becoming a serious problem; if so, (a) which provinces have the most affected schools and (b) what is being done to address the problem;
- (2) how many perpetrators of this kind of violence have been (a) arrested, (b) charged and (c) convicted in court;
- (3) whether the easy access to drugs by learners is having a direct effect on the problem; if not, what is the position in this regard? N1980E

**★304. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

(a) How many police members have been arrested for involvement in criminal activity, particularly armed robberies, hijacking and cash-in-transit heists, during the past five years, (b) how many of those arrested (i) were convicted and (ii) are currently serving jail sentences and (c) what is the harshest sentence that was imposed on them? N1981E

**★305. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether any steps will be taken to address the concerns raised during the recent Judicial Service Commission interviews (details furnished) which resulted in delays in judgements and the clogging up of High Court rolls; if not, why not; if so, what steps? N1982E

**★306. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

Whether he intends taking any steps to address the escalating rate of cash-heists and to allay the fears of security guards who have threatened to strike should the Government not intervene to protect them; if not, why not; if so, what steps? N1983E

**★307. Ms S Rajbally (MF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) Whether any initiatives are undertaken together with the Department of Arts and Culture to assist with the rehabilitation and skills development of inmates; if not, why not; if so, what initiatives;
- (2) whether any programmes are being run together with the Department of Education to educate juvenile prisoners and offering skills development for adult inmates; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N1984E

**★308. Ms S Rajbally (MF) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

Whether, with reference to the 2010 Soccer World Cup tournament, there are any initiatives to clean up crime in the areas surrounding the chosen stadiums; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

N1985E

**★309. Ms M M Sotyru (ANC) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

What assistance will the SA Police Service render to private security companies involved in cash-in-transit operations?

N1987E

**★310. Ms A van Wyk (ANC) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

In light of the Government's commitment to stop the proliferation of firearms in the country, what measures were put in place to curb the high loss of firearms by SA Police members?

N1988E

**★311. Dr A N Luthuli (ANC) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

Whether, in light of the increase in violent crime that includes heists, robberies and murder, any plans are in place to deal with crime effectively; if not, why not; if so, what plans?

N1989E

**★312. Dr A N Luthuli (ANC) to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs:**

Whether the international community will permit and support countries who want to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

N1990E

**★313. Mr D J Sithole (ANC) to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs:**

- (1) What is the future of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the campaign for nuclear disarmament;
- (2) whether South Africa could convince the powers in the world to disarm and sign the NPT; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

N1991E

**★314. Mr D J Sithole (ANC) to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs:**

Whether the Government has officially informed North Korea about South Africa's misgiving on the nuclear test it performed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

N1992E

**★315. Ms M V Meruti (ANC) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (a) What are the latest figures in respect of the Criminal Asset Recovery Account (Cara) fund, (b) what are the latest developments with regard to the allocation of these funds and (c) when will any allocation from these funds be made?

N1993E

**★316. Mr L T Landers (ANC) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (a) How many vacancies in the National Prosecuting Authority remained vacant as at 30 September 2006 in the (i) lower magistrates courts and (ii) regional courts, (b) what is the total number of approved posts for prosecutors in these courts and (c) in which provinces does the highest number of such vacancies occur?

N1994E

**★317. Mr D V Bloem (ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the Inspecting Judge's annual report on the need to keep children away from prison unless exceptional circumstances dictate, any mechanisms are in place to ensure that only those children who have committed serious offences are in prison, taking into account each specific case; if not, why not; if so, what mechanisms;

- (2) whether any inter-departmental mechanisms are in place to keep out of prison juveniles awaiting trial for petty offences, taking into account the need for a holistic approach to the problem; if not, why not; if so, what mechanisms? N1995E

**★318. Mr L T Landers (ANC) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) Whether a formal complaint or charge has been laid with the SA Police Service with regard to a certain media report (copy furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether this matter has been investigated by the police; if not, why not; if so, (a) who is the investigating officer and (b) what is the docket number;
- (3) whether sworn affidavits were taken from the lawyers and investigators concerned; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter? N1996E

**★319. Ms D Kohler-Barnard (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

Whether he will accept proposals made by the Democratic Alliance (DA) with regard to how the Government can prevent more (a) cash-in-transit heists and (b) shoot-outs in public places such as shopping malls as the festive season approaches; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N1997E

**★320. Mrs S M Camerer (DA) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Whether any information needed in the Judicial Service Commission's (JCS) recent hearings into the conduct of Western Cape Judge President John Hlophe, which were not concluded because further information was required, has been sought from her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether she has taken any steps to ensure that the necessary information will be forwarded to the JCS as soon as possible in order to expedite the enquiry; if not, why not; if so, what steps? N1998E

**★321. Mrs S M Camerer (DA) to ask the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether, with reference to a reply to Question 358 on 5 October 2006 by the Minister of Health (details furnished), she is taking any steps to ensure that these delays do not further compromise the justice system; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N1999E

**★322. Mr J Selfe (DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) With reference to the probe and subsequent findings made into the death of a certain prisoner (details furnished), (a) why were the results of the probe not made public, (b) what violation was the responsible officer found guilty of and (c) how does the withholding of the findings of the investigation uphold the Government's commitment to an open and transparent administration;
- (2) whether the (a) Head of Prison, (b) Area Manager and (c) Inspecting Judge were informed about the bellychain used on the said prisoner, as required by the Correctional Services Act, Act 111 of 1998; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N2000E

**★323. Mr R Jankielsohn (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence:**

- (a) How many (i) technicians and (ii) pilots have left the SA Air Force (SAAF) in the past three years and (b) how has this affected the operational capacity of the SAAF? N2001E

**★324. Mr R Jankielsohn (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence:**

Whether any steps are being taken to improve medical services at the military hospitals; if not, why not; if so, what steps? N2002E

**★325. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) What are the reasons that the Family Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Offences (FCS) officers allocated to the cluster police stations of Tembisa, Daveyton, Brakpan, Springs, Boksburg, Atteridgeville, Johannesburg, Hillbrow and Sophia Town have (a) no or (b) not enough (i) offices to accommodate the FCS officers and (ii) land lines to conduct investigations;
- (2) what are the reasons that the 16 FCS vehicles at the Katlehong police station have been taken away and given to the detective branch? N2003E

**★326. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

What are the reasons that, as from 9 October 2006, 23 police stations in Gauteng have no Family Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Offences (FCS) officers allocated to them as promised under the “migration“ of FCS officers to police stations? N2004E

**★327. Dr S M van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

In light of the medium term budget policy statement that includes the priority to improve policing capacity in terms of the recruitment of additional personnel, better training and improvements to conditions of service, why (a) is the revised estimate for compensation of employees less than the adjusted appropriation for 2005-06 and (b) was this money not spent? N2005E

**★328. Mr R J King (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

Whether he has taken advantage of the Minister of Defence’s offer to use the equipment in storage of the closed-down commando units for policing the rural areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N2006E

**★329. Mr R J King (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) Whether he has taken note of the fact that although the crime statistics for the 2005-06 financial year show that the number of farm attacks have dropped compared to the previous year, there has been an increase by as much as 21% in some provinces in the number of farm attacks ending in death; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether this constitutes a serious rural safety crisis in South Africa; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N2007E

**★330. Mr D H M Gibson (DA) to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs:**

Whether statements made by the Minister for Intelligence (details furnished) which directly contradict South Africa’s policy on Palestine and Israel are acceptable; if so, why? N2014E

**★331. Mr D H M Gibson (DA) to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs:**

Whether South Africa will use its membership of the United Nations Security Council to advance the cause of peace in Africa and the world, in particular (a) to help in respect of the (i) Darfur crisis and (ii) Zimbabwe situation and (b) to find a permanent solution to the Middle East problem; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N2015E

**★332. Dr S M van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:†**

With reference to his reply to the first part of Question 1263 on 4 October 2006 in connection with the prioritisation of policing and the subsequent logistical support to

police units, (a) why a charge of drunkenness laid at a police station 100 km away in the Northern Cape is investigated but in Gauteng a charge of, for example, theft laid at a police station only 5 km away is not investigated? N2016E

**★333. Ms D Kohler-Barnard (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) Whether, in following the example of a number of MECs, he has set his own targets with regard to the reduction of crime; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will resign if these targets are not met; if not, why not? N2017E

**★334. Mr V B Ndlovu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) Whether specialist units in the SA Police Service have been devolved to (a) station or (b) area level; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) whether this has negatively affected the (a) fighting of crime and (b) investigation of sex crimes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) why and (ii) how;
- (3) how do the specialist units at area level function in relation to police stations? N2018E

**★335. Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) (a) How many of the 200 worst criminals President Mbeki referred to in May 2004 and who, according to him, would have been apprehended within three months, have been (i) apprehended and (ii) successfully prosecuted, (b) what are the names of the criminals who were apprehended and (c) for which offence was each apprehended and prosecuted;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? N2087E

*Questions standing over from Wednesday, 6 September 2006*

**★185. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

Whether the matter of a certain person's alleged unlawful imprisonment (name and details furnished) has been dealt with and concluded; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what was the outcome? N1350E

**★186. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Defence:**

Whether his department chose the most expensive contractor to fly ballot papers to and around the Democratic Republic of Congo for the presidential election held in July 2006; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, why? N1352E

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2006

## SOCIAL SERVICES AND GOVERNANCE

### CLUSTER 2

*Question standing over from Wednesday, 20 September 2006*

**★211. Ms P R Mashangoane (ANC) (p 57)—Public Service and Administration.**