

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION PAPER

NOTE:

1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. **In terms of Rule 246(4) of the NCOP, no more than six questions for oral reply may be put to a Minister in respect of any one Government department on any particular day. Questions received in excess of this quota do not appear on the Question Paper.**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2011****ECONOMICS****CLUSTER 4****★86. Ms B P Mabe (ANC-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

- (1) Whether his department has put any plans in place with regard to the training of artisans in the construction industry; if not, why not; if so, what plans;
- (2) whether his department will provide a list of all government properties in Gauteng; if not, why not; if so, when;
- (3) whether his department will provide the relevant and required training to the participants of the Expanded Public Works Programme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO686E

★87. Mr J J Gunda (ID-NC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

Whether her department has put any strategies in place to restore the country's depleting maritime resources; if not, why not; if so, what strategies? CO687E

★88. Mr J J Gunda (ID-NC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether financial statements of all national and provincial departments have been found to be accurate and in compliance with prescribed legislation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO688E

★89. Mr J J Gunda (ID-NC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

With regard to the President's announcement in his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2011 regarding the R9 billion job creation initiative, (a) how have the funds been allocated to serve this purpose, (b) how many small businesses have been aided, (c) how has the youth job subsidies been affected, (d) how many sustainable and decent jobs have been created, (e) how many were filled, (f) which sectors were affected and (g) in which provinces did the job creations occur? CO689E

★90. Mr J J Gunda (ID-NC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

- (1) What was the reason for hosting the State Diamond Trader in Gauteng instead of Kimberley;
- (2) whether she intends to reform the mining sector in the Northern Cape, especially in respect of job creation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO690E

★91. Mr G G Gamede (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (1) Whether he will provide details regarding the plans and timeframes for the development of the Beachfront Railway area and South Wharf in Port Shepstone; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will facilitate the transfer of this prime land to the local municipality in order to fast track the development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO691E

★92. Mr D D Gamede (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

- (1) Whether, with regard to job losses in the clothing and textile industry, especially in KwaZulu-Natal, he has engaged organised (a) business and (b) labour in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what was the (i) nature and (ii) result of such engagement;
- (2) (a) what plans does he have in place to create jobs in this sector and (b) what advice can his department give to inspire small clothing manufacturers? CO692E

★93. Mr D D Gamede (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether her department (a) has or (b) through any state enterprises has explored sources of energy internationally; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (i) was the nature of the rights that were secured and (ii) are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether the Venezuelan authorities have made any opportunities available; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how have these opportunities been realised and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO693E

★94. Mr D D Gamede (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the uMzinyathi District (details furnished), his department has any plans to decentralise industries to deep rural areas in order to complement the Government's priority of developing rural areas; if not, (a) why not and (b) how will the high rate of unemployment be eradicated in this district; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his department will fund cooperatives in this district to support local government development in order to address the alarming rate of unemployment; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO694E

★95. Mr L P M Nzimande (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

Whether her department has a strategy with regard to the maritime industry; if not, (a) why not, (b) what are the challenges and (c) how long will it take to develop this strategy; if so, (i) what economic opportunities are presented by this industry and (ii) what percentage does this industry contribute to South Africa's gross domestic product? CO695E

★96. Mr L P M Nzimande (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Whether his department has any plans to ensure that there is cooperation and integration of its plans with those of the National Youth Development Agency (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what plans? CO696E

★97. Mr L P M Nzimande (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether her department has any programmes and interventions to encourage independent power producers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether, with regard to the decommissioned power plant in Newcastle, her department will ensure that this initiative will be used to encourage independent power producers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO697E

★98. Mr L P M Nzimande (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

Whether, in view of the rising cost of food, petrol and municipal services, any plans are in place to subsidise basic food security needs; if not, how will hungry communities be fed; if so, what plans? CO698E

★99. Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) (a) What is the total amount which South Africa paid over to the SA Customs Union (SACU) under the customs and excise levy agreement for the 2010-11 financial year and (b) how much of this amount did South Africa receive under the revenue sharing formula as determined by SACU;
- (2) whether South Africa will consider renegotiating this agreement in order to receive a more equitable portion of revenue that has been generated through the consumption of fuel in view of the amount of traffic that use our roads; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO699E

★100. Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

Whether her department has received any confirmed reports regarding the allegations that the dop system is being used by farmers as payment for farm workers; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how will her department ensure the complete eradication of this practice? CO701E

★101. Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

Whether her department has any plans in place to address the 65% of overexploitation of the country's fish stocks to ensure (a) its sustainable use and (b) that the leading role this industry is playing in job creation is not compromised in the future as a result of reduced availability of fish; if not, why not; if so, (i) what plans and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

CO702E

★102. Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Whether his department will withdraw its application against Walmart and Massmart merger with the competition authorities in view of the statement of support for the transaction that was made by the Deputy President in the National Assembly on 2 November 2011; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO703E

★103. Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Whether his department will implement an import (a) replacement policy and (b) protection for industries that promote employment and food security, considering the critical role they play; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO704E

★104. Mr H B Groenewald (DA-NW) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) Whether his department has taken any steps to address the shortage of bitumen as the situation is critical to South African road-builders; if not, why not; if so, what (a) steps and (b) are the further relevant details;
- (2) (a) what are the current issues pertaining to the road-builders' projects that are facing his department and (b) what steps will be taken to address these issues;
- (3) whether any measures are in place to ensure that bitumen is not exported to other countries, considering its large local demand; if not, why not; if so, what measures?

CO705E

★105. Mr R A Lees (DA-KZN) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

- (1) Whether the full capacity of coal exports are being hampered by the limited rail network; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what is the extent of coal exports that are being lost;
- (2) whether her department is involved in any discussions to increase the capacity of the railway network; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the details of these discussions, (b) with whom (i) were or (ii) are these being held and (c) when will the rail capacity be increased;

- (3) whether her department will increase the rail transport capacity to Richard's Bay; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO706E

★106. Mr R A Lees (DA-KZN) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

- (1) Whether the coal export terminal at Richard's Bay is being fully utilised; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the reasons for under-utilisation; if so, to what extent;
- (2) whether her department has identified any measures to increase coal export capacity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether coal export capacity of the terminal allocated to exporters is based on black economic empowerment parameters; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether any mechanisms are in place to transfer unused allocated capacity to exporters that require greater export volumes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO707E

★107. Mr R A Lees (DA-KZN) to ask the Minister of Energy:

With regard to contracts that were awarded for the provision of cleaning, security and catering services to the Eskom Ngula Project, (a) what processes were followed in awarding tenders and (b)(i) what are the names of the companies which were awarded tenders, (ii) what are the names of the persons serving on their boards of directors and (iii) what is the value of each contract? CO708E

★108. Mr R A Lees (DA-KZN) to ask the Minister of Social Development: (*Interdepartmental transfer – 22/11*)

★109. Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry: (*Interdepartmental transfer – 22/11*) [Rule 246(4)]

★110. Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:

- (1) Whether any measures are in place to ensure that under the Recapitalisation Programme for Emerging Farmers, non-productive farmers will be replaced with persons who actively farm; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what measures;
- (2) what (a) terms and conditions will be put in place to ensure that further recapitalisation will (i) increase productivity and (ii) ensure successful farming activities and (b) assistance will be given to farmers in order to increase (i) food security and (ii) job creation;

- (3) whether his department will assist emerging farmers to (a) market and (b) sell their produce; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO711E

★111. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) Whether the Eastern Cape Department of Transport is responsible for scholar transport; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the budget for the 2011-12 financial year amounts to R206 million; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the required tender processes were followed in the awarding of the tender to a certain person (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether procedures of this tender adhere to the National Scholar Transport Policy to promote small, medium and macro enterprises and broad-based black economic empowerment in the appointment of scholar transport operators; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO712E

★112. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether she has negotiated with all (a) government departments, (b)(i) local and (ii) district municipalities and (c) provincial legislatures to install low energy diode (LED) bulbs in order to save on electricity usage; if not, why does the Government not lead by example; if so, (aa) what cooperation was pledged and (bb) by which institutions;
- (2) whether any targets have been met in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO713E

★113. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether she will provide details on the current status of the Independent Systems and Market Operator draft bill (ISMO); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the ISMO will be an independent operator within Eskom; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the independence of the operator can be guaranteed; if not, why not; if so, how will the independence be insured? CO714E

★114. Mr H B Groenewald (DA-NW) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (1) What are the details regarding vacancies at Alexkor for the positions of the (a) chief executive officer, (b) mine manager and (c) chief financial officer (details furnished);

- (2) whether these positions will be advertised; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) when will they be filled? CO715E

★115. Mr H B Groenewald (DA-NW) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (a) Which minerals at Alexkor do not comply with South African Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (SAMREC), (b) when will Alexkor comply with the code and (c) what are the details regarding cost implications as a result of non-compliance? CO716E

★116. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- Whether the fuel pipeline at the King Shaka airport which was leaking at the opening of the airport just before the 2010 Fifa World Cup Soccer tournament has been repaired; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was the job completed, (b) at what cost and (c) what caused the leaks? CO717E

★117. Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Communications:

- Whether her department is assisting emerging community radio stations; if not, why not; if so, (a) which stations and (b) what are the relevant details with regard to the support given? CO718E

★118. Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

- Whether, with regard to the African Ministerial Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture organised by her (details furnished), any tenders were awarded by her department in this regard; if so, in respect of each tender that was awarded, (a) what services were rendered and (b) what are the details of the tender process that were followed to appoint each company? CO719E

★119. Prince M M M Zulu (IFP-KZN) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether he has put any measures in place to protect the South African economy from (a) the current Eurozone prices and (b) a possible collapse of the Euro; if not, why not; if so, what measures;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? CO720E

★120. Prince M M M Zulu (IFP-KZN) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

- Whether his department has any measures in place to protect the South African export market from a collapse of the Euro; if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO721E