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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

★810. Mr L Mkutu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What are the reasons that (a) his department was unsuccessful in preventing the closure of Goodyear Tyres' tyre manufacturing plant in Kariega (formerly Uitenhage) in the Eastern Cape, with the goal of saving approximately 900 jobs and (b) the anti-dumping duties on unfairly traded imports of passenger, truck and bus tyres from the People's Republic of China, introduced by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa in July 2023, were unsuccessful in protecting Goodyear Tyres and ContiTech Africa against opportunistic pricing in the tyre sector, which poses a threat to the future of the South African tyre industry and raises concerns about job security in a country already grappling with high levels of unemployment? NO5475E

★811. Ms A S Hlongo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(a) What measures has she and/or her department implemented to address the allegations of misconduct against a certain person (details furnished) and (b) given the contradicting views between her and the SA Tourism (SAT) board on the precautionary suspension of the specified person, what guarantee will she provide South Africans that the specified matter will be resolved in their best interest, as they look to SAT to contribute towards the growth of the tourism sector for the advancement of economic growth and job creation? NO5476E

★812. Ms N Makasi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What are the (a) relevant details of the reasons that a certain firm (name furnished) was appointed to investigate the R800 million in irregular procurement related to the Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Plant project and (b) names of the other firms that applied and were considered, but not selected to do the forensic report? NO5477E

★813. Mr S D Selamolela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

(a) What is the expected time frame within which to execute the mandate of the newly appointed interim board for the Road Accident Fund and (b) how does her department intend to address the matters of restoring governance (details furnished)? NO5478E

★814. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

(a) To what extent has her department reduced red tape and regulatory burdens that hinder the growth of small-, medium- and micro enterprises and co-operatives, particularly in township, rural and informal economies and (b) what tangible progress has been made in collaboration with the Red Tape Reduction task team in The Presidency regarding the ability of her department to be able to monitor and evaluate the impact of regulatory reforms at each level of government? NO5479E

★815. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Given that rural development is a transversal function, what (a) effective systems has his department implemented to ensure co-ordination and synergy between various departments to roll out infrastructure development programmes to ignite economic growth in rural communities and (b) measurable indicators have been established to ensure that progress is monitored? NO5480E

★816. Mr V A Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

Given the important work that the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) is doing to support start-up innovators, (a) what specific mechanisms does the TIA have in place to support youth innovators at the initial stages and (b) how does the TIA ensure continued growth (details furnished) for such youth-led innovators? NO5481E

★817. Ms L E Ligaraba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether, considering the continued underperformance, overspending and governance challenges at SA Tourism (SAT), she has found that the more than 50% budget allocation towards SAT is yielding the necessary results of being capable of attracting 15 million visitors into the Republic by 2030, as envisaged in the *Five-Year Strategic Plan: 2025-2030* of her department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5482E

★818. Mr S Mahlangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What are the major findings arising from internal deliberations, as the National Assembly awaits the final formal report on the matter of R800 million in procurement irregularities, governance failures and regulatory breaches related to the Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Plant project?

NO5483E

★819. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What plans does her department have in place to address the matter of limited schedules for SA Airways flights where there is a persistent re-routing of flights on other airlines, which causes delays in flights and a loss of revenue?

NO5484E

★820. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

As Communal Property Associations (CPAs) continue to strive towards sustainable economic productivity, whilst many CPAs are experiencing major management and governance challenges, what institutional measures and systematic interventions have been implemented by his department to support and enhance the performance of CPAs?

NO5485E

★821. Mr M C Masina (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether, given that co-ordination between fiscal, monetary and trade policy is likely to ensure that the Republic has a chance at reindustrialisation and equitable economic growth, there has been any dynamic interaction and/or collective effort between the National Treasury, the SA Reserve Bank and his department to align fiscal, monetary and trade policy to support industrial and inclusive development; if not, what remedial measures does his department have in place to ensure that the trade performance of the Republic needed to reindustrialise and achieve inclusive economic development is not constrained; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5486E

★822. Ms M L Mmolotsane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

In light of the increasing digitisation of the global and domestic economy, particularly accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, (a) what specific programmes, partnerships and/or funding instruments has her department introduced to support small-, medium- and micro enterprises in adopting digital tools to enhance their competitiveness in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and (b) to what extent has her department integrated digital economy trends (details furnished) into its small enterprise and co-operative development strategies?

NO5487E

★823. Ms T G Shiviti (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

How does his department leverage science, technology and innovation to enhance the development and sustainability of the oceans economy of the Republic (details furnished), to promote economic growth, job creation and environmental preservation?

NO5488E

★824. Dr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

In light of ongoing tensions and protests between the e-hailing and taxi industries, what steps has her department taken to (a) finalise and implement a coherent national framework that integrates e-hailing into the wider public transport system in a way that guarantees the safety of the service providers and the users of the services and (b) address the broader economic issues of the sector (details furnished)?

NO5492E

★825. Dr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

With reference to the Taxi Recapitalisation Programme (TRP), what (a) progress has been made in making the TRP more transparent and accessible to operators to achieve its objective of modernising the industry that transports the majority of South Africans on a daily basis and (b) total number of vehicles have been scrapped since the inception of the TRP?

NO5493E

★826. Mrs N L Hlazo-Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Given that billions of rands have been allocated towards the Integrated Public Transport Networks across metropolitan municipalities, what (a) is the current operational status of each specified network and (b) concrete plans are in place to ensure fully functional and integrated systems for commuters?

NO5494E

★827. Mrs N L Hlazo-Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Following his 24 June 2025 commitment to ensure the publication of the names of all adjudication panel members, consultants and advisors involved in the National Lottery licensing process, what are the (a) names of the members of the specified groups and (b) reasons that disclosure of the information had been delayed for over two months?

NO5495E

★828. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:

With reference to recent reports revealing a disturbing surge in violence targeting e-hailing operators (details furnished), what urgent and robust measures will her department implement to (a) protect e-hailing drivers and (b) ensure safe coexistence with the taxi industry, especially at flashpoints like the Maponya Mall?

NO5498E

★829. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What (a) are the relevant details of the procurement process for the new driving licence card printing machine and (b) is the timeline for its delivery?

NO5499E

★830. Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

(a) What are the reasons for the abrupt resignation of the Chairperson of the National Lotteries Board, Prof N B Pityana, only two years into his term and (b) how does the specified resignation impact the resolution of the controversies and allegations related to the awarding of the National Lotteries licence? NO5500E

★831. Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Given the recent developments with the American export market, including the imposition of tariffs which effectively mean that the African Growth and Opportunity Act, commonly known as AGOA, is dead and no longer exists for the Republic, and noting that the response of the Government has largely focused on finding new external markets, what measures will be taken to prioritise the development and expansion of the domestic market as a viable alternative for sustaining economic growth and protecting jobs;
- (2) whether his department has a national economic security strategy to protect the economy against external shocks arising from trade vulnerabilities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the strategy? NO5501E

★832. Ms B Mathulelwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether she has been informed that the lease agreements for micro, small and medium enterprises that were applied for since 2024 in Hettleburg, Devon, in Gauteng, have been delayed; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the reasons for the delay and (b) interventions will her department implement to ensure that the specified lease agreements are finalised without further disadvantaging small businesses? NO5503E

★833. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

How will he ensure that the focus of the Innovation Fund on de-risking early stage small and medium enterprise creation, translates into sustainable pipeline opportunities for viable high-tech enterprises? NO5505E

★834. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether she relied on legal advice when she suspended the entire board of S A Tourism shortly after it suspended a certain person (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5506E

★835. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the reasons for a certain person's (name furnished) suspension by the now suspended SA Tourism board; if so, what are the relevant reasons; if not,
- (2) whether she intends reinstating the specified person; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what date? NO5507E

★836. Ms M S Letlape (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

(a) How were the funds, that were transferred from the Expanded Public Works Programme to the Matjhabeng Local Municipality utilised in the past five years, including for the total wages paid to legitimate participants and (b) what was the total amount diverted to municipal staff salaries and/or allowances? NO5508E

★837. Ms M S Letlape (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What long-term funding model will his department consider to ensure that the Independent Development Trust is financially sustainable and no longer drains the fiscus without results? NO5509E

★838. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether, considering that the target for the number of young persons to be trained through the National Rural Youth Service Corps has decreased by 1 070 participants in the 2025-26 financial year compared to the 2024-25 financial year, in line with a reduced budget allocation, the decline represents fewer job creation opportunities for rural youth with a negative effect on efforts to address the persistently high unemployment rate in rural areas; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plans are in place to create sustainable employment opportunities for rural youth? NO5510E

★839. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Considering that his department implements catalytic projects in rural areas in line with the six pillars of the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme and Integrated Rural Development Sector Strategy (IRDSS), (a) in what ways has his department translated all the IRDSS into measurable goals and interventions with measurable performance indicators and (b) what form will the institutionalisation of the rural development mandate take? NO5511E

★840. Mr B S Madikizela (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 2160 on 26 May 2025, he has found that his department has failed to efficiently finalise the Communal Land Tenure Bill and therefore comply with section 25(6) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, which clearly states that a person or community whose tenure of land is legally insecure as a result of past racially discriminatory laws or practices, is entitled to the extent provided by an Act of Parliament, either to tenure which is legally secure or to comparable redress; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5512E

★841. Mr B S Madikizela (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Considering that only 20% of houses were completed in District 6 in the past 25 years while 918 families are still waiting on houses, how is he planning to honour his commitment to complete the outstanding houses, given that there is no budget to cover the R2,2 billion cost of the project?

NO5513E

★842. Mr M A Nhanha (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

What are the detailed reasons that Regulation 18 was amended to make the LLL form mandatory, when minutes of the Deeds Registries Regulations Board chaired by the Chief Registrar at the time clearly stated that the specified form was to remain voluntary?

NO5514E

★843. Mr M A Nhanha (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether he has been informed that Deeds Offices are applying the LLL form inconsistently, with the Cape Town office limiting it to individuals while Pietermaritzburg is extending it to trusts and juristic persons; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what steps will he take to ensure uniformity and certainty?

NO5515E

★844. Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

With reference to the 2025 budget review where R7,1 billion was allocated over the next three financial years towards the implementation of the Small Harbour Development project in four provinces, what are the full details of his priorities for the 2025-26 financial year with regard to the (a) new small harbours to be developed and (b) existing small harbours to be upgraded?

NO5516E

★845. Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What (a) is the full update regarding properties that have been transferred and/or sold to second and third spheres of government in each province since he assumed office and (b) total income was derived from the specified transactions?

NO5517E

★846. Mr E M Bath (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

Given the widespread abuse of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) by political parties across all spheres of government, what progress has his department made (a) in implementing measures to prevent political interference in recruitment and (b) to ensure transparency and fairness in the allocation of EPWP opportunities?

NO5518E

★847. Mr E M Bath (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the progress that has been made by the Special Investigating Unit in probing his department's high-value lease contracts; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether the findings to date indicate that the rental values are aligned with prevailing market rates; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so; what are the relevant details?

NO5519E

★848. Mrs N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

Given that Section 11D of the Research and Development (R&D) tax incentive is the Government's key mechanism to stimulate private sector innovation and technological development in the Republic (details furnished), what (a) is the current size of the backlog in R&D tax incentive applications awaiting ministerial sign-off and (b) measures have been implemented to clear the backlog within a defined time frame?

NO5520E

★849. Mrs N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

- (1) Whether, in view of allegations that amounts exceeding R25 million were owed to the SA National Space Agency (SANSA) by Denel, Denel currently owes SANSA any amount of money, be it from the previous EO-SAT1 project or from projects currently underway; if not, on what date(s) were all outstanding amounts paid; if so, what total amount is currently owed by Denel;
- (2) whether his department now monitors any amounts owed by ensuring payment plans are complied with; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5521E

★850. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What are the full details of the immediate plans that she intends to put in place in view of small businesses that are alarmingly buckling under extreme pressure, with rising operational costs leaving over half of small businesses in decline, distress or at risk of closure?

NO5522E

★851. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

- (1) Whether her department has identified the key burdens, obstacles and/or impediments that keep pulling the Republic backwards in the ease of doing business index; if not, why not; if so, what are the full details of the key burdens;
- (2) what has she found are the reasons that the Republic is not improving in the ease of doing business index whereas other African countries, such as Rwanda, Mauritius and Kenya are performing relatively well?

NO5523E

★852. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether she will, in light of the disbursement and management of the R500 million Spaza Shop Support Fund that has been outsourced to three Delivery Channel Partners (DCPs) who are ostensibly required to report to the Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency, provide the full details of (a) who these DCPs are and (b) what criteria were used to select them; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO5524E

★853. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether she has taken any steps to implement the recommendations of the National Assembly as presented in the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development on her department's 2025-26 Budget Vote that (a) the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment regulations for small businesses should be replaced with the Sustainable Development Goals and (b) she should conclude a Memorandum of Agreement with the relevant Cabinet Ministers to end the automatic extension of collective bargaining agreements to small-, medium- and micro enterprises who cannot afford to compete with big corporations on remuneration; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO5525E

★854. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 701 on 20 September 2024 and the reply by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, to question 2417 on 23 December 2024, she has initiated a full investigation into allegations against a certain person (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5526E

★855. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

On what date was she informed of the allegations of impropriety and unsuitability of a certain person (details furnished)?

NO5527E

★856. Ms E Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether she has undertaken oversight visits to any tourism infrastructure projects funded by her department in Limpopo since her appointment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5528E

★857. Ms E Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(1) With regard to the appointment process for the Chief Executive Officer of SA Tourism that was concluded last year, who was the top-ranked candidate following the interview process;

(2) whether the top-ranked candidate was presented to Cabinet for appointment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5529E

★858. Mr F Essack (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What informed her decision to dissolve the SA Tourism Board?

NO5530E

★859. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Considering that some of the township industrial parks of Gauteng have been unfit for habitation due to the collapse of infrastructure, what steps does he intend to take, in consultation with other relevant stakeholders, to resolve the outstanding issues by the end of 2025?

NO5531E

★860. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

With reference to information related to the submissions on the rationale behind the Transformation Fund, (a) on what date will a summary of the submissions be released and (b) to what extent will the department's implementation plan consider and/or implement the recommendations contained in the submissions?

NO5532E

★861. Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

In light of Assmang's recent announcement that it may close its Beeshoek Iron Ore Mine, citing weak demand from ArcelorMittal South Africa (AMSA), amid extensive tariff protection and financial support AMSA has already received, what evidence will he provide to show that the specified interventions are actually (a) sustaining steel demand and (b) protecting jobs?

NO5533E

★862. Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Given that unresolved policy uncertainty and weak regulatory oversight are identified as major obstacles for foreign investors, what specific regulatory reform that has directly improved foreign investment confidence in the Republic has he enacted since he took office?

NO5534E

★863. Dr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Given the Republic's high unemployment rate and the lack of means of transport which contribute to the unemployment crisis, which is particularly high among the youth, what specific interventions has her department initiated to (a) provide adequate transport means and (b) enable the transport economy to create job opportunities which will contribute to the broader national efforts of addressing the unemployment crisis?

NO5535E

★864. Dr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What procedures are used to pre-validate the need for officials of her department to (a) travel abroad to inspect (a) goods and (b) transport-related equipment?

NO5536E

★865. Mr T B Mabhena (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What total number of coaches have been (a) repaired and (b) maintained to date under the General Overhaul programme of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa?

NO5537E

★866. Mr T B Mabhena (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Given her announcement on 22 August 2025 that 11 new Train Operating Companies have been awarded conditional slots, how does her department intend to ensure that the specified private operators are able to meaningfully contribute to improving efficiency, reliability and competitiveness in the freight rail sector? NO5538E

★867. Mr F Essack (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether the Road Accident Fund incurred any liabilities connected to the former Chief Executive Officer's introduction of new eligibility for claims, which could expose the State to billions of Rands in new claims; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5539E

★868. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether her department has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Government Printing Works to produce driving licences; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the (a) timelines and (b) costs associated with the MOU? NO5541E

★869. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether he intends to invoke section 11 of the National Gambling Act, Act 7 of 2004 which prohibits online gambling to deal with the online casino games offered by licensed sports betting operators; if not, what is his department's approach to online casino games offered by licensed as well as unlicensed sports betting and gambling operators; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5542E

★870. Mr T M Langa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

In light of the repeated concerns raised by industry stakeholders regarding a disconnect between his department and the steel sector, (a) what concrete steps has he taken to ensure sustained and structured engagement and alignment between the Government and the full value chain of the steel industry and (b) how does his department intend to address the siloed implementation of the Steel Master Plan, especially where state-owned enterprises and relevant departments are not aligned with its objectives? NO5544E

★871. Mr M A Mncwango (IFP) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

In the context of his rural development mandate, what (a) steps has he taken to institutionalise monitoring and evaluation systems across his department's integrated rural development projects to systematically assess their effectiveness on the ground and (b) clear outcome indicators and baselines has he established to track progress in rural areas? NO5545E

★872. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

- (1) Noting that delayed infrastructure projects often have ripple effects on service delivery, job creation and investor confidence, what monitoring and/or evaluation tools has his department implemented to track the progress of key infrastructure projects;
- (2) whether his department has conducted any impact assessments to quantify the developmental costs and/or economic losses of such delays; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5546E

★873. Mr B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Given the urgent national task of growing the economy above 3% to address unemployment and inequality, how does her department (a) ensure that the funds disbursed to small and medium enterprises are used strategically to unlock inclusive growth by the targeted high-potential sectors in the townships and rural areas and (b) measure the long-term impact of the specified funding? NO5547E

★874. Ms S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

With reference to the trilateral partnership between his department and the departments of Basic Education and Higher Education, (a) what key priorities and/or innovations are being considered in the upcoming revised Mathematics, Science and Technology Integrated Framework to ensure alignment with fourth industrial revolution and digital economy demands and (b) how is the specified partnership evolving to address the current gaps in mathematics and science education, especially in light of post-COVID learning losses and the growing demand for science, technology, engineering and mathematics competencies? NO5548E

★875. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

- (1) Whether her department has put measures in place to ensure that the R500 million earmarked for the Spaza Shop Support Fund will go towards assisting local spaza shop owners, who reportedly run just 20% of all the spaza shops currently operating in the Republic, with the rest being owned and/or run by foreign nationals who are often better trained and experienced business owners; if not, why not; if so, what measures are in place to ensure that South African spaza shop owners will benefit from the specified Fund;
- (2) whether there are any programmes in place specifically designed to help better equip and train local spaza shop owners; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5549E

★876. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether her department has a database of all the spaza shops in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what total number of (a) spaza shops are on the specified database and (b) the specified spaza shops have been registered with the SA Revenue Service for submission of annual tax returns? NO5551E

★877. Mr. T L Montana (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What is the justification for her decision to recommend to Cabinet the appointment of (a) a certain person to the Board of the S A Airways and (b) certain persons to the Interim Board of the Road Accident Fund?

NO5553E

★878. Mr. T L Montana (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) What are the reasons that she did not table the Strategic Plan of Transnet for the 2025-26 financial year before Parliament;
- (2) whether she formally requested an extension from the Presiding Officers of Parliament in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5554E

★879. Mr T T S Kubheka (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What (a) are the reasons and/or acts of misconduct for which a certain person (name and details furnished) was suspended for two years and (b) were the costs incurred in the specified period of suspension?

NO5555E

★880. Mr T T S Kubheka (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) On what date does the contract of employment between Transnet and a certain person (name and details furnished) expire;
- (2) whether the specified person was paid any amount in terms of a separation agreement; if not, why not; if so, what amount?

NO5556E

★881. Mr Z E Mthethwa (MK) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

In light of the fact that a certain family (name furnished) in the North West has successfully won their land claim, (a) on what date does his department intend to restore the land to the family and (b) what are the reasons for the delay in transferring ownership back to the specified family despite the favourable outcome of the claim?

NO5557E

★882. Mr N I Nxumalo (MK) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

Given that the government-owned building located at 44 Lancers Road in Durban has been hijacked and is being used for unlawful activities, which is not an isolated case as similar hijackings of government buildings are occurring across the Republic, what initiatives has his department undertaken to (a) address the situation at the specified building and (b) prevent further hijackings of government-owned properties to ensure the safe and lawful use of state infrastructure?

NO5558E

★883. Ms M C Mafagane (MK) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

- (1) In light of the fact that the country's small businesses are struggling not due to a lack of effort, but due to Government systems failing them, with reports indicating that up to 80% of departments do not pay small-, medium- and micro enterprises (SMMEs) within the mandated 30-day period (details furnished), which directly contradicts the Government's claim to support SMMEs when its own policies and practices are directly driving them out of business;
- (2) in light of the fact that township economies are suffering under her watch and noting that over 80% of spaza shops in our communities are run largely by undocumented foreign nationals, despite calls to restrict foreign ownership and protect these spaces, what are the reasons that her department has neglected its responsibility to safeguard township economies for the Republic?

NO5559E

★884. Ms N Buthelezi (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Considering that international arrivals reached 8,92 million in 2024, marking a 5,1% increase compared to 2023, what are the full details of targeted measures that she is implementing to broaden the geographic spread of tourism into underdeveloped regions and disadvantaged communities, particularly where tourism infrastructure is currently inadequate?

NO5560E

★885. Mr S R Moodley (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Given that the Republic's tourism sector contributed about 8,8% to the gross domestic product and supported 1,68 million jobs in 2024, what specific initiatives has her department undertaken to ensure that disadvantaged communities, which historically lack infrastructure and access, can meaningfully participate in and benefit from the growing tourism sector?

NO5561E

★886. Mr T S Mjadu (MK) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

What specific, measurable steps has his department taken to develop state-backed, home-grown large language models trained exclusively on African data and for African priorities to ensure that the Republic is not a perpetual consumer in a future dictated by countries which already have their own advanced digital technologies?

NO5562E

★887. Mr T S Mjadu (MK) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

Whether, noting that 464 public schools are currently not offering Mathematics in Grade 12 and therefore crippling the Republic's pipeline for future Artificial Intelligence (AI) engineers and data scientists, he has (a) an emergency plan and (b) budget in place to ensure that the Republic has enough AI engineers and data scientists; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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★888. Mr E M Ntshingila (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Given that Budget Vote 39 of his department indicated an allocation of substantial funding to industrial financing programmes and support for entities such as the Industrial Development Corporation and the National Empowerment Fund, what specific measures has he put in place to ensure that disadvantaged communities, including township and rural enterprises, directly benefit from the specified allocations (details furnished) rather than the funds being concentrated among established businesses?

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