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FRIDAY, 28 MAY 2010

Questions submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because in excess of quota [Rule 246(4)]

189. Mr M J R de Villiers (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: [42]
   (1) What programmes and discussions are currently in place to implement the “inspector” process at schools as stated by the President in the 2010 state of the nation address;
   (2) whether any role-players will be consulted to assist her department (a) with the implementation of the process and (b) in providing guidelines on the criteria and duties that will be given to these inspectors; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

190. Mr M J R de Villiers (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: [43]
   Whether any programmes are in place to assist and equip teachers with the relevant knowledge and skills to be able to understand and teach the curriculum used in the schools; if not, why not; if so, (a) who is responsible (i) to implement and (ii) for the monitoring and evaluation of these programmes and (b) what are the further relevant details?

191. Mr J J Gunda (ID-NC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: [44]
   (1) What is the total number of teachers who have left the teaching profession during the past five years in each province;
   (2) whether she and/or her department (a) has any data on record regarding the reasons for such departures and (b) will provide this information; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
   (3) whether any plans are in place to attract retired teachers back to the profession; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

192. Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: [47]
   Whether her department has initiated any pilot projects to determine the extent to which the remediation of vocabulary deficit was contributing to an overall improvement of learner performance across the curriculum; if not, why not; if so, (a) where was the project initiated and (b) how was this problem successfully overcome?

New questions:

193. Prince M M Zulu (IFP-KZN) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:
   Whether the Government has made any progress in transforming black economic empowerment; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what challenges have been encountered and (b) what has been the Government’s response to these challenges?
194. Mr D D Gamede (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

How many houses have been built to accommodate people with disabilities at (a) Umlazi and (b) Eshowe Municipalities in KwaZulu-Natal?

195. Mr D D Gamede (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether her department has any plans in place for the re-registration of social grants for people with disabilities; if not, why not; if so, what plans?

196. Mr D D Gamede (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

(1) Whether his department plans to take over sporting activities from municipalities to save them from utilising their grants in this matter; if not, why not; if so, when;

(2) whether his department will introduce other sporting codes such as cricket, rugby, swimming and boxing in the rural areas of Gingindlovu, Nkandla and Ndwendwe; if not, why not; if so, when;

(3) (a) how many people with disabilities have been unearthed from the rural areas and (b) for which sporting codes that are now taking part in competitive sports?

197. Ms M W Makgate (ANC-NW) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Which directorate of her department is responsible for the payment of service providers for learner transport?

198. Mr T D Harris (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether he will introduce legislation that will prohibit municipal and other government officials from entering into contracts with municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

199. Mr T D Harris (DA-WC) to ask the Deputy President:

Whether, in light of the request by Eskom that South Africans may have to be prepared to turn-off everything except “one TV and one light” during the 2010 Fifa World Cup Soccer tournament, he will reconsider the commitment he made in the National Council of Provinces on 26 March 2010 that, “I think we can definitely give that guarantee that there will be no blackouts, unless, of course, a major national disaster happens”, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

200. Ms B V Mncube (ANC-Gauteng) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether the city of Johannesburg is planning to build a pedestrian bridge for the persons living in Ward 22 next to the Maponya Mall; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
201. Ms B V Mncube (ANC-Gauteng) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(1) Whether the Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality has received any requests to move the dangerous electricity meter box; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how many requests were received;

(2) whether any of the requests that were received include a certain house (details furnished) in Ward 19; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what progress has been made to resolve these requests;

(3) whether the metropolitan municipality has any plans to replace the old and dangerous electricity meter boxes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW262E

202. Mr F Adams (ANC-WC) to ask the Deputy President:

What (a) progress has been made so far during this term to enhance the campaign for the Moral Regeneration Movement and (b) steps will he take to get closer co-operation from civil society to bolster this campaign, with special reference to the role of faith-based societies, institutions and groups? CW268E

203. Mr R J Tau (ANC-NC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(1) What is the total number of vacancies at SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) offices across the country;

(2) whether her department has any moratorium with regard to the filling of posts; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

(3) whether her department has put any measures in place to (a) ensure that services rendered by SASSA are not negatively affected and (b) fill all vacancies at SASSA offices, especially in the Northern Cape and Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what measures? CW274E

204. Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister in the Presidency: Performance Monitoring and Evaluation as well as Administration in the Presidency:

Whether performance contracts signed between Ministers and the President will be made available to the Committees of Parliament in order to better align oversight over the Executive; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) how will this be done? CW275E

205. Mr Z Mlenzana (COPE-EC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the Government will further tighten the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999 and Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, to avoid similar lootings that occurred at the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office; if not, why not, if so, (a) how and (b) when will this happen? CW276E
206. Mr M W Makhubela (COPE-Limpopo) to ask the Deputy President:

(1) Whether the Government has been informed that countries in the Eurozone were experiencing acute economic problems which could impact negatively on South Africa; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the Government is considering further austerity measures to curb the indebtedness; if not, why not; if so, what measures will be put in place in this regard?

207. Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

(1) Whether he has been informed that only ethnic blacks are benefitting from black economic empowerment (BEE) and broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) how is the BEE appointment of 26% for each company divided amongst (a) blacks, (b) coloureds and (c) Indians;

(3) whether this formula applies to all aspects of our well-being; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether the implementation of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, Act 53 of 2003, can be justified; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

208. Mr D V Bloem (COPE-FS) to ask the Deputy President:

Whether, with reference to the President’s recent visit to Sweetwater informal settlement, there is any programme for the President to visit informal settlements in the Free State; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

209. Mr M J R de Villiers (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(1) (a) Which provinces are in violation of the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, by not being consistent in submitting their quarterly school reports, (b) what steps were taken to address this problem and (c) what was the outcome in each case;

(2) whether any action has been taken to ensure that provinces do not contravene the relevant legislative provisions of the said Act in the future; if not, why not; if so, what action?

210. Mr M J R de Villiers (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(1) Whether the Integrated Quality Management System (IQMS) is prevalent in all schools; if not, (a) why not, (b) in which schools is it not prevalent and (c) what is the reason for this; if so, what are the relevant details;
(2) whether her department gave any written submissions to the principals of the schools where the IQMS is not prevalent; if not, (a) why not and (b) what follow-up (i) programmes and (ii) procedures were followed to check that the plan was implemented; if so, (aa) what are the relevant details and (bb) who was responsible to do these follow-ups;

(3) whether the officials who did not do the follow-ups received any performance bonuses; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?  CW283E

211. Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Transport:

(1) Whether, in view of the rapidly deteriorating condition of the roads and the cost to rehabilitate or replace these roads, there are any long-term plans or strategies to raise the required funds; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the Government is giving enough attention to expanding and improving the rail system, particularly in metropolitan areas to reduce the number of commuters and vehicles on the roads; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?  CW284E

212. Mr M J R de Villiers (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether her department has any plans in place to address the problem of insufficient water supply to schools in Limpopo; if not, (a) why not, (b) which schools’ problems will be addressed and (c) when will this problems be addressed; if so, (i) what plans and (ii) what are the further relevant details?      CW285E

213. Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(1) Whether her department still intends to introduce a new identity card for all South Africans; if not, why not; if so, (a) when will this process take place, (b) what will be the cost implications of this process to the (i) Government and (ii) citizens, (c) what is the envisaged timeline of this process and (d) what are the further relevant details;

(2) whether this new identity card will incorporate the drivers licence details; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?         CW286E

214. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(a) What are the (i) names and (ii) locations of all municipalities in each province which have appointed qualified engineers to positions of permanent employment, (b) in what capacity are they employed and (c) in which departments are these engineers employed?      CW287E
215. Mr H B Groenewald (DA-NW) to ask the Deputy President:

Whether the Government has any plans to create more sustainable jobs in the near future, in particular in rural areas; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the defined timelines for this and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW288E

216. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

What is the value of the (a) 90.3 carat and (b) 6.1 carat (pink) diamonds sold by a certain company (name furnished) on behalf of a certain group (name furnished) in the 2004-05 financial year? CW289E

217. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

(a) Who are the board members of a certain company (name furnished), (b)(i) how and (ii) by whom were these members appointed, (c) what is the term of office of the board members, (d) when will the new board members be appointed and (e) what benefits are each of the board members entitled to per annum? CW290E

218. Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether her department has handed in any disciplinary cases to the labour court in the past two years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how many cases, (b) how many of these cases were lost by her department in the process, (c) what were the costs attached to these cases and (d) who will be held responsible for this mismanagement? CW291E

219. Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC) to ask the Deputy President:

Whether his office has the correct statistics of the parliamentary questions asked in the (a) National Assembly and (b) National Council of Provinces in 2009; if not, why not; if so, (i) what percentage of these questions was not (aa) replied to and (bb) properly replied to and (ii) what measures are in place to ensure that parliamentary questions are timely and effectively answered by Cabinet Members? CW292E

220. Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Deputy President:

Whether any mechanisms are in place to attend to a formal request by a state to be incorporated into South Africa; if not, (a) how can such a request be facilitated and (b) what constitutional amendments will be needed to allow for the process to begin; if so, (i) what mechanisms and (ii) how expeditious will they be available? CW293E

221. Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether his department is part of the negotiations between the Free State Provincial Government and a Chinese railway construction company which is planning to build a high speed railway line between Sasolburg and Gariep Dam; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW294E
222. Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister in the Presidency: Performance Monitoring and Evaluation as well as Administration in the Presidency:

(1) Whether the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) has been allocated approximately R340 million in the 2010-11 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

(2) whether the NYDA submitted its (a) strategic plan, (b) budget and (c) Medium Term Expenditure Framework; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether he will make the information available; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW295E

223. Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether he or any officials of his department had any discussions with political parties or other institutions regarding the possible amendment of the Constitution to enhance the role and function of the National Council of Provinces; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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