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## QUESTIONS THAT HAVE NOW LAPSED AFTER 11 JANUARY 2022 - RULE 135

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## QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

**FRIDAY, 12 MARCH 2021**

**851. Mrs B van Minnen (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether he has been informed that it has become apparent at the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State, that a certain person (name and details furnished) has admitted that he paid R80 million to a certain political party after his company was awarded a R3,5 billion contract by the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1014E

**FRIDAY, 4 JUNE 2021**

**1732. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

- (1) (a) What progress has his department made in fulfilling the directives issued by the SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) at its 2016-17 National Hearing on the Underlying Socio-Economic Challenges of Mining-affected Communities on 22 August 2018 and (b) has his department reported back to the SAHRC (i) on the number and particulars of applications received, (ii) on the manner in which consultations are conducted and (iii) with a list of the conditions under which licences have been granted; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what (a) policies and/or procedures have been developed in consultation with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for assessing the adequacy of consultations with respect to environmental authorisations and (b) are the relevant details of the specified policies and procedures;
- (3) (a) what formal criteria were developed for the classification of information as confidential and (b) how does this classification seek to ensure that information is timely, adequate and accessible in all guidelines, regulation and legislation;
- (4) whether his department has developed a dissemination strategy so that all reports and documents, with the exception of strictly confidential information as determined by his department, can be made available to the public; if not, why not; if so, will the specified information be available through the Open Data Portal initiative led by the Department of Public Service and Administration which seeks to improve access to information, data and services offered by the Government;
- (5) whether his department has issued public notices of applications for licences and convened extensive public participation, including local communities, prior to the granting of such licences including the details of (a) objections lodged and (b) the number of applications approved, as well as in relation to existing mining licence applications in sensitive and protected areas; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW1943E

**FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST 2021**

**1798. Ms C N Mkhonto (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether, in light of recent protests following the arrest of the former President, Mr J G Zuma, particularly the rise of vigilante groups motivated by racism, the municipal police in (a) KwaZulu-Natal and (b) Gauteng have the capacity to enforce COVID-19 regulations; if not, why not; if so, what are the reasons that they failed to enforce such regulations in the specified provinces? NW2016E

**1872. Mr J J McGluwa (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) What has he found to have been the real reason for the recent uprising in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng in July 2021;
- (2) whether any civil unrest warning report on a possible violent protest in both KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng before the looting started was communicated; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (3) whether his Office and/or the Ministers in the Security Cluster were aware of the report; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (4) whether there was any decision not to act on the report; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what lessons has he found have been learnt from the situation in order to prevent similar occurrences? NW2100E

**1873. Mr J J McGluwa (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What are the details of the commitments made by investors during the Infrastructure South Africa (ISA) Project Preparation Round-Table and Marketplace held in Midrand in November 2020? NW2101E

**1879. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) What is the total amount that was paid to a certain service provider of the SA Military Health Service (details furnished) over the past 10 years;
- (2) whether any investigations have been done into any other service provider; if not, why not; if so, (a) who are they and (b) what were the findings;
- (3) what steps have been put in place to ensure that no single case of fraud and/or abuse by any other service provider will occur in the future? NW2107E

**FRIDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2021****2149. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) With reference to the conclusion of disciplinary processes against Ms Khusela Diko, the former Spokesperson to the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, (a) to which different position in the Public Service will the specified person be moved, (b) on what date has or will the person start in the new position and (c) on which salary level (i) was the person employed in his Office in The Presidency and (ii) will the person be employed in her new position in the Public Service;
- (2) (a) what are the details of the disciplinary processes conducted against the person, (b) on what date did the disciplinary processes commence and conclude, (c) who conducted the disciplinary processes and (d) what are the details of the findings of the disciplinary processes and outcomes of any disciplinary actions instituted against the person as a result of the findings of the disciplinary processes;
- (3) what total amount has been paid to the person in remuneration while she was on suspension? NW2439E

**2186. Ms L H Arries to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (a) Since 2018, how many Public Service employees have been suspended for a period exceeding 24 months and (b) what is the (i) reason for the delay in finalising their cases and (ii) total amount spent by the department for the remuneration of these employees? NW2481E

**FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2021****2228. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans: [Interdepartmentally transferred from Public Service and Administration with effect 14 September 2021]**

What (a) amount has her department spent on (i) air travel, (ii) accommodation and (iii) medical treatment in Russia for the Deputy President, Mr D D Mabuza, from 27 February 2018 to 1 September 2021 and (b) is the justification for the expenditure by her department on medical treatment for the Deputy President in Russia when world-class medical treatment is available in the Republic? NW2532E

**2248. The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans: [Interdepartmentally transferred from President of the Republic with effect 14 September 2021]**

With reference to the reply of the President of the Republic to a supplementary question to question 8 for oral reply in the National Assembly on 3 September 2021, what (a) total cost did her department incur for the recent trip of the Deputy President, Mr D D Mabuza, to the Russian Federation to seek medical treatment and (b) is the detailed breakdown of the costs incurred? NW2553E

**FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2021**

**2310. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether the (a) 21 Squadron and/or (b) SA Air Force was responsible for the travel arrangements of the Deputy President, Mr D D Mabuza, to Russia for medical reasons, as alluded to by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his reply to a supplementary question on oral question number 8 on 3 September 2021; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether he has, on each visit to Russia since 1 January 2020, travelled with (a) one of the VVIP aircraft of 21 Squadron, (b) chartered aircraft and/or (c) commercial airlines with reference to his reply to question 1874 on 10 September 2021; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what were the full detailed costs of (a) travel and (b) other arrangements by the SA National Defence Force as a consequence of his travel and the duration of his stay in Russia? NW2629E

**2316. Mr D Joseph (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether the Government has responded to the memorandum of demands received from the Khoisan group that has been camping at the Union Buildings for two years; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the details of the contents of the memorandum and (b) is the Government's response thereto? NW2635E

**2326. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) With reference to a certain person's complaint of nonpayment of her final compensation (name and details furnished) and the report of the Military Ombud's (name furnished) investigation into the matter (details furnished) that was finalised and signed on 27 January 2020 with valid and appropriate recommendation and a request to her office to ensure that appropriate relief is implemented within three months from the date of the signature, where the latter recommended to her to assure that payment to the specified person is made, what is the reason why nothing was confirmed and/or paid to the specified person;
- (2) in light of the complaint that was submitted to the Military Ombud on 3 April 2018 and finalised under signature of the Military Ombud on 27 January 2020, (a) on what date will the specified person receive her lawful and rightful compensation and (b) what has she found to be the reasons for the non-implementation of the (i) Military Ombud's recommendations in article 7 of the final report and (ii) request to her office in article 8 of the final report? NW2645E

**2327. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What is the breakdown of the total costs of legal fees incurred by (a) him as Minister of Police and (b) the SA Police Service in the matter of *Classic Arms v The National Commissioner of Police and the Minister of Police* with case number 78495/2015? NW2646E

**2339. Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

On what date is it envisaged that a draft Money Bill will be presented to Parliament by the National Treasury in order to raise the taxes necessary to fund the implementation of the Financial Sector Regulation Act, Act 9 of 2017, as was agreed when the specified Act was passed? NW2660E

**2341. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether, with regard to the grievances of military veterans which culminated in police intervention at the Saint George Hotel in October 2021, the Government has ascertained the true nature of the grievances; if not, why not; if so, (a) which of the grievances has she found to be legitimate and addressable and (b) what are the further relevant details? NW2662E

**2346. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

What were the reasons that the Deputy President of the Republic was allowed to use a SA National Defence Force helicopter on a trip to campaign for his political party in Mpumalanga in the run-up to the 2021 local government elections? NW2667E

**FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2021****2361. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

In light of recent challenges faced by Eskom, by what date will he consider a broader range of power supply options in order to ensure a stable supply of electricity? NW2732E

**2376. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

With reference to the letter of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, to the Speaker dated 16 March 2021 and published in the *Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports* of 16 March 2021 on extending the employment of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), (a) what has been the total cost to the Republic of the employment of the SANDF members to the DRC since the beginning of the deployment to date and (b) for what period is the employment expected to continue? NW2748E

**2388. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether her department has intervened in order to bring more transparency in the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa's draft of spectrum licensing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2761E

**2389. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether her department has any plans to put in place additional radio frequency spectrum in the next three to five years to cut telecommunication prices; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2762E

**2417. Mr S F J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Given that she and the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, authorised the employment of 10 000 soldiers under Operation Prosper until 13 September 2021, what are the (a) reasons that there were soldiers still deployed in KwaZulu-Natal under Operation Prosper on 27 September 2021 when the unfortunate accident happened, while no further employment authorisation was granted and (b) costs related to the unauthorised extension;
- (2) whether she has found that the costs of the unauthorised extension will not be considered by the Auditor-General as unauthorised and wasteful expenditure that meets the standard of an audit qualification; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2792E

**2428. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the SA Defence Industry's reliance on exports, the United Nations' regulations on the international arms trades, and the role of the National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC) to consider export permits, any request and/or application was received by (a) the NCACC and/or (b) any other South African entity to facilitate End-User Certificate inspections in any importer's host nation, with specific emphasis on Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) on what date was the specified request and/or application received and (ii) which countries are involved;
- (2) whether any inspection was agreed to by the importer's host nation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what date did and/or will the inspections take place and (b) what are the conditions imposed by the importer's host nation on any inspection;
- (3) whether she has been informed of any discussion of concerns and/or considerations that are and/or could be impacting on the issuing of export permits by the NCACC; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether she and/or her department received any enquiries and/or complaints from certain nations on the non-issuing of export permits under approved export contracts, and/or the delaying of such, by the NCACC; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, from which nations? NW2804E

**2429. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) (a) What is the relevance and importance of the SA Navy Maritime Silvermine Communication facility in Cape Town to (i) the SA National Defence Force, (ii) the security of the Republic, (iii) the maritime and (iv) air traffic in and around the coast of the Republic, (b) on what date will the dilapidated and stolen security fence and infrastructure be repaired and/or replaced to fully safeguard the base and its essential services and (c) what is the total cost related to the repair and/or replacement of the security fence and infrastructure;

- (2) whether the stolen communication infrastructure has been replaced and secured; if not, on what date is it envisaged that the infrastructure will be replaced and upgraded to meet with the required service level it should provide; if so, what is and/or was the total cost thereof;
- (3) whether she envisages the decommissioning of the base and its facilities; if not, why not; if so, what are the alternatives for the services provided by the previous essential service? NW2805E

### **FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2021**

**2450. Mr W W Wessels (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

- (1) What is the current outstanding amount owed by the SA Post Office (SAPO) to (a) landlords, (b) municipalities and/or (c) water and electricity suppliers for (i) outstanding rentals, (ii) water and (iii) electricity across all branches of SAPO;
- (2) what are the reasons for the specified amounts owed;
- (3) what is the impact of the arrear accounts on the (a) business and (b) daily (i) activities and (ii) responsibilities of SAPO;
- (4) whether there is a plan in place to pay arrear accounts and mitigate the effect thereof on the daily activities of SAPO branches; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2868E

**2459. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

What steps has he taken to modernise the SA Post Office (SAPO) to make it easy for the vast majority of rural and township persons who still depend on SAPO for basic services such as applying for jobs and paying municipal bills and electricity?

NW2877E

**2483. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

- (1) Whether, given that the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa has not conducted an enquiry to determine the most appropriate licensing framework for digital terrestrial television after analogue switch-off, she has a clearly articulated switch-off plan that will come into effect after the analogue switch-off in March 2022; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department will have an adequate supply of chipsets needed to achieve the digital migration to meet the March 2022- deadline given that there is a global chipset shortage; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) procurement plans are in place and (b) are the further relevant details? NW2903E



**2486. Mr E M Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the recent Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement he tabled on 11 November 2021, he has found that the Republic will achieve a faster economic recovery when the National Treasury implements a wealth tax; if not, what was his finding in this regard; if so, what are the reasons that he did not mention it during his speech;
- (2) whether the National Treasury intends to introduce a wealth tax in the Republic as a way of pursuing additional sources of tax revenue and promoting equity in the tax structure of the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW2906E

**2507. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) With reference to the approximately 250 members of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) who were flown to Cuba for training at the end of August 2021, (a) from which SANDF formations and/or divisions are the specified members and (b) for what reason was it decided that the best possible training available to them was in Cuba;
- (2) on what basis was it resolved that all the relevant SANDF members must attend training in Cuba, where the only language of communication is Spanish, given that all trainees must spend one year in Cuba learning Spanish;
- (3) whether she has found that it is cost-effective to spend or waste one year to be taught Spanish before actual training can commence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether she has found that it is acceptable that the SANDF soldiers are (a) used for obligatory garden work where grass must be cut with machetes under instruction of their Spanish-speaking instructors and (b) not provided balanced meals, but rather a low standard of food like half rotten bananas, primarily rice with more carbohydrates, maybe a hardboiled egg, and very little protein like meat; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (5) what are the reasons that (a) interpreters are not assigned on a full-time basis to the trainee soldiers and (b) the specified training is not available in South Africa, where similar and higher grade training used to be available in the past?

NW2930E

**2508. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the approximately 250 members of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) who were flown to Cuba for training at the end of August 2021, any training was available in other countries, especially where the use of English is available on the training courses; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether the specified countries were considered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) what were the reasons it was resolved to send pilot trainees to Cuba in view of the fact that our fleet of Gripen aircraft is of Swedish origin and the Hawk aircraft is of British origin;
- (4) whether any alternatives for training other than the Cuban training opportunities were made available to the SANDF members; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what (a) is the total cost of the Cuban training in each year since it started and (b) is the full duration of training for each group, division and/or formation, (c) was the total cost for chartering the South African Airways aircraft to fly the return flights to Cuba and (d) from which budget item are the flight costs being funded? NW2931E

**2509. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the approximately 250 members of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) who were flown to Cuba for training at the end of August 2021, she has found that the training offered in Cuba is the best and most cost-effective training available, given the budgetary constraints and similar training opportunities available in the United Kingdom, Sweden, United States of America and the Republic's BRICS partners; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she has found that this was the best possible training available to equip the next generation of SANDF pilots and defence force leaders; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2932E

**FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2021**

**2551. Ms C Seoposengwe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

In view of the various presentations that the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation has received from water boards and other government water authorities regarding challenges in the sector (details furnished), how does his department intend to improve human capabilities in the sector in order to address the challenges facing the water infrastructure, so as to avoid reliance on the outsourcing of critical functions necessary for the efficiency of managing the water treatment value chain? NW2977E

**2568. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

With regard to the oversight visit to Howick Falls undertaken by the Portfolio Committee on Tourism, and commitments undertaken by her department during the site visit for the refurbishment of the area in recognition of its tourism value, what (a) follow-up has her department undertaken to establish progress on improvement of the specified area and (b) improvements have been made since the oversight visit? NW3044E

**2570. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) What (a) is the total number of houses leased by the (i) Department of Defence (DoD) and (ii) SA National Defence Force (SANDF) for employees of the DoD and the SANDF and (b) total amount was (i) paid directly to service providers and/or landlords for the leasing of houses for the rank group Brigadier-Generals to Generals and (ii) transferred to the DPWI for the leasing of houses for the rank group Brigadier-Generals to Generals;
- (2) what is the (a) monthly rental amount, (b) lease period and (c) total cost for providing security and guards for each specified house? NW3046E

**2571. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether the Department of Defence and/or the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) are still providing a house to retired Chief of the SANDF (CSANDF), General Solly Shoke; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the reasons for this, as the former CSANDF has officially retired and announced his retirement long before he left the service of the SANDF;
- (2) whether security services and SANDF guards are still provided to him in the house leased for the benefit of the CSANDF; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (3) whether he is paying a market-related rental amount and for security services; if not, why not; if so, (a) how is the newly appointed CSANDF accommodated into a house and (b) what are the (i) leasing terms and (ii) costs related to any temporary and/or permanent arrangements? NW3047E

**2572. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether Project Hoefyster has been cancelled; if not, (a)(i) how and (ii) with what funding will Project Hoefyster be pursued and (b) what will the (i) budget and (ii) time frame for delivery be; if so,
- (2) whether the Ratel Infantry Fighting Vehicle (IFV) replacement will still be pursued, or is she prepared to procure a replacement from other capable SA Defence Industry (SADI) manufacturers; if not, why not, given that SADI manufacturers are world-renowned for the best possible Prime Mission Equipment; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is her department's position on the need to replace the Ratel IFV in order to support the SADI and Operation Phakisa, given that the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, and relevant Ministers have stated the importance of the SADI in growing the economy and creating jobs, and have emphasised the importance of Project Phakisa? NW3048E

**2574. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

With reference to COVID-19 relief funding via the Tourism Relief Fund, what (a) is the total number of beneficiaries, (b) total amount was each beneficiary paid more than once and (c) are the timelines, time frames and deadlines to recoup the funds paid to beneficiaries more than once? NW3050E

**2575. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) With reference to COVID-19 relief funding via the Relief Fund for Tourist Guides, what (a) processes, procedures and controls are in place to ensure that funds are properly paid to the correct beneficiaries and (b) are the timelines, time frames and deadlines in this regard;
- (2) what (a) processes, procedures and controls are in place to recoup funds paid incorrectly to beneficiaries and (b) are the timelines, time frames and deadlines in this regard;
- (3) what (a) processes, procedures and controls are in place to criminally charge non-qualifying beneficiaries who applied for the Tourist Guide Relief Fund and (b) are the timelines, time frames and deadlines in this regard? NW3051E

**2576. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) With reference to COVID-19 relief funding via the Relief Fund for Tourist Guides, what processes, procedures, controls, timelines, time frames and deadlines are in place to investigate and criminally charge officials who processed non-qualifying beneficiaries who applied for the specified fund;
- (2) what total (a) number of beneficiaries and (b) amount was paid to each (i) SA Social Security Agency grant beneficiary, (ii) Unemployment Insurance Fund beneficiary, (iii) deceased person, (iv) person in the employ of the State in any capacity and (v) person with invalid and/or incorrect identity numbers;
- (3) what (a) is the total number of beneficiaries, (b) total amount was each beneficiary paid more than once and (c) are the timelines, time frames and deadlines to recoup the funds? NW3052E

**2577. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) Whether the National Tourism Sector Strategy (NTSS) has been implemented; if not, what is the reason that the NTSS has not been rolled-out; if so, what strategies have been implemented and rolled-out;
- (2) whether the proposed institutional structure for tourism in the Republic has been implemented; if not, what is the reason that it has not been implemented; if so, on what date was it implemented? NW3053E

**2578. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) What number of Minister and Members of Executive Council (MINMEC) meetings have been held so far;
- (2) whether she will furnish Ms H S Winkler with a list of the MINMEC meetings held since 1 January 2021 including the (a) dates and (b) attendees; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3054E

**2597. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance: [Interdepartmentally transferred from Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs with effect 30 November 2021]**

- (1) What (a) steps has he put in place to deal with the escalating debt owed by Soweto to the City of Johannesburg as little progress has been made in this regard and (b) are the details of a complete plan detailing how the amount will be dealt with;
- (2) what is the total debt bill currently reported to the National Treasury for defaulting municipalities as the debt bill for the past financial year was R35,5 billion;
- (3) in light of the fact that 47 municipalities owed more than 100 million each, what is the (a) name and (b) outstanding amount for each municipality reported to him currently;
- (4) what (a) is the total outstanding debt of Soweto reported to him and (b) steps have been taken by the National Treasury to assist in recovering the debt?

NW3073E

**2620. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What is his department's plan to (a) upgrade the existing water infrastructure systems that are ageing and result in spillage of raw sewerage into our dams and rivers and (b) build more water infrastructure systems to cater for the growing population in the Republic?

NW3096E

**2621. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (a) Which areas in the Republic are currently experiencing severe water shortages and
- (b) what steps is his department taking in the short- to medium term to deal with water cuts across the Republic?

NW3097E

**2634. Mrs T P Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) What number of trucking logistics and freight companies that are currently participating in the economy of the Republic are owned by black youth;
- (2) whether there are any programmes currently in place that offer financial assistance to black youth who want to enter the trucking logistics and freight industry on the African continent; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW3115E

**2654. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

What is the time limit for the Presidential Task Team established by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, to address and/or resolve the challenges and concerns of the military veterans?

NW3137E

**2655. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

What other measures of intervention are taken to deal with delinquents in the army, given that the judicial processes often take a very long time and measures which work as a deterrent cannot be applied in the interim? NW3138E

**2656. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

What progress has been made to reduce data costs since the announcement to this effect was made by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during the State of the Nation Address in 2020? NW3139E

**2657. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

In light of the fact that there were several Post Office branches that were closed down in 2020 and early 2021 due to non-profitability, what (a) steps and turnaround efforts has she taken since then to ensure that the Post Office branches which were closed across the Republic, reopen to ensure that persons, particularly black poor persons in rural areas, do not travel long distances to locate other Post Offices which may be far from where they live and (b) total number of jobs were impacted by the closing down of Post Office branches across the Republic? NW3140E

**2669. Ms Z Majazi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

- (1) Notwithstanding the attempts to secure the R8 billion bail-out in the medium-term, what plans does she have in place regarding the future of the SA Post Office (SAPO);
- (2) whether she will explain how SAPO can modernise and make a turnaround in its finances when its history of fruitless expenditure and its recent failure to provide its 2020-21 annual report and financial statements loom in the background; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3154E

**2671. Prince M G Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) What is the National Treasury's position regarding the future of state-owned entities (SOEs) such as the SA Post Office, which need bailouts in the medium-term, given his tough stance in the Medium-Term Budget Speech on SOE bailouts;
- (2) what is the National Treasury's position on privatising and/or shutting down some SOEs that have not been making any profit, but instead have been hemorrhaging taxpayers' money? NW3156E

**FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2021****2683. Mr Q R Dyantyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**  
*[Interdepartmentally transferred from Social Development with effect 13 December 2021]*

What is the recorded information by her department, for the greater Delft area (details furnished), with regard to the (a) breakdown of teenage pregnancies in each school, (b) percentage of pregnancies caused by a (i) pupil and/or (ii) member of the community and (c) breakdown of the (i) ages of the specified girls and (ii) names of the specified schools?

NW3195E

**2691. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) With regard to the budgetary pressure on the SA National Defence Force and the immediate need to address the threat of implosion of our strategic prime mission equipment capabilities, what steps (a) has she and/or her department taken and (b) will be implemented immediately to drastically reduce the cost of employees as a percentage of the approved annual budget;
- (2) whether, given that earlier this year the Secretary of Defence reported an expected Compensation of Employee (CoE) overexpenditure of about R3 billion for which no plans were in place to address the issue (details furnished), she, in her capacity as Minister and as an ex-soldier, feels comfortable to tell the nation we have to be happy with only an air wing instead of an airforce and a water wing instead of a navy to protect us, but over extend on CoE; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW3204E

**2692. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether, with regard to the capability decay at 28 Squadron, (a) she can confirm if the need for logistical heavy and medium lift cargo and soldier transport as provided for by 28 Squadron is a critical support requirement for our responsibilities locally and abroad; if not, (a) how and (b) with which air lift platforms will the essential logistical and support services by 28 Squadron to our nation, our special forces, paratroopers and deployed soldiers be replaced and/or substituted; if so, what are the practical steps that has been and/or will be implemented to resuscitate the capabilities to sustainable levels?

NW3205E

**2693. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether (a) she and/or (b) Armscor considered discussions with (i) Lockheed Martin, (ii) the Royal Air Force and (iii) the United States Air Force for support to acquire new and/or very well-maintained aircraft so that the Republic can have a serviceable fleet of at least six to seven aircraft; if not, why not; if so, what can be expected from such discussions?

NW3206E

**2694. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What total amount of funds paid in terms of the (a) Tourism Relief Fund and (b) Relief Fund for Tourist Guides was towards double payments?

NW3207E

**2695. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What are the full, relevant details of the development of tourism implementation plans through the District Development Model in the three pilots in the (a) O R Tambo District, (b) Waterberg District and (c) eThekweni Metro? NW3208E

**2704. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) With reference to the 2020-21 Annual Report of her department, what are the causes of the lease agreement deviations that were made without the approval of the National Treasury for the Netherlands country office, especially considering that this is a repeat finding;
- (2) why did the entity did not follow competitive bidding processes in terms of the irregular expenditure of R20 063 332 incurred by SA Tourism in the current year;
- (3) whether, with reference to the specified annual report wherein it was stated that the 2019-20 National Tourism Sector Strategy (NTSS) Implementation Report was developed, she will furnish Ms H S Winkler with the contents and/or a copy of the NTSS implementation report; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3217E

**2715. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What steps are being taken by the Government to coordinate efforts within the Southern African Development Community to ease the financial burden of the high cost of obtaining multiple tests for COVID-19 in short succession on tourists who cross multiple borders within a short space of time while visiting our region? NW3229E

**2749. Ms P Madokwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) What (a) are the reasons for the delays in the completion of the R61 road project between Mthatha and Engcobo that has been halted for years without much explanation to the public and (b) total amount was spent on the specified road to date;
- (2) whether any of the money paid to the service providers who were awarded tenders to build the road has been recovered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3264E

**2750. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What reforms are needed on the demand-side that will reinforce the proposed supply-side structural reforms to generate a larger impact on growth of the (a) Gross Domestic Product, (b) job creation and (c) reduction of poverty? NW3265E

**2761. Mr T M Langa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

Which programmes have been put in place to raise awareness and/or educate communities on dangers of gas and/or gasses emitted by production companies in the past three financial years? NW3276E



**FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2021**

**2794. Mr E M Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the recent spread of a new variant of the COVID-19 virus, Omicron, he still projects that the economy will bounce back in 2022 to its pre-COVID-19 levels of the fourth quarter in 2019, as he had predicted in November 2021; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how has he found is the new variant likely to affect economic growth in the Republic;
- (3) whether his estimations on growth has taken into consideration the outbreak of more waves of the COVID-19 virus going forward; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3309E

**2808. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What are the reasons that regular meetings between Ministers and Members of the Executive Council have not been used as a platform to address (a) issues affecting tourism in provinces which are then cascaded to district and local municipalities and (b) tourism degradation caused by regular sewage spills and pollution in key tourism hotspots such as the (i) Durban Golden Mile, (ii) Wilson's Wharf, (iii) Umhlanga Rocks Promenade and (iv) Duzi River? NW3328E

**2809. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What engagements has her department undertaken with the (a) Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and (b) SA Local Government Association to address and ensure local government support for tourism as communities, stakeholders, and businesses have indicated that local government has demonstrated that it is ill-equipped and cites a lack of resources to successfully support tourism at a local level including community-based tourist organisations? NW3329E

**2815. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) With reference to (a) his position as the leader of the monitoring and evaluation of Government performance and (b) the recent suspension by the Department of Health of a certain person (name and details furnished), what (i) total number of directors-general (DGs) in (aa) national and (bb) provincial departments are currently on suspension, (ii) period has each specified DG been on suspension and (iii) are the reasons for each person's suspension;
- (2) what (a)(i) date is each person's suspension likely to end and (ii) date(s) are departments with vacant DG posts likely to fill the vacant positions and (b) total amount has the Government spent on suspended DGs;
- (3) whether her department has developed and put into operation any grievance mechanism aimed at addressing the grievances of DGs; if not, by what date is it anticipated that such a mechanism will be developed and put into operation; if so, in terms of which policy directive was the mechanism developed? NW3335E

**2826. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the published official opening of the A-Mess in Thaba Tshwane, now known as the Albertina Sisulu Mess (details furnished), a certain person (name furnished) received all the relevant approvals and acted fully in compliance of the austerity measures and prescribed financial processes and procedures; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the total costs for the renovations, upgrades and refurbishing amounted to R500 million; if not, what was the total cost of the work; if so, how does she justify the amount spent on the facility while the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) does not have enough funds to maintain existing and/or procure new essential prime mission equipment;
- (3) whether (a) the Defence Works Formation and (b) the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure approved and conducted the work on the specified project; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, who was the contractor(s) appointed to complete the project;
- (4) whether all the requirements of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, were fully complied with and that no irregular, wasteful and/or unauthorised expenditure as a result of the project will be declared by the Auditor-General of South Africa; if not, what disciplinary actions will she institute to hold the members of the SANDF accountable, including the specified person; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3346E

**2827. Mr D Joseph (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) What are the criteria that her department considers in order to recognise individuals as eligible members of the Military Veterans unit;
- (2) whether the criteria were intended to include members of the SA Coloured Corps; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3347E

**2828. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) (a) In which military bases were and/or will bakeries be established, (b) what are the reasons, criteria and motivations for establishing the bakeries, (c) how does the bakeries project correlate with the objectives of Project Koba Thlala to procure from local small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) and (d) what is the capital cost of each bakery including renovations, upgrades and construction of each bakery;
- (2) whether the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, and National Treasury regulations and requirements were fully complied with in the construction of each bakery; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, from which financial resources is the construction work financed;
- (3) (a) who are the persons working in each bakery, (b) what is the monthly salary paid to each person, (c) what are their relations to the SANDF and its members if the persons are not soldiers and (d) who are the contractors used for the capital work of building each bakery;

- (4) what are the (a) detailed cost breakdown to determine the total cost for bread that is delivered and (b) reasons that the bakeries are charging R20 for a loaf of bread while it is available from commercial and SMMEs' bakeries for R10 – R12 for each loaf of bread? NW3348E

**2836. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) (a) How is it anticipated that the R10,1 billion National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) shortfall for the 2022 academic year will be covered and (b) how far are negotiations with the Department of Higher Education, Science and Innovation to cover the NSFAS shortfall;
- (2) whether he has found that fee-free higher education is sustainable; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3356E

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COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS	0
DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS	25
EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR	0
FINANCE	7
FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT	0
HEALTH	0
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION	0
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HUMAN SETTLEMENTS	0
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JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	0
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