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★127. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether his department keeps accurate data on the rate of recidivism among prisoners; if so, (a) what is the rate for the period for which data is available and (b) is the rate of recidivism increasing or decreasing according to available data?

NO2824E

★128. Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, in light of the increase in organised crime, political murders, alleged state capture and seeming disarray within the crime and intelligence gathering institutions, (a) the crime and intelligence institutions are in working order and (b) the institutions are being utilised for the lawful purposes for which they were established?

NO2825E

★129. Mr M H Hoosen (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether the Government has policies in place to reduce the high number of undocumented immigrants in the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2826E

★130. Mr M H Hoosen (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether a certain person (name furnished) holds a South African passport; if not, which passport did `the specified person use to enter the Republic of South Africa on or before 13 August 2017; if so, on what date was it issued?

NO2827E

★131. Mr J H Steenhuisen (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

What role, if any, did the State Security Agency play in the (a) establishment and/or (b) activities of the Workers Association Union, allegedly established to destabilise the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union?

NO2828E

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

Whether, in light of the current budgetary restrictions, she has put any plans in place to (a) ensure that her department's expenditure on human resources is decreased from 60% to 40% and (b) reprioritise her department's budget according to basic constitutional mandates over the 2017-18 to 2019-20 medium-term expenditure framework; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO2829E

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

How (a) many flying hours and (b) much funding for flying hours that were allocated to the SA Air Force for the 2017-18 financial year have been used to date?

NO2830E

★134. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) Why did he not apply to the Speaker of the National Assembly for an extension within which to table his reply to question 1857 in accordance with National Assembly Rule 145(5) which directs that all questions for written reply should be replied to within 10 working days, which question was published on 19 June 2017 and (b) by what date does he intend to table his response to the specified question? NO2831E

★135. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

What are the details of the programmes his department has put in place to combat and prevent the abuse of women?

NO2832E

★136. Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

(1) On what date did a certain person (name furnished) apply for diplomatic immunity;

(2) whether she obtained any legal opinions prior to granting the specified person's request; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2833E

★137. Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether she attended any meetings and/or events with a certain person (name furnished) that formed part of the 37th Southern African Development Community Ordinary Summit that was hosted by South Africa from 10 to 20 August 2017 in Pretoria; if so, (a) which events and/or meetings and (b) which other persons were present in each case?

NO2834E

★138. Mr Z N Mbhele (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Has he found that the communication channels between him and the Acting National Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Lesetja Mothiba, are effective; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2835E

★139. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether he has had any discussions with the National Director of Public Prosecutions regarding the leaked emails implicating members of a certain family (name furnished) as allegedly being involved in multiple cases of corruption; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2836E

★140. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether the Office of the Chief State Law Adviser advised the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Ms M E Nkoana-Mashabane, before she decided to grant a certain person (name furnished) diplomatic immunity on 20 August 2017; if not, why not; if so, what are the full details of the advice?

NO2837E

★141. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

(a) What is the total number of convictions in respect of corruption-related cases as set out in the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, Act 12 of 2004, that have been secured in the 2016-17 financial year and (b) what is the total monetary value thereof?

NO2838E

★142. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether he has ever discussed the lack of progress in the prosecution of persons involved in the Estina Dairy Farm in Vrede, Free State, with the National Director of Public Prosecutions and/or the Minister of Police; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO2839E

★143. Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether private security companies are allowed to transport VIPs on behalf of the SA Police Service VIP Protection Unit; if so, are the private security companies allowed

to transport the VIPs with official blue lights flashing?

NO2840E

★144. Mr J J Skosana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What progress has been achieved since the establishment of the Operational Liaison Forum by the SA National Defence Force and the defence forces of Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia and Lesotho to address transnational security threats?

NO2841E

★145. Adv B T Bongo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether, in view of the fact that the budget remains a political instrument in the hands of the State to translate policy into dedicated programmes toward optimal gain for the economy and the State, she intends to encourage all departments in the peace and security cluster to conduct a series of budget analysis to highlight serious shortcomings that would materially affect the capabilities of the State and undermine the implementation of the Government's policy on security?

NO2842E

★146. Mr D D Gamede (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(a) What contribution has the SA National Defence Force made to the United Nations deployment in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and (b) what challenges are our forces facing in that region?

NO2843E

★147. Ms N A Mnisi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What measures have been put in place by the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) to enhance security, following security breaches at the Silvermine Naval base and 9 Infantry Battalion in Khayelitsha, which raise serious concerns about security at military bases of the SANDF?

NO2844E

★148. Ms N B Dambuza (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(a) What is the current status of verification of the military veterans database and (b) how will this new and improved database ensure increased access to benefits such as housing and health care to deserving military veterans?

NO2845E

★149. Mr M S Motimele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What progress has been made arising from the discussions between the National Treasury and her department with regard to the defence review and the funding model for the implementation thereof?

NO2846E

★150. Adv B T Bongo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether, in light of the number of cases in courts challenging decisions of the Executive and Parliament and that there is now in the public discourse the perception that the Judiciary is overstepping its mandate to the extent that it starts looking like the Judiciary is running the country with court orders, he has found that the Government is in a position to dispel this so-called encroachment myth;
- (2) what steps will he take to remedy this situation in pursuit of the advancement of constitutional democracy? NO2847E

★151. Ms M C C Pilane-Majake (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether, in light of the annual budget of R20 billion of his department which makes incarceration, care and rehabilitation of offenders unaffordable for a country that is grappling with poverty, unemployment and inequalities, there are any plans to repatriate inmates who are foreign nationals who constitute 25% of inmates in correctional centres in the country; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2849E

★152. Ms D D Raphuti (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

In light of the state visit by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zambia, Mr Harry Kalaba, in December 2016 and the subsequent visit by the President, Mr J G Zuma, to Zambia to strengthen bilateral ties on economic, social and agricultural issues, are there any developments in promoting youth exchange programmes to enhance and promote youth development; if so, what are the outcomes that have been recorded?

NO2850E

★153. Mr M S A Maila (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

With reference to the first trench of loans that have already been channelled by the New Development Bank (NDB) to deserving projects within the BRICS countries and the opening of the banks regional centre in Johannesburg on 17 August 2017 (a) which areas of development will the Regional Centre of the NDB focus on and (b) how does South Africa benefit from hosting the Regional Centre of the NDB?

NO2851E

★154. Mr M S A Masango (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What is the substantive outcome of the Southern African Development Community Summit of the Heads of State and Government held in the country between 18 August 2017 to 20 August 2017?

NO2852E

★155. Ms M A Molebatsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

Since his undertaking on 18 April 2017, what progress has been made regarding the filling of all acting positions in the top management of the SA Police Service with permanent incumbents including the Crime Intelligence?

NO2853E

★156. Ms M A Molebatsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

With reference to the Public Protector's report on the continuing violence at the Glebelands Hostel, which was published on 19 June 2017 and which contained findings and recommendations to the SA Police Service on how to remedy the situation, what progress has been made regarding the (a) specific recommendation of establishing a satellite police station on the hostel premises and (b) implementation of the other recommendations contained in the report of the Public Protector?

NO2854E

★157. Mr D M Gumede (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) Has her department been able to move with speed to strengthen the administration of and control at ports of entry and (b) what are the relevant details of the success of her department's partnership with law enforcement agents such as the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation in waging a concerted fight against corruption at the borders?

NO2855E

★158. Mr D M Gumede (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Has her department managed to improve its turnaround time and processes for the issuing of identity documents, passports and birth certificates; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2856E

★159. Ms D D Raphuti (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether, with regard to the establishment of service points in 221 hospitals where the registration of newborns could take place, her department has been able to narrow the stream of late registration of births, which were open to abuse and the fraudulent acquisition of South African identity document and citizenship?

NO2857E

★160. Ms T E Kenye (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Has the creation of a national identity database been able to assist the Government to achieve the goals of a comprehensive, accurate and secure population register that gives an accurate picture of our national profile?

NO2858E

★161. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What national programmes are currently in place to ensure that persons who enter the criminal justice system are properly rehabilitated in order to become functioning members of society?

NO2859E

★162. Mr S P Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

In light of SA Police Service 2015-16 crime statistics which indicate that Cape Town has seven out of the top 10 murder hot-spots in the country, what is the strategy of his

department to combat the gang violence on the Cape flats which is a key contributor to the murders?

NO2860E

★163. Mr S P Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

Why was a certain person (name furnished) not arrested as soon as he agreed that he assaulted a woman as it is practice that a person who has allegedly committed a crime is arrested and appears in court as due legal process?

NO2861E

★164. Ms H O Hlophe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

With reference to her reply to question 1869 on 13 July 2017, what were the exceptional business circumstances that compelled her department to grant a certain family (name furnished) citizenship?

NO2862E

★165. Ms H O Hlophe (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

(a) What has she found the repercussions of her action to grant diplomatic immunity to a certain person (name furnished) has been on the nations commitment to maintain law and order and (b) were these concerns of relations between South Africa and Zimbabwe more important to her decision than safeguarding the rights of a South African woman which was clearly violated?

NO2863E

★166. Mr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of State Security:

In light of the fact that he, on account of his position in Government, knew about the eminent violent protests in Vuwani, why did he not inform the relevant State organs or take the necessary steps to prevent the violence?

NO2865E

★167. Mr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of State Security:

(a) Whether there are foreign intelligence agencies currently stationed in the country on a permanent basis and (b) what is the impact of their presence on our own national security?

NO2866E

★168. Mr L S Tlhaole (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What was the purpose of the joint training exercises and activities that were recently held between the SA National Defence Force and the army of the United States of America, despite warnings of Western-backed regime change that were made by the President, Mr Jacob G Zuma (details furnished) in recent months?

NO2867E