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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2018

SOCIAL SERVICES: Cluster 2B

Listeriosis outbreak

★105. Ms T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) (a) What contingency plans has his department and the Department of Trade and Industry put in place to ensure (i) the management of the listeriosis outbreak and (ii) that there will be no future occurrences and (b) at which institutions have the plans been implemented;
- (2) whether food safety and security in South Africa is currently properly monitored in all sectors; if not, what action will be taken to ensure food safety and security; if so, (a) by which standards and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO174E

Monitoring unregistered/unlicensed NGOs

★106. Ms T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

With reference to the recent Life Esidimeni tragedy, how his department intends to monitor future non-governmental organisations that are (a)(i) unregistered and (ii) unlicensed and/or (b) responsible for the active ill-treatment and negligence of patients in order to prevent such a tragedy from occurring in the future?

CO175E

Issuing of title deeds

★107. Ms T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What progress has been made regarding the issuing of title deeds in each province?

CO178E

Poor workmanship for RDP housing

★108. Ms T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

With regard to the ongoing poor workmanship for the Reconstruction and Development Programme houses, what actions has her department taken to ensure that (a) building inspections are put in place and (b) builders are held accountable for any flaws, especially in problem areas like Gauteng? CO179E

Training/bursaries for social workers

★109. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

How many social workers were (a) trained and/or (b) awarded bursaries by her department from 2010 to 2017? CO180E

Channels for grant payments

★110. Mr M Chetty (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether any progress has been made to include the SA Post Office as one of the existing channels through which grants will be paid (details furnished), if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether grants for 1 April 2018 have been paid without any faults and/or glitches; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what measures have been put in place to ensure that the new channel of payment does not allow for any discrepancies? CO181E

Financial assistance to upgrade Water Waste Treatment Plant

★111. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

How much will his department provide to the City of Tshwane in order to upgrade the Water Waste Treatment Plant of Rooiwal that supplies all the rural areas in the North of Tshwane? CO184E

*Outsourcing of work***★112. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

How will he ensure that (a) outsourcing of work does not occur again (details furnished), (b) relationship with workers is strengthened and (c) transparency regarding employment conditions and work environment is increased? CO185E

*Eradication of bucket system***★113. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) (a) How many households in the under-developed areas still use the bucket system and (b) what would the estimated cost to the State be if the bucket system was eradicated in households;
- (2) whether he will commit to a date on which the bucket system in households will be eradicated; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO189E

*Handing over of title deeds***★114. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

(a) How many title deeds are currently outstanding which have to be handed over to Reconstruction and Development Programme housing beneficiaries and (b) what is the final date on which all title deeds will be handed over? CO190E

*Awarding of contract to certain company***★115. Ms N P Koni (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) Who approved the contract to appoint a certain company (name furnished) to build the Reconstruction and Development Programme houses in Bethlehem in the Free State;
- (2) whether a proper tender process was followed for awarding the contracts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department is investigating the awarding of the contract to the said company; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO228E

Paying of bank charges by grant recipients

★116. Mr M M Chabangu (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) Why are grant recipients expected to pay R10 for banking charges and (b) why is her department and/or the SA Social Security Agency not covering such charges?

CO229E

Eradication of bucket toilets

★117. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What progress has his department made in meeting the target that was set to remove 22 085 bucket toilets in the Free State by June 2018 (details furnished);
- (2) whether his department will achieve the goal it set itself for June 2018; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO230E

Building of Kimberley Mental Hospital

★118. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Whether any cases of alleged corruption have been reported in relation to the building of the Kimberley Mental Hospital (details furnished); if not, why has it taken so long to build the hospital; if so,
- (2) whether any persons have been criminally charged in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO231E

Issuing of expired medication/food to patients

★119. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether his department has conducted any investigations into the reasons why patients at the Malamulele Hospital were allegedly issued with expired medication and food; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the details of the investigations and (b) who has been held accountable? CO232E

Awarding of tender

★120. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether a tender for the Giyani Water Project in Limpopo which was awarded to a certain company (name furnished) was advertised; if not, why not; if so, (a) who were the other applicants and (b) who approved the awarding of such tender to the said company? CO233E

*Converting hostels into family units***★121. Ms D B Ngwenya (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

Whether her department has any plans to convert hostels into family units in the Mohlakeng and Bekkersdal townships; if not, why not; if so, what plans in each case?
CO234E

*Renewal of contracts with doctors***★122. Ms D B Ngwenya (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) Why has her department and the SA Social Security Agency failed to renew the contracts with doctors in KwaZulu-Natal in 2017 which resulted in grant recipients not receiving grants for up to three months;
- (2) whether any persons have been held responsible for the failure to renew the contracts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO235E

*Problems by NHI pilot projects***★123. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What problems are currently faced by the National Health Insurance pilot projects?
CO236E

*NHI limiting private health insurance providers***★124. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether the National Health Insurance will limit the number of private health insurance providers; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how will it be implemented given the shortage of medical personnel in the country? CO237E

*Increasing number of informal settlements***★125. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

Whether his department has any programmes to resolve the increasing number of informal settlements from 300 to 2 700 since 2004; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO238E

Steps to reduce waiting list for houses

★126. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What steps will be taken to immediately reduce the increase of 35% in the number of residents who are on a waiting list for houses as announced by the MEC for Human Settlements in Gauteng (details furnished)?

CO239E

Poor condition of hostels in Gauteng

★127. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) Whether it is her department's policy to eradicate hostels which are inhabitable for human occupation and in a state of squalor and disintegration, like the hostels in Gauteng; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department intends to upgrade and maintain such structures; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO240E

Waiving of application fees

★128. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether she engaged with the Department of Home Affairs to amend regulations in order to waive application fees for persons who are identified as homeless in a social worker's report; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how?

CO241E

Further education for homeless

★129. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What plans her department has to assist the homeless who would like to further their education?

CO242E

Steps to reduce waiting list for houses

★130. Mr M Chetty (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) How many (i) houses have been built for the Umkhonto weSizwe Military Veterans and (ii) persons are still on the waiting list for such homes and (b) what are the time frames for which her department is intending to complete the project?

CO243E

Maintenance/evaluation of SA Post Office

★131. Mr M Chetty (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

How will she ensure the continuous maintenance and evaluation of the SA Post Office system as opposed to only conducting follow-ups for the coming months? CO244E

Monitoring of dams/water levels

★132. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

With regard to the recent drought that is experienced in the Western Cape, what measures are in place to ensure that there is a national monitoring of dams and water levels, especially in the inland areas where sea water is not easily accessible as an alternative? CO245E

Eradication of bucket system

★133. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) When will the eradication of the bucket system occur as mentioned in speeches by former Presidents Thabo Mbeki and Jacob Zuma in 2014 and 2016 respectively and (b) how will he ensure that the new timelines are adhered to? CO246E

Mitigating socio-economic challenges

★134. Mr F Essack (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What plans her department has to mitigate against the continuous and ongoing socio-economic challenges that are experienced by poor and homeless citizens in each province (details furnished)? CO247E

Enquiry re-relocation of patients

★135. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether he enquired from the Premier of Gauteng whether he was informed regarding the relocation of the Life Esidimeni patients from Randfontein to non-governmental organisations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO248E

Backlog in housing projects

★136. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether any backlogs exist in housing projects in Gauteng; if so, (a) in which area is each project located, (b) how long has each project been behind schedule and (c) what are the reasons for the backlog in each case? CO249E

Sewage projects in Rand West Municipality

★137. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department undertook any sewage projects in the Rand West Municipality in the (a) 2015/16, (b) 2016/17 and (c) 2017/18 financial years; if not, why not; if so, how many of the projects were completed in time? CO250E

In-sourcing of grant payments

★138. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Why did the SA Social Security Agency fail to comply with the Constitutional Court Ruling to fully in-source grant payments on 1 April 2018? CO251E

Release of funds to municipalities

★139. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

When will his department release the allocated amount of R198 million that was intended for municipalities for the 2017/18 financial year which has been withheld as a result of internal financial problems? CO252E

Migration of social grants

★140. Ms T K Mampuru (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether the Government has experienced any major challenges with the migration of the payment of social grants to the SA Post Office; if so, what challenges; if not,
- (2) whether any issues have been reported to her department regarding the safety and exploitation of grant recipients, especially from the loan sharks; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO253E

*Enhancing capabilities of communities***★141. Ms P C Samka (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether, with regard to food garden programmes, her department has developed any comprehensive set of service offerings that are intended to enhance the capabilities of communities in order to achieve sustainable livelihoods and household's food security, especially in the rural areas and townships; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO254E

*Revision of social development policy***★142. Ms T Motara (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) Whether the Government is considering ways of revising the current thrust of the social development policy (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether this includes collaborative strategic interventions and services with other departments and state-owned entities in order to empower and develop the youth, especially unemployed young graduates; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO255E

*Adherence to court findings***★143. Ms L L Zwane (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (a) What action is her department taking to ensure that the court findings to extend the contract between the SA Social Security Agency and Cash Paymaster Services for a period of six months are adhered to (details furnished) and (b) what mechanisms are in place to monitor the progress?

CO256E

*Programmes to assist ECD centres***★144. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether her department has any programmes to assist the Early Childhood Development Centres in order to improve and to get them in line with the prescripts of the department; if not, why not; if so, (a) what programmes and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO257E

Programmes to fight against alcohol/drug abuse

★145. Ms L C Dlamini (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether her department has any programmes to assist in fighting drugs and alcohol abuse as they lead to violent crimes, especially with young persons; if not, why not; if so, what programmes? CO258E

Assisting departments for clean audit opinions

★146. Mr D M Stock (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What measures his department has to assist provincial departments of health to get clean audit opinions as some regressed to qualified audit opinions (details furnished)? CO259E

Progress in implementation of NHI

★147. Dr H E Mateme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether the Government is making any progress in the implementation of the National Health Insurance; if not, (a) why not, (b) what challenges are experienced by his department and (c) how such challenges are being addressed; if so, what are the relevant details? CO260E

Improvement of financial/physical working conditions

★148. Dr H E Mateme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether the Government is making any progress in improving working conditions in public health institutions to create a conducive working environment in order to attract more persons to utilise such institutions and retain scarce skills, specialised doctors and nurses; if not (a) why not and (b) what areas remain critical to ensuring that the institutions improve their services; if so, what are the relevant details? CO261E

Support/services for patients

★149. Ms L C Dlamini (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

(1) Whether the Government provides support and services to patients who are suffering from pulmonary hypertension and pulmonary arterial hypertension; if not, why not; if so,

- (2) whether all public sector institutions provide this service; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the service includes the provision of mobile oxygen machines to patients who are unable to afford the machines; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO262E

Challenges facing water boards

★150. Mr M J Mohapi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether, in light of the fact that one of the main causes of financial challenges which are facing water boards is that municipalities are not paying for bulk water services, his department has considered any measures to ensure that municipalities pay for bulk water services; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO263E

Challenges facing water boards

★151. Mr M T Mhlanga (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether any water boards are currently facing legal and/or court challenges, including summonses, judgements and attachments for the non-payment of service providers; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the main reasons for such legal challenges, (b) what interventions his department is putting in place to assist water boards and (c) what are the further relevant details? CO264E

Amount owed to water boards

★152. Mr B G Nthebe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department has conducted a comprehensive audit of the total amount that is owed to water boards by government departments and entities; if not, why not; if so, (a) how much is owed by (i) national departments, (ii) provincial departments and (iii) municipalities and (b) what are the main challenges that result in the non-payment of water boards? CO265E

Audit/assessment of state of water boards

★153. Ms L L Zwane (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department has conducted any audits and/or assessments into the state of water boards, including their governance systems, administrative efficiency and functionality; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the main challenges that are facing many water boards and (b) what interventions has his department put in place to ensure their effective management and functioning? CO266E

Eradication of bucket/pit toilet system

★154. Ms T K Mampuru (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What progress has been made in the eradication of the bucket and pit toilet systems in the townships and rural villages (details furnished) and (b) what are the time frames for the total eradication of the said systems? CO267E

Strategies to work with other institutions/stakeholders

★155. Ms L C Dlamini (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department has any strategies to collaboratively work with other relevant state institutions and stakeholders in order to avoid any future incidents of pit toilet systems that would negatively affect the rural communities; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the challenges; if so, what are the relevant details? CO268E

Strategies to realise National Water Resource Strategy II/NDP

★156. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department has any strategies to realise the National Water Resource Strategy II that aims to create a seamless and integrated management of our national water resources and the National Development Plan which states the need for institutional realignment in order to realise its objectives; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO269E

Interventions to mitigate water crisis

★157. Ms P C Samka (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What progress has been made regarding the interventions that were made to mitigate water crisis in the Western Cape;
- (2) whether any long-term strategies are in place for sustainable water supply in order to withstand any future water crisis; if not, why not; if so, what strategies? CO270E

*Completion of small water/waste water services projects***★158. Mr D M Stock (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What plans are in place to ensure that small water and waste water services projects that were not completed in the 2016/17 financial year as a result of certain reasons (details furnished) will be completed in the 2017/18 financial year? CO271E

*Spending in 2017/18 financial year***★159. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) Whether all provinces and metropolitan municipalities are up to date with their housing grants spending for the 2017/18 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what action her department plans to take in the Budget Vote allocations where there is seemingly underspending of the grants by the provinces and metropolitan municipalities? CO272E

*Conditions at clinic***★160. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether his department has resolved the abhorrent conditions at the Sehularo Tau Clinic in the Free State (details furnished) as reported by the National Council of Provinces in its Taking Parliament to the People Programme to the Free State; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO273E

*Building of dam***★161. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What progress has his department made with the actual starting of building the Umzimvubu Dam in the Eastern Cape (details furnished)? CO274E

*Funds for eradication of bucket system***★162. Ms P C Samka (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether his department has set aside any funds to eradicate the bucket system in rural schools in the Eastern Cape, especially in the former Transkei (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO275E

Inadequate allocation of funds to municipalities

★163. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether her department has any innovative and integrated plans to deal with inadequate allocation of funds for infrastructure development to municipalities, especially to small municipalities (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO276E

Reinstatement of housing rectification programme: EC

★164. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether her department plans to reinstate the housing rectification programme in the Eastern Cape as there are a number of houses that are a high risk to the communities as a result of having been poorly constructed (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO277E

Avoiding repeat of Life Esidimeni incident

★165. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) What actions is his department taking to assure South Africans that incidents like the Life Esidimeni will never be experienced;
- (2) what plans his department has in place for proper resourcing of mental health hospitals, such as the Nelson Mandela Central Hospital, Madikane Ka-Zulu 3 and others;
- (2) when will the St Barnabas Hospital in the Eastern Cape which commenced in 2015 be completed? CO278E

Questions transferred from written to oral reply in terms of Rule 249:

Provision of sanitary towels

**■8. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:
[Written Question No 79]**

- (1) (a) How many sanitary towels were issued to schools in 2017, (b) what was the cost of sanitary towels that were provided for each province and (c)(i) which schools were provided with sanitary towels in each province, (ii) how many in each school and (iii) for how much;

- (2) whether correct procurement processes were followed for the purchasing of the sanitary towels; if not, why not; if so, (a) who were the suppliers of the sanitary towels, (b) how many were purchased and (c) how much was paid to each supplier in the 2016/17 financial year? CO117E

Illegal abortions

■9. **Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Health: [Written Question No 82]**

- (1) How many (a) illegal abortions were performed and (b) abandoned new born babies were found (i) in the (aa) 2014/15, (bb) 2015/16 and (cc) 2016/17 financial years and (ii) from 1 April 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) how many (i) public, (ii) private and (iii) illegal abortion clinics are in South Africa, (b) where is each located and (c) what are the relevant details regarding all such clinics? CO118E