

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

Note:

1. ★ Indicates an oral question.
2. † Indicates the translated version of the question.

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PRESIDENT

★19. Mr G P Masualle (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) Given that the SA Reserve Bank (SARB) is a critical institution that drives monetary policy that can contribute towards the development of the Republic's economy, as most central banks in both developed and developing nations, and noting that the SARB has over the past two years consistently hiked interest rates constraining consumption in the economy, thereby adversely affecting economic recovery and growth (details furnished), what methods has he found should be implemented to ensure that the mandate of the SARB is expanded to include economic development and job creation through managing interest rate hikes;
- (2) whether he has engaged with relevant stakeholders to determine how the SARB could be more accountable to Parliament; if not, why not; if so what were the outcomes of the engagements? NO4429E

★20. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (a) How many Commissions of Inquiry has he ex officio established in reliance on section 84(2)(f) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and (b) what are the details of the progress of the Presidential Remuneration Review Commission for the 2023/2024 period under review? NO4434E

★21. Dr P J Groenewald (VF Plus) vra die President van die Republiek:

- (1) Met verwysing na sy verklaarde verbintenis tot die beskerming van vroue en kinders teen geweld, waarom die totale getal moorde op vroue en kinders sedert 1 Januarie 2019 nog onaanvaarbaar hoog bly;
- (2) watter stappe hy gaan doen om sodanige geweldsmisdade te stop? NO4435A

(Translation):

[Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the President of the Republic:†

- (1) With reference to his stated commitment to the protection of women and children against violence, why has the total number of murders of women and children since 1 January 2019 remain unreasonably high;
- (2) what steps will he take to put an end to such violent crimes? NO4435E]

★22. Mr Q R Dyantyi (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

What (a) policy conclusions is the Government extracting from the recent Census 2022 Report that negates the narrative that the Republic has not experienced a fundamental change in various social and economic indicators, particularly noting that some indicators are lagging and seem not to take into cognisance that our population and economic growth rate far exceed the 2030 targets of the National Development Plan and (b) implications does the Census 2022 Report have for the Government's macro-economic policy?

NO4430E

★23. The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:

With reference to the cost containment instructions issued by the Minister of Finance, Mr E Godongwana, to all government departments on 31 August 2023, what (a) were the reasons for the drastic budget cuts to government departments, which will have a negative impact on the Government's delivery of frontline services at a time when citizens are being battered by the Republic's cost-of-living crisis and (b) are the relevant details of the meetings he and the Deputy President, Mr S P Mashatile, have held with Ministers as part of their in-year performance reviews, to ensure that the budget cuts do not derail the implementation of the priorities that were agreed upon?

NO4433E

★24. Mr B H Holomisa (UDM) to ask the President of the Republic:

Whether he has found, considering the year-on-year budget cuts that have resulted in the declining ability of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) to maintain equipment and that its stock levels are inadequate to support current defence commitments in fulfilment of its constitutional mandate, that the SANDF is generally in a state of readiness and particularly able to deploy and aid in numerous disaster management operations that it is increasingly called on to do due to climate change? NO4553E