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QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

★810. Mr L Mkutu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What are the reasons that (a) his department was unsuccessful in preventing the closure of Goodyear Tyres' tyre manufacturing plant in Kariega (formerly Uitenhage) in the Eastern Cape, with the goal of saving approximately 900 jobs and (b) the anti-dumping duties on unfairly traded imports of passenger, truck and bus tyres from the People's Republic of China, introduced by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa in July 2023, were unsuccessful in protecting Goodyear Tyres and ContiTech Africa against opportunistic pricing in the tyre sector, which poses a threat to the future of the South African tyre industry and raises concerns about job security in a country already grappling with high levels of unemployment? NO5475E

★875. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

- (1) Whether her department has put measures in place to ensure that the R500 million earmarked for the Spaza Shop Support Fund will go towards assisting local spaza shop owners, who reportedly run just 20% of all the spaza shops currently operating in the Republic, with the rest being owned and/or run by foreign nationals who are often better trained and experienced business owners; if not, why not; if so, what measures are in place to ensure that South African spaza shop owners will benefit from the specified Fund;
- (2) whether there are any programmes in place specifically designed to help better equip and train local spaza shop owners; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5549E

★867. Mr F Essack (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether the Road Accident Fund incurred any liabilities connected to the former Chief Executive Officer's introduction of new eligibility for claims, which could expose the State to billions of Rands in new claims; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5539E

★811. Ms A S Hlongo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(a) What measures has she and/or her department implemented to address the allegations of misconduct against a certain person (details furnished) and (b) given the contradicting views between her and the SA Tourism (SAT) board on the precautionary suspension of the specified person, what guarantee will she provide South Africans that the specified matter will be resolved in their best interest, as they look to SAT to contribute towards the growth of the tourism sector for the advancement of economic growth and job creation? NO5476E

★878. Mr. T L Montana (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) What are the reasons that she did not table the Strategic Plan of Transnet for the 2025-26 financial year before Parliament;
- (2) whether she formally requested an extension from the Presiding Officers of Parliament in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5554E

★828. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:

With reference to recent reports revealing a disturbing surge in violence targeting e-hailing operators (details furnished), what urgent and robust measures will her department implement to (a) protect e-hailing drivers and (b) ensure safe coexistence with the taxi industry, especially at flashpoints like the Maponya Mall? NO5498E

★812. Ms N Makasi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What are the (a) relevant details of the reasons that a certain firm (name furnished) was appointed to investigate the R800 million in irregular procurement related to the Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Plant project and (b) names of the other firms that applied and were considered, but not selected to do the forensic report? NO5477E

★866. Mr T B Mabhena (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Given her announcement on 22 August 2025 that 11 new Train Operating Companies have been awarded conditional slots, how does her department intend to ensure that the specified private operators are able to meaningfully contribute to improving efficiency, reliability and competitiveness in the freight rail sector? NO5538E

★814. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

(a) To what extent has her department reduced red tape and regulatory burdens that hinder the growth of small-, medium- and micro enterprises and co-operatives, particularly in township, rural and informal economies and (b) what tangible progress has been made in collaboration with the Red Tape Reduction task team in The Presidency regarding the ability of her department to be able to monitor and evaluate the impact of regulatory reforms at each level of government? NO5479E

★869. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether he intends to invoke section 11 of the National Gambling Act, Act 7 of 2004 which prohibits online gambling to deal with the online casino games offered by licensed sports betting operators; if not, what is his department's approach to online casino games offered by licensed as well as unlicensed sports betting and gambling operators; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5542E

★815. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Given that rural development is a transversal function, what (a) effective systems has his department implemented to ensure co-ordination and synergy between various departments to roll out infrastructure development programmes to ignite economic growth in rural communities and (b) measurable indicators have been established to ensure that progress is monitored? NO5480E

★853. Ms S Singh (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether she has taken any steps to implement the recommendations of the National Assembly as presented in the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development on her department's 2025-26 Budget Vote that (a) the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment regulations for small businesses should be replaced with the Sustainable Development Goals and (b) she should conclude a Memorandum of Agreement with the relevant Cabinet Ministers to end the automatic extension of collective bargaining agreements to small-, medium- and micro enterprises who cannot afford to compete with big corporations on remuneration; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO5525E

★888. Mr E M Ntshingila (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Given that Budget Vote 39 of his department indicated an allocation of substantial funding to industrial financing programmes and support for entities such as the Industrial Development Corporation and the National Empowerment Fund, what specific measures has he put in place to ensure that disadvantaged communities, including township and rural enterprises, directly benefit from the specified allocations (details furnished) rather than the funds being concentrated among established businesses?

NO5564E

★816. Mr V A Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

Given the important work that the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) is doing to support start-up innovators, (a) what specific mechanisms does the TIA have in place to support youth innovators at the initial stages and (b) how does the TIA ensure continued growth (details furnished) for such youth-led innovators?

NO5481E

★831. Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Given the recent developments with the American export market, including the imposition of tariffs which effectively mean that the African Growth and Opportunity Act, commonly known as AGOA, is dead and no longer exists for the Republic, and noting that the response of the Government has largely focused on finding new external markets, what measures will be taken to prioritise the development and expansion of the domestic market as a viable alternative for sustaining economic growth and protecting jobs;
- (2) whether his department has a national economic security strategy to protect the economy against external shocks arising from trade vulnerabilities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the strategy?

NO5501E

★871. Mr M A Mncwango (IFP) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

In the context of his rural development mandate, what (a) steps has he taken to institutionalise monitoring and evaluation systems across his department's integrated rural development projects to systematically assess their effectiveness on the ground and (b) clear outcome indicators and baselines has he established to track progress in rural areas?

NO5545E

★817. Ms L E Ligaraba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether, considering the continued underperformance, overspending and governance challenges at SA Tourism (SAT), she has found that the more than 50% budget allocation towards SAT is yielding the necessary results of being capable of attracting 15 million visitors into the Republic by 2030, as envisaged in the *Five-Year Strategic Plan: 2025-2030* of her department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5482E

★876. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether her department has a database of all the spaza shops in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what total number of (a) spaza shops are on the specified database and (b) the specified spaza shops have been registered with the SA Revenue Service for submission of annual tax returns?

NO5551E

★842. Mr M A Nhanha (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

What are the detailed reasons that Regulation 18 was amended to make the LLL form mandatory, when minutes of the Deeds Registries Regulations Board chaired by the Chief Registrar at the time clearly stated that the specified form was to remain voluntary?

NO5514E

★818. Mr S Mahlangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What are the major findings arising from internal deliberations, as the National Assembly awaits the final formal report on the matter of R800 million in procurement irregularities, governance failures and regulatory breaches related to the Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Plant project?

NO5483E

★887. Mr T S Mjadu (MK) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

Whether, noting that 464 public schools are currently not offering Mathematics in Grade 12 and therefore crippling the Republic's pipeline for future Artificial Intelligence (AI) engineers and data scientists, he has (a) an emergency plan and (b) budget in place to ensure that the Republic has enough AI engineers and data scientists; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO5563E

★833. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

How will he ensure that the focus of the Innovation Fund on de-risking early stage small and medium enterprise creation, translates into sustainable pipeline opportunities for viable high-tech enterprises?

NO5505E

★820. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

As Communal Property Associations (CPAs) continue to strive towards sustainable economic productivity, whilst many CPAs are experiencing major management and governance challenges, what institutional measures and systematic interventions have been implemented by his department to support and enhance the performance of CPAs?

NO5485E

★844. Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

With reference to the 2025 budget review where R7,1 billion was allocated over the next three financial years towards the implementation of the Small Harbour Development project in four provinces, what are the full details of his priorities for the 2025-26 financial year with regard to the (a) new small harbours to be developed and (b) existing small harbours to be upgraded? NO5516E

★823. Ms T G Shiviti (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:

How does his department leverage science, technology and innovation to enhance the development and sustainability of the oceans economy of the Republic (details furnished), to promote economic growth, job creation and environmental preservation? NO5488E

★845. Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What (a) is the full update regarding properties that have been transferred and/or sold to second and third spheres of government in each province since he assumed office and (b) total income was derived from the specified transactions? NO5517E

★884. Ms N Buthelezi (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Considering that international arrivals reached 8,92 million in 2024, marking a 5,1% increase compared to 2023, what are the full details of targeted measures that she is implementing to broaden the geographic spread of tourism into underdeveloped regions and disadvantaged communities, particularly where tourism infrastructure is currently inadequate? NO5560E

★834. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether she relied on legal advice when she suspended the entire board of S A Tourism shortly after it suspended a certain person (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5506E