

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2026

CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

★217. Mr C Matiwane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether, with reference to the National Planning Commission having highlighted the persistence of silo mentality within the Government of National Unity, she has any mechanism in place to align line department plans with the National Development Plan in the long-term and the Medium-Term Development Plan in the medium-term; if not, why not; if so, what action has she taken with regard to any political and administrative head of any particular department where they fail to align with the NDP?

NO1247E

★221. Mr P Ndamase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Considering the water crisis that is escalating in municipalities around the Republic, especially in Johannesburg, what (a) have been found to be the major contributing factors to the specified challenge and (b) mechanisms has his department put in place to work with the affected municipalities to address the challenges?

NO1251E

★232. Ms A M van Zyl (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Considering the ineffective use of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant towards basic services infrastructure, what (a) oversight and (b) performance conditions will he impose on funding to ensure that guaranteed basic services for residents are delivered?

NO1262E

★223. Ms T Mgweba (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What initiatives is Brand South Africa and Proudly South Africa implementing to (a) enhance the position of the Republic in the African continent and (b) promote South African goods and services exports on the continent?

NO1253E

★220. Mr I Ismail-Moosa (Al Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(a) What is the distinction between the role and/or authority of a district municipality and its district mayor, compared to that of a district supported and/or overseen by a Presidential District Champion under the District Development Model and (b) which authority is best positioned and mandated to present and/or account for the implementation of the One Plan, One Budget approach for the district?

NO1250E

★222. Ms N S Sompma-Masiu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(1) In light of the fact that municipalities in the Republic are still failing to manage infrastructure projects, resulting in numerous projects left incomplete with additional costs incurred and service providers changed with no tangible progress and/or consequences, what is the total number of infrastructure projects that are currently delayed in municipalities;

(2) whether there are plans to blacklist service providers who fail to complete projects; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1252E

★242. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

In light of the confirmation by his department that 8 982 senior public officials have undergone lifestyle audits, and that 141 officials of those were flagged for suspicious financial conduct, what are the reasons that no cases have been referred to law enforcement agencies such as the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation or the Special Investigating Unit?

NO1272E

★209. Ms H M Radebe (MK) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

(1) With regard to the National Youth Development Agency's R71 million irregular expenditure as reported in the audit report of the 2024-25 financial year, what is the reason that it was escalated to the National Treasury;

(2) whether she intends clarifying the overall audit outcome for people with disabilities and youth; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1238E

★226. Ms W Tikana-Gxotiwe (ANC) to ask the Minister Public Service and Administration:

Considering that the Auditor-General's 2024-25 report highlights poor contract management and dependency on service providers as the key causes of project failures and financial losses, what measures has the his department undertaken to (a) curb financial losses and (b) skill their own personnel instead of outsourcing services?

NO1256E

★214. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

In view of the recent concerns surrounding the lack of transparency and accountability of the Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS) board appointments, governance practices and executive remuneration, and given that GEMS is a not-for-profit medical scheme established to serve public servants and their families and considering the rejection of the proposed premium increases by unions, what concrete steps has he taken to urgently review and appoint a new board for GEMS that will demonstrate commitment to good governance (details furnished)?

NO1244E

★202. Ms B E Machi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

In light of her strong stance against substance abuse amongst the youth, how will her Office strengthen co-ordination with the Department of Health and the Central Drug Authority to ensure that (a) prevention programmes and (b) early intervention and/or psychosocial support services reach the most vulnerable communities to deliver measurable reductions in substance abuse amongst the youth?

NO1230E

★228. Ms T M Chauke-Adonis (ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Given the continued lack of access to opportunities and information for the rural youth, what plans has her Office put in place to work with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) to (a) drive activation programmes in rural areas and (b) ensure that the NYDA has active offices in the remote areas?

NO1258E

★241. Mr J N de Villiers (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

In light of recent figures released by the National Treasury which show that 4,323 suspicious cases of ghost workers have been identified on the public service payroll, but the PERSAL system could not verify the workers' existence, and given that employee compensation accounts for a significant portion of government expenditure, (a) in which departments were the cases of ghost workers found and (b) what is the total cost of compensating the specified number of ghost workers?

NO1271E

★224. Ms M J Aphiri (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What (a) is the progress of the implementation of the Statistics Amendments Act, Act 29 of 2024, and (b) has she found to be the state of readiness of organs of state in developing statistical units?

NO1254E

★212. Ms B E S Zuma (MK) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

In light of persistent delays and significant cost escalations in municipal infrastructure projects, including the Esikhaleni Water Package Plant, the Esikhaleni Fitness Complex and the Ntambanana Water Reservoir, which have failed to reach completion and operational status within their original timelines and budgets, what (a) specific interventions has her Office undertaken to address the causes of the delays and ballooning costs and (b) concrete plan has been put in place to strengthen coordination across the three spheres of government (details furnished)?

NO1241E

★213. Ms P R Mailola (EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

With reference to instances where the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) processes a child support grant for a 14 year-old mother, whereby the State then has direct evidence that a sexual offence may have occurred, for what reason has her department, whose mandate is oversight and advocacy for women and children, failed to compel SASSA to integrate a monitoring and referral mechanism to report cases such as these to the relevant prosecuting authorities?

NO1243E

★225. Ms A N Kumbaca (ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

What (a) are the key findings on the progress of implementation of the Medium-Term Development Plan 2024-29 and (b) measures are required to accelerate the realisation of targets in the results framework?

NO1255E

★239. Ms K A Christie (DA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Bearing in mind that the National Planning Commission recently admitted to the Portfolio Committee on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation that the benchmarks of the National Development Plan (NDP) 2030 consistently remain unmet, what has she found needs to be done differently to (a) activate the 5,4% economic growth and (b) achieve the 6% unemployment rate envisaged by the NDP by 2030?

NO1269E

★234. Ms T K Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What are the reasons that the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) is no longer the media buyer of the Road Accident Fund (RAF), as reported in the Standing Committee on Public Accounts Oversight Enquiry into Evidence of and Allegations of Maladministration, Financial Impropriety, and the Misuse of Public Funds at the Road Accident Fund and Related Matters?

NO1264E

★203. Mr A K Ngobese (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

In light of growing public concern over illegal foreigners, what communication strategy has the Government Communication Information System developed to ensure that Government messaging is accurate, lawful and does not inflame social tensions and/or xenophobia?

NO1231E