

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# QUESTION PAPER

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1. ★ Indicates an oral question.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

**WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2025**

#### **CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY**

**★1335. Ms M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Whether, given that Adv S Batohi and Adv A Johnson testified that an oversight judge had been appointed on 11 October 2025 to support the Investigating Directorate Against Corruption, she has found that the specified appointment is lawful and legitimate since there was no public appointment announcement, ministerial statement, presidential communication, departmental notice and/or Government Gazette publication confirming the appointment; if not, what legal basis exists for remunerating a judge whose appointment has not been formally gazetted and/or publicly disclosed; if so,

- (2) whether the appointment complied with the principle of transparency and administrative justice in the establishment of anti-corruption oversight structures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO8009E

**★1273. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Given the disclosure by the Hawks that more than R2,5 billion in corruption and serious criminal cases across the SA National Defence Force, Department of Military Veterans and the Department of Defence remain unresolved amid persistent non-cooperation, stalled investigations and a collapse of accountability highlighted by the Auditor-General and the Special Investigating Unit, what urgent national measures will her department take to (a) enforce compliance and (b) fast-track the long-outstanding corruption cases (including the repair and maintenance project scandal at the 1 Military Hospital in Tshwane) to ensure disciplinary action to safeguard the integrity of the defence system of the Republic?

NO7946E

**★1260. Mr M M Sokopo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

Whether his department has invoked section 63A of the Criminal Procedure Act, Act 51 of 1977, during the period 1 April 2025 up to the latest specified date for which information is available to alleviate overcrowding in remand detention facilities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) criteria were applied in determining eligible inmates and (b) measurable impact has he found it had on reducing overcrowding levels nationally?

NO7874E

**★1259. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

Whether the SA Police Service (SAPS) received a request from the Border Management Authority for certain powers that presently resides with the SAPS that must be handed over to them, to make their work more effective; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) which specific powers have been requested and (b) by what date will the specified handover take place?

NO7871E

**★1298. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Considering that during the National Summit against Gender-based Violence and Femicide she made a number of commitments to combat the scourge more effectively, what (a) tangible progress has been made with the implementation of the commitments and (b) are the reasons that the criminal justice system continues to struggle with providing adequate protection and support for survivors?

NO7971E

**★1263. Ms J L Mokoena (ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

Given the persistent public sentiment that the criminal justice system remains slow and unresponsive in gender-based violence cases, what measures has the SA Police Service implemented to (a) improve frontline responsiveness by strengthening investigation capacity and (b) address weaknesses in the handling of dockets (details furnished) ahead of and during the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign? NO7877E

**★1321. Ms M Rweqana (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) With reference to the media statement released by the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) on 18 November 2025, wherein it is indicated that she will be taking appropriate steps to deal with the Chief of the SA Navy, Vice Admiral Monde Lobese, what are the reasons that senior SANDF officials are publicly reprimanded for telling the truth about the collapse of defence readiness, while Cabinet Ministers who oversaw the collapse face no consequences;
- (2) whether the Republic uses NATO-aligned private maritime security firms to protect its strategic maritime trades routes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO7995E

**★1336. Mr C G Niehaus (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Considering the remarks made by Vice Admiral Monde Lobese regarding the state of the SA Navy and its defence capabilities generally, which is linked to a prolonged period of defunding the SA National Defence Force, and her subsequent statement in reply to the Vice Admiral, what steps has she taken to deal with the deteriorating state of the navy and the defence force? NO8010E

**★1267. Mr W T D Plaatjies (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Given the structural shortfalls in the Compensation of Employees allocation and the reliance on Reserve Force over-utilisation to sustain current operations, what (a) measures has her department implemented to manage personnel and operational requirements within the available budget and (b) progress has been made in discussions with the National Treasury to secure additional funding and prevent such challenges from escalating? NO7881E

**★1301. Mr I Cameron (DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

With reference to his commitment to eliminate DNA backlogs, and considering that rape and murder cases continue to stall in the system, (a) what is the current total number of DNA backlog cases and (b) by what date will the SA Police Service guarantee a sustained turnaround time of under 30 days for new DNA samples? NO7974E

**★1270. Mr M S Chabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Given that one of the challenges with regard to migration is that persons enter the Republic legally and later their status changes to illegal, as they may have exceeded their legal stay in the Republic and that this will obviously defeat the whole object of dealing with illegal migration, how will the Border Management Authority address the specified challenge? NO7884E

**★1256. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:**

What total number of murder cases have been (a) reported and (b) solved in 2024? NO7526E

**★1271. Ms N E Motaung (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Given that earlier in the year her department indicated that during the current financial year it will focus on enhancing the anti-corruption framework in the Republic by implementing three Bills, regulations, notices and proclamations, what progress has been made on the implementation process of the three Bills to fight corruption to date? NO7885E

**★1281. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) Whether his department has identified the next phases required to fully operationalise the STAGES visa system aimed at streamlining applications for international film and creative professionals; if not, why not; if so, what are the timelines and key milestones for implementation;
- (2) whether his department has quantified the expected economic benefits in terms of investment attraction, job creation and skills transfer resulting from the specified visa initiative; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO7954E

**★1317. Ms M B Muhammad (MK) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) Since the launch of the Border Management and Immigration Anti-Corruption Forum, what are the reasons that he has not taken action to clamp down on syndicates and officials who exploit the visa and immigration systems;
- (2) how will digitising entry and exit points across the Republic help clear the visa backlog and thereby improve the processing times for foreign workers and migrants? NO7991E

**★1269. Ms N E Mtolo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Given that in the annual performance plan for the current financial year it was reported that as of December 2024, his department was functioning at around 39,3% of its approved capacity, which means that his department is operating below its capacity, (a) what has he found is the impact of below capacity functioning on the services that his department provide and (b) how will this be mitigated in addition to the digitisation programme? NO7883E

**★1334. Ms M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed that a certain senior official of the National Prosecuting Authority (name furnished) previously served as the Executive Director of the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and/or held any other role within the ISS prior to the appointment to the NPA; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the names of other senior officials of the NPA who previously worked for the ISS;
- (2) whether, considering the role played by the ISS in active commentary, research and advocacy on security issues in the Republic, she has found that the employment of personnel from ISS is a potential risk for the capture of the NPA; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO8008E

**★1275. Ms B E Machi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

In view of the two recent inmate deaths at Pollsmoor Correctional Centre (details furnished), what urgent, measurable national interventions will her department implement to (a) stabilise governance and safety in crisis-ridden facilities countrywide by addressing chronic overcrowding that continues to compromise security, strain infrastructure and undermine the constitutional mandate of the correctional system and (b) initiate a full, transparent national spending review to identify and eliminate inflated contracts, misappropriated funds and structural inefficiencies so that resources can be redirected toward building safer, more secure correctional centres across the Republic?

NO7948E

**★1261. Mr W T D Plaatjies (ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

With reference to section 49G of the Correctional Services Act, Act 111 of 1998, to transfer and/or temporarily relocate sentenced offenders as a means to ease overcrowding, what (a) actions has his department undertaken to implement the specified provision more proactively and (b) are the challenges in this regard?

NO7875E

**★1257. Dr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether it is his position that the muted response from the Republic and limited diplomatic engagement in the face of escalating authoritarianism, human rights violations and democratic backsliding in countries such as Tanzania, the Republic of the Sudan and Ethiopia have undermined the moral authority of the Republic and its credibility as a leader in democracy and human rights on the continent; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what specific and measurable actions has his department taken to reassert the leadership of the Republic in conflict prevention, mediation and democratic governance within the (a) African Union and (b) Southern African Development Community?

NO7721E

**★1288. Mr J Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) What are the specific, substantive reasons for the consistent refusal of his department to accept the expert and judicial recommendations of the National Council on Correctional Services (NCCS) which is chaired by a Judge, to permit numerous cases of parole with the result that an extremely low number of lifers are being granted parole;
- (2) whether he finds that the high rate of refusal undermines the statutory purpose and expert authority of the NCCS creating legal uncertainty for offenders who have met the rehabilitation criteria and frustrates the spirit of the Correctional Services Act, Act 111 of 1998, which promotes restorative justice and successful social reintegration; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO7961E

**★1326. Mr E M Ntshingila (MK) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What are the key issues contained in the full intelligence assessment report that warned the Government about the (a) rising geopolitical instability and (b) escalating Western intelligence presence inside the Republic? NO8000E

**★1340. Ms N M Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What are the (a) details of the plans he has put in place to fill the 24% vacancy rate in his department and (b) timelines thereof? NO8014E

**★1293. Mr R Smith (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Given the escalation in the conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces in Sudan, which has led to the displacement of millions of Sudanese citizens and concerns of ethnic cleansing in the region, what steps has the Republic taken to foster a ceasefire, mediation and peacekeeping talks to bring an end to the conflict as a regional power? NO7966E

**★1292. Mr R Smith (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What tangible policy and legislative reforms emanating from the declaration of the leaders, including the various G20 working groups, will he table at Cabinet level to embark on an evidence-based approach to governance reform to grow the economy and create jobs? NO7965E

**★1304. Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether she intends to initiate a legislative process to make provision for the post of Deputy Inspector-General of Intelligence; if not, why not; if so, what time frames does she envision in this regard? NO7977E

**★1305. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether, in light of reports that a Chinese cyber espionage group breached the State Security Agency (SSA) in the 2024-25 financial year, she is able to assure the nation that the SSA was not breached; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO7979E

**★1306. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Since the passing of the General Intelligence Laws Amendment Act, Act 37 of 2024, (a) what are the changes determined as necessary in the specified Act and (b) which changes have not been implemented?

NO7980E

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**QUESTIONS STANDING OVER FROM CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2025, IN TERMS OF RULE 144(1)**

**★1040. Dr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What total number of learners (a) are expected to write the 2025 National Senior Certificate examinations and (b) from the original Grade 1 cohort will not be writing the specified examinations?

NO6529E

**★1010. Ms P P Xaba-Ntshaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What measures has her department taken to ensure that age-appropriate, developmentally sensitive sexuality education is integrated into Early Childhood Development programmes to equip children with knowledge about bodily autonomy and personal safety as a key strategy to empowering children against sexual abuse?

NO6495E

**★1016. Ms Y Govana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, given the ongoing concern that learners who improve their subject marks do not receive a consolidated certificate reflecting their improvements, there are any plans to review this policy to allow candidates to combine their improved marks into a single, updated certificate; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO6501E

**★966. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What progress has been made with the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) model and (b) by what date will the NSNP model be finalised and/or implemented?

NO6448E

**QUESTIONS STANDING OVER FROM CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2025, IN TERMS OF RULE 144(1)  
AND NOW STANDING OVER FROM WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER  
2025 IN TERMS OF RULE 144(3)(b)**

**★1055. Ms T K Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Considering that the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) plays an integral role in providing direct information from the Government to the public, what are the reasons that there are no plans to develop stand-alone legislation for the GCIS to chart its future, considering its establishment 27 years ago?

NO6691E

**★1056. Ms T K Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Given that the Government Communication and Information System has experienced prolonged periods of acting appointments and staff turnover in senior management, what steps has she taken to ensure leadership stability and professional competence in the communication function of Government?

NO6692E

**★1047. Mr I Ismail-Moosa (Al Jamah-ah) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) Whether, since the *Vuk Talks* podcast which was created by the Government Communication and Information System in 2023, her Office can verify that it is reaching out to its target markets such as the youth; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the topics that are broadcasted on the *Vuk Talks* podcast receive feedback from listeners; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, which specific topics are more popular?

NO6683E