

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# QUESTION PAPER

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1. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2025

### CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

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

- (1) How does the disagreement about the Basic Education Laws Amendment Act, Act 32 of 2024, the National Health Insurance Act, Act 20 of 2023, and the Expropriation Act, Act 13 of 2024, by some Ministers within the Government of National Unity (GNU) impact on her functions to plan, monitor and evaluate national departments;
- (2) what has she found to be the major governance issues that are coupled with reputational risks posed by the intra-government disagreements within the GNU?

NO1190E

**★260. Ms D R Direko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Given the large number of dysfunctional municipalities and noting that while the challenges are being addressed in some municipalities through the District Development Model this has not been extended to other municipalities, what (a) progress has been made in reducing the total number of municipalities categorised as dysfunctional and (b) urgent plans are in place to improve the remaining municipalities to enhance their technical capabilities, financial mismanagement and improve audit outcomes in order to improve service delivery in local government? NO1249E

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

Considering the approval of the Government's compulsory guidelines for lifestyle audits of all public servants in both national and provincial departments, as well as state-owned enterprises, what total number of departments are (a) complying with the compulsory lifestyle audits and (b) not complying? NO1211E

**★262. Ms T Mgweba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

(a) What has she found are the successes and achievements of her department since it was established and (b) how is it relevant to the developmental state towards the realisation of the National Development Plan Vision 2030 which is in its last medium term implementation plan? NO1251E

**★243. Mr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Given the dire financial state of municipalities like Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality, Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality and the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, as well as the poor audit outcomes in the Free State, what (a) measures are currently in place to address the dire financial state of the specified municipalities, that may be carried over to the next municipal administrations and (b) is being done to ensure that new administrations have a clean slate that will enable them to prioritise and deliver services to the people as a matter of urgency? NO1223E

**★264. Ms P P Xaba-Ntshaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

With reference to the recent findings and reports that revealed that the Government has a number of foreign nationals in its employ, particularly in health and education, while the Republic has made progress in terms of skilling its youth and citizens, what (a) total number of foreign nationals have been appointed by the State in the 2024-25 financial year and (b) plans with measurable outcomes are in place to ensure increased appointment of skilled South Africans by the State in the specified critical sectors? NO1253E

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

- (1) Whether it is the mandate of his department to be responsible for functional municipal public accounts committees that are responsible for looking at unauthorised, irregular and fruitless and wasteful expenditure among other things in municipalities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how functional has he found are the specified committees in undertaking investigations into irregular and wasteful expenditure in municipalities in distress;
- (2) whether each municipality has established a municipal public accounts committee; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1204E

**★245. Mr Z E Mthethwa (MK) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether he intends to introduce legislation to change the system of local government to allow the kings to have decision-making powers in their jurisdictions in the same way that councillors have such powers to bring development to their areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the reasons that the kings' domain or land is classified in the banking system as unbanked whereas they are supposedly recognised as the stakeholders in the governance system? NO1225E

**★267. Mr N T Tshotetsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

In light of the findings during the back-to-school campaign that teenage pregnancy is on the rise in the Republic, impacting on the schooling and economic opportunities of young girls, and that inclusivity remains one of the challenges we still face notwithstanding the progress made in education and health, what measures and/or plans are in place to ensure the stigmas associated with teenage pregnancy are dealt with? NO1256E

**★220. Mr S Lonzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

What are the relevant details of any new and/or ongoing programmes that she has implemented since 3 July 2024, which focus on the empowerment of women, youth and persons with disabilities? NO1191E

**★257. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What are the relevant details of the (a) initiatives and/or training programmes that are being implemented by his department to enhance digital literacy among public servants and (b) plans his department has developed to ensure that public service employees receive the necessary training and resources to meet the evolving demands of service delivery in an increasingly digital and globalised world? NO1239E

**★263. Ms M J Aphiri (ANC) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

How will her department measure the work and performance of the Ministers in the Seventh Administration in line with the service level agreements they have signed with the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, to ensure that they are equal to the task?

NO1252E

**★252. Mr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

With reference to the recent abrupt cancellation of the annual national budget presentation due to disagreements within the Government, which has raised concerns about fiscal stability and investor confidence, her Office has a mandate to take steps to (a) resolve the specified internal government disputes promptly and (b) ensure that such incidents are avoided and that the integrity of the budgetary processes and economic stability are maintained; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1233E

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

Whether, considering that the Republic is under financial pressure, his department is considering to prioritise the restructuring of employee benefits in an attempt to reduce the increasing wage bill, given that the increasing government wage bill which currently stands at 10.5% of the GDP, reached R724 billion in the 2023-24 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1212E

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

Given that patriarchy in rural areas and the marginalisation of women in traditional leadership roles are still rife, thus leaving cases of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) unreported and negotiated instead of being criminally attended to by the police, what measures is her department implementing to ensure that programmes of the National Council on GBVF (a) are well funded and (b) reach all communities, especially those in remote areas?

NO1255E

**★248. Mr S I Gama (MK) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

With reference to the findings of the recent Income and Expenditure Survey of Households by Statistics South Africa that revealed that the income inequality that has been in existence since 1994, where white persons earn and consume more than the Indian community, the Indian community earns and consumes more than the coloured community, and the coloured community earns and consumes more than black Africans, has continued unabated up to 2023, what (a) will the Government do differently to address the vast income and expenditure inequality in the Republic, which has continued for more than 30 years since the advent of democracy and (b) measures has her Office implemented to help black Africans to begin to experience similar and/or comparable consumption expenditure with other population groups in the Republic?

NO1229E

**★226. Ms P R Mailola (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether her Office has a mandate to create jobs; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what total number of sustainable jobs has her Office created for young persons in the 2024-25 financial year and (b) where were the specified job opportunities created?

NO1199E

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

What is the Media Development and Diversity Agency doing to support the sustainability of the community print sector?

NO1205E

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

What total amount does community radio stations owe Sentech SOC Ltd for transmission fees?

NO1206E

**★250. Ms M Rweqana (MK) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

(1) What plans has the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) developed to address the unique challenges of young persons living with disabilities who are seeking employment and vocational training (details furnished);

(2) what strategies are in place to monitor and report on the progress of youth with disabilities in achieving their educational and vocational goals? NO1231E

### **QUESTIONS TRANSFERRED FROM WRITTEN TO ORAL REPLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 146(1)**

**373. Mr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

What is the complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) her and (b) the Deputy Minister since they assumed office on 3 July 2024, including the (i) purpose and justification for each trip, (ii) destination details, (iii) costs incurred, including but not limited to transport, accommodation, meals and other related incidental expenses, (iv) names and roles of all accompanying support staff and their respective costs and (v) additional costs associated with each specified trip; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NW404E

**374. Mr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What is the complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) him and (b) the Deputy Minister since they assumed office on 3 July 2024, including the (i) purpose and justification for each trip, (ii) destination details, (iii) costs incurred, including but not limited to transport, accommodation, meals and other related incidental expenses, (iv) names and roles of all accompanying support staff and their respective costs and (v) additional costs associated with each specified trip; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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