

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2026

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★99. Mr S L Dithebe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) By what date does she anticipate the completion of the first phase of the Bucket Eradication Programme in the Free State;
- (2) whether she has found that the specified programme is on track; if not, what are the reasons for the delay; if so, what are the relevant details? NO847E

★125. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Health:

What plans have been put in place to assist (a) hospitals and (b) clinics in accommodating patients from other provinces and neighbouring countries?

NO875E

★100. Mr A M Seabi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

With reference to the Title Deeds Friday campaign, a nationwide drive to raise awareness and mobilise stakeholders to deliver title deeds to rightful owners, what (a) progress has her department made in accelerating the issuance and transfer of outstanding title deeds to qualifying beneficiaries and (b) measures are in place to deal with systemic delays at municipal and deeds office level that continue to impede the finalisation of title deeds? NO848E

★175. Mr S J Moore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether she intends to put measures in place to ensure that all metropolitan municipalities ring-fence water and sanitation revenue for repairs and maintenance; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the enforceable steps she will take to prevent the diversion of such funds? NO936E

★131. Ms Z S Abader (MK) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) How can Government claim to be pro-poor when organisations serving children, the elderly and persons with disabilities are left without funding certainty year after year as we continue to see administrative failures, grant payment glitches, delays in funding for non-profit organisations, and weak oversight of welfare institutions meant to protect the vulnerable and (b) by what date will consequence management replace excuses for systemic dysfunction within the social protection system? NO884E

★101. Ms M P Makgato (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Despite significant recent successes, women's sport continues to face challenges related to funding, media coverage and representation in leadership structures, what (a) are the priorities of his department for advancing women's sport in 2026 and (b) progress has been made in working together with sport federations and sponsors to close the specified gaps? NO849E

★172. Mr M Shikwambana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What (a) is her official position regarding the ruling in the matter of *Equal Education and Others v Head of Department: WC Education Department and Others*, wherein the Western Cape High Court ruled that the learners admission policy of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) is unconstitutional and unfairly discriminates against black and marginalised learners and (b) steps has she taken to make sure that the WCED self-corrects and admits learners fairly without favours and discrimination? NO933E

★193. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of the Basic Education:

Noting that rural schools often struggle with a shortage of qualified teachers and the lack of access to professional development opportunities, what steps has she taken to (a) recruit and (b) retain qualified teachers in the rural areas? NO958E

★102. Mr G D Kgabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

Whether, considering reports regarding the limited roll-out of occupational programmes in technical vocational education and training (TVET) colleges in North West, including the Vuselela TVET College, Orbit TVET College and Taletso TVET College, and noting challenges such as funding constraints, infrastructure needs, staff retraining and information and communication technology limitations, his department has a concrete planned timeline to fully implement occupational programmes across all campuses; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) specific financial-, infrastructure- and staffing support has been allocated to the specified colleges to address the identified challenges of occupational qualifications in 2026?

NO850E

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

In light of ongoing teacher shortages and classroom overcrowding, what (a) is the total number of qualified educators in the past three years that remain unplaced and (b) concrete timelines exist to absorb the specified unemployed teachers into funded posts?

NO876E

★185. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What (a) progress has been made in addressing malnutrition in the Eastern Cape since the revelations at the hearings the SA Human Rights Commission in 2025 and (b) portion of her departmental budget is specifically dedicated to addressing malnutrition?

NO946E

★103. Ms T E Magagula (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What (a) interventions does her department institute in instances where provincial education departments fail to achieve universal textbook coverage, particularly in respect of learners in the foundation phase and (b) monitoring mechanisms are in place to ensure compliance?

NO851E

★134. Mr V G Reddy (MK) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether her department has conducted a recent national audit of dysfunctional water and wastewater treatment works, particularly in certain municipalities (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what (a) number of treatment plants are currently operating below compliance standards in terms of the Green Drop and Blue Drop reports and (b) immediate interventions have been initiated where municipal leadership has demonstrably failed to maintain water infrastructure?

NO887E

★167. Mr S Lonzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

- (1) What is the current status of the four solution providers of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme in relation to student accommodation;
- (2) whether there is any task they are providing at work cost, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO928E

★104. Ms K C Tlhong (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether, given that in 2025 she informed the National Assembly that she was stabilising her department and ensuring that it performs optimally, she has found that her department has made sufficient progress since her specified statement; if not, what is the current status of her department; if so, what are the relevant details? NO852E

★188. Ms K L Khakhau (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

What total number of (a) persons were trained at sector education and training authorities (SETAs) in the past 10 years and (b) the specified persons were employed after graduation? NO950E

★105. Ms F L Shabangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) With reference to his replies to question 2370 on 27 December 2024 and question 15 on 20 February 2025, cumulatively reflecting an expenditure of R11,8 million on travel since his appointment on 3 July 2024, what are the reasons for having undertaken the specified trips;
- (2) whether the trips were approved by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the reasons that it was necessary to undertake the trips? NO853E

★197. Mr I Ismail-Moosa (Al-Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Given the ongoing water crisis in several municipalities, particularly the continued water supply disruptions in cities such as Johannesburg, Tshwane and Gqeberha, as well as the persistent sewage spillages contaminating rivers and dams across KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape, what urgent, measurable interventions has her department implemented to (a) address ageing bulk water infrastructure in the specified cities and (b) ensure accountability from municipalities that continue to underspend or mismanage conditional infrastructure grants? NO963E

★106. Ms A F Muthambi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether, given that the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) and his department were informed of governance concerns at Athletics South Africa by a group of whistleblowers referred to as the big five, his department, together with SASCOC, invited the specified whistleblowers to engage on the serious allegations they have raised publicly; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, by date will his department meet with the whistleblowers? NO854E

★180. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether she regards the housing and title deed backlogs as emergencies; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what emergency plans has she developed to deal with the specified backlogs? NO941E

★142. Mr M P Msezane (MK) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

In light of a report on an irregular appointment of a certain person (details furnished) who has since resigned, clearly implicating another certain person (details furnished) for overseeing the process and misleading his predecessor, what steps has he taken regarding the specified matter?

NO898E

★108. Mr S L Dithebe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

In advancing the Government's commitment to redress the injustices of apartheid spatial planning and discriminatory housing policies, what (a) steps has her department taken to accelerate the transfer of ownership of the Proclamation R293 housing stock in the 1960s apartheid-era to rightful beneficiaries in Thaba 'Nchu and other affected areas in the Free State and (b) time frames have been set to finalise the specified transfers?

NO856E

★163. Ms N N Chirwa-Mpungose (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

What total (a) number of his department's infrastructural projects are currently abandoned nationally and (b) amount has his department lost in this regard in the past three financial years?

NO924E

★195. Ms B E Machi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

With regard to her citing poverty, unemployment and the breakdown of community structures as key drivers of the involvement of children in illegal mining, what (a) measurable social protection interventions and/or family support programmes, has her department rolled out in high-risk mining areas and (b) assessment tools has her department put in place to assess the effectiveness of the specified interventions or programmes in preventing children from being drawn back into the dangerous and exploitative networks?

NO960E

★109. Ms A F Muthambi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) How does he account for the inconsistency in the prioritisation of complaints within the Health Professions Council of South Africa, where certain cases are processed expeditiously while others remain unresolved for extended periods, in some instances spanning decades;
- (2) whether any objective prioritisation framework governs the specified process; if not, how does his department ensure that such disparities of fairness and equal application of regulatory standards do not undermine public confidence; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO857E

★183. Ms L R Potgieter (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 104 on 25 February 2026, wherein he states that no application was made and therefore no support was provided by his department for the World Surf League's Corona Open Jeffreys Bay event, resulting in a potential loss of more than R150 million to the local economy, he intends to change his department's policy of providing support to national events only when an application is received; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO944E

★110. Mr T B Munyai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) What progress has been made with the review of the organisational structure of her department since the start of the Government of National Unity;
- (2) whether she has found that the specified review was necessitated by the fact that her department is bloated; if not what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO858E

★141. Mr G Motaung (MK) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

- (1) Whether he has been informed that a significant number of members serving on the boards of the National Arts Council, the National Film and Video Foundation and other entities reporting to him, are political appointees and/or individuals associated with a certain political organisation (name furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what criteria were used in the appointment of the board members;
 - (2) whether he will furnish Mr G Motaung with a list of the professional qualifications of all current board members of the entities reporting to him, in order to ensure transparency and accountability in governance? NO897E
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