

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2026

CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

★3. Ms T Sokanyile (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

In implementing the directive referred to in the State of the Nation Address on 12 February 2026, of deploying the SA National Defence Force in the Western Cape and Gauteng against organised crime and illegal mining, what measurable performance indicators have been established for reducing (a) gang-related violence and (b) illicit mining?

NO487E

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

Whether he was on the call of and/or received a report on the call of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, with the Russian President, Mr V Putin held on 10 February 2026, relating to the claim of a commitment by the Presidency to a diplomatic solution to the Russian invasion of Ukraine; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what was the outcome?

NO564E

★21. Mr S Nomvalo (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

How does she justify the fact that the Republic cannot defend its territorial integrity, and by implication its national self-determination and sovereignty with the SA Navy that is tasked with securing a 1,5 million km² exclusive economic zone, critical for trade and resource extraction, while it is provided with limited resources leaving maritime routes, carrying 80% of the gross domestic product of the Republic, exposed to piracy, illegal fishing and trafficking?

NO509E

★6. Ms A N Kumbaca (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Given that the election of the Republic to the Peace and Security Council of the African Union for the 2026 to 2028 term positions the Republic at the centre of continental peace efforts, (a) what strategic priorities will be advanced in the specified term, particularly regarding conflict resolution and broader regional stability, and (b) how does he intend for such priorities to advance the Goals and Priority Areas of Agenda 2063?

NO490E

★78. Ms L Mathys (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether, considering the evidence at the Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System, also known as the Madlanga Commission, and at the Ad Hoc Committee in Parliament relating to the capture of key security institutions in the Republic, and the emerging theme that the existence and the control of the intelligence slush fund is one of the major causes of internal fights within the intelligence community, she has any plans to regulate the use of the slush fund to limit its abuse by officials; if not, why not; if so, what kind of regulatory regime is she planning to put in place?

NO570E

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

Given that restorative justice is central to rehabilitation and lowering reoffending rates and noting that his department missed its restorative justice target by 7% due to low participation from offenders and victims, what concrete steps, beyond marketing, will his department take to ensure that restorative justice becomes a functional programme?

NO541E

★10. Ms S P Jama (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What (a) are the relevant details of the information and communication technology strategy that his department intends to implement and (b) progress has been made in this regard?

NO497E

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

(1) What critical steps will he and the SA Police Service (SAPS) take to stop the rampant corruption within the SAPS and some Metro Police departments that have been exposed at the Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference, and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System, also known as the Madlanga Commission;

- (2) whether the SAPS has established a task team to ensure that investigations arising from the Madlanga Commission are undertaken swiftly and without interference; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO548E

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

Whether the State Security Agency has investigated disinformation campaigns during the 2024 national elections which revealed how a local influencer was paid by a Russian client to amplify content containing false videos and propaganda against a certain political party; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the investigation? NO569E

★11. Mr O M Mathafa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

What steps will she and/or her department undertake to establish the specialised courts for commercial crimes with dedicated judges to prevent undue delays in critical projects as the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, announced in the State of the Nation Address on 12 February 2026? NO498E

★29. Mr P Kubukeli (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Considering that the military veterans have been without the appeals board for more than five years, (a) what are the challenges she is experiencing with the appointment of a Military Veterans Appeals Board and (b) at what phase is the process of the appointment of the board? NO520E

★84. Mr M Khoza (EFF) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 6369 on 7 January 2026, wherein he merely provided a bland reply that the investigations are still ongoing and considering the evidence led by Lt General Khumalo at the Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Allegations made by Lieutenant General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi, in terms of which he indicated that some of the key witnesses fundamental to the case of the murder of Namhla Mtwana were killed, it is the view of the SA Police Service that the investigations in this regard have reached a dead end and that there are no prospects of successful arrest; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details? NO576E

★13. Ms I M Mbiyo (ANC) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

What measures will he put in place to step up the fight against organised crime and criminal syndicates, using technology, intelligence and integrated law enforcement? NO501E

★64. Mr C Hattingh (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

With regard to the planning and execution of Exercise Will for Peace, (a) on what date was the Islamic Republic of Iran formally invited to participate and (b) what approval processes were followed within the SA National Defence Force before issuing the invitation? NO556E

★17. Mr M S Moela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

(a) What measures will he undertake to reduce overcrowding of foreign nationals in correctional facilities and (b) when will he expedite the signing of the Southern African Development Community protocol on sentenced offender exchange? NO505E

★51. Ms D E James (ActionSA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

Whether, given the announcement by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, of the deployment of the SA National Defence Force in parts of the Western Cape, Gauteng and the Eastern Cape, he has found that this reflects a failure of policing to combat and curb the escalating crisis of gangsterism and organised crime in the specified communities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO542E

★7. Mr M S Moela (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What (a) progress has been made in economic diplomacy through South African missions in the Southern African Development Community region, including structured bilateral mechanisms, and (b) steps have been taken to enhance regional integration of trade? NO492E

★67. Ms K Kgobisa-Ngcaba (DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (1) On what date did he last visit Staart van Paardeberg, Voorberg, and Worcester Correctional Centres in the Western Cape;
- (2) whether he inspected the perimeter fences of the specified centres during the last visit; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO559E

★19. Mr M Manyi (MK) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

Given the widely acknowledged failure of the National Prosecuting Authority to secure credible prosecutions in major corruption matters during the tenure of the former National Director of Public Prosecutions, Adv Shamila Batohi, together with her poor performance and testimony before the Enquiry into the South Gauteng Director of Public Prosecutions' Fitness to Hold Office, known as the Nkabinde Commission, (a) what are the reasons that she did not object to, withhold and/or formally review the payment of full emoluments, benefits and gratuities to the National Director and (b) how does approving or acquiescing in the specified payments aligns with her constitutional duty to ensure accountability, value for money and effective administration within the justice system? NO507E

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

Given that the Border Management Authority Act, Act 2 of 2020, provides for the establishment of a single command-and-control entity for border law enforcement in the Republic, and noting that the function of the SA Police Service (SAPS) at the ports of entry should be incorporated to the function of the border guards, how far are the engagements between his department and the SAPS to work towards the full implementation of the specified Act? NO493E

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

- (1) What are the reasons for the continued detention of Zimbabwean businessman, Mr Frank Buyanga Sadiqi, for nearly three years without a completed charge sheet, without bail and without trial, amid serious allegations of political interference and possible misconduct by law enforcement officials;
- (2) whether she will urgently intervene to establish whether the prolonged detention complies with the Republic's constitutional standards on a fair and speedy trial; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO572E

★49. Mr M A Mncwango (IFP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Given the election of the Republic to the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU) for the 2026–28 term, how will the Republic leverage its position to strengthen early-warning, conflict-prevention and mediation capacity within the AU, particularly in regions experiencing persistent unconstitutional changes of governments since 2020? NO540E

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

Whether her department will (a) be part of and (b) contribute to the process of establishing the National Anti-Corruption Advisory Council; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO499E

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

What (a) progress has been made to date regarding the project to roll out Smart ID card application services at bank branches and (b) are the timelines remaining before South Africans will be able to apply for Smart ID cards at select bank branches? NO557E

★18. Ms K A Ramolobeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

What new policies and/or partnerships will his department consider for improving the completion of the rehabilitation programme to reduce recidivism and ensure that parolees secure sustainable livelihoods upon release? NO506E

★43. Mr N Ndhlela (MK) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether she will furnish Mr N Ndhlela with a threat assessment on foreign intelligence penetration of the institutions of the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO534E

★79. Ms L Mathys (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether she has been informed of any instances, in the present and in the past, where the slush fund and the country's intelligence services were used to advance the political ambitions of specific leaders; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO571E

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

How does his department intend to redevelop border posts through public-private partnerships?

NO496E
