

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

# QUESTION PAPER

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1. ★ Indicates an oral question.

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2026

### CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

**★390. Mr T T S Kubheka (MK) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Given that investigations into the Ambrose Park project reportedly found no wrongdoing, what (a) are the reasons for the delays in the implementation of the approved black-owned project in Ambrose Park despite its potential to create more than 2 500 jobs and (b) remedial steps will be taken to ensure the project proceeds without further delay?

NO2337E

**★338. Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(a) What are the reasons that the State continues to spend billions of Rand annually on private leases while owning vast underutilised properties and (b) by what date will the proposed state property entity start delivering measurable savings, as the specified matter continues to cause government property inefficiencies?

NO2284E

**★359. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

With reference to the proclamation authorising the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) to investigate four vaccine research procurement contracts involving his department, the Technology Innovation Agency, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, (a) what is the total value of the contracts under investigation and (b) which entities were awarded each contract? NO2306E

**★414. Mr T M Langa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What measures has he put in place to (a) ensure that the proposed Vaal Special Economic Zone delivers sustainable reindustrialisation and/or long-term economic growth in the region and (b) track its measurable outcomes and/or success? NO2384E

**★339. Mr M Mrara (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Given that approximately 30,7% of the South African population lives in rural areas which experience multi-dimensional poverty, deprivation and chronic infrastructure backlogs (details furnished), what (a) steps have been taken by his department, in collaboration with the Minister of Transport, to ensure the implementation of the Infrastructure Development in Rural Areas Policy (2023) and Integrated Rural Development Sector Strategy (2023), focusing on its six pillars in particular, and (b) are the relevant details of the implementation mechanisms for rural infrastructure development in relation to the tangible benefits for rural development and land reform? NO2285E

**★354. Mrs N L Hlazo-Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What (a) total number of the SA Film and Television Production Incentive applications has been approved by his department, but remains unpaid and (b) is the total monetary value of such unpaid applications? NO2300E

**★382. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Considering that small businesses in townships, rural areas and the informal settlements are not consulted during the promulgation of regulations, what (a) measurable evidence does she have that the policies of her department actually help small businesses to survive and (b) measures has she introduced to ensure that small businesses are consulted directly before a new regulatory framework is introduced? NO2329E

**★340. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Given that micro-, small- and medium enterprises (MSMEs) contribute substantially towards employment creation and the overall gross domestic product (details furnished), what are the strategic drivers to support and promote the participation by MSMEs in the productive sectors of the economy, such as manufacturing and the agro-processing industry? NO2286E

**★392. Ms D Ntshaba (MK) ubuza uNgqongqoshe wezokuThuthukiswa kwamaBhizinisi Amancane:**

- (1) Ngokumbiko owethulwe KwiKomidi, kubonakala ukuthi yize sekutholwe izicelo ezingu-3 797 ze -Spaza Shop Support Fund, kuphela u-728 kanti iningi lalezicelo limited ngenxa yezinkinga zamalaysense kanye nokubambezeleka kokusebenzisana kwamasipala. Ingabe uNgqongqoshe angasichazela ukuthi yiziphi izinyathelo eziphuthumayo ezithathiwe ukuqinisekisa ukuthi omasipala bayashesha ekukhishweni kwamalaysense njengoba lokhu kubonakala kuyisithiyo esikhulu;
- (2) Ekugcineni, ingabe uMnyango uzobeka yini izindlela eziqinile zokubheka ukusebenza kwale mali (Monitoring and evaluation) ukuqinisekisa ukuthi ayisetshenziswa kabi futhi iletha umphumela kulabo abahlosiwe? NO2339Z

*(Translation):*

**[Ms D Ntshaba (MK) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:†**

With reference to the progress report on the Spaza Shop Support Fund presented to the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development, which indicated slow progress due to municipal licencing delays, what (a) urgent steps has she taken in collaboration with the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to expedite the process of issuing licences and (b) monitoring and evaluation mechanisms has her department put in place to ensure that the Fund assists the intended beneficiaries?

NO2339E]

**★372. Mr M Khoza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (a) What consequence management has been taken against Industrial Development Corporation officials who are responsible for approving high-risk transactions despite internal warnings and (b) by what date will he table a full, transparent report in the National Assembly, outlining the actions taken against those who were held accountable?

NO2319E

**★341. Mr M C Masina (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (a) What are the main themes incorporated into the Industrial Policy to drive local industrialisation and export and (b) by what date will the Industrial Policy be presented to Parliament to ensure its approval for implementation?

NO2287E

**★373. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) With reference to allegations of corruption and irregularities in the General Overhaul contract for the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa, what total value of funds awarded to contracts have been identified as irregular or improper by the Webber Wentzel forensic report;
- (2) whether any services were delivered by the contractors at all; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2320E

**★342. Ms N S Nkopane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What (a) are the relevant details of the resignation of a certain person (name and details furnished) and three board members and (b) measures have been implemented to ensure that the specified resignations do not distract and/or disturb the operations of the board and the specified entity? NO2288E

**★418. Dr L W Mahlatsi (UAT) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Since the establishment of the Government of National Unity, what concrete measures has he implemented to create a practical linkage between land reform-driven economic restructuring and the work of community-based organisations? NO2511E

**★343. Ms A S Hlongo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Following the Special Investigating Unit investigation authorised by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, into the media buying contracts at SA Tourism, (a) who has been held accountable and (b) what steps have been taken against them? NO2289E

**★388. Mr E M Bath (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

With reference to the work that has been undertaken since the start of the 7th Administration to reform and strengthen the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), what (a) has he identified as the core problems within the EPWP and (b) steps has his department taken to address the specified challenges? NO2335E

**★394. Mr Z E Mthethwa (MK) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What are the reasons for his decision to dissolve the Ingonyama Trust Board, which has since been overturned by the Pietermaritzburg High Court? NO2341E

**★344. Ms L Sapo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

Given that his department is currently drafting a landmark Bill to provide a formal legislative framework for the sector, what are the key mechanisms in the draft legislation that are intended to (a) better co-ordinate the SA National System of Innovation and (b) ensure that scientific research and development directly translates into commercial products and societal benefits? NO2290E

**★365. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What are the detailed and comprehensive reasons for the underspending of his department when millions of South African are waiting for their land claims to be settled? NO2312E

**★346. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

(a) What strategies is her department contemplating to mitigate the gross credit exposure by banks towards the micro-, small- and medium enterprises (MSME) sector and (b) how can the lending criteria be changed to improve the credit financing landscape in favour of inclusive economic development to boost MSME growth (details furnished)?

NO2292E

**★377. Ms E Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether, given the private sector's growing reluctance to collaborate with SA Tourism (SAT) due to management instability and reputational concerns, she has found that it would be more advantageous for SAT to explore public-private partnerships, with a leadership team that includes private sector representatives; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2324E

**★348. Ms N E Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Given the gap between infrastructure delivery and execution, notwithstanding the fact that the Government has recently committed more than R1 trillion to infrastructure investment, what (a) concrete steps has he taken to ensure that projects are delivered on time and within budget at municipal level and (b) steps have been taken by his department to complete projects which have not been completed in previous financial years?

NO2294E

**★406. Mr T S Mjadu (MK) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

Whether he has found that, despite significant public investment in research and tertiary education, the Republic continues to experience limited technological advancement in key sectors such as mining and agriculture; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how does his department intend to address the failure to translate university research, innovation funding and science council outputs into tangible economic outcomes and (b) what mechanisms has he put in place to ensure alignment between science education and national development priorities?

NO2353E

**★360. Mr M B Blose (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Given ongoing reports of criminal syndicates, so-called tender mafia, and infrastructure theft affecting operations at the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA), what measures has she implemented to (a) prevent criminal interference in PRASA procurement processes and (b) ensure that rail infrastructure projects are protected from extortion and sabotage?

NO2307E

**★351. Ms L E Ligaraba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What (a) socio-economic impacts has her department's tourism infrastructure projects had on local communities in rural areas such as the Vhembe District Municipality in Limpopo and (b) tools and/or mechanisms have been used by her department to measure such impacts?

NO2297E

**★378. Ms E Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Given that agritourism has emerged as one of the fastest-growing industries in the tourism sector of the Republic in recent years, with forecasts suggesting it could generate nearly R4,84 billion a year by 2030, what strategies has she put in place to ensure that agritourism reaches and/or fulfils its growth potential? NO2325E

**★352. Mr M Dlelanga (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Given the collapse of water infrastructure in major metros such as the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, (a) in which provinces and areas have water infrastructure been developed by his department and (b) what urgent interventions have been implemented by his department to prevent further water infrastructure system collapse at local government level? NO2298E

**★353. Ms T V B Mchunu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

- (1) Whether his department is implementing the establishment of a smart city as announced by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, that will spearhead future development efforts; if so, how does the specified vision align with benchmarking initiatives in Kenya and other African countries; if not,
- (2) whether his department is prepared to initiate and support innovation through its agencies to ensure the effective realisation of the smart city and technopolis project; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2299E

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**QUESTIONS TRANSFERRED FROM WRITTEN TO ORAL REPLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 146(1)****★419. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:  
[Written question 363]**

- (1) Whether the draft Business Licensing Bill recently released by her department for public comment was subject to a socioeconomic impact assessment prior to its publication; if not, why not, if so, what were the results of the assessment concerning the economic impacts of the Bill on small businesses;
- (2) whether she will furnish Mr H C C Krüger with a copy of the socioeconomic impact assessment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO379E

**★420. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development: [Written question 886]**

- (1) What informs her current approach to policy and regulation of small businesses in her department;
- (2) whether the departmental policy is designed around a preferred and/or favourite small business; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how does she ensure that such preferences do not influence departmental policy and/or support programmes;
- (3) (a) what formal safeguards exist within her department to prevent unconscious bias by political principals and/or senior officials from shaping support programmes for small businesses and (b) how is compliance with the specified safeguards monitored?

NO1004E

**★421. Mr R Smith (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [Written question 1369]**

With reference to the formal accession of the Republic to the Africa-Export-Import Bank, also known as Afreximbank, on 4 February 2026, which includes an US\$8 billion country programme, what is the (a) specific allocation and (b) disbursement schedule of the specified funds to support small- and medium enterprises and local industrialists to enable them to access the African Continental Free Trade Area?

NO1531E

**★422. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [Written question 1385]**

Regarding the Transformation Fund, what (a) progress has been made with implementing the four pillars that will be relied upon to operationalise the fund which are access to markets, finance, resources and the telemetry platform and (b) measures will the managers of the Fund take to ensure that Fund performance is superior to the National Employment Fund's 32% impairment rate and 72% collections rate?

NO1547E

**★423. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [Written question 1386]**

What discussions has he held or intend to hold with relevant departments to explore an alternative development model for the Vhembe District Municipality in Limpopo as an alternative to the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone, whose focus on a metallurgical complex is a bad fit with the three pillars of his department which are decarbonisation, diversification and digitalisation?

NO1548E

**★424. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [Written question 1387]**

What steps has his department taken to address the crisis facing the number plate industry which is dealing with illegal manufacturers operating without SA Bureau of Standards accreditation and is the subject of an investigation by the Competition Commission into price fixing by industry players?

NO1549E

**★425. Ms T A Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development: [Written question 1711]**

Whether, since the start of the 7th Administration, she has undertaken any official trip outside the borders of the Republic on which she was accompanied by her spouse, civil partner, domestic partner, or romantic partner; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what was the (a) purpose of the trip, (b) destination of travel, (c) duration of the visit, (d) date of travel and/or visit and (e) cost of the (i) flight tickets and (ii) accommodation of the spouse, civil partner, domestic partner or romantic partner?

NO1919E

**★426. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [Written question 1716]**

Whether, since the start of the 7th Administration, he has undertaken any official trip outside the borders of the Republic on which he was accompanied by his spouse, civil partner, domestic partner, or romantic partner; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what was the (a) purpose of the trip, (b) destination of travel, (c) duration of the visit, (d) date of travel and/or visit and (e) cost of the (i) flight tickets and (ii) accommodation of the spouse, civil partner, domestic partner or romantic partner?

NO1924E

**★427. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [Written question 1732]**

- (1) With reference to the compensation awarded to whistleblowers and mistreated employees of the National Lotteries Commission (NLC), what total (a) amount of compensation was awarded and (b) number of staff members who (i) are still in the employ of the NLC and (ii) have left the NLC were awarded reparation;
- (2) what is the breakdown of the total amount of compensation awarded to the current and former staff members through (a) payment of school fees of children of the specified staff members, (b) provision of (i) food, (ii) spa vouchers and (iii) counselling and (c) any other relevant category of in-kind compensation provided?

NO1941E

**★428. Mr E M Bath (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure: [Written question 1945]**

- (1) What total number of adverse cost orders have been granted by the courts against (a) his department and (b) the entities reporting to him in the past five financial years;
- (2) (a) what is the name or official reference of each case, (b) in which court was the matter heard, (c) in which year was the order granted, (d) what is the total amount of taxed costs and (e) what total amount has been paid by (i) his department and (ii) the entities that report to him to date?

NO2167E

**★429. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism: [Written question 1949]**

- (1) With reference to the general strategy of the Tourism Route Development Marketing Plan (TRDMP), (a) what specific market research has been conducted to identify new target markets for SA Tourism (SAT), (b) how does TRDMP intend to address the decline in tourism from traditional source markets, (c) what strategies are in place to address seasonal swings and ensure consistent tourism revenue throughout the year and (d)(i) what is the expected return on investment for the TRDMP and (ii) how will it be measured and evaluated in the next three to five years;
- (2) with reference to TRDMP's partnerships, air routes and aviation strategy, (a) what specific partnerships has SAT established with airlines and tourism operators to promote South African tourism, (b) what agreements are in place with any international and/or domestic entities that demonstrate how the route would be supported and lead to increased arrivals or marketing activities for the destination, (c) what was the (i) purpose of attending the World Routes Conference and (ii) cost of attending the conference and (d) which new airlines and routes were secured for the Republic following the attendance? NO2173E

**★430. Ms L M Maseko (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development: [Written question 1951]**

- (1) With reference to the budget allocation to land reform and restitution programmes, what (a) was the total budget allocation to land reform and restitution programmes in each of the past five financial years to date, (b) was the total (i) under expenditure and (ii) over expenditure in each programme during the specified period, (c) were the reasons for each under expenditure during the period and (d)(i) total amount in funding was reprioritised away from land reform programmes in the 2025-26 financial year and (ii) for what stated purpose;
- (2) what (a) total extent of land in hectares has been acquired in each province for redistribution in the past five financial years to date, (b) was the average cost per hectare in each province in the specified period, (c) number of beneficiaries received land through redistribution in the 2024-25 financial year and (d) percentage of each redistributed farms are currently fully operational and economically productive? NO2176E

**★431. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism: [Written question 1958]**

With reference to the general strategy of the Tourism Route Development Marketing Plan (TRDMP), what (a) is the detailed breakdown of the budget expenditure on destination marketing and (b) is the timeline for implementing the TRDMP and (c) are the key milestones, (d) how does TRDMP plan to balance tourism growth with environmental sustainability and community development and (e) how will TRDMP ensure that local communities benefit from tourism development? NO2189E