

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2025

CLUSTER 4: ECONOMICS

★1129. Mrs N L Hlazo-Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

Whether her department has conducted any recent assessments and/or compiled data on the prevalence and impact of unfair pay practices in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, (a) what do the findings reveal about the scale and causes of pay inequity across sectors and (b) which groups are the most affected by the disparities, particularly along the lines of gender, race and age? NO7041E

★1152. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

What legislative provisions does the Government rely on regarding the quotas for employment? NO7064E

★1093. Ms S W Davids (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Considering that the new 2024-29 Multi-Sector National Food and Nutrition Security Plan will be implemented as a single, coherent blueprint to realise the right to food, and given that the October 2024 Statistics South Africa survey showed a high percentage of households not meeting food needs, (a) what are the concrete targets over the specified timelines under the specified plan (details furnished) and (b) how will his department co-ordinate the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme and/or the Ilima/Letsema programme at district level to achieve the specified targets?

NO7004E

★1165. Mr D D D van Rooyen (MK) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Noting that it is almost eight years since the Special Investigating Unit and the Auditor-General established that just over R400 million was fraudulently incurred by the National Treasury through acts of corruption by National Treasury officials and Oracle, whereupon National Treasury resolved to take the findings for review and renegotiate its working relationship with Oracle, what are the full details of the latest developments on the (a) review and (b) renegotiation processes?

NO7077E

★1112. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) What total number of senior officials, between chief directors and directors-general, have either resigned or retired and are now hired as consultants by the National Treasury, including the Government Technical Advisory Centre;
- (2) whether he has found that this is a deliberate strategy not to build internal capacity but instead to move towards the use of consultants as the Republic does not have the required capacity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO7023E

★1094. Dr M J Maswanganyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(a) By what date will the Public Procurement Act, Act 28 of 2024 regulations be developed and implemented, as they are critical in operationalising the specified Act to accelerate the transformation of the economy and enhance procurement systems to effectively ensure that the Government optimises its procurement and (b) what is the current preferential procurement spending profile in the 2024-25 financial year?

NO7005E

★1154. Mr S Zondi (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

On what legislative provisions was the SA National Petroleum Company formulated as a legal entity?

NO7066E

★1095. Mr M G Mahlaule (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

What (a) is the timeline for the full rollout and realisation of the new Cadastral System and (b) interim measures are in place to minimise the impact of the current licensing backlog on the growth of the mining sector?

NO7006E

★1164. Mr I Ismail-Moosa (Al-Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

Considering that communities in remote and/or rural areas still face challenges to access reliable and affordable internet, what (a) steps has he taken to ensure that the Republic establishes its own satellite system to reduce its reliance on foreign systems that are vulnerable to infrastructural disruptions beyond its control and (b) plans has he put in place to ensure that remote areas will be prioritised to replace fibre infrastructure, which is not only too expensive but also unreliable; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO7076E

★1096. Ms K L N Sangoni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

Regarding the SA Post Office (SAPO), what (a) plans have been implemented by his department to capitalise on the cost-saving foundation and strategically reposition the SAPO for long-term sustainability, beyond further staff and branch reductions, and (b) mechanisms has he implemented to ensure that the SAPO diversifies its offerings and revenue, given the decline in revenue and insufficient investment in technology?

NO7007E

★1138. Ms T K Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

Considering that the SA Police Service have announced that they will implement the newly introduced policy of his department that does not confine government departments to procure information technology (IT) services from the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) only, but from other service providers as well, (a) which other government departments have expressed interest in procuring IT services from other service providers besides SITA and (b) what notable improvements in government services have been experienced after the specified policy was introduced?

NO7050E

★1166. Mr A Nchabeleng (MK) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

What (a) percentage of electricity generation is currently controlled by private Independent Power Producers compared to five years ago and (b) are the full details of risk assessments that were conducted regarding Eskom's long-term financial viability under increased private wheeling, trading platforms and third-party access to public transmission infrastructure?

NO7078E

★1097. Ms N S Nkopane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

What are the (a) underlying systemic governance and internal control failures that have perpetuated entrenched disclaimer audit opinions for both the Unemployment Fund and Compensation Fund over many years, despite their major role in providing social security and employment benefits to millions of vulnerable workers and (b) reasons that there has been a notable silence and/or inaction from the leadership and oversight structures from her department in addressing the persistent uncertainties?

NO7008E

★1116. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

What are the reasons that there has been no serious attempt, by his department and the private sector, to retrieve the bodies of Pretty Nkambule, Solomon Nyirenda and Yvonne Mnisi, who were buried alive when the container office they were in was buried at the Lily Mine in Mpumalanga nine years ago, leaving their families with gaping wounds of grief?

NO7028E

★1160. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

- (1) Whether her department has put any mechanisms in place to monitor and evaluate the performance of labour inspectors, particularly in relation to inspections conducted at spaza shops owned by foreign nationals to ensure that labour laws and conditions of employment are being properly enforced; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what steps has her department taken to ensure that follow-up inspections are conducted after non-compliance is identified?

NO7072E

★1098. Mr V A Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

Given the rapid deterioration of municipal electricity distribution infrastructure, which is leading to local power outages and load reduction even in the absence of national loadshedding, how will (a) the distribution infrastructure be secured against electricity theft and overloading substations resulting in load reduction and (b) Eskom create and manage ringfenced grant funding, specifically for the maintenance, refurbishment and upgrade of municipal electricity distribution networks, separate from general municipal budgets?

NO7009E

★1130. Dr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether, with regard to the alleged procurement corruption at the Tembisa Provincial Tertiary Hospital and noting the ongoing investigation by the Special Investigating Unit and the suspension of the accounting officer, criminal charges have been laid against the specified accounting officer under section 86 of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, on the basis of gross negligence; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of the criminal charges?

NO7042E

★1156. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

In what ways will the proposed chrome export tax lead to job creation?

NO7068E

★1099. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(a) What effective measures have been implemented by his department to address the continued delays in the issuing of fishing permits whilst improving infrastructure for small-scale fisheries and (b) how will such measures ensure equitable access for coastal communities in the context of enhancing the enforcement and protection of marine resources? NO7010E

★1167. Mr M K B Molefe (MK) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

Given the findings of the Auditor-General that highlight the absence of proper corporate governance at the Independent Power Producer (IPP) Office, and noting the ongoing delays in the implementation of the recommendation to corporatise the entity and appoint a board, what specific timelines has his department set to ensure that (a) the IPP Office is fully corporatised and (b) a new board is appointed to strengthen accountability and transparency in the management of the IPP programme? NO7079E

★1115. Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

- (1) In view of numerous reports that Starlink, the satellite company owned by Elon Musk, is considering compliance with the local laws as it relates not only to employment equality alternatives, but also Black Economic Empowerment Legislation in terms of 30% local ownership, what are the updated details regarding the Starlink compliance to local laws;
- (2) whether any provisions of policy have been circumvented to accommodate any foreign owned satellite company; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO7027E

★1103. Ms N Q Mvana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

Considering that the Republic still faces energy security of supply issues as well as a gas cliff, whilst needing to ensure gas supply as part of green energy for both power generation and industrial development for inclusive economic development and growth, what are the plans of his department to (a) mitigate the gas cliff by ensuring gas supply and (b) develop gas to power the Republic? NO7014E

★1132. Mr W A S Aucamp (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Whether, in view of the recent outbreaks and continued threat of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in various parts of the Republic, and noting the serious economic and trade implications of the specified disease for the livestock sector, he will (a) provide an update on the current state of Foot and Mouth Disease outbreaks in the Republic and (b) inform Parliament of the specific actions and interventions that his department has implemented to contain and curb the spread of the disease, with specific reference to the measures being taken to strengthen long-term disease surveillance and biosecurity capacity in the livestock industry; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO7044E

★1104. Dr N P Nkabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Considering that at the recent Group of 20 Agriculture meeting he emphasised the need for climate-resilient farming, including drought-tolerant seeds, irrigation and accessible climate finance for farmers, and noting that South African agriculture faces severe climate shocks (details furnished), what (a) specific climate adaptation measures has his department introduced for small- and medium-scale crop and livestock farmers (details furnished) and (b) indicators will he and/or his department use to assess the effectiveness of the specified measures targeted at vulnerable farming communities in the drought-affected season?

NO7015E

★1106. Ms N Makasi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Given that the Regulatory Efficiency Strategy for Environmental Turbocharge (RESET) is an initiative aimed at streamlining environmental governance and compliance processes to make them more efficient, transparent and effective, (a) in what way is the RESET utilised to streamline regulatory processes in order to encourage investment and (b) what digital tools are being used to improve service access for businesses and the public?

NO7017E

★1131. Mr W A S Aucamp (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture:

Whether, in light of the ongoing efforts of his department to implement the Agricultural and Agro-processing Master Plan (AAMP) as a key framework for advancing growth, transformation and competitiveness in the agricultural sector, and recognising that he has previously expressed reservations about certain elements of the specified Master Plan, he will (a) elaborate on the aspects of the AAMP with which he has expressed concerns and (b) explain what the underlying reasons for the concerns are; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO7043E

★1176. Mr S P Mkhize (MK) to ask the Minister Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What (a) is the status of the elephant contraception programme following the approval of contraception plans and (b) are the details of the funding that has been allocated for telemetry tracking?

NO7088E

★1120. Ms L Managa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether his department has a clear policy position regarding the culling of elephants in protected areas such as the Madikwe Game Reserve; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what non-lethal alternatives, such as translocation, fertility control and/or expansion of wildlife corridors, has his department explored in line with biodiversity conservation and animal welfare principles?

NO7032E