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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2026

CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

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

Considering the recent flare up of deadly violence linked to the minibus taxi industry in the City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality, what are the reasons that her department has not intervened to provide long-term solutions to the perennial problem of killings linked to taxi violence in Cape Town? NO6400E

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

What funded interventions has his department adopted to (a) complete unfinished infrastructure projects and (b) address property maintenance backlogs? NO6285E

★**828. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What total number of permanent operational jobs (a) currently exist and (b) are envisaged at full development in the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone? NO6269E

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

Given the dismal performance of the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa Ltd and Export Credit Insurance Corporation of South Africa SOC Limited in the 2025-26 financial year, what measures has he put in place to ensure (a) improved performance of both entities to achieve their strategic objectives and (b) consequence management at leadership levels of both institutions? NO6286E

★**899. Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

With reference to her reply to question 5651 on 30 October 2026, what are the reasons that her department is unable to provide data quantifying the impact of the delays at the Durban Port Terminal on the economy? NO6409E

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

Considering that Transnet missed its freight targets by 59,6 million tonnes and that the National Ports Authority executed less than half of its approved capital expenditure budget, what (a) specific operational milestones has her department attached to state transfers that serve to guarantee performance targets and (b) disciplinary, criminal, or financial recovery actions under the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, have been instituted regarding the mismanagement and/or overpayments identified in the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa’s R3,5 billion general overhaul programme? NO6287E

★**835. Mr M A Nhanha (DA) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:**

With reference to the recent announcement made by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in his weekly newsletter on 12 October 2026, that approximately 2,5 million hectares of state-owned land will be released to deserving beneficiaries through the Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy, what (a) criteria will be used to identify or select beneficiaries and (b) measures has his department put in place to ensure sustainable and productive use of the land? NO6276E

★859. Ms N Buthelezi (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Given that her department's 2025-26 budget performance has raised concerns about underspending and delays in tourism development projects, what corrective action have been taken to (a) improve expenditure on tourism infrastructure and (b) ensure that delayed projects are completed within agreed time frames? NO6305E

★846. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

With reference to the progress made in the implementation of the electronic deeds registration system, what are the full details of the (a) functions that are currently operational and (b) timelines set for achieving full implementation of functions that remain outstanding? NO6288E

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

Considering that the recent Lamosa report indicates that the settlement of land claims lodged in 1998 will be completed in at least 30 years, costing the State almost R180 billion, and noting that there are still tens of thousands of land claims that were lodged after the Restitution of Land Amendment Act, Act 15 of 2014, which will only be processed once the 1998 claims are finalised, what drastic measures have been implemented to fast track the settlement of all the claims lodged in 1998 in order to do justice to the surviving land claimants? NO6390E

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

Given the decion by the United States of America (US) to withdraw the Republic's preferential access under African Growth and Opportunity Act from January 2027, what (a) concrete measures has his department implemented to maintain the competitiveness of the Republic's exports trade and (b) preventative measures has the goverment taken accelerate the diversification of export markets to reduce the Republic's dependence on preferential access to the US market? NO6327E

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

Considering that the Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency achieved 156% of its new target of job creation, but only achieved 49% of its job preservation target, what systemic integration issues are weakening post-investment support for existing enterprises? NO6289E

★894. Dr M A Maimane (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

With reference to the latest cashflow forecast of the SA Airways, (a) in which month will the available cash and operating receipts become insufficient to meet salary and operating payments without new financing and (b) what total amount of funding is required to prevent the shortfall?
NO6404E

★842. Ms K A Christie (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

In view of his department's disbursement of industrial incentives worth R5,3 billion that resulted in only 6 000 permanent jobs, while the average cost per job created is a staggering R432 000, what (a) measures have been taken to ensure that companies will continue to employ the 6 000 new staff members beyond the expiry of the incentive period and (b) support and/or follow-up processes have been put in place to encourage companies to retain their new employees? NO6283E

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

What are the full details of the plans that his department has put in place to strengthen the East London Industrial Development Zone Science and Technology Park as a platform for investment, innovation and skills development, and thereby drive local economic development and supplier growth? NO6290E

★872. Mr N I Nxumalo (MK) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

Whether, with regard to the confirmed 41 officials of the Durban regional office who failed to present themselves for physical verification and the two former employees who continued to receive salaries which were eventually frozen following his instructions, the specified cases have been referred to the SA Police Service or the Hawks for criminal investigation; if not, why not; if so, what total number of criminal cases have been opened?
NO6319E

★886. Ms B Mathulelwa (EFF) To ask the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether he has been informed of the incredible work done by an emerging farmer, Mr Sihle Maseko, in Mkhubiso village in the Eastern Cape, who is turning neglected farmlands into viable farms; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what suite of support mechanisms has his department provided to Mr Maseko and other emerging farmers like him?
NO6395E

★**849. Mr S M Maeco (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Considering that the growing use of artificial intelligence (AI) in tourism presents risks to employment, data privacy and consumer protection, while potentially excluding small township-based tourism enterprises, what measures has her department implemented to (a) mitigate AI-related job losses and (b) support small township-based tourism businesses to adopt AI? NO6291E

★**832. Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What is the total Rand value of all grants awarded to small-, micro- and medium enterprises in the (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 financial years? NO6273E

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

With reference to the new digital application system that has been introduced for the Expanded Public Works Programme, what (a) are the full details of the testing that his department conducted to verify the accuracy of applicants' information and selection outcomes and (b) safeguards are in place to ensure access for eligible applicants who are without digital access? NO6292E

★**853. Ms R S Nalumango (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Given that financial constraints continue to limit domestic travel, while township and rural tourism enterprises face barriers to funding and market access, what (a) budgeted interventions has she implemented to promote domestic tourism and thereby make it more affordable and (b) steps has she taken to improve access to funding for small and informal tourism businesses? NO6297E

★**840. Mr T R Ramongalo (DA) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

Given the Republic's growing reliance on space-enabled data, telecommunications and earth observation, what are the (a) strategic justification and (b) long-term financial costs of heavily leasing satellite communication capacities from foreign operators rather than developing a sovereign national communications satellite programme? NO6281E

★**874. Mr D M Skosana (MK) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether a crisis management team has been established to monitor the progress of Operation Bring Back, whose performance was below expectations in August 2026; if not, what is the cause of the delay in establishing the specified team; if so, (a) on what date did it begin operating and (b) what is its mandate? NO6321E

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

Whether all the projects that are funded by her department and/or entities that report to her submit Global Positioning System coordinates for their business locations; if not, why not; if so, on what date will her department integrate geolocations into all funding application platforms of her department and/or the Small Enterprise and Development Funding Agency? NO6300E

★**885. Ms B Mathulelwa (EFF) To ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Whether she has been informed that as at August 2026 only one beneficiary from Matatiele Local Municipality had benefited from the Spaza Shop Fund due to the administrative red tape of the municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has she taken to ensure that the people of Matatiele also benefit from the Fund? NO6394E

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

Given that the temporary closure of the Skukuza Rest Camp Main Gate from 2 November 2026 to 4 December 2026 for essential roof repairs ahead of the festive season raises concerns about visitor access, tourism revenue and the impact on local businesses, what (a) financial losses are envisaged for tourism-related businesses due to the closure and (b) measures has her department put in place to mitigate the impact on tourism revenue? NO6301E

★**833. Mrs N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

(1) What are the full details of the progress made in the negotiations with Denel and the Department of Defence regarding land sharing and ownership in Arniston;

(2) whether the negotiations involve identifying the correct department to assume responsibility for the land and general costs and upkeep of Arniston; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO6274E

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

Given that the space-based technologies of the SA National Space Agency (SANSA) have potential benefits for poor and rural communities, as its flood early-warning system reportedly achieved approximately 90% accuracy rate during testing, what (a) has prevented the wider deployment of the specified flood early-warning technology in vulnerable communities and (b) funding has been set aside to expand SANSA's rural space hubs beyond the three reported launch locations in Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape? NO6312E

QUESTIONS STANDING OVER IN TERMS OF RULE 138(5)

★901. 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

★902. 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

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

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

★904. 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

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

★905. 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

★906. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism: *[Written question 4397]*

(1) With reference to her reply to question 3974 on 23 July 2026, concerning her trip to Mexico, what are the relevant details of the (a) names of the approximately 40 tour operators and tourism trade business representatives with whom she engaged during an industry workshop, (b) person responsible for identifying the tour operators for the workshop, (c) total number of tour operators who were already promoting the Republic as a destination prior to the workshop and (d) nature of the presentation delivered by her and her department at the workshop;

(2) whether she intends to make the presentation available to the public; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) based on the feedback from the specified workshop and other engagements, what are the relevant details of the (a) feedback received on Mexican tourists travelling to the Republic, (b) most popular airlines used by Mexican tourists to travel to the Republic, (c) airline partnerships that were considered and (d) immediate steps that will be taken to increase the total number of Mexican tourists to the Republic? NO4730E

★907. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [*Written question 5264]*

Whether, with reference to the Advisory Note of the Public Service Commission of June 2026 which stated that public servants must not participate in study groups that are not formally authorised through official governmental processes, any officials in his department participated in subsequent authorised study group meetings; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) were the dates of the meetings and (b) are the relevant details of the items that were discussed in the specified meetings? NO5688E

★908. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism: *[Written question 5266]*

What (a) total number of cases have been investigated by external service providers and/or forensic investigators who have been contracted to conduct lifestyle audits in complex cases or to investigate undeclared wealth within her department and/or its entities reporting to her in the past five years, (b) were the annual costs incurred in the past five years, (c) are the names of the service providers who were contracted in each case, (d) what date was each external service provider contracted, (e) specific matters were service providers contracted to probe and (f) was the outcome of each case, in terms of disciplinary action and/or criminal referral? NO5690E

★909. Ms E Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism: *[Written question 5296]*

With reference to the Portfolio Committee of Tourism's stated objective of ensuring that tourism growth translates into inclusive economic growth, sustainable employment, transformation and tangible benefits for communities across the Republic, what are the specified measurable commitments for the 2026-27 financial year against the key tourism-sector oversight priorities identified in Table 2 of her department's stated objectives; if not, why not; if so, (a) what three tourism-sector outcomes does she regard as the highest priorities for the 2026-27 financial year, (b) what specific measurable targets has she set for each of the specified outcomes and (c) by what date will she be able to provide a dedicated Agri-tourism programme? NO5724E

★910. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism: *[Written question 5452]*

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply to question 4277 on 24 August 2026, any legal records and/or documentation were created after the verbal legal advice given by Mogaswa & Associates Inc Attorneys on 19 August 2025, regarding the dissolution of the SA Tourism (SAT) Board; if not, what are the reasons that no such records and/or documentation were created; if so,

(2) whether she will furnish Ms H Ismail with such records and/or documentation or written legal advice given by Mogaswa & Associates Inc Attorneys on the way forward for SAT following the dissolution of the Board on 19 August 2025; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5880E

★911. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism: *[Written question 5453]*

(1) Whether, with reference to the R9,1 million partnership between the SA Tourism (SAT) with LIV Golf, which has now filed for bankruptcy, she will furnish Ms H Ismail with a detailed breakdown of (a) how the R9,1 million has been spent, (b) the exact Return on Investment (ROI) for the specified investment, (c) the total number of international tourists attracted to the Republic as a direct result of the partnership, (d) the total tourism expenditure generated as a direct result of the partnership, (e) the total media and marketing value generated for the Republic and (f) any other ROI achievements not referred to above;

(2) what evidence does the SAT has that its involvement and the R9,1 million investments were necessary to achieve the tourism and expenditure returns attributed to the partnership, and that the returns would not have been achieved without the investment? NO5881E

★912. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism: *[Written question 5454]*

(1) Whether (a) the Department of Home Affairs (DHA), (b) Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) and (c) any other agency provides her department with the methodology used to determine the figures of international tourist arrivals; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what is the exact methodology used by each specified entity to determine the specified figures;

(2) whether each recorded arrival represents an individual who entered the Republic as a tourist within Stats SA's definition of an international tourist, or the figures also include passengers who merely transit through the airports of the Republic, including those making brief stops while connecting to another international flight; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO5882E

★913. Dr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport*: [Written question 5602]*

(1) Whether, regarding the Transnet freight rail third-party access and concessioning, she will provide the third-party access regime under which 11 private operators have to date been approved to operate on Transnet's freight rail network; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what total percentage of the Government's target of 250 million tons of freight capacity by 2030 has been achieved to date;

(2) whether her department has considered concessioning the operation and maintenance of strategic freight corridors to private sector partners, rather than limiting private sector involvement to slot access on state-owned infrastructure; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the (a) relevant details and (b) implementation time frames;

(3) what (a) is the total monetary value of government guarantees extended to Transnet in the past financial year and (b) conditions are attached to the guarantees to ensure measurable improvements in freight rail performance;

(4) what (a) specific steps has she taken to address (i) cable theft, (ii) vandalism and (iii) infrastructure security on the freight rail network and (b) has been the impact of the specified interventions on freight volumes in the past 12 months? NO6051E

★914. Ms K A Christie (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: *[Written question 5620]*

(1) With reference to his department's mission of growing the economy and its goals (details furnished), what are the relevant details of (a) his Theory of Change, (b) interventions, (c) outputs, (d) expected indicators and (e) outcomes;

(2) whether he has found that his department's interventions are succeeding, given that the South African economy retracted in the second quarter of the year and the official unemployment rate has increased by 0,9% to 33,6%; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO6069E

★915. Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: *[Written question 5632]*

With reference to the R23,4 billion reportedly allocated by the Industrial Development Corporation to 48 black industrialists in the 2025 financial year, what is a detailed breakdown of the beneficiaries, specifying in respect of each beneficiary the (a) name of the individual and/or business, (b) total amount of funding approved and disbursed, (c) nature of the funding, including loans, equity investments, grants or other financial instruments and (d) industrial sector in which the beneficiary operates? NO6084E