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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2025***New HIV treatment campaign***★37. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) How is the recently launched new HIV/Aids treatment campaign that is targeted at reaching 1.1 million persons linked to the 95-95-95 targets that were adopted from the United Nations Programme on HIV/Aids;
- (2) whether he will provide a breakdown of the said 1.1 million target into each province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how will the United State President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief funding freeze affect the implementation of such a campaign? CO192E

*Improving mental health***★49. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What measures are in place to improve mental health in South Africa in the past five years, given that 5% of the annual budget of his department is justifiably allocated to mental health support (furnished details);
- (2) whether progress has been satisfactory in this regard? CO204E

*Health Market Inquiry***★39. Mr M Feni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What were the (a) findings and (b) recommendations of the Health Market Inquiry regarding private healthcare market;
- (2) whether such recommendations have been implemented; if not, why not; if so, which recommendations? CO194E

*PEPFAR funding cuts***★36. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What measures are in place to (a) mitigate against the negative implications on the health system as a result of the recent Presidential Emergency Plan for Aids Relief funding cuts and (b) avoid (i) HIV/Aids-related deaths and (ii) new infections;
- (2) how will the HIV/Aids-management strategy be managed given the shortage of professional nursing staff across all provinces? CO191E

Impact of medicine shortages

★34. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) (a) How is the Government addressing the impact of medicine shortages in KwaZulu-Natal, especially to those with chronic conditions and the vulnerable populations and (b) what support is being provided to healthcare workers to manage patient care during such shortages;
- (2) (a) how is the Government ensuring that the public is kept informed regarding such shortages and (b) what steps are being taken to alleviate public anxiety in this regard?

CO189E

Hand/Foot/Mouth disease

★40. Ms M M Bains (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) What is the current state of the outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) in the country, especially in KwaZulu-Natal;
- (2) whether there are any fatalities that are linked to the said disease; if not; what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (3) (a) how HFMD differ from Foot-and-Mouth Disease and (b) what are the preventative methods to avoid further spread of such diseases?

CO195E

Filling of senior management positions

★41. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What progress has been made in filling senior management positions in her department since her appointment?

CO196E

Decrease in GBVF

★50. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What will she implement differently after another year that the President has promised a decrease in Gender-Based Violence and Femicide as it costs the country between R28.4 billion and R42.4 billion annually (details furnished)?

CO205E

Non-functional Care Centre

★35. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) Where have the yearly allocated funds for the Matete Matches Care Centre gone to as the institution remained non-functional as a result of incomplete renovations, (b) why have the renovations at the centre not been completed after more than five years, (c) what time frames are in place for such renovations to be finalised, (d) what steps have been taken to hold those

responsible accountable for the mismanagement of project funds and (e) what immediate plans are in place to ensure that the said institution is restored to (i) full functionality and (ii) fulfil its purpose of caring for vulnerable children? CO190E

SASSA card replacement

★42. Mr M F Mokwele (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) What were her observations when she undertook an oversight visit to monitor the card replacement process of the SA Social Security Agency;
- (2) whether any challenges have been experienced by beneficiaries since the implementation of the new card; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what challenges? CO197E

Reduction of poverty rates

★28. Ms Z N Ngcobo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (a) What strategies her department is implementing to effectively (i) reduce poverty rates and (ii) bridge socio-economic divide, given the persistent high levels of poverty and/or inequality in South Africa that are exacerbated by recent economic challenges and (b) how she plans to measure the success of such initiatives? CO183E

SRD grant system

★43. Mr M P Sibande (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What are the outcomes of the investigations into the vulnerabilities of the Social Relief of Distress grant system? CO198E

Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

- ★29. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP)—Health.
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- ★32. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP)—Health
- ★33. Mr J S Majola (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP)—Social Development.
- ★38. Mr M F Mokwele (Limpopo: ANC)—Health.
- ★44. Ms M M Bains (Western Cape: ANC)—Social Development.
- ★45. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA)—Health.
- ★46. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA)—Health.
- ★47. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA)—Social Development.

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★48. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA)—Health.