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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2025***Repositioning SADC/AU***★172. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What is the role of South Africa in repositioning (a) the Southern African Development Community and (b) African Union immediately in the changing geopolitics and international order in the (i) immediate, (ii) medium and (iii) long-term? CO907E

*G20 Summit***★162. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What specific mechanisms are in place to ensure that provincial and local economic development opportunities are meaningfully integrated into the G20 Summit which will be hosted by South Africa in 2025 (details furnished)? CO897E

*Integrated strategic role of BRICS***★173. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether South Africa as the leading member of the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) trade and development cooperation has any plans to (a) advocate and/or (b) lobby for integrated strategic role of BRICS in (i) strengthening and (ii) consolidation of the African Continental Free Trade Area agreement; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO908E

*Closing Israeli Embassy***★168. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

- (1) What steps has he taken in (a) honouring and (b) executing the resolution of the National Assembly to close down Israeli Embassy in South Africa (details furnished);
- (2) whether he still intends to close the said embassy and show resistance to Israel's attacks on innocent civilians in the Middle East; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the timelines in this regard and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO903E

Addressing illegal immigration

★175. Mr M M Peter (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What concrete actions are being taken to collaborate with other African countries to address illegal immigration, especially through agreements that deal with the root causes and promote coordinated migration management (details furnished)?

CO910E

SADC/AU warning mechanisms

★174. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether the (a) Southern African Development Community and (b) African Union have any early warning mechanisms to (i) detect and/or (ii) identify poor governance and flash points of violent conflicts before they culminate into crisis proportion; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO909E

JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Capacity challenges at NPA

★169. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

(a) What is the current state of (i) human, (ii) financial and (iii) technical capacity at the National Prosecuting Authority, (b) what steps has her department taken to address such challenges and (c) what are the outcomes in this regard?

CO904E

Assessments from NPA

★159. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

Whether her department has (a) conducted and/or (b) received any recent assessments from the National Prosecuting Authority on the average prosecutorial case load in lower courts; if so, (i) what is the current average number of active dockets that are assigned for each lower court prosecutor, (ii) how is this compared to international norms and (iii) what impact has this had on (aa) conviction rates, (bb) trial readiness and (cc) prosecutorial well-being?

CO894E

*Briefing patterns of Attorneys***★170. Adv Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether any Government-wide capacity and systems exist to monitor briefing patterns of Attorneys/Advocates by the organs of state on litigations against the State; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO905E

*Responsibility of Magistrates Commission***★167. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) Whether she has considered separating the responsibility of members of the Magistrates Commission to empower them to pay full-time attention to the important work of the Commission (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how she envisages rolling out such plans;
- (2) what measures are in place to counter the reluctance of Magistrates to preside over (a) misconduct and/or (b) disciplinary inquiries of their peers? CO902E

*Justice for Cradock 4 families***★155. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (a) What steps will her department take to ensure that justice is served for families of the Cradock Four (details furnished) and (b) what implications might this case have for current proceedings and accountability for past human rights abuses? CO889E

*Prosecution of state capture cases***★171. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (a) What is the rate of successes in the prosecution of state capture related cases since the submission of the Zondo Commission Report to the President, (b) what are the pertinent challenges that undermine speedy and successful prosecutions of cases that are already enrolled and (c) what are the plans for her department in collaboration with other key sector departments in addressing such challenges? CO906E

[No 12—2025] SECOND SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Question for written reply transferred for oral in terms of Rule 231:

Sentencing procedures

■11. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development: [Written Question No 457]

- (1) Why the (a) report and (b) arrangements for sentencing procedures in a certain case (details furnished) were not prioritised in a matter that has been on the court roll since 2009;
- (2) whether the said case has taken 16 years to get to this point; if so, how many times was the case postponed;
- (3) whether there are any extraordinary circumstances that are beyond the court's control which necessitated a long delay between 2009 and 2025; if so, what are they;
- (4) what interventions has his department and/or the National Prosecuting Authority in the Western Cape made during the course of this long trial to attempt to finalise the matter to bring justice to the family of the murdered girl? CW520E

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