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Operation Vulindlela Phase II

★7. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

(a) What progress has been made under Operation Vulindlela Phase II in energy, logistics and local government reform, (b) how is it translating into private investment and jobs, (c) what is the timeline for establishing the independent state-owned transmission entity and competitive electricity market, (d) what measures are in place to resolve bottlenecks in reforms that have been reported as delayed and (e) what is the Government's updated trajectory towards its growth target for 2029? CO1388E

National Water Action Plan

★8. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the President of the Republic:

(a) What is the National Water Action Plan which was released by the National Water Crisis Committee in July 2026 intended to achieve? CO1384E

Presidential Youth Employment Intervention

★9. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

(a) What progress has the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention (PYEI) made in the 2026/27 financial year regarding connecting youth to sustainable work and earning opportunities (details furnished), (b) how many of the opportunities have led to employment beyond the programme's duration, (c) what measures are in place to ensure that Phase 5 of the National Youth Service meets its target of recruiting 100 000 young persons, (d) when will it be completed, (e) what lessons will be applied from the Jobs Boost Outcomes Fund pilot in scaling up outcomes-based financing, (f) how much has been set aside in the said period and (g) how is the Government ensuring that youth in rural areas, townships and those without data and/or connectivity access the SA Youth platform and Employment Services of South Africa system? CO1389E

GBVF emergency measures

★10. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the President of the Republic:

(a) How are the newly announced emergency measures, including case audits, forensic backlog reduction strategies and municipal safety reviews differ from prior unfulfilled executive promises, with reference to his national address on 29 September 2026 concerning the tragic murders of women in Ekurhuleni and the broader catastrophic failure to curb Gender-Based Violence and Femicide in the country and (b) what specific accountability

mechanisms are in place to ensure such directives would not result in further bureaucratic stagnation? CO1383E

Online protection of children's personal information

★11. Mr P Govender (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the President of the Republic:

What actions is the Government taking (a) to strengthen (i) the protection of children's personal information, including limits on profiling, passive data collection and consent that children and parents would not meaningfully provide and (ii) coordination between law enforcement, social development and schools to prevent child trafficking and respond to bullying in light of the death of a Grade 10 learner at Bellville South High School following an alleged assault by another pupil inside a classroom on 11 June 2026 and concerns regarding children's online safety (details furnished) and (b) to ensure that children in rural and marginalised communities have safe access and digital education? CO1381E

Positioning Republic's foreign policy

★12. Ms M B Ndlangisa-Nodada (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

(1) (a) How is he harmonising the Republic's foreign policy positions to maximise national economic benefit amid rising global geopolitical polarisation, in light of South Africa's active diplomatic engagements within multilateral platforms such as Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) and the ongoing efforts to secure vital trade arrangements such as the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), (b) what concrete trade and investment outcomes has South Africa secured at the recent 18th BRICS Summit and (c) how will these be translated into exports, industrialisation and jobs;

(2) (a) what is the status of the Government's engagement with the United States on AGOA eligibility beyond the current extension and on the reduction of the 30% tariff on South African exports and (b) what contingency plans exist for sectors such as automotive and agriculture should preferential access be lost;

(3) (a) what mechanisms ensure that South Africa's non-aligned foreign policy is coordinated across the Presidency, the Department of International Relations and Cooperation and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition for diplomatic positions to support South Africa's trade interests and (b) how is the Government utilising the African Continental Free Trade Area and other new markets to diversify exports and reduce exposure to any single trading partner? CO1390E