

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2023

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★411. Mrs N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

In light of how children living with disabilities and autism are often overlooked when it comes to early childhood development (ECD) programmes, what (a) steps has she taken to provide such children with access to a stimulating ECD phase, and (b) is the total number of ECD centres with trained practitioners for children with special needs in the Republic?

NO2935E

★372. Ms N T Mkhathswa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:

What steps has he taken to address the lack of accountability in the administration of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) which results in poor disbursement of funds, slow accreditation of accommodation, unjust defunding of students and a lack of response to appeal queries that have led to the previous

interventions of placing NSFAS under administration and investigations by the Special Investigating Unit? NO2894E

★369. Mr S M Jafta (AIC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether his department has engaged the SA Heritage Resources Agency with the view to declare the Qacha's Nek region, near Matatiele, as a nodal point given its historical and cultural significance as a transit and exit point for combatants of Mkhonto weSizwe who fled from the apartheid security apparatus to Lesotho; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2878E

★373. Dr Z L Mkhize (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What number of blocked human settlements projects (a) has she unblocked and (b) have been completed in the 2022-23 financial year? NO2895E

★374. Ms M L Pieterse (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What measures will he implement to ensure a constant water supply to communities and areas that are experiencing severe water challenges despite the water infrastructure that the Government rolled out to even the most remote areas? NO2896E

★400. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

What total amount (a) has the Government spent on the proposed National Health Insurance (NHI) to date, which includes the feasibility studies, pilot projects and the appointment of officials, and (b) needs to be budgeted for the next 10 financial years to fully operationalise the NHI? NO2924E

★412. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

In light of the high levels of poverty in the Republic, what measures has she taken to ensure that indigent persons and other persons who are eligible for social grants have access to the Social Relief of Distress grant? NO2936E

★375. Ms B N Dlulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

- (1) What has he found to have been the impact of the Netball World Cup on the Republic;
- (2) how is his department supporting sporting federations to bid for more international sporting competitions, in view of the recent historic Netball World Cup demonstrating the economic impact of sports tourism? NO2897E

★380. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) What measures has she put in place to ensure that the construction of permanent housing units in KwaZulu-Natal will begin on 31 August 2023 as 3 405 survivors of the KwaZulu-Natal floods still live in transitional emergency housing 16 months after the floods and (b) what oversight measures will she employ to ensure that tender fraud and corruption are prevented? NO2902E

★370. Mr P A van Staden (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) What is the total number of unclaimed bodies at State mortuaries as at 29 August 2023;
- (2) whether, with reference to his reply to question 2421 on 30 June 2023, this total number represents an improvement; if not; why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2882E

★376. Ms A Gela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Whether he has found that the new COVID-19 Eris variant, also known as EG.5, that was confirmed in Gauteng, is targeting elderly people who are 60 years and older; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what targeted strategies are in place to increase testing and vaccination uptakes among the vulnerable groups? NO2898E

★397. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Given that the Labour Court in Johannesburg found that she unlawfully fired the Deputy Director-General of her department, Ms Nelly Letsholonyane, allegedly in retaliation for being stuck in an elevator, on what grounds did (a) she appeal the initial judgement and (b) her department cover the litigation fees for the cases? NO2921E

★377. Ms N G Adoons (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What (a) initiatives is her department implementing to promote mother tongue education which is a critical factor for effective teaching and learning that develops the cognitive capabilities of children and (b) is the extent of investment by her department in developing mother-tongue education for various subjects? NO2899E

★386. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) With reference to Rand Water's recent announcement that they have lost R875 000 due to theft and poor infrastructure and/or repairs thereto, and that the remaining little infrastructure is imperative to maintain balance with regard to the supply of clean running water to communities without access thereto, what measures has he taken that would ensure that close to a million-rand's worth of assets of Rand Water are not further jeopardised;
- (2) which areas of the water supply has he found are currently the biggest hindrance in supplying water to communities that contributed to the loss of the specified amount? NO2908E

★378. Ms N Q Mvana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What (a) partnerships has her department formed to focus on perpetrators of gender-based violence and femicide in order to deal with the underlying issues that lead to the perpetrators being violent and (b) mechanisms are in place to determine the effectiveness of the programmes, particularly in advancing attitude and behavioural change in the perpetrators? NO2900E

★402. Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Considering the fact that most of the wastewater treatment plants of the Republic are fast reaching tipping point, coupled with the deteriorating state of water purification systems as illustrated by the most recent Blue and Green Drop Reports, what steps has his department taken to establish the true status and efficacy of (a) wastewater treatment facilities and (b) water purification plants across the Republic? NO2926E

★413. Ms P Marais (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether a certain person (name furnished) met the prescribed criteria when he was appointed; if not, what was considered to justify his appointment; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she played any role in the appointment process of the specified person; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the legislative provisions on which she relied when playing a role in the specified process? NO2937E

★420. Ms N N Sihlwayi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What are the relevant details of the measures and procedures that her department has implemented in the past three financial years to guarantee that (a) no beneficiaries of Breaking New Ground (BNG) houses will receive houses with structural defects and (b) there would be no instances of fraud and/or corruption in the delivery of BNG houses? NO2944E

★423. Ms M M Matuba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether, with reference to households that owe municipalities billions of rands and municipalities that owe water boards billions of rands for the provision of water services, he intends writing off monies owed in each specified case; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what mechanisms does he intend employing in the medium and long term to ensure that households and municipalities pay for the water and sanitation services rendered? NO2947E

★426. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture

What measures is his department implementing for the empowerment and promotion of persons living with disabilities in sports, in view of the fact that the department has made significant strides in women sports? NO2950E

★392. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:

Whether, with reference to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) awarding direct payment contracts to Coinvest Africa, Tenet Technologies, Ezaga Holdings and Norraco Corporation, which led to students being evicted from residences and others going hungry due to the non-payment of financial aid, he has found that the specified companies are better suited than established banks to make direct payments on behalf of NSFAS; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2916E

★416. Mr M Shikwambana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:

Following the release of the audit report of the Transport Education Training Authority by the Auditor-General, what (a) action has he taken thus far to adhere to the findings and recommendations of the specified report and (b) are the relevant details of the plan of action that he has put in place to facilitate skills development and training in different economic sectors in the Republic?

NO2940E

★427. Ms D P Sibiya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

Whether his department has been able to assess the full participation of sport ambassadors that were chosen through the sport ambassador's programme to ensure that sport leagues in schools are activated; if not, why not; if so, what impact have they had?

NO2951E

★381. Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:

(1) What steps has his department taken to ensure that more diverse funding from the private sector is available for students, especially at historically black institutions of higher learning;

(2) what total number of cases of alleged mismanagement of student funding amongst top management and/or officials have been raised in institutions of higher learning since 30 May 2019?

NO2903E

★430. Dr K L Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What (a) total number of young persons aged between 14 to 24 years are on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and (b) has been the impact of PrEP and PEP on the HIV infection rate amongst the specified age group?

NO2954E

★389. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she and/or her department has put any plans in place to roll out systemic testing on reading; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2913E

★443. Mr B S Yabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) What is the scale of the infrastructure programme of her department and (b) which areas will be prioritised to improve schooling facilities in the current financial year?

NO2968E

★444. Mr P R Moroatshehla (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What has been the (a) total growth rate and (b) value of the private sector schools' market in the past three academic years?

NO2969E