

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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1. ★ Indicates an oral question.

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THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2023

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★7. Mr K E Magaxa (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

Considering that the appointment of the Minister of Electricity, Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa, is geared towards reducing load shedding and formulating specific interventions to address the existing energy generation gap so that the supply of electricity through multiple energy-carriers can meet the demand that the Republic faces, (a) how will he convince the public that the fact that the Minister of Electricity is located in The Presidency is not an attempt to shift oversight on energy policy away from Parliament and (b) what time frames has he put in place for the Minister of Electricity regarding progress and development made insofar as addressing energy insecurity and reducing load shedding are concerned? NO1604E

★8. The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 798 on 19 April 2023, and in light of the more recent reports that a certain political organisation (name furnished) received R202 000 from an Eskom sub-contractor who allegedly defrauded Eskom, he, in accordance with the Government's stated commitment to fight corruption, took any steps to identify the members of the Cabinet and other senior government officials alleged by Mr Andre de Ruyter to be involved in corruption at Eskom; if not, in each case; why not; if so, what are the details of the (a) steps that he has taken in this regard and (b) persons against whom the specified steps have been taken? NO1609E

★9. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) Whether the commitment by the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and the European Union to assist the Republic with transitioning the economy much quicker from relying on coal plants to a clean energy as announced by the President Mr Joe Biden, of the United States, at the Conference of Parties on 26 November 2021, is still on track; if not, why not; if so, what total amount has been committed by the specified countries;
- (2) whether any amount from that commitment will be used to maintain our ailing coal plants while the transition takes place; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1608E

★10. Mr S Luzipo (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) In light of the fact that the Council for Geoscience is embarking on surveying the Republic's mineral resources deemed necessary in the transition to a green economy, with an aim of growing the economy while simultaneously leading to local mineral beneficiation, what progress has the Government made in terms of increasing investment in the Council for Geoscience to improve the performance of the ailing mining sector;
- (2) whether the Government considered creating a Sovereign Wealth Fund to ensure that the mineral resources, which are increasingly becoming important in the face of transitioning to a green economy, are expropriated for broad-based and inclusive development purposes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1605E

★11. Mr B N Herron (GOOD) to ask the President of the Republic:

In light of the Government's expressed commitment to fight corruption and Al Jazeera's undercover exposé titled *Gold Mafia*, which drew back the curtain on money laundering in Southern Africa, and in view of the Republic having been greylisted and the nation needing swift action against any criminal enterprises looking to exploit our market, what (a) is the Government's official position regarding the hard undercover evidence from the exposé that shows South African leaders, prominent business figures and financial institutions being criminally implicated and (b) action is currently being taken to investigate individuals who have South African ties in order to clear up any dirty money currently circulating in all our financial sectors, which ties back to the illegal export of precious materials?

NO1610E

★12. Mr T N Mmutle (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

Considering that issues such as the fleeing of Mr Shepherd Bushiri, the July unrest and the escape of Mr Thabo Bester from the Mangaung Correctional Centre are some examples which have exposed certain weaknesses in the security cluster, what steps does the Government intend to take to ensure that the specified weaknesses are addressed so that the confidence in the nation is boosted in the global community?

NO1606E