

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**THURSDAY, 20 APRIL 2023****Deputy President***Municipalities' debt to Eskom and water entities***★1. Ms S Shaikh (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether the Government considered any special measures to address the escalating debt of municipalities to Eskom and water entities in a sustainable way (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) how the government intends to accelerate the payment of municipalities' debts as a matter of urgency and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO261E

*FATF grey list***★2. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether, as Chairperson of Cabinet Committee on Justice, Crime-Prevention and Security, he will focus on speedy prosecutions of high profile cases in order to hasten South Africa's removal from the Financial Action Task Force grey list? CO254E

*Political coalitions***★3. Mr T S C Dodovu (North West: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether, in light of the coalitions that are becoming key drivers of political and administrative instability and undermine the capacity of municipalities to focus on service delivery and development (details furnished), the Government will consider convening a national dialogue as the basis for minimum national consensus on political management and regulatory framework to stabilise coalitions; if not, why not: if so, what are the relevant details? CO262E

*Employment creation initiatives***★4. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Deputy President:**

As Leading the Human Resources Development Council of South Africa and fostering collaboration between government and social partners towards addressing the shortage of skills in critical sectors of the economy, what are the relevant details of the government oversight in relation to the verification and inclusion of non-governmental organisations, non-profit organisations and political parties in the broader KwaZulu-Natal area and more specifically the eThekweni region to aid local community members in obtaining critical skills in an effort to advance employment creation initiatives through programmes such as Public Employment Programme that intends to alleviate unemployment? CO260E

Manufacturing agricultural vaccines

★5. Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Deputy President:

In light of the reported 10 years of shortages of animal vaccines at Onderstepoort Biological Products SOC (Ltd) (details furnished), why is the government not inviting the private sector to assist in manufacturing vaccines for strains such as Blue Tongue, Rift Valley Fever and others as it took years to develop vaccines, including conducting tests and trials to ensure the prevention of a threat to food security and saving livestock from dying? CO257E

Illegal/theft of electricity and water

★6. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Deputy President:

Whether the Government considered any measures towards integrated government wide response against the persistence of illegal water and electricity connections, theft and vandalism of infrastructure like electrical cables and water pipes by organised criminal syndicates (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO263E