

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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# QUESTION PAPER

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### NOTE:

1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. ■ Indicates a written question transferred for oral reply upon the request of the relevant member [Rule 249].
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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2018

### ECONOMICS: Cluster 4C

#### *Communication regulator's plans*

**★259. Mr E M Mlambo (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

What is the aim of the South African communications regulator's plan to (a) auction off batches of radio frequencies for 4G services by April 2019 and (b) establish Wholesale Open Access Network? CO589E

#### *Salaries at SABC*

**★269. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(a) What are the annual packages of the (i) Group Chief Executive Officer, (ii) Chief Financial Officer and (iii) Chief Operating Officer at the SA Broadcasting Corporation and (b) how such packages compare to those of the same positions in the 2016/17 financial year? CO602E

#### *Broadcast Digital Migration Project*

**★260. Mr J P Parkies (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

- (1) What are the implications of the Cabinet's approval of the revised delivery model on the implementation of the Broadcast Digital Migration Project;
- (2) why did the Government withdraw from the (a) procurement, (b) warehousing, (c) transportation and (d) installation of the set-top boxes? CO590E

#### *Effects of VAT increase on data/airtime*

**★277. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(a) What are the effects of the value-added tax increase on data and airtime costs and (b) what action is the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa taking to mitigate price increases? CO610E

#### *Amounts owed by SABC*

**★276. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

Whether the SA Broadcasting Corporation owed money to any service providers as at 10 October 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how much in each

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case, (b) how long were the amounts outstanding in each case and (c) what are the further relevant details? CO609E

*Addressing performance challenges*

**★262. Mr A S Singh (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

Whether her department has any plans to address performance challenges that are experienced by (a) the SA Broadcasting Corporation, (b) Brand SA, (c) the Film and Publication Board, (d) the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa and (e) the Media Development and Diversity Agency which received disclaimers and unqualified audits; if not, what are the challenges; if so, (i) what plans in each case and (ii) what are the further relevant details? CO593E

*Waste disposal management strategies*

**★270. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether she or her department has any waste management strategies to curb the negative effects of waste disposal on the environment for urban and rural communities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO603E

*Policy coordination*

**★265. Mr A J Nyambi (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether there are structural mechanisms to ensure policy coordination across the three spheres of government, given that the preservation of environment is a shared function between the spheres; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO596E

*Commitment to Paris Agreement*

**★271. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether the Government is still committed to the (a) Paris Agreement and (b) targets of the Agreement of curbing greenhouse gas emissions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO604E

*Amending environmental legislation*

**★266. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether there are any plans to (a) review, (b) amend Chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), and/or (c) implement changes to it in order to ease compliance with the Bioprospecting Access

and Benefit Sharing permitting system; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO597E

*Non-compliance of Sanral*

**★278. Mr M M Chabangu (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

In respect of the number of contraventions on the conditions for Environmental Authorisation by the SA National Road Agency Limited (Sanral) (details furnished), (a) why has there been a lack of compliance and (b) what action is being taken to hold Sanral accountable in this regard? CO611E

*Department's mandate*

**★272. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

(a) How does the mandate of her department relate to the (i) maintenance of a safe, healthy and sustainable managed environmental and natural resource base and (ii) protection of our rich species, ecosystems and natural heritage, (b) how expansive is the mandate and (c) what are its limits? CO605E

*Mines threatening with retrenchments*

**★256. Mr O J Sefako (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

Whether his department has any intervention plans for mines that are threatening with retrenchments (details furnished); if not, what are the challenges; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO586E

*Mining Charter*

**★273. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

Whether the recently adopted Mining Charter addresses the needs of South Africa's junior miners adequately; if not, why not; if so, (a) how and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO606E

*Plans to address disputes*

**★257. Mr J P Parkies (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

Whether his department has any plans to address the disputes amongst the groups regarding the mining development in the area of Xolobeni in the Eastern Cape; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO587E

*Non-compliance of mines to social labour plans*

**★279. Ms N P Koni (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

- (1) What are the consequences for mines that fail to comply with social labour plans (details furnished);
- (2) whether any mining licences have been withdrawn as a result of non-compliance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO612E

*Lack of clarity in Mining Charter*

**★275. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

In light of the general opinion of experts and analysts in the mining industry regarding the new Mining Charter (details furnished), (a) what are the specific reasons for not having clear (i) guidelines and (ii) criteria regarding such matters and (b)(i) how and (ii) when will clarity prevail in this regard? CO608E

*Essence of new Mining Charter*

**★258. Ms E Prins (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

What is the essence of the adopted new Mining Charter regarding transformation of the mining industry? CO588E

*Outstanding mining applications*

**■15. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources: [Written Question No 12]**

Whether any mining applications are still outstanding in any provinces; if so, (a) what are the reasons for the backlogs in the issuing of the licenses, (b) how long has each application been outstanding and (c) what are the further relevant details? CO12E

*Implementation of Operation Phakisa priorities*

**■16. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources: [Written Question No 109]**

Whether, with regard to Operation Phakisa as a special project of the former President which focused on the expedition of the oceans economy, he will continue to focus on and implement the priorities as defined by Operation Phakisa, specifically with regard to the oil and gas industry; if not, why not; if so, (a) which projects will be fast-tracked and (b) what are the time frames? CO164E

*Supply of grey water***■17. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:  
[Written Question No 251]**

Whether any contracts have been signed between a certain company (name furnished) and the Mogalakwena Local Municipality for the supply of grey water; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the conditions of each contract, (b) what is the (i) agreement, (ii) value and (iii) term of each contract, (c) what is the annual escalation rate per mega litre and (d) who signed each contract on behalf of different parties that were involved?

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*Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 246(4):*

- ★261. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC)—Communications.
- ★263. Dr H E Mateme (Limpopo: ANC)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★264. Mr J P Parkies (Free State: ANC)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★267. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★268. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Mineral Resources.
- ★274. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA)—Mineral Resources.