

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION PAPER

NOTE:

1. Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. ■ Indicates a written question transferred for oral reply in terms of [Rule 249].
4. **In terms of Rule 246(4), no more than six questions for oral reply may be put to a Minister in respect of any one Government department on any particular day. Questions in excess of this quota are summarised at the end of the Question Paper.**

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TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2020

Allegations of corruption/wrongdoing

★10. Ms S Shaikh (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether his department has investigated the allegations of corruption and wrongdoing at the Government Printing Works that were made by a certain labour union; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the preliminary findings of such investigations and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO337E

System's down time

★38. Mr I M Sileku (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

How is his department planning to address the (a) system's down time and (b) subsequent effects on adequate service delivery? CO367E

Measures to deal with scammers

★24. Mr T S C Dodovu (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether his department has any measures in place to deal with complaints regarding scammers who purport to represent his department (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO351E

Mobile Home Affairs offices

★3. Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether any plans are in place to set up mobile Home Affairs offices that would provide services to the communities in order to avoid long queues and overcrowding at the offices (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO330E

Extension of exemption permits

★25. Mr E M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) (a) What informed Cabinet's decision to extend the exemption permits following the approval of a new dispensation (details furnished) and (b) how will this process assist Lesotho nationals;
- (2) whether any challenges were experienced in implementing the new dispensation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what challenges and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO352E

Smart ID cards issued

★39. Mr I M Sileku (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) How many smart identity cards his department has issued since the first roll out in 2013 and (b) how much revenue was collected in this regard? CO368E

South Africans stranded abroad

★26. Ms M P Mmola (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether there are any South Africans who are in distress and stranded abroad as a result of the lockdown; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what action is the Government taking to assist such citizens and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO353E

South Africans stranded in Namibia

★2. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) What efforts have been made to bring home the nine South Africans who are stranded in Namibia as a result of the travel restrictions which have been imposed to curb the spread of Covid-19;
- (2) whether the High Commission in Namibia has been informed of such persons; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the details of the approval processes and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO329E

Alleged ill-treatment of African nationals

★28. Mr E M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether, regarding the reports of the alleged ill-treatment of African nationals in China, including the forceful testing, quarantining and other inhuman treatments, the Government has been able to establish the veracity of such allegations and the possible involvement of any South African citizens; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO355E

Ratification of Budapest Convention

★42. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Why her department does not make an effort to have the Budapest Convention ratified? CO371E

Investigation into handling of Covid-19 outbreak

★36. Mr A B Cloete (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether she would support the request by numerous countries for an investigation into the handling of the Covid-19 outbreak by the government of the People's Republic of China; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO365E

Unity in SADC

★43. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) Whether the unity within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) is satisfactory; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether SADC members have sufficient confidence in the organisation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO372E

Ratification of Budapest Convention

■5. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation: [Written Question No 156]

- (1) Whether, with reference to her predecessor's reply to Question 91 on 28 June 2017 and the ratification of the Budapest Convention by certain countries (details furnished), her department still considers the said treaty to be an exclusively regional instrument of the Council of Europe; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether, with reference to the Protection of Constitutional Democracy Against Terrorist and Related Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 33 of 2004), and the Cybercrimes Bill [B6 of 2017] (details furnished), the ratification of the Budapest Convention is currently the only multinational agreement that provides for the means to prosecute cybercriminals; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any agreements are in place as an alternative for the Government to effect extradition in the event of a cyber-terrorist attack against South Africa from within the jurisdiction of the 65 nations that ratified the Convention; if not, why not; if so, (a) what agreements and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO171E

*Security challenges at ports of entry***★29. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:**

In light of the recent media reports regarding the suspected illegal transportation of medical products at the OR Tambo International Airport, (a) what extent of the security threat is posed in this regard and (b) what is the general state of security at our ports of entry? CO356E

*Investigation into actions***★48. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:**

Whether there have been any investigations into the actions of a certain person (details furnished) to determine the amount that was looted through such a person's network; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress has been made with such investigations and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO377E

*Renewal/reorganisation/repurposing of SSA***★32. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:**

What are the major (a) successes and (b) challenges regarding the renewal, reorganisation and repurposing of the State Security Agency in line with its core constitutional mandate as announced by the President in his state-of-the-nation-address? CO359E

*Vetting of senior officials/executives of SOEs***★6. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of State Security:**

Whether the backlog on vetting senior officials and executives of the state-owned entities by the State Security Agency has been reduced; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the results of such vettings and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO333E

*High-Level Panel report***★50. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:**

(a) With regard to the High-Level Panel report, which of the 12 focus areas have been dealt with in order to correct the weaknesses in his department and (b) on what date is the overhaul expected to be completed? CO379E

*Threats of cybercrime***★31. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:**

What is South Africa's capabilities and policy responses to cybercrime as such crime is one of the contemporary security threats that is facing many countries? CO358E

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- ★4. Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF)—International Relations and Cooperation.
- ★11. Mr T S C Dodovu (North West: ANC)—Home Affairs.
- ★27. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC)—International Relations and Cooperation.
- ★30. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC)—State Security.
- ★49. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA)—State Security.
- ★51. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA)—State Security.
- ★52. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA)—State Security.