

## 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. **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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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY****TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2021***Preparations to counter effect of fourth wave***★202. Ms M N Gillion (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether, in light of the fact that analysts and healthcare experts have indicated that South Africa is likely to be impacted by a fourth wave of the Covid-19 pandemic over the December 2021 and January 2022 holiday period, his department has made any preparations to counter the effect of this wave; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO765E

*Video of SA medical students being assaulted in Cuba***★197. Mr M R Bara (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

In light of the video that is circulating of South African medical students in Cuba being assaulted by persons in uniform (details furnished), (a) why were they assaulted and (b) how did the situation get to a point where they were assaulted? CO760E

*Fight against TB***★203. Ms N Ndongeni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

In light of the fact that one of the principal objectives of the 2017-2022 National Strategic Plan on HIV, Tuberculosis (TB) and STI's is to set norms and standards for TB services and monitor its implementation in line with the vision of reducing TB transmission and mortality, (a) what progress has South Africa made in the fight against TB, (b) which provinces are experiencing the worst TB cases and (c) what interventions have been put in place to assist such provinces? CO766E

*Covid-19 vaccination booster for healthcare workers***★201. Mr X Ngwezi (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

In light of the recent announcement that the Covid-19 vaccination booster is to be administered to healthcare workers who participated in the original Sisonke study, how many healthcare workers (a) have been fully vaccinated in each province and (b) will be receiving the said vaccination booster? CO764E

*Challenges at Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital***★198. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Given the number of challenges that continue to hamper the Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital in the Northern Cape (details furnished), (a) what is the current surgery backlog at the hospital and (b) how far does it date back;

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- (2) (a) what was found to be the source of the water contamination at the hospital and (b) what is the current status of its water supply (details furnished);
- (3) whether he will commit to investigating the ongoing dysfunctional laundry service at the hospital (details furnished)? CO761E

***Vooma Vaccination Programme***

**★204. Mr I Ntsube (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether, in light of the fact that there is a steady drop in the number of vaccinations across the country in the past few weeks, the Government is making any progress in ramping up the number of vaccinations through the Vooma Vaccination Programme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO767E

***GBV Command Centre***

**★205. Ms A D Maleka (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) Whether the Gender-Based Violence Command Centre operates a national 24-hour call centre facility that employ social workers who are responsible for call taking and call referrals; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what progress is the Command Centre making in assisting women who are faced by gender-based violence? CO768E

***Expanding SASSA services to rural/urban areas***

**★199. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) strategies and/or (b) plans are in place to expand the footprint of the SA Social Security Agency in (i) rural and (ii) peri-urban communities, especially in the rural areas of the Northern Cape, so that social welfare services are within easy reach of every person (details furnished)? CO762E

***ECD Employment Stimulus Relief Fund***

**★206. Mr M E Nchabeleng (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Employment Stimulus Relief Fund, which was established to assist ECD services to recover from the loss of income brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic, has been able to achieved its main objective; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO769E

*Keeping the youth away from gangs***★194. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What interventions has her department initiated recently which are aimed at providing youth with alternatives in order to (a) prevent them from joining gangs or (b) assist them to leave gangs (details furnished)?

CO756E

*Safeguarding children from exploitative practices***★200. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

In light of the fact that researchers in a National Counter-Trafficking Study in South Africa found that lockdowns, school closures and increased poverty levels during the pandemic led to an increase in child labour, what (a) plans and/or (b) strategies are in place to cooperate with other departments, particularly Basic Education and Employment and Labour, to safeguard children from exploitative practices?

CO763E

*Complaints from SRD grant recipients***★207. Ms M N Gillion (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether, in light of complaints from some recipients of the Social Relief of Distress grant as a result of miscommunication from the SA Social Security Agency which resulted in persons standing in long queues at SA Post Offices, her department has addressed such complaints; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO770E

*Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 246(4):***★189. Mr S F Du Toit (North West: FF Plus)—Health.****★190. Mr S F Du Toit (North West: FF Plus)—Social Development.****★191. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Health.****★192. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Social Development.****★193. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF)—Health.****★195. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF)—Health.****★196. Mr K Motsamai (Gauteng: EFF)—Health.**