

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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The President

Outcomes of 2023 BRICS Summit

★7. Mr T S C Dodovu (North West: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) Whether South Africa has any measures in place to leverage the outcomes of the 2023 Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Summit and its expansion to pursue the advancement of Agenda 2063 as the blueprint and master plan for transforming Africa (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether these include the promotion of peace and stability on the Continent; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO883E

Personnel/resources for special units against mafia

★8. Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the President of the Republic:

With reference to his 2020 State-of-the-nation address that special units would be established in every province to combat the scourge of construction mafia, what are the specifics of the special units regarding (a) personnel and (b) allocated resources? CO878E

Economic empowerment of women

★9. Ms S E Lucas (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) Whether, in light of the prevailing socio-economic challenges facing women, the Government is making any progress in institutionalising gender mainstreaming across the departments, provinces and districts in order to advance equality through gender responsive planning, budgeting and reporting; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether the Government is making any progress in advancing economic empowerment of Africans, particularly women in African townships and rural areas; if not, why not; if so, what progress;
- (3) what (a) challenges are experienced and (b) plans are in place to ensure that all government departments, provinces and regions rigorously advance economic empowerment of women? CO884E

*Global climate change***★10. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the President of the Republic:**

With reference to his recent affirmation of the country's firm commitment to contribute to the global climate change effort at the 2023 United Nations General Assembly, how will the Government seek to achieve this with regard to the decision of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment to grant Kusile Power Station a pollution exemption whilst balancing the need for an uninterrupted supply of electricity to all residents? CO880E

*Docking of Lady-R***★11. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

- (1) Whether he deliberately misled the nation concerning the highly irregular handling of ammunition as controlled items (details furnished);
- (2) whether he was misled by the irrational and false findings by the panel;
- (3) whether such controlled items were loaded and/or offloaded by clandestine parties as responded to in an oral parliamentary question by the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans; if so,
- (4) whether he concedes that (a) cargo could have been loaded and/or offloaded by clandestine parties that were not reported to Parliament and (b) Government allowed illegal transactions against the relevant international laws and the United Nations Convention on the transfer of such controlled items? CO879E

*Youth development interventions***★12. Mr A J Nyambi (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the high and growing rate of youth unemployment, the Government has considered harnessing the current youth development interventions to develop a compressive and multiservice youth employment and economic empowerment strategy to address the situation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what progress has the Government made in collaboration with the private sector to reduce graduate unemployment and create job opportunities and economic activity for the disadvantaged youth? CO885E