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# QUESTION PAPER

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**★13. The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Whether, with reference to his commitment in his reply to the debate on the 2018 State of the Nation Address that lifestyle audits will be done starting with Members of the Executive and his pledge on 31 August 2020 to conduct lifestyle audits on all public representatives in light of it becoming compulsory on 1 April 2021 for all Ministries and departments to conduct lifestyle audits and noting his reassurance in his 2022 State of the Nation Address that lifestyle audits were already being implemented across the Public Service, the lifestyle audits on Members of the Executive have been concluded yet; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the outcomes of the lifestyle audits? NO2883E

**★14. Ms J Hermans (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(a) How has the participation in the BRICS group assisted the Republic economically thus far and (b) what contribution can the Republic's participation in BRICS make to the implementation of the Economic, Reconstruction and Recovery Plan? NO2879E

**★15. Mr S M Jafta (AIC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Whether, given that he is responsible to uphold and enjoined to act in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, he intends taking any steps in line with the Constitution, 1996, to protect the courts and the judiciary and especially the Constitutional Court, from attacks which go beyond reasonable criticism of judicial decisions to incitement of harm against the administration of justice, as were highlighted by Chief Justice Raymond Zondo when he presented the annual judiciary report at the Constitutional Court in Braamfontein on 24 February 2023? NO2877E

**★16. Mr V C Xaba (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

How will the Government strengthen the entrenched principle of cooperative governance among the three spheres of Government for the common good of the Republic as a unitary state, as the recent taxi strike in Cape Town, in the Western Cape, has highlighted the challenges to cooperation among the three spheres of Government, notwithstanding the underlying principle of cooperative governance, which is outlined in the Constitution of the Republic, 1996, and which recognises the three spheres as distinctive, interdependent and interrelated? NO2880E

**★17. Ms D R Direko (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Having undertaken nine District Development Model Presidential Imbizos in various provinces to listen and efficiently and effectively resolve service delivery challenges affecting communities, how does he now plan to leverage the outcomes of these specified imbizos to position the Executive better to accelerate the delivery of basic services such as water and sanitation, human settlements, waste removal, potholes and other socio-economic challenges affecting all communities? NO2881E

**★18. The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Whether he will make a policy decision to support and expedite the devolution of passenger rail to competent metros, in light of the taxi strike of 3 August 2023 in Cape Town that deprived millions of school children and commuters access to learning and work opportunities respectively, particularly as the rail feasibility study of the City of Cape Town has found that a fully functional passenger rail service will sustain 51 493 jobs and save low-income households R932 million per year, given that the cost-of-living crisis causes households immense pain and suffering and especially as the Government's White Paper on the National Rail Policy appears to endorse the devolution of passenger rail; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2884E