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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2018

CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

★194. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

Whether any new innovative discoveries were made by scientists in the 2017-18 financial year; if so, how do the new discoveries contribute to economic growth?

NO3537E

★235. Mr B A Radebe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

With reference to the so-called trade war through tariff and counter-tariff measures between the United States of America and the Peoples' Republic of China, (a) what are the details of the impact that the trade war has on South Africa and (b) how is he positioning the Republic in the face of the so-called trade war? NO3578E

★248. Mr N V Xaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Following the South Africa Investment Conference convened by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, on 24 to 26 October 2018, what are the immediate tasks for her department arising from the decisions of the conference? NO3591E

★208. Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:

Whether she has found that her department's 2017-18 budget has sufficient available funds in the event that the Government expropriates land without compensation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3551E

★249. Mr M P Sibande (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

(a) How is his department planning to restore the Metrorail train services to normality, particularly in the Western Cape and (b) what safety measures is the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa putting in place to improve the safety and security of commuters on the trains and around the stations? NO3592E

★241. Ms L M Maseko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

(a) What the major policy shifts are in the new White Paper as compared to the 1996 White Paper and (b) how will the implementation of the new White Paper improve the country's standing in the global science community in the fourth industrial revolution? NO3584E

★201. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

What steps has he taken to ensure that South Africa turns around its continued decline in the World Bank Ease of Doing Business report? NO3544E

★233. Mrs E K M Masehela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What are the details of the turnaround strategy that his department has put in place to ensure that the country's tourism meets its target of five million international arrivals and one million domestic travellers by 2021? NO3576E

★247. Mr J L Mahlangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:

How it is envisaged that his department will address the outcomes of the International Telecommunication Union, ITU Telecom World 2018, held in Durban on 10 to 13 September 2018, with specific reference to (a) enhancing the skills and capacity of young people and (b) building the capacity of the Government in the fourth industrial revolution? NO3590E

★212. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether any decision has been taken regarding the scrapping of the e-toll project of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project since his reply to question 675 on 22 March 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3555E

★224. Ms N Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 675 on 22 March 2018, he has been briefed by the SA National Roads Agency Limited and/or his department to enable him to determine the next step on the future of the Gauteng e-tolls; if not, why not; if so, what is his position regarding the future of the Gauteng e-tolls?

NO3567E

★229. Mrs E K M Masehela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works:

(a) What are the details of his department's achievements in ensuring that at least 30% of leasing contracts are awarded to black South Africans, with particular reference to women and (b) how does he intend to ensure that further strides are made in this regard?

NO3572E

★225. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:

Whether, in view of the apparent recognition of the importance of rural development and land reform, she will consider as a first step to identify each rural town and establish, in consultation with Statistics South Africa, the challenges faced by the communities in the rural towns and consider, together with other relevant departments, creating industries in or encouraging industries to relocate to identified rural towns, resulting in job creations economic development at a local level; if not, why not; if so, when?

NO3568E

★231. Ms P C Ngwenya-Mabila (ANC) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:

In view of her department's partnership with TSB Sugar (Pty) Ltd to empower seven farmers who were regarded as successful in sugar cane farming, what (a) amount has her department invested in the project known as Siyathuthuka and (b) has been the impact and value of the investment in the specified partnership in changing the lives of the specified farmers?

NO3574E

★240. Ms L C Theko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

What has been the impact of (a) the incentives to support value-addition in manufacturing on productivity and growth in the sector and (b) Clothing Textile Leather and Footwear Masterplan and the Clothing and Textile Competitiveness Programmes on increasing the levels of employment?

NO3583E

★198. Mr C MacKenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:

Whether he has taken any steps to ensure that the SA Post Office fulfills its obligation of achieving universal postal services in the country in line with the Postal Services Act, Act 124 of 1998, as amended; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3541E

★230. Ms L N Mjobo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works:

In light of the fact that on 14 October 2018 the Government held a ceremony to hand over land to the Mkwanzani community in settlement of a long-standing land claim, how much land (a) has his department transferred for land reform purposes in the past three years and (b) is earmarked for transfer in the 2018-19 financial year?

NO3573E

★232. Ms S T Xego (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether, with reference to the Baseline Study on the State of Transformation in the Tourism Sector commissioned by the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Charter Council in 2017, which indicated that the tourism sector has not transformed despite being a trailblazer in adopting the sector codes, he has found that there is a reluctance to transform within the sector; if so, what is his department doing to remedy the situation?

NO3575E

★204. Mr G R Krumbock (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What (a) are the reasons for the drop of 281 000 arrivals in international tourist arrivals from March 2017 to March 2018, as reported by Statistics South Africa in its Tourism and Migration statistics on 18 June 2018 and (b) number of jobs are estimated to have been lost due to the Government's policy to compel parents of all minor children travelling to and from South Africa to produce an unabridged birth certificate?

NO3547E

★242. Mr N J J van R Koornhof (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

What (a) she envisages the role of science technology and innovation is in achieving the goals of the National Development Plan and sustainable development and (b) scientific breakthroughs have been made as a result of the efforts of her department that have benefited South Africans?

NO3585E

★245. Mrs J D Killian (ANC) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:

(a) How far his department is in implementing the recommendations and remedial actions of the Public Protector's damning report into the Universal Services and Access Agency of South Africa (USSASA) and its Board and (b) what are the lessons learnt from what occurred at USSASA?

NO3588E

★209. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:

Whether the Government has taken a decision on whether land owned by the Ingonyama Trust will also be subjected to expropriation without compensation along with other private properties; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3552E

★217. Ms L Mathys (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works:

Whether, in light of the fact that part of the focus of the stimulus package of the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, is on infrastructure development, he has found that this is an opportune moment for the Government to establish a state-owned construction company; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3560E

★250. Mr D P Magadzi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What measures has he put in place to stabilise and ensure the financial sustainability of the Road Accident Fund and the SA National Roads Agency Limited in light of the 2017-18 financial year report of the Auditor-General? NO3593E

★226. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:

Whether, in light of the resolution of the National Assembly to instruct the Constitutional Review Committee to review section 25 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, to enable the Government to expropriate land without compensation, she will consider a process to negotiate with farm owners in order to create a win-win situation in the process of expropriation of land to find more viable alternatives such as joint ventures between farm owners and beneficiaries of land restitution? NO3569E

★238. Mr S H Mbuyane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

In light of the interventions made by his department between the SA Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) and the SA Sugar Association (SASA), which resulted in the formal recognition of SAFDA as an organisation by SASA and subsequent allocation of levies to SAFDA, what plans will his department implement to ensure the inclusivity and transformation in the sugar industry? NO3581E

★234. Ms P E Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

In light of the fact that the Department of Tourism and SA Tourism are obliged to enter into agreements with third parties to market South Africa as a destination of choice, what plans do the Department of Tourism and SA Tourism have in place to adhere to the recommendations made by the Auditor-General to monitor and evaluate all deliverables on the agreements so that the country gets value for money? NO3577E

★199. Ms C King (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

Whether, with reference to the reply to question 618 on 28 March 2017, the construction of the science centre in Cofimvaba in the Eastern Cape was completed in March 2018; if not, why not? NO3542E

★237. Ms J L Fubbs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

(a) What measures have been introduced to sustain South Africa's competitive capabilities in the automotive sector and (b) how is his department encouraging the private sector to collaborate with the Government in this regard? NO3580E

★236. Mr M D Mahlobo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

What (a) are the details of the progress achieved on regional economic integration on the African continent and (b) benefits will accrue to South Africa from the African Continental Free Trade Area? NO3579E

★195. Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

Given that her department and the entities reporting to her deal with large volumes of data, to what extent does cybersecurity form part of her department's focus, specifically in projects that are data intensive? NO3538E

★239. Mr A J Williams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

With reference to the Black Industrialists programme that was launched by his department, how effective has the specified programme been in achieving the intended goals of a more inclusive economic environment and employment and underpinning the localisation policy? NO3582E

★244. Ms A Tuck (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

What (a) the contribution of Meerkat is to the development of the Global Science Community and (b) will phase two of this project bring in terms of further scientific development? NO3587E

★196. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

(a) By what percentage was the National Research Foundation's (NRF) budget reduced over the past 10 financial years and (b) which of the NRF's programmes were affected due to the reductions? NO3539E

★221. Ms N V Mente (EFF) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:

(a) What measures has his department put in place to reduce data prices and (b) by what date is it envisaged that the citizens can expect data prices to decrease? NO3564E

★246. Mr N Ndongeni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:

(a) Whether the initiative to ensure connectivity to the people and various entities in the Nyandeni Local Municipality under the O R Tambo District in the Eastern Cape (details furnished) yielded desired results and (b) what are the benefits accruing to the communities? NO3589E

★227. Mr S C Mncwabe (NFP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether she will establish a forum for small businesses where concerns could be expressed and solutions found in respect of processes currently in place to grant businesses from disadvantaged communities better opportunities? NO3570E

★243. Ms A T Mfulo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

With reference to the Chairpersons of the SA Research Chairs Initiative, what (a) transformation can be recorded in terms of women across institutions of higher learning and (b) are her the future plans of her department in this regard? NO3586E

★197. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:

What amount is the SA Post Office receiving in respect of each beneficiary for paying out social grants (a) over the counter and (b) at paypoints? NO3540E

★200. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

What concessions did his department secure from (a) local and (b) provincial governments in the past three financial years to bolster its revitalisation efforts to make industrial parks more attractive to investors? NO3543E

★202. Mr D R Ryder (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works:

Whether he has taken any steps to address the Auditor-General's concerns relating to unstable leadership within his department and entities reporting to him being major factors contributing to poor performance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3545E

★218. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:

What (a) plans has her department put in place in the event that Parliament, when all processes have been finalised, resolves to amend section 25 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and (b) are the details of the official contribution that her department makes in high-level Cabinet discussions regarding the proposed amendment? NO3561E

★228. Mr S C Mncwabe (NFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What measures will he put in place to address corruption in roadworthy testing centres, motor vehicle licensing departments and motor vehicle scrapyards, which contribute to the high rate of car theft and high-jacking? NO3571E

★203. Mr D R Ryder (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works:

What total number of buildings, currently under the custodianship of his department, comply with the fire safety provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993, as amended? NO3546E

★205. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

(a) What are the reasons that her department is revising its definition of small enterprises according to their size in different economic sectors in accordance with Schedule 1 of the National Small Enterprise Act, Act 102 of 1996, as amended, and (b) what steps will her department take to ensure that the proposed amendments will be in line with current classifications of qualifying small enterprises relating to the broad-based black economic empowerment and upper limit of R50 million turnover requirements?

NO3548E

★206. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Why has it taken her department approximately five years to implement the Cooperatives Amendment Act, Act 6 of 2013?

NO3549E

★219. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

What (a) has she found to be the reason that the majority of patent applications in South Africa are by non-residents and (b) can be done to encourage a culture of innovation amongst the citizens of the country?

NO3562E

★207. Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:

Whether her department received any requests from the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality in Mpumalanga to release land owned by her department for rice farming and other projects; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3550E

★210. Dr M J Figg (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works:

What total number of buildings currently under the custodianship of his department are occupied despite being unsafe for occupation?

NO3553E

★211. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, since the reply to question 674 on 20 April 2018, the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa received the National Treasury's reviewed report of its investigation into contracts above R10 million in line with the recommendations of the Public Protector in her report entitled *Derailed*; if not, by what date is the reviewed report expected; if so, what are the details of the outcome of the investigation?

NO3554E

★220. Adv T E Mulaudzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether she took the opportunity to peruse or consider the Banks Amendment Bill [B12-2018] and its provision for a State bank that will make it easier for small businesses and entrepreneurs to access funding, which they are currently being denied by commercial banks; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3563E

★213. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:

What amount did his department spend in legal fees in arguing *Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services v Acting Chair, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa and Others; Cell C (Pty) Ltd v Acting Chair, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa and Others and Others (2016/59722, 2016/68096) [2016] ZAGPPHC 883* in the North Gauteng High Court? NO3556E

★214. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:

What number of (a) initiatives did his department implement under its Internet for All programme since its inception and (b) the specified initiatives are currently operational? NO3557E

★215. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether she intends to bring any amending legislation to Parliament to clarify the perceived overlapping of the functions of the Small Enterprise Development Agency and the National Small Business Council, which prevents her from establishing the council; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3558E

★222. Mr T Rawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What (a) impact will the N2 Wild Coast road and potential mining developments in Xolobeni have on tourism in the Eastern Cape and (b) is his department doing to assist the affected communities in fighting the developments which will destroy their ability to generate income from tourism? NO3565E

★216. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What amount will it cost her department to establish the (a) Cooperative Tribunal in accordance with the Cooperative Amendment Act, Act 6 of 2013 and (b) Small Business Tribunal as outlined in proposed amendments to the National Small Business Act, Act 102 of 1996? NO3559E

★223. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

(a) What has been the benefit of leasing out instead of selling the land on which the Special Economic Zones are situated and (b) how has this contributed to sustained investment and job creation within the Special Economic Zones and the surrounding communities? NO3566E