

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022

CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

★148. Ms D R Direko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

In view of the State of Local Government Report, tabled in Cabinet ahead of the 2021 Local Government Elections, which revealed that 108 municipalities had passed unfunded budgets, and that in 64 of the specified municipalities this was one of the contributing factors which led to a state of dysfunctionality and the collapse of service delivery, and given that at the time 26 municipalities were under section 139(7) intervention and 38 were still without any intervention, what (a) progress has been made with regard to interventions in addressing unfunded budgets and (b) steps has she taken to ensure that the local government equitable share is not further withheld in these municipalities, further exacerbating service delivery challenges? NO877E

★145. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether she will ensure that local government structures establish a comprehensive central database of (a) all tenders and/or contracts awarded and (b) the names of the companies they were awarded to? NO874E

★150. Ms A S Hlongo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Given the current levels of unemployed youth, demands for strong co-ordination, cohesion of resources, programmes, training and development opportunities and broader skills development, how (a) is her Office assisting in monitoring the co-ordination of the multiple initiatives and (b) does her Office intend monitoring to improve the co-ordination of the specified initiatives, in order to extract the maximum impact of each programme and its intentions? NO879E

★160. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether she has found that the influence by the deployment committee of a certain political organisation (name furnished) on the appointment of persons in the Public Service undermines the vision of her department of establishing a professional, productive and responsive public service and administration in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO889E

★173. Ms H O Mkhali (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

In light of the fact that the Municipal Pension Fund (MPF) has been under curatorship since 2017 and The Board of Trustees were removed by court on the basis that they have misappropriated funds from the MPF, what (a) steps has she taken against those who misappropriated funds and (b) measures has she put in place to resolve the curatorship of the MPF to ensure that it is properly functioning again? NO903E

★152. Ms M T Kibi (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

- (1) Given that one of the major challenges over the years that departments and state entities across all three spheres of government have experienced has been the inability to conduct impact assessment for the resources they have been allocated, how is his Office assisting departments and entities in this regard;
- (2) whether the Government has a proper tool, with indicators, across all three spheres that can be applied to assist such impact assessments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO881E

★144. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jamah-ah) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Given that small media enterprises funded by the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) are of the view that they are still being sidelined by big businesses and government advertising agencies in terms of advertisements, what (a) active steps is he taking to oversee the MDDA and (b) measures does he have in place to ensure that all three government spheres' advertisements reach the small enterprises, as small community tabloids are struggling to survive due to a lack of advertising revenue?

NO872E

★154. Ms M M Ntuli (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether she has found that the type of public service cadres that her department seeks to develop is withering away or she has found that her department is witnessing a resilient Public Service solving challenges and turning around the capability of the State to deliver at a higher level; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO883E

★147. Mr F D Xasa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Given that her department introduced a new policy in October 2021 as part of the remodelling of the Community Work Programme (CWP), which is aimed at addressing the challenges that have dampened the capacity of the CWP to create an employment security net and assist participants to acquire useful skills in order to access better employment opportunities, what has been the immediate impact of the specified policy since its implementation?

NO876E

★163. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

With reference to the finding of the Auditor-General that at least 5 812 public servants fraudulently applied and received the R350 Social Relief of Distress Grant, what (a) informed the decision to investigate only about 4% of the cases implicating around 242 public servants and (b) is the current status of the investigations?

NO892E

★172. Mr A Matumba (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What (a) total amount do the eight metropolitan councils pay for outsourcing security guards per annum and (b) would be the difference in cost if the security guards were insourced?

NO902E

★151. Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Given that part of the challenges reported in the roll-out of the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Gender-based Violence and Femicide was government departments not incorporating the specified plan into their operations, thereby not using the departmental machinery as a vehicle to carry the plan, what steps has she taken to ensure that departments, particularly at local government level, incorporate the plan into departmental plans and conduct programmes aimed at communities?

NO880E

★170. Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

In view of the pronouncement by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during the State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022 that emphasised that the Government will intensify the fight against gender-based violence and femicide this year through implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and other measures to promote the empowerment of women, what (a) specific targets in respect of the National Strategic Plan have been set out to be accomplished in 2022 and (b) other specified measures was the President referring to in the State of the Nation Address?

NO899E

★155. Ms V P Malomane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

- (1) What are the fundamental challenges in filling vacant positions that exist in departments whilst the Republic experiences extremely high levels of unemployment;
- (2) whether she has found that the current departmental organograms are in terms of the identified posts that are addressing the key challenges of the mandates of departments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO884E

★161. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether her department plays a role with regard to the implementation and/or monitoring of the Employment Tax Incentive to ensure that employers hire young work seekers; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO890E

★153. Ms T Mgweba (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

- (1) Whether he has found that the Frontline Service Delivery Programme that monitors services and addresses various service delivery concerns at municipal level has achieved any improvement in service delivery in municipalities that his Office has monitored; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how has the specified programme improved the quality of life for the communities?

NO882E

★146. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

In light of the fact that we are certainly losing the fight against gender-based violence in the Republic, what additional monitoring measures are being put in place by her Office that are aimed at preventing the rape, murder and/or abuse of women and youth?

NO875E

★149. Mr G G Mpumza (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

In view of the District Development Model (DDM) which has been piloted in three sites, and given that the Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Framework has been developed to ensure the monitoring of the implementation of the DDM, the monitoring of the implementation of One Plans and the monitoring of the performance of municipalities, what (a) lessons have been drawn from the pilot sites on the effective implementation of the DDM and (b) has she found the impact of the DDM has been on local economic development in the specified municipalities? NO878E

★157. Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether the District Development Model intends to subordinate the policies, programmes and powers of local and provincial governments to those of the Government; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO886E

★178. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether, with reference to the third-quarter police crime statistics report which indicated that over 11 000 women were raped in the Republic between October and December 2021, her Office has established any working relationship with the SA Police Service to support victims of rape and sexual assault; if not, why not; if so, what are the further relevant details? NO909E

★159. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

With reference to the ruling by the Constitutional Court on 28 February 2022, which upheld an earlier ruling by the Labour Court that the R30,2 billion salary increase she awarded to public servants in 2018 was invalid, unlawful and violated sections 213 and 215 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, (a) on what date did she meet with Labour to discuss the impact of the judgment on wage increases and (b) what are the relevant details of the discussions that took place at the meeting(s)? NO888E

★176. Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

In light of the recent Constitutional Court judgment, which declared the wage agreement that her department signed with public sector unions in 2018 as invalid and illegal, what (a) implications would this have on the integrity of the collective bargaining process and (b) steps is she taking to restore lost trust between the Public Service and its employees? NO907E

★171. Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

In view of the President's announcement in November 2018 regarding the development of a National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) following massive protests and outcry of government's failure to tackle GBVF, with one of the key commitments in terms of this strategic plan being the urgent establishment of the National Council on GBVF which is meant to be the multi-sectoral custodian of the strategic plan on GBV and following an inexcusable delay in establishing this vital council, what steps have since been taken by her Office to introduce the Bill and related matters as a matter of urgency in Parliament?

NO900E

★164. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

(a) Which departments have conducted lifestyle audits for public servants since compulsory lifestyle audits were introduced on 1 April 2021 and (b) what are the details of the outcomes of the lifestyle audits conducted to date?

NO893E

★156. Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What total number of former municipal officials are currently listed in the record of municipal officials who (a) were dismissed for misconduct and (b) resigned before disciplinary processes could be completed in terms of section 57A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000?

NO885E

★175. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What (a) was the nature of the logistical challenges that led to the extension of the census up to 20 March 2022 and (b) are the reasons that Statistics South Africa was not prepared for the challenges?

NO906E

★158. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether her department intends to put plans in place to address the municipal skills shortages, especially relating to the administration of municipality finances, as was highlighted by the Auditor-General, Ms T Maluleke, in the report on the local government audit outcomes for the 2019-20 municipal financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO887E

★179. Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether she has ever had an engagement with the widows of the mineworkers who were murdered in Marikana to find out if they are coping and/or to lend them support; if not, why not; if so, what kind of support has she provided to the widows?

NO910E

★162. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether her department has taken any measures to monitor young entrepreneurs in the informal sector that are receiving financial and any other relevant support during economic distress brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO891E

★165. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

(a) By what date does she intend to introduce the National Council on Gender-based Violence and Femicide Bill, which was touted at the beginning of the Sixth Parliament and (b) what are the reasons for the delay in introducing the specified Bill? NO894E

★177. Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

On what date will the low to middle-income grades of employees of the public sector be upgraded in order for them to qualify for housing subsidies since they do not qualify for government's low-cost housing? NO908E

★166. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether he has been informed that Census 2022 only provides the option to either choose male or female for persons to provide gender and personal identity information; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what grounds and/or legislative provisions was it decided to only have two options and (b) how will the exclusion of a large portion of the population who identify as and belong to the LGBTIQ+ community influence the final statistics of Census 2022? NO895E

★174. Mr K Ceza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What has been the impact of section 100 interventions in the North West? NO904E

★169. Mr J J McGluwa (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What steps has his Office taken to assist Statistics SA to overcome some of the field work logistical obstacles such as the recruitment of persons, acquisition of vehicles and shortage of tablets, which it has been experiencing to ensure that the Census takes place? NO898E