

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION PAPER

NOTE:

1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. ■ Indicates a written question transferred for oral reply in terms of **Rule 231**.
4. **In terms of Rule 228(5), 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, 18 OCTOBER 2022***Adult basic education***★116. Ms N Ndongeni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to survey reports by Statistics South Africa and other non-governmental (NGOs) (details furnished), there are any programmes with community-based organisations (CBOs) and/or NGOs that are in partnership with her department in the roll-out for adult basic education; if not, why not; if so, (a) what programmes and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) what is the funding policy of her department for the CBOs and NGOs that are involved in projects of adult (a) basic education and (b) literacy? CO848E

*Progress with SAFE/ASIDI programme projects***★119. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (a) What progress has been made with the (i) Sanitation Appropriate for Education and (ii) Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative programme (details furnished) and (b) how much of the R17.5 billion that was set aside was spent to date on infrastructure backlogs at schools? CO851E

*Debts owed to municipalities***★117. Ms M N Gillion (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) In light of the national crisis of high debts that are owed to municipalities by various government departments, (a) how many (i) Provincial Departments of Basic Education and (ii) schools owe the municipalities and (b) what are the total costs;
- (2) whether her department has any plans to pay such debts; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO849E

*Increasing illiteracy among learners***★111. Mr S F Du Toit (North West: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What measures are in place to address the ever-increasing illiteracy among learners, keeping in mind the (a) adjustments that were made to the syllabus during the Covid-19 period, (b) school-learning hours that were lost and (c) overcrowding in classrooms? CO843E

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*Increase in substance abuse in schools***★120. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

As a result of the significant increase in substance abuse in schools (details furnished), (a) why schools are finding it difficult to implement (i) legislation, (ii) policies and (iii) programmes that are aimed at eradication and education of drug use and (b) what are her department's plans to revitalise such programmes in light of escalating problem? CO852E

*Second Chance Matric Programme***★118. Mr M E Nchabeleng (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What is the main aim of the Second Chance Matric Programme, (b) how successful is the programme in reaching its objectives and (c) what role is the programme playing in increasing learner retention? CO850E

*NSFAS internal controls/risk management strategies***★113. Mr I Ntsube (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

- (1) Whether there are any adequate (a) internal controls and (b) risk management strategies in the National Student Financial Aid Scheme to avoid the provision of bursaries to non-deserving students; if not, why not; if so, (i) what (aa) internal controls and (bb) risk management strategies and (ii) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) (a) how many non-deserving students have benefitted unduly from the funds and (b) what steps will be taken against the (i) students and (ii) officials who approved and authorised the applications by non-deserving students? CO845E

*High prevalence of gender-based violence***★121. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

- (1) With reference to the figures he recently reported from the SA Medical Research Council (details furnished), (a) how his department intervenes at specific institutions of higher learning when there is a high prevalence of gender-based violence and (b) at which institutions has his department intervened;
- (2) whether the intervention of his department has been successful; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO854E

*Annual drop out of students***★114. Ms N E Nkosi (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

Whether his department has conducted audits of the annual drop out of students who are beneficiaries of the National Financial Students Aid Scheme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in respect of the (a) 2019 and (b) 2020 academic years? CO846E

*Disciplinary actions against employees***★129. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

Whether any disciplinary actions have been taken against any employees of his department for fraud and/or corruption; if so, (a) how many have (i) been finalised and (ii) not been finalised, (b) what sanctions have been meted out in each case and (c) how long has it taken to finalise such disciplinary actions? CO862E

*Meetings held with institutions***★122. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

With reference to his intended communication with certain institutions of higher learning to discuss the findings and recommendations of a Ministerial Task Team (details furnished), (a) what were the outcomes of such meetings and (b) what solutions were implemented with regard to management and other issues of instability at such institutions? CO855E

*Forensic investigations into National Skills Fund***★115. Mr M E Nchabeleng (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(a) What progress has been made regarding forensic investigations he instituted into the financial affairs of the National Skills Fund and (b) when will he table a report before Parliament in this regard? CO847E

*Appointment of service providers***■1. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation: [Written Question No 715]**

(1) Who are the (a) owners, (b) shareholders and/or (c) partners of the four service providers that were appointed to assist with the disbursement of allowances to students who are funded by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) (details furnished);

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- (2) whether any (a) NSFAS staff members, (b) employees of his department, (c) public representatives and/or (d) other persons who are related to such staff members (i) own (aa) shares and/or (bb) such companies and/or (ii) have any personal dealings with the appointed companies; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

- ★112. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Basic Education.
- ★123. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF)—Basic Education.
- ★124. Ms M Dlamini (Mpumalanga: EFF)—Basic Education.
- ★125. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Basic Education.
- ★126. Ms S B Lehihi (North West: EFF)—Basic Education.
- ★127. Mr K Motsamai (Gauteng: EFF)—Higher Education, Science and Innovation.
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- ★132. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF)—Higher Education, Science and Innovation.
- ★133. Ms S B Lehihi (North West: EFF)—Higher Education, Science and Innovation.