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2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.

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**THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2017**

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**★37. Ms D Z Rantho (ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether he can outline the (a) work of the Government in tackling both real and perceived corruption in the state-owned entities and (b) lesson that the Government has learned thus far through its work in tackling such corruption? NO3220E

**★38. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether, with reference to his replies to oral questions 28 and 29 on 23 August 2017 and oral question 32 on 6 September 2017 and given that South Africa has dropped 14 positions to number 61 in the latest Global Competitiveness Index of the World Economic Forum, with the top three reasons cited for this decline being corruption, crime and government instability, and his agreement that far more will need to be done than the current programmes and plans of the Government to restore investor confidence to ensure that our economy does not continue to suffer as a result of policy and political uncertainty, allegations of state-looting and persistent high levels of crime, the Government is taking any additional steps to assure investors that (a) the country remains competitive and investor-friendly and (b) it is addressing the primary concerns raised for the specified decline on the Global Competitiveness Index? NO3218E

**★39. Ms H H Malgas (ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether, with reference to his address on 25 August 2017 at the Taking Parliament to the People programme, convened by the National Council of Provinces, in which he referred to the challenges identified in the latest Poverty Trends Report released by Statistics South Africa which offered a guide on where the country needed to focus its efforts when implementing interventions and programmes aimed at alleviating poverty and the fact that, whilst we are now in a better position than we were ten years ago when close to two-thirds of South Africans were living below the poverty line, he can elaborate on any measures that the Government has taken to avoid the danger that the progress made may be reversed without decisive action being taken? NO3221E

**★40. The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether he, in accordance with his responsibility as the Chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on State-Owned Enterprise Reform, offered the Minister of Finance, Mr K M N Gigaba, his considered views on the latest multibillion Rand bailout for the SA Airways; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3219E

**★41. Mr A F Mahlalela (ANC) to ask the Deputy President:**

With reference to the issue of drug abuse that affects the youth as raised by him during Heritage Month at the opening of the Thari after-school Programme in the Free State and the Empilisweni HIV/AIDS and Orphans Centre in the Eastern Cape which focuses on the wellbeing of working class and poor children and the youth, also in the light of the statistical data recently released by Statistics South Africa and his observations regarding the state of our country's youth, (a) what steps is the Government taking to address the multiple challenges faced by young South Africans and (b) how is the Government enabling partnerships with the corporate sector and civil society to work together with it to address the specified challenges? NO3222E

**★42. Mr M P Galo (AIC) to ask the Deputy President:**

Whether he has found that the Minister of Finance's directive to all of government and its entities to review their work programmes with a certain auditing firm (name and details furnished), in response to the revelations that the firm's auditing of the SA Revenue Service was replete of impropriety, impacts any programmes of his Office or government entities reporting to him with regard to cost, since it will require the re-allocation of resources to conduct the review of government projects in his Office and of entities reporting to him that was audited by the specified firm and/or provided with technical expertise; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3223E