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PRESIDENT

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

Whether, with reference to his newsletter of 26 September 2022, wherein he acknowledged that load shedding has dire consequences for nearly every part of our society, that education, public safety and the provision of health services are negatively affected, and that businesses and investments in our struggling economy suffer due to the energy crisis, the Government will set an example for businesses, households and other sectors of society by paying for usage of electricity to enable Eskom to undertake the critical maintenance that is needed to keep the lights on; if not; what is the position in this regard; if so what are the relevant details? NO4618E

★20. Mr J S Malema (EFF) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) Considering the recent round of load shedding which has lasted for more than a month, and which forced him to cut short his trip to the United Nations General Assembly, what has he found are the full relevant details of the causes of the specified blackouts;

- (2) whether, considering that the current Chief Executive Officer of Eskom, Mr André de Ruyter, has been at the helm since 2019, he has considered that a change in the leadership at Eskom may be needed to secure energy stability in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in this regard?

NO4692E

★21. Ms M R Semanya (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

The level of spatial inequality has resulted in unequal access to quality social services such as water, sanitation, education, health, sports and recreation which require social infrastructure that is close to citizens and accessible to the poor and vulnerable, what is the progress of the infrastructure fund in expediting social infrastructure development?

NO4669E

★22. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the President of the Republic:

How does the Presidential Climate Commission intend to assist with creating actionable policies for the domestic environmental institutions that will align them with the Government's global commitments to climate change considering that the Republic has the most carbon intensive electricity generation in the world, notwithstanding the Government's commitment to the reduction of CO₂ emissions, which casts doubt on its commitments to tackling climate change particularly now that Germany recently increased its developmental funding by setting aside €301 million for energy and climate change in support of a clean and just transition towards climate neutrality in the Republic?

NO4608E

★23. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the President of the Republic:

Whether, considering the fact that increasing calls are being made by persons and communities that black economic empowerment (BEE) and affirmative action (AA) no longer serve their purpose, do not address inequality and seriously constrain the economy, he and the Government will consider lifting BEE and AA; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4745E

★24. Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

Considering that the Republic has the largest air traffic market share in the region, (a) how will the Government utilise the specified market share to expedite the realisation of the African Continental Free Trade Area and (b) what steps will the Government take to ensure that domestic airlines, such as the SA Airways, expands its regional linkages?

NO4670E