

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2021

CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

★384. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jama-ah) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What (a) measures, in cooperation with the relevant stakeholders, is her Office taking to drastically reduce and/or eradicate gender-based violence and femicide and (b) is her Office doing to implement empowerment programmes through skills development for employment opportunities especially for women in rural areas? NO3183E

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

Noting that COVID-19 had an impact on phase 1 of the implementation of the Gender-based Violence and Femicide National Strategic Plan and that phase 2 of the specified plan is currently underway, what (a) have been the challenges for her Office in the implementation of the plan and (b) is the preliminary assessment of the impact of the plan? NW3163E

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

In view of the President's State of the Nation Address on 11 February 2021, in which he announced support to 15 000 start-ups, (a) what progress has been achieved to date in the specified programme as it applies to the youth and women and (b) how does she monitor the impact the programme is having on the targeted groups in the small-, medium- and micro enterprise sector?

NW3164E

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

With reference to the reply of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, to question 1913 on 15 September 2021, (a) what is the status of the development of sustainable regulatory measures to control the COVID-19 pandemic beyond the national state of disaster and (b) by what date does she envisage to lift the national state of disaster?

NO3185E

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

What (a) are the full, relevant details of all traditional leadership disputes that are currently before the courts involving her department and (b) interventions has her department made to ensure an amicable resolution of the specified disputes in order to maintain the integrity and credibility of the institution of traditional leadership?

NO3176E

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

In view of the 2019-20 Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, audit outcomes and the COVID-19 municipal expenditure report, wherein it was noted that weaknesses still persist and are worsening, and that there is an overreliance on consultants, without the desired results with unauthorised expenditure of R14,61 billion, and further noting that 30% of municipalities are ending the year in deficit, despite having staff employed to do the specified work there is still a lack of skills and internal audit capacity, what steps are being taken by her department to address the deteriorating situation?

NO3162E

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

In light of the fact that 25 November 2021, represented the start of the 16 Days of Activism campaign and the International Day of No Violence against Women, and notwithstanding the fact that it has been more than three years since the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, held the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Femicide Summit wherein promises were made that a national council on GBV and femicide will be set up to serve the critical purpose of providing strategic leadership in the prevention of and response to GBV and femicide in the Republic, (a) what are the reasons that her Office only published the Draft National Council on Gender Based-Violence and Femicide Bill on 5 October 2021 and (b) on what date is it envisaged the Bill will be introduced in Parliament?

NO3184E

★369. Ms M T Kibi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

With reference to the public servants who are currently under investigation for allegedly benefiting unlawfully from COVID-19 grants, what (a) is the procedure her department, together with law enforcing agencies, are carrying out to deal with the corruption and (b) assurance can she give that once found guilty, such public servants will not find their way back into any public employment in the future?

NO3167E

★392. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether any disciplinary actions have been initiated against any current member of the Cabinet for failing to meet a performance target and/or to fulfil any requirement or obligation of their Oath of Office since performance agreements were signed with the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO3191E

★374. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether her Office, has monitoring mechanisms in place to curb gender-based violence and femicide and intends to ensure that persons convicted of rape are prohibited from standing for public office; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3173E

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

Whether, given that his Office has deployed multiple monitoring tools for various programmes across the spheres of government, he has found that the specified monitoring tools are having the desired and intended impact; if not, what are the challenges; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3170E

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

Given that public transparency is a key corner stone of local government activity to generate trust and credibility, and in light of the fact that during the 2021 Local Government Elections citizens raised sharply the lack of transparency in local government processes, in particular supply chain management, resulting in a perception of corruption and malfeasance, what steps have been taken by her and/or her department to ensure that municipalities are more transparent to citizens with regard to supply chain management processes?

NO3161E

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

What mechanisms has her department put in place to ensure that government departments and entities adhere strictly to the norms and standards established in relation to the recruitment and appointment of employees in the Public Service, especially at a senior management level?

NO3189E

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

With reference to her department's 2020-21 Annual Report, what (a) are the reasons for the prolonged suspension of six departmental employees who have been on suspension for an average of 865 days each and at a cost of nearly R2 million and (b) steps has her department taken to expedite departmental disciplinary processes?

NO3175E

★367. Ms T S Masondo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Given that Cabinet approved the policy of 40% of public procurement to women in 2020, (a) what progress has been observed by her Office since this decision and (b) has she found that the policy of inclusive growth is slowly being realised through this intervention?

NO3165E

★371. Ms M M Ntuli (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Given that spatial planning was introduced to address the apartheid spatial planning in order to bring about ease of access to employment and a reconfiguring of human settlements, and noting that these are long-term processes, what is his current assessment of progress made as a nation in the reconfiguration of apartheid spatial planning, which remains a dominant feature of our society?

NO3169E

★370. Ms T Mgweba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether her department has conducted an impact assessment of the performance of Public Service employees who have undertaken courses offered by the National School of Government; if not, why not; if so, what (a) does the evidence tell us about the work of the specified school and (b) recommendations arising from this assessment will inform future training?

NO3168E

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

What are the details of the District Development Model Framework which is being developed to manage the reporting, monitoring and evaluation of the different councils and other stakeholders involved in the various municipal districts?

NO3187E

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

In view of the increased number of reported cases of rape, femicide and general cases of abuse against women as reported by the Minister of Police, what monitoring work has she done in collaboration with the Minister of Police to ensure that each reported case went to trial in the past financial year?

NO3179E

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

Whether, in view of the guidelines to conduct lifestyle audits in provincial and national departments having long been issued, her department will be monitoring and overseeing the implementation of the lifestyle audits; if not, why not; if so, what action is her department considering in the event of evidence that suggests that lifestyles do not match incomes?

NO3166E

★373. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether, given that her department recently issued a circular outlining the mandatory vaccination for employees in the Public Service (details furnished), her department has adopted any contingency plans to keep the Public Service uninterrupted in the event of a fallout with stakeholders, particularly employee unions, over the mandatory vaccination; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the (a) contingency plans and (b) penalties that are in the pipeline for Public Service employees who might not adhere to the mandatory vaccination?

NO3172E

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

What monitoring steps has her Office taken since 1 March 2020 concerning the high youth unemployment rate in the Republic?

NO3188E

★375. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether there is any policy that prohibits a public office bearer found guilty of corruption from being redeployed and/or employed in another department and/or state-owned entity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3174E

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

What (a) has she found to be the contribution of the appointment of politically-connected persons, particularly those connected to the governing party, to positions in the Public Service considering the Government's stated aim of developing a professional, productive and responsive Public Service and (b) are the details of her department's policy position regarding the appointment of persons on the basis of political connections to positions within the Public Service?

NO3193E

★378. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

What total (a) amount did it cost her department to set up the National Anti-Corruption Hotline and (b) number of cases of corruption have been picked up through the utilisation of the hotline?

NO3177E

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

What recommendations has she made to the Cabinet and/or any member of the Cabinet regarding any proposed reforms to the Community Works Programme and related public employment initiatives?

NO3186E

★379. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

What (a) is the percentage of Head of Departments (HoDs) at national and provincial level who have signed their performance agreements and (b) are the reasons for the failure to ensure that all HoDs have signed their performance agreements? NO3178E

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

With reference to her department's 2020-21 Annual Report presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration and Performance Monitoring and Evaluation on 10 November 2021, what has she found to be the main underlying causes for the poor adherence to government policies and prescripts by most government departments? NO3190E

★393. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(a) What are the reasons for the Government's failure to finalise Cabinet members' lifestyle audits and (b) by what date is it envisaged that the lifestyle audits will be finalised? NO3192E

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

What interventions has her Office made through its monitoring processes to identify and address the lack of educational facilities and transport for children living with disabilities, particularly in townships and rural areas? NO3180E

★383. Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What (a) are the demographical details of persons who have thus far benefited from the Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme and (b) percentage of this public investment stimulus has gone to township and rural beneficiaries? NO3182E