

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2019

CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

★347. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

- (1) Whether the Competition Commission intends to investigate the position that a certain person holds in a certain company while also on the board of another company (names and details furnished); if not, why not;
- (2) what steps is he taking to ensure that black owned panel beaters are assisted to be included on the databases of insurance companies to participate in the sector?

NO3036E

★320. Mr K E Magaxa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

How will the new roadmap for Eskom towards a reformed electricity supply industry of Generation, Transmission and Distribution help to (a) resolve the debt crisis at Eskom in the

long term and (b) lower the cost of electricity in order to stimulate economic growth and development? NO3007E

★321. Ms M L Lubengo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What programmes and mechanisms does her department have in place in light of the dominance by foreign nationals in the small business sector, like spaza shops in townships and villages, craft markets and small shops in cities to assure locals in the small business sector that the Government does provide support to them? NO3008E

★322. Ms M M Gomba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What (a) has been the impact of her department's roll-out of the Tourism Safety Monitors Programme in provinces, which places youth in tourism hubs, where they ensure the safety of tourists around the Republic and (b) measures has the Government put in place to ensure that the programme is rolled out to the rest of the Republic? NO3009E

★330. Ms B M van Minnen (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

Whether, with reference to his presentation in October 2019 on the roadmap to reform Eskom (details furnished) the new CEO of Eskom, Mr Andre de Ruyter, will be afforded the necessary authority and leeway to act to resolve Eskom challenges and debt burden free of interference? NO3018E

★348. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

Whether Eskom has contracts with coal suppliers who are paid more than R400 per tonne for coal; if so, what are the reasons for not cancelling or renegotiating the contracts to an amount recommended by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa? NO3037E

★323. Ms M M Ramadwa (ANC) to ask Minister of Transport:

What is his department doing to stabilise the (a) board and (b) management of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa so that the company is able to deliver a professional, safe and reliable service to the people of the Republic? NO3010E

★324. Ms L N Mjobo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What measures will her department put in place to ensure that the (a) mismanagement and abuse of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) as a political tool to exclude deserving beneficiaries is prevented and (b) EPWP remains a credible driver of job creation and poverty relief in communities? NO3011E

★335. Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

How has the National Credit Amendment Act, Act 7 of 2019, been used since it was signed into law on 13 August 2019 to include persons who were previously financially excluded from access to credit? NO3024E

★325. Ms J Hermans (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

How will the (a) Government channel the pledged investment commitments of R363 billion, made during the second Presidential Investment Summit, to the Special Economic Zones and

(b) pledged investments support the Government's reimagined industrial strategy for economic growth? NO3012E

★326. Ms K B Tlhomelang (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

How does her department intend to ensure (a) that business accommodation conditions for disabled entrepreneurs are considered when finance is provided to entrepreneurs with disabilities and (b) the provision of support centres for entrepreneurs with disabilities especially in the rural areas? NO3013E

★345. Mr T B Mabhena (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, with reference to the high court judgment ordering Mshushisi Daniel Mthimkhulu to pay the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) (details furnished) any skills audit was undertaken by Prasa to ascertain whether the management positions were occupied by persons duly qualified for the positions they occupy; if not, why not, if so, what was the outcome of the audit? NO3034E

★349. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (1) Whether no other candidate with the necessary experience and qualifications, who would advance transformation to achieve employment and gender equity, applied for the job of chief executive officer at Eskom other than Mr Andre de Ruyter who was appointed;
- (2) whether it is a policy of his department not to employ Africans into strategic positions in state-owned companies, if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3038E

★327. Mr L E McDonald (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What plans are in the pipeline to ensure that (a) the transport sector is transformed and (b) economic participation by those aspiring to enter the transport sector, especially the maritime and aviation industry, is increased? NO3015E

★328. Mr F Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What interventions, besides the Co-operatives Incentive Scheme, are currently implemented by her department to arrest the decline of cooperatives in light of the role cooperatives play in the development challenges of economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction? NO3016E

★329. Mr F Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What steps has her department taken in working together with other government departments, to realise its mission by enhancing support to small businesses and cooperatives with an emphasis on programmes to advance entrepreneurship among women, youth and persons with disabilities? NO3017E

★333. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

What work is he doing with regard to the Generalised System of Preferences review instituted by the Office of the United States Trade Representative to mitigate the exclusion of the Republic from the preferential trade deal? NO3022E

★350. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask Minister of Transport:

(a) What are the reasons that the investigation by Werkmans Attorneys into the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa, which escalated to R300 million was not closed in 2016 and (b) who authorised the continuation of the specified firm's investigation? NO3039E

★353. Ms J Hermans (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

(a) What steps has his department taken to prepare the Republic for the opportunities that will flow from Parliament's ratification of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA) that was ratified by the member states of the African Union (AU) and subsequently launched by the AU Summit held in Niger and (b) how can the AfCFTA be used to facilitate greater growth in high value-added exports? NO3042E

★346. Mr Z N Mbhele (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What is the policy approach of her department concerning the provision and/or promotion of access to financing for small, medium and micro enterprises? NO3035E

★343. Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What total number of contractors are currently registered on (a) her department's Contractor Incubation Programme and (b) the Construction Industry Development Board Contractor Development Programme? NO3032E

★351. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

Whether there are any lease contracts that have expired which are paid on a month-to-month basis; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what percentage of the total number of lease agreements does this number represent and (b) how much do they cost compared to other leases? NO3040E

★331. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What plans are put in place to (a) address the increasing number of entities reporting to him that have in the past five financial years added to the national fiscal risk and (b) turn the situation around? NO3020E

★352. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

Whether she is going to insource workers who are employed through a contractor working at 120 Plein Street, Cape Town, to clean Ministers' offices; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3041E

★332. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What plans has his department put in place, in collaboration with the provincial and local spheres of government, to address the national road maintenance backlog that has increased from R197 billion in 2013 to R394 billion in 2018? NO3021E

★334. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

What measures has he put in place to protect jobs in the sugar industry? NO3023E

★336. Mr D Joseph (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

Whether the Government still intends to rescue the SA Airways brand given the economic crisis in the Republic; if not, what alternatives are being considered; if so, what is the plan to rescue it? NO3025E

★337. Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Whether there is anything that could still be done by the Government to prevent the closure of the Saldanha steel factory which will close down soon and cause 900 people to lose their jobs? NO3026E

★338. Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

Whether, with reference to the poor condition of the slip way where ships are repaired and serviced in the small harbour of Saldanha (details furnished), she intends to undertake an oversight visit to the facility in order to assist in restoring the facility to create jobs? NO3027E

★339. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(a) What is her department doing to improve tourism numbers in all sectors and (b) how are other government departments and concerned state-owned enterprises being included to improve tourism numbers? NO3028E

★340. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(a) What is her department doing to improve the image of the Republic so that tourists consider it as a tourism option and (b) how is this being measured? NO3029E

★341. Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Whether he intends to ban foreign-owned business from certain sectors in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how will such a ban promote the intention of the African Continental Free Trade Area agreement? NO3030E

★342. Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

(a) What number of the 5184 farms and land parcels that are listed as vacant in the Property Management Trading Entity 2019/20 Annual Performance Plan have been earmarked for land reform purposes and (b) for what other purposes have the remainder of the farms been earmarked? NO3031E

★344. Mr T B Mabhena (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, with reference to the briefing by his department to the Portfolio Committee on Transport on 4 July 2019 regarding the status of the Moloto Railway Corridor project (details furnished), a commitment or a Treasury Approval 1 (TA1 approval) from the National Treasury has been secured on the implementation of the project; if so, (a) will he make the approval from the National Treasury public and (b) on what date will the project be commencing?

NO3033E