

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

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

(a) What progress has been made with regard to wage negotiations and bargaining between his department and public sector unions and (b) has he envisioned a time frame of the date on which the specified matter will draw to a conclusion? NO894E

★130. Mr C H M Sibisi (NFP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

What steps will he take to fast-track the implementation of the Government Employees Housing Scheme since most employees do not qualify for bonds and reconstruction and development houses? NO907E

★120. Ms M T Kibi (ANC) to ask the Acting Minister in The Presidency:

With reference to the various monitoring and evaluation tools utilised by her Office when conducting monitoring in government departments and municipalities, (a) how effective has she found are the specified tools in identifying shortfalls in implemented government programmes and (b) do the tools offer recommendations to mitigate the challenges experienced by her Office? NO896E

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

What are the reasons that his Office was unable to meet the deadline to finalise the lifestyle audits for Members of Cabinet, Deputy Ministers and senior government officials as outlined by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in his State of the Nation Address on 13 February 2020? NO919E

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

Whether, with reference to years between 2008 and 2018, where there were about 140 section 139 interventions across the Republic as a result of failure of municipalities to deliver services to the residents and to manage municipal accounts properly, she has assessed whether the specified interventions have had an impact on stabilising municipal governance; if not, why not; if so, what has been the impact of the interventions? NO925E

★122. Ms D R Direko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

In pursuit of building a viable rural economy to reduce the urbanisation phenomenon, what steps has her department taken to co-ordinate all relevant government departments to actively participate in the Agrarian Revolution Programme to ensure that socio-economic development is realised and persons' lives are improved? NO898E

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

(a) Whether she will provide an updated report on the implementation of the National Strategic Plan and (b) how the implementation of the specified plan has benefited communities that have been targeted as gender-based violence hotspots in the Republic, considering that gender-based violence cases are still on the rise in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO901E

★119. Mr J B Mamabolo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether, in view of the high number of public servants found guilty of conducting business with the State and corruption on the rise in public administration, particularly within the current framework of a professionalised Public Service, any public servants have been arrested in this regard in the past financial year; if not, why not; if so, what total number have been arrested? NO895E

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

What steps has and/or will his department take to (a) investigate and (b) address the allegations of more than R300 million of tender rigging, fraud, maladministration and corruption at the Government Employees Medical Scheme, which is positioning itself to administer the proposed National Health Insurance Fund? NO918E

★149. Ms N V Mente (EFF) to ask the Acting Minister in The Presidency:

Whether her Office has conducted its own investigations and instituted disciplinary hearings against the suspended spokesperson of the President, Ms Khusela Diko; if not, (a) what has caused the delays in this regard and (b) on what date will the President have a full-time spokesperson to facilitate communication with the media; if so, what are the further relevant details? NO926E

★124. Ms M M Tlou (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With reference to the fact that the majority of municipalities are experiencing a decline in revenue and cash collection that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, what steps has her department taken to assist the struggling municipalities to ensure uninterrupted service delivery to communities? NO900E

★127. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What plans does she have to develop a standard operating procedure and framework for the implementation of section 139 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, insofar as the placing of municipalities under administration is concerned? NO903E

★144. Mr I M Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

In instances where municipal managers disregard court orders and are thus in contempt of court, does her department have any measures in place to intervene, taking into account that such municipalities are disregarding the rule of law? NO921E

★121. Ms B Maluleke (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Given that one of the key focus areas of the Frontline Service Delivery Monitoring Programme is the monitoring of the implementation of the National Youth Policy, what progress has been made in implementing the National Youth Policy? NO897E

★132. Ms B M van Minnen (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With reference to the interventions implemented by Eskom in November 2020 to collect outstanding debt owed by municipalities, what (a) are the details of the improvement that has been witnessed in the recovery of municipal arrear debt owed to Eskom and (b) is the current total amount of municipal arrear debt owed to Eskom? NO909E

★154. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What (a) is the expected impact of the COVID-19 lockdowns on municipal revenues for the present municipal fiscal year, given that many customers were unable to pay for municipal services and (b) impact will this have on municipal service delivery, particularly for those municipalities that are already financially distressed? NO931E

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

Given that the National Youth Development Agency is an entity of her Office and therefore part of the presidential initiative of supporting 15 000 business start-ups by the year 2024, what progress has been made since the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, referred to the specified initiative in his State of the Nation Address on 11 February 2021, provided that a number of youth-owned enterprises were affected negatively by the COVID-19 pandemic? NO902E

★131. Mr C H M Sibisi (NFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What steps will she take to resuscitate and alleviate the suffering of the residents of the Alfred Duma Local Municipality due to lack of service delivery and stability in the municipality as the Member of the Executive has failed dismally to intervene in the situation? NO908E

★123. Ms A F Muthambi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With reference to the announcement made by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, that the Republic will move to Alert Level 1 with effect from 1 March 2021, what role will district municipalities together with their local municipalities play in alerting communities within that district of the increasing number of infections that could lead to that district being declared a hotspot? NO899E

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

What steps has her department taken to assist the Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality to avert the water crisis that led to the North West High Court granting control of the municipal water and sewage works to a residents' association? NO910E

★150. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

With reference to the recent problems with the appointment of the board of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), which indicated that the continued politicisation of the appointments to the board will always render it a political pawn and not a vehicle for developing youth, what plans does her Office have in place to ensure that the NYDA becomes an authentic agency for youth development, rather than an employment agency for the politically connected? NO927E

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

What steps will his department take to (a) depoliticise and insulate the Public Service from undue political interference and (b) ensure that appointments to senior positions are made based on merit and performance, in line with the Government's proposed National Implementation Framework towards the Professionalisation of the Public Service?

NO913E

★152. Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

What (a) is the likely impact of the public service wage freeze on critical skills such as medical practitioners, who may be easily poached by the private sector and (b) contingency plans does his department have in place to deal with the likely exodus of skilled persons from the public sector?

NO929E

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

In light of the statement made by the Minister of Finance that he, working with organised labour, must achieve a fair public sector compensation dispensation when a new multi-year wage settlement begins later this year, what is his position regarding the concerns of the Public Service unions that Government failed to honour the 2018 three-year wage agreement for Consumer Price Index plus 1% increases?

NO904E

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

Whether, in light of the dire state of our economy and the fact that millions of workers in the private sector have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he has found that the inflation plus 4% wage increase demanded by public service unions in the current round of wage negotiations is achievable; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO914E

★145. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

In light of the fact that a lot of effort has been made in respect of gender-based violence (GBV) in the Republic, including, but not limited to, making available resources as well as the establishment of many non-governmental organisations, which are not necessarily dealing with the root cause of GBV as no perpetrator is born a criminal, what measures will her Office put in place to deal with the root causes of GBV in the Republic as a whole?

NO922E

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

What steps has her department taken since 1 April 2020 to address the worryingly high rate of youth unemployment in the Republic?

NO915E

★151. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What measures has her Office taken to ensure that there is universal access to free sanitary towels for all young girls still at school? NO928E

★139. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What are the details of (a) how the funds raised by the private sector for the Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Response Fund will be distributed and allocated to assist organisations working with victims on the ground and (b) any mechanisms that her Office will put in place to monitor that the private sector funds are distributed and allocated as intended? NO916E

★153. Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

What (a) total number of public servants who have been found to be doing business with the State have been disciplined and removed from their positions since the beginning of 2020 and (b) has caused the delays in ensuring that all those found to be doing business with the State are removed as soon as possible? NO930E

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

Whether, in light of the announcement made by the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation that the University of South Africa would need to cut first-time entry students by 20 000 admissions, her department has done anything to ensure that youth should be part of processes that create an enabling environment to ensure that they enjoy their rights, including the right to access relevant education and training; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO905E

★140. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

(a) By what date will the National Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Council, which was supposed to have been established by January 2021, be established and (b) what steps is she taking to ensure that the establishment of the Council is fast-tracked? NO917E

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

What steps is his Office taking to ensure that Statistics SA is adequately resourced to continue its valuable work of producing statistical evidence that guides the Government's allocation of resources, in light of the budget cuts brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic? NO920E