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Note:

- 1. \star Indicates an oral question.
- 2. † Indicates the translated version of the question.
- 3. Indicates a written question not yet replied to after 10 working days expired.

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THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2023

PRESIDENT

★1. Mr T N Mmutle (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

Given that South Africa will be assuming the Chairmanship of the BRICS nations in 2023, (a) what strategic focus areas will South Africa advance during its tenure as the Chair of BRICS and (b) how will South Africa ensure the advancement of the South-South Agenda, including the reform of the United Nations Security Council? NO448E

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

Whether, notwithstanding his first State of the Nation Address in 2018 in which he noted the importance of securing the full involvement of the community in the fight against crime and that it is at the local level that crime is most effectively combatted, the murder rate has, however, increased by 40% from 56 to 82 murders in each day on average under his watch, he will consider the fact that international best practice shows that policing is more effective when it is brought closer to the people and considered as part of the social compact which is now 295 days late, to include as one of the measures, devolving the policing functions as permitted in terms of sections 99 and 206 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

Whether, since his reply to oral question 3 on 17 March 2022, in which he acknowledges that crime statistics remain stubbornly high and following the publishing of the third quarter crime statistics by the Minister of Police, Mr B H Cele, which shows that crime across the board is escalating in the Republic, he is still confident that the Minister and National Commissioner of Police, both of whom he has appointed to lead the Government's fight to rid the Republic of crime, are competent and able to do so; if not, what steps does he intend to take in this regard; if so, what is the basis for his confidence? NO525E

★4. Ms J Hermans (ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:

Noting that in order to build the social compact for the implementation of the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP), the issue of building state capability, capacity, skills and cohesion in the three spheres of Government is critical for the implementation of strategic infrastructure projects, what are the plans of the Government post the audit of the civil service to build a capable developmental state for the implementation of the ERRP? NO449E

★5. Mr M Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the President of the Republic:

Whether he intends to dissolve the Department of Public Enterprises and house state-owned enterprises in their respective line function departments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO450E

★6. Dr P J Groenewald (VF Plus) vra die President van die Republiek:

Of, in die lig daarvan dat artikel 25 van die Grondwet van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, 1996, nie gewysig is nie, hy van voorneme is om die Onteieningswetsontwerp eers na die Grondwetlike Hof te verwys om 'n beslissing te maak oor die grondwetlikheid daarvan, alvorens hy dit sal onderteken; so nie, waarom nie; so ja, wat die tersaaklike besonderhede is? NO447A

(Translation):

[Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the President of the Republic:†

Whether, in light of the fact that section 25 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, has not been amended, he intends referring the Expropriation Bill to the Constitutional Court to determine the constitutionality thereof, before he will assent thereto; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO447E]