

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2019

CLUSTER 4: ECONOMICS

★35. Ms M R Semanya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

In view of the fact that land reform is aimed at redressing historical injustices, the dispossession of the black majority and is of vital importance to unlock economic growth, (a) what government plans are in place to ensure the growth of the agricultural sector in creating decent jobs and (b) how are the specified plans geared towards supporting and promoting an inclusive economy?

NO602E

★72. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether any mechanisms have been put in place to enable municipalities to procure electricity from independent power producers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO640E

★36. Mr I A Pikinini (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

With reference to the state of the nation address, wherein the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, indicated that infrastructure development has been the flywheel of the engine of our economy and has yielded tremendous benefits for the Republic, (a) what are the details of the progress that has been made in the past five years since the elections in 2014 and (b) how have challenges with regard to infrastructure development been resolved in this period?

NO603E

★37. Ms S R van Schalkwyk (ANC) to ask the Minister of Labour:

In view of the five urgent tasks, of which job creation is one, that the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, referred to during the state of the nation address, what steps does her department intend to take in respect of the regulatory framework of the labour market in order to create the necessary conditions for higher employment and job creation?

NO604E

★80. Ms N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

What is his department's position regarding the call by the Minister of Finance, Mr T T Mboweni, that (a) strategic partners need to be found for struggling state-owned enterprises and (b) some state-owned enterprises are not needed and need to be sold off?

NO649E

★55. Mr M M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether he has considered withdrawing the Ministerial Determination that was published in the *Government Gazette 39111* on 18 August 2015 which encourages the production of renewable energy by independent power producers and the purchase of that energy by Eskom, thereby preventing Eskom producing renewable energy itself?

NO623E

★38. Ms H V Dyambi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

In view of the Republic being the third most biologically diverse country in the world and having one of the largest natural capital assets, how has (a) the Government utilised this advantage over the past five years in the creation of social upliftment programmes and (b) this contributed to the economic wellbeing of the Republic?

NO605E

★87. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

With reference to question 144 for oral reply on 31 October 2018, on what date is the parliamentary channel going to be available on SA Broadcasting Corporation, particularly to those who still use analogue television, so that all the citizens in the country could have equal access to the parliamentary channel?

NO656E

★39. Mr M U Kalako (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

What steps has her department taken to ensure that quality and content are enhanced while delivering on the mandate of the SA Broadcasting Corporation? NO606E

★40. Mr M H Matlala (ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

(a) What has he found to be the facts about the independent power producers (IPPs) and
(b) how is the country going to benefit from IPPs? NO607E

★65. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What are the details of the noncore assets that are being considered for sale as announced in his 2019 Budget Speech on 20 February 2019? NO633E

★41. Mr S Luzipo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

With reference to the \$100 billion gas find in the Outeniqua basin off the Western Cape coast which could allow the country to diversify its energy mix, boost refined products and slash the country's trade deficit in energy products, what are the (a) opportunities that this find will provide to the country's economy and (b) Government's plans to ensure that the citizens, especially the working class, will benefit fully from these opportunities? NO608E

★42. Ms G N Nobanda (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

With reference to reports from his department that have painted a grim picture of the management of the finances of state-owned enterprises as evinced by the Auditor-General's findings and growing dependence on government guaranteed debt, (a) what is Government doing to ensure that state-owned enterprises are able to fulfil their economic and developmental mandates and (b) how is Government dealing with the structural challenges facing the state-owned enterprises that do not have sufficient revenue streams to fund their operational costs? NO609E

★83. Ms P T van Damme (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

Whether the SA Broadcasting Corporation will request a bailout and/or government guarantee in the near future; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO652E

★43. Mr M H Matlala (ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

What are the details of the biggest achievements of the major electrification programme, the Integrated National Electrification Programme, over the 25 years of democracy? NO610E

★44. Mr S Luzipo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

With reference to the new zinc mine that was opened by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in the Northern Cape in the past two weeks, in which \$1 billion will be invested, (a) what other new opportunities exist and have been discovered in the mineral resources sector and (b) how has the Investment in the Mining Indaba enhanced the possibilities of attracting new investment in the mining sector? NO611E

★81. Ms N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

Whether Eskom will receive any further government guarantees additional to the R350 billion in the near future; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO650E

★62. Ms Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

On what legal and constitutional basis will he rely for withdrawing the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Bill? NO630E

★45. Ms C Matsimbi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

(a) What are the details of the progress that the Industrial Development Corporation is making regarding investments that support transformation of the economy and (b) how have the youth and women entrepreneurs benefitted from the investments in the past five years? NO612E

★88. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

What is the (a) breakdown and (b) total monetary value paid to MultiChoice annually to air the parliamentary channel? NO657E

★46. Ms G N Nobanda (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

What steps is the Government taking to prevent the collapse of Eskom in light of the pronouncement that the entity will cease to exist by April 2019 if it continues in its current form? NO613E

★47. Ms M R Semenya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

(a) What are the details of the initiatives and incentives for young people to pursue careers in the agriculture, forestry and fishery sectors and (b) how have the specified initiatives and incentives been implemented at institutions of post-school education and training? NO615E

★68. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether, given the high failure rate of students studying at universities, the Government intends to take any steps to address the unsustainable quadrupling of the country's student funding annual budget to R172 billion in 2022, which the World Bank predicts to pose a major economic risk; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO636E

★48. Ms E M Coleman (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

How will the Competition Amendment Act, 2019, which was signed into law on 13 February 2019 to address monopoly practices that exclude small businesses and in particular black small business, further advance the creation of inclusive growth in our economy?

NO616E

★77. Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

(a) Who is conducting the forensic investigation into financial irregularities at the Competition Commission as reported in the 2019 Budget Review and (b) what are the terms of reference?

NO645E

★73. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

What are the details of all action taken by his department to minimise the effects of fluctuations in the prices of petrol, diesel and paraffin?

NO641E

★57. Mr L G Mokoena (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What has been the impact of the manipulation of the Rand by commercial banks such as ABSA on the economy, job creation and growth?

NO625E

★89. Mr M L Shelembe (NFP) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

Whether he has found why state-owned entities, such as those reporting to him, are not as profitable and/or successful as a public enterprise while the very same enterprise is profitable and successful when run as a private enterprise?

NO658E

★74. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

(a) By what date will she issue a policy directive to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa to allocate the high demand spectrum and (b) what are the details of the process that will be followed in the allocation of the high demand spectrum?

NO642E

★66. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises: [Interdepartmentally transferred from Finance.]

What are the details of the progress made to appoint a restructuring officer to implement the restructuring of Eskom?

NO634E

★67. Ms A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What role does his department play in the (a) establishment and (b) running of agri-parks?

NO635E

★58. Ms N V Mente (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(a) On what basis were the seven members of the panel selected to interview and recommend candidates for the position of the SA Revenue Service Commissioner and (b) were potential conflicts of interest taken into account before selecting members of the panel?

NO626E

★90. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

Whether the Department of Communications has filled all the critical vacant positions at senior and middle management levels as both the previous two departments had vacancies in critical posts that were never filled; if not, what challenges is her department facing in filling the vacant positions; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO659E

★69. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

Whether his department has taken any steps to ameliorate the problems imposed by the stipulations for local procurement since the commencement of the new Mining Charter; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO637E

★70. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

Whether the mining sector received any new investments resulting from the implementation of the new Mining Charter; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO638E

★71. Ms J Steenkamp (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

What are the details of the process that was followed to appoint a certain company (name furnished) to transport tyres in seven of the provinces?

NO639E

★54. Ms N K F Hlonyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

Whether he has assessed the economic impact the withdrawal of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Bill will have on the beneficiation of mineral resources and the industrialisation of the economy; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details?

NO622E

★91. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

In view of the announcement by the Minister of Finance during his Budget Speech that Eskom will receive a bail-out of R23 billion in the next three financial years and the announcement by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, that Eskom will be unbundled and divided into three separate entities, what (a) measures will his department put in place to turn Eskom around and (b) are the details of the unbundling with regard to governance?

NO660E

★75. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

By what date (a) will the Government switch off the analogue broadcasting signal and (b) does she expect the digital migration process to be completed? NO643E

★76. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Whether she has found that the shortfall in the funding requested by the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration for the 2019-20 financial year will negatively impact its efforts to (a) deal with a 15% increase in complaints received from the public in the current financial year and/or (b) employ and train new commissioners? NO644E

★78. Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

What (a) projects have been approved by the Tirisano Fund and (b) quantum of funds has been approved in each case? NO646E

★49. Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

Whether his department has done any evaluation of how much prime agricultural land has been converted into either residential land or game farms; if so, how much land has been lost to agriculture due to this conversion? NO617E

★79. Mr M S Shackleton (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the Government's gesture of goodwill not to provide for salary increases to Members of Parliament and provincial legislatures will extend to Members of the Executive in the 2019-20 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO647E

★82. Ms P T van Damme (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

Whether the SA Broadcasting Corporation intends to appoint a reorganisation officer and/or an advisory panel to oversee its finances; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO651E

★84. Ms T Gqada (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

With reference to his reply to question 1544 on 1 June 2018, what are the details of his department's legislative programme which he hopes to achieve before the term of the Fifth Parliament ends? NO653E

★50. Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

Has his department considered (a) increasing the fishing quotas allocated to small-scale fishermen and (b) reducing the fishing quotas allocated to multi-national companies? NO618E

★85. Ms T Gqada (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

What amount did his department spend on hosting the Africa Energy Indaba Conference in Sandton on 19 February 2019? NO654E

★86. Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

(a) What is her department's position regarding Eskom's latest of four applications for an extension to be granted in order to comply with minimum emission standards and (b) by what date will her department reach a decision on the request? NO655E

★51. Mr T Rawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

Has her department had any engagements with the Minister of Finance since his budget speech on 20 February 2019 regarding granting the SA Broadcasting Corporation a government guarantee so that it can continue with its operations and provide free and fair coverage for the 2019 elections? NO619E

★52. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services:

Whether she has found that the SA Broadcasting Corporation has too many radio stations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps does she intend to take in this regard? NO620E

★56. Mr M M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether the Government at any stage intended to purchase Petrona's stake in Engen; if not, why was the purchase not followed through; if so, was the intention informed by discoveries of oil and gas along the coastline? NO624E

★59. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Why does her department continue to disregard the resolution by the Public Service Co-ordinating Bargaining Council that all persons employed in the Public Service as Assistant Directors must have their salary level upgraded from level 9 to level 10, and that all Deputy Directors must have their salary level upgraded from level 11 to level 12? NO627E

★60. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Labour:

(a) What number of jobs has she found will be lost or rendered redundant in the next 15 years as a result of technological developments of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and (b) what steps is government taking to retrain workers so that these job losses are minimised? NO628E

★61. Ms Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

What has he found to be the reasons for the increasing levels of mine deaths and accidents in 2017 and 2018 as compared to the years preceding the specified years? NO629E

★63. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

(a) Was Eskom collapsed by board members and senior management whom had direct and indirect links to Eskom contracts and (b) how is the appointment of a certain person (name furnished) not a repeat of the practices that collapsed Eskom in the first place?

NO631E

★64. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

What total amount did Eskom spend on purchasing electricity from the independent power producers in 2017 and 2018?

NO632E