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QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. ■ Indicates a written question transferred for oral reply in terms of **Rule 231**.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**THURSDAY, 4 MAY 2023***Progress on analogue switch off*

- ★42. **Ms T P Mamorobela (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

What is the current (a) position and (b) progress with regard to the finalisation of the analogue switch off? CO305E

SAPO under provisional liquidation

- ★52. **Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

With reference to the SA Post Office being placed under provisional liquidation and R700 million towards staff medical aid contribution not being paid (details furnished), (a) who is accountable for maintaining such an illegal conduct and (b) what are the consequences in this regard? CO315E

Liquidation of SAPO

- ★43. **Mr I Ntsube (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

(a) What is the actual position with regard to the liquidation of the SA Post Office (SAPO) (details furnished) and (b) how will this affect critical government services that are currently being provided by SAPO such as the payment of social grants and the Postal Banking Services? CO306E

Post Office under provisional liquidation

- ★38. **Mr M J Magwala (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

- (1) Whether there is any clarity on what will happen to the 6 000 jobs that are on the line at the SA Post Office as it has been placed under provisional liquidation from February 2019 (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any measures have been taken to ensure job security; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO301E

*Digital migration of television services***★57. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Why has the digital migration of television services not yet been completed? CO320E

*Stabilising cash flow at SABC***★44. Ms W Ngwenya (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

What are the immediate and long-term future plans to address the historic debts of television licenses as part of stabilising the cash flow at the SA Broadcasting Corporation (details furnished)? CO307E

*Monies owed to municipalities***■1. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies: [Written Question No 61 - transferred in terms of Rule 231]**

- (1) Whether she will provide a list of municipalities that are owed money by (a) her department and (b) entities that report to her department; if not, why not; if so, (i) what is the breakdown of the rates and services in each case and (ii) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) (a) what is the age analysis of the money that is owed by (i) her department and (ii) its entities to municipalities and (b) what steps is her department taking to mitigate late payments to the municipalities? CO62E

*Communities not receiving certain radio stations***■4. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies: [Written Question No 203 – transferred in terms of Rule 231]**

- (1) Whether he has been informed that the communities who are residing in and around Dana Bay in Mossel Bay have not been able to receive certain radio stations, including Radio Sonder Grense since early February 2023 when the Sentech sender was apparently turned off; if so, (a) what steps (i) has he and/or (ii) will he take to ensure that the sender is restored in order for the affected radio stations to broadcast again, (b) by what date is it envisioned that the broadcasting of such radio stations will be restored and (c) what are the details of measures he will put in place to ensure that this does not happen again; if not,
- (2) whether he will have the matter investigated to ensure that the SA Broadcasting Corporation's radio stations are broadcast according to statutory provisions; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO210E

*Transfer of Eskom***★45. Mr Z Mkiva (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

Whether there are any official policy developments to give effect to the transfer of Eskom to the Department of Minerals and Energy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO308E

*Policies on whistleblowing***★54. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

- (1) Whether his department has any policies on whistleblowing;
- (2) (a) what efforts are made to protect whistle-blowers, (b) how many cases were brought to his attention in this regard and (c) what steps has he taken in each case? CO317E

*Eskom leading market of choice***★46. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

- (a) What is the current position of Eskom as it used to be a leading market of choice in terms of reliable generation, transmission and distribution of electricity in the Southern African Development Community region and other parts of the continent and (b) how is this position being impacted by current challenges at Eskom? CO309E

*Viability of SOEs***★41. Mr S F Du Toit (North West: FF-Plus) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

- (1) With reference to a statement by the Minister of Finance that government would revisit the viability of state-owned entities (SOEs), which SOEs would be considered for this process;
- (2) whether any list is available for entities to be (a) privatised, (b) sold and/or (c) restructured; if not, when will it be available;
- (3) (a) what are the timelines to start such a process if it has not already started, (b) what progress has been made if it has started and (c) when will a report on the findings be submitted in Parliament? CO304E

*Cyanide-laced poisoning***★55. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

Whether he had taken any action when he was informed that the former Chief Executive Officer of Eskom (name furnished) claimed that he was poisoned with cyanide-laced coffee; if not, why not? CO318E

*Reconfiguration of SOEs***★47. Ms T C Modise (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

(a)(i) What is the position and (ii) what progress has been made regarding the need for reconfiguration of the governance and operation model of state-owned enterprises and (b) how will the envisaged reconfiguration enhance efficiency, transparency, accountability and good governance? CO310E

*Provision of reliable/safe infrastructure***★48. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether the Government has any integrated plans regarding the provision of reliable and safe infrastructure on the South African borders as his department is the government-wide implementing agency on key infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO311E

*Functionality at police stations***★59. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether he has been informed that police stations across the country are struggling to function as a result of maintenance issues on their buildings and that this has a direct effect on their service delivery? CO322E

*Progress on disciplinary inquiries/measures***★49. Ms M L Mamaregane (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

What progress has his department made towards finalising (a) the disciplinary inquiries and (b) measures against the officials who have been identified in the internal investigations regarding the construction of a fence at the Beitbridge border post (details furnished)? CO312E

*Restoration to flood-damaged railway areas***★40. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

With reference to recent reports by the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa that the Umlazi line is back on track after months of restoration work to its flood-damaged infrastructure (details furnished), what progress has been made regarding restoration to other flood-damaged railway infrastructure in KwaZulu-Natal? CO303E

*Government employees leasing from department***★61. Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether, with reference to a press statement by his department on 13 April 2023 regarding an investigation into government employees not honouring their contractual lease obligations (details furnished), the investigation is an admission that his department has no registry in the first place in this regard (details furnished)?

CO324E

*Audit of government buildings***★50. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether his department has undertaken any audit of government buildings that are unutilised, dilapidated and illegally occupied by homeless persons; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO313E

*Relocation of Home Affairs Office***■2. Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure: [Written Question No 136 – transferred in terms of Rule 231]**

What plans are in place for the long-awaited relocation of the Home Affairs Office in Josiah Gumede Road in Pinetown in KwaZulu-Natal to a new and safer location?

CO137E

*Custodian of certain property***■3. Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure: [Written Question No 165]**

- (1) Whether his department is the custodian of a certain property (details furnished) that is registered at the Pietermaritzburg Deeds Office; if not, who is the custodian; if so,
- (2) in light of the current condition of the building (details furnished), what actions will he take to ensure that the building is either demolished or restored to full functionality for the use of the SA Police Service, the Magistrates Court and/or the Department of Education?

CO172E

Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

- ★34. Mr M J Magwala (Western Cape: EFF)—Public Works and Infrastructure.**
- ★35. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Public Works and Infrastructure.**
- ★36. Mr M J Magwala (Western Cape: EFF)—Public Enterprises.**
- ★37. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF)—Communications and Digital Technologies.**

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- ★39. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Public Enterprises.
- ★51. Mr M A P De Bruyn (Free State: FF-Plus)—Public Works and Infrastructure.
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