

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates an oral question.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

TUESDAY, 2 MARCH 2022

CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

★13. Mr D L Moela (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Given that the Republic is implementing the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan to grow the economy and create jobs, how will her department, through the Economic Diplomacy Programme, ensure that its missions abroad intensify its work on increasing foreign direct investment to grow the economy, as well as contribute to the 4th Annual SA Investment Conference which will take place in March 2022?

NO418E

★41. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

With reference to the undertaking of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022, what are the details of how the recruitment and training of 12 000 additional police members will be achieved to ensure that the SA Police Service urgently gets the capacity it needs, against the background of continued baseline reductions in the budget for the compensation of employees?

NO446E

★65. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

(1) As a Cabinet representative at the Judicial Service Commission, what are the details of discussions he held with the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in relation to the process of the appointment of the Chief Justice;

(2) whether the discussions entailed the qualities of a suitable candidate for the position of Chief Justice; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO470E

★20. Ms M Modise (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(1) What are the details of the plan of his department with regard to the announcement made by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022 that his department will recruit 10 000 young people for the digitisation of paper records to assist with the modernisation of his department;

(2) what amount will the project cost his department?

NO425E

★11. Mr M Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Given that the Government does not appear to have an official position on the Ukraine matter, other than the vague call for peace, finding itself in a very challenging situation and is performing quite the balancing act, considering the Republic's relationship and commitment to Russia in terms of our membership of BRICS, while our biggest trading partners include the United States and Germany, (a) where does the Republic's allegiance lie and (b) what has the position of the Republic been regarding its BRICS partner deescalating its aggressive poise towards Ukraine?

NO416E

★7. Dr P J Groenewald (VF Plus) vra die Minister van Polisie:

(1) Of hy steeds voornemens is om opnuut 'n amnestietydperk te bepaal waar vuurwapens ingehandig sal kan word sonder vervolging; so nie, waarom nie; so ja, watter datum hy in die vooruitsig stel;

(2) of vuurwapeneienaars dan weer geleentheid sal kry om aansoek te doen om 'n lisensie vir vuurwapens waarvan die lisensie verval het; so nie, waarom nie; so ja, wat die tersaaklike besonderhede is?

NO412A

(Translation):

[Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police: †

- (1) Whether he still intends to determine an amnesty period where firearms can be handed in without the owners being prosecuted; if not, why not; if so, on what date does he envisage for this;
- (2) whether owners of firearms will again have the opportunity to apply for a licence for firearms of which the licence had expired; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO412E]

★24. Ms A Ramolobeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

In light of the announcement made by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022, that an additional four special-crime courts will be created in order to ease the congestion on the court roll and to expedite some of the specialised commercial crime matters, including corruption, (a) what are the details of the plan and (b) how will his department execute this commitment over its time frames? NO429E

★49. Mr M Chetty (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What (a) total amount in Rands has the Government loaned to the government of the Republic of Cuba since 1 April 2017 and (b) portion of the loans has been repaid to date? NO454E

★3. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether additional financial and other resources will be made available to the National Prosecuting Authority in order for it to further investigate and prosecute the large number of individuals and companies that have been referred to it for possible prosecution by the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector, including Organs of State; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO408E

★27. Mr V C Xaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) Whether the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) managed to return some of the Hebron recombinant interferon alpha-2b, as the ministerial task team recommended that the specified drugs must be returned to Cuba before they expire; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the SANDF was refunded for the drugs; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO432E

★1. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, taking into account that section 64 of the SA Police Service Act, Act 68 of 1995, provides for the establishment of Municipal Police Services and prescribes their functions as well as the powers of a member of a Municipal Police Service, and in light of a certain letter to him on 23 December 2021 regarding the City of Cape Town's Safety & Security Investigation Unit, he has been informed of any other municipality, besides the City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality, that has an investigating unit that conducts investigations of criminal cases and/or gathers intelligence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what statutory provisions do such investigating units rely on to conduct criminal investigations and/or gather intelligence? NO278E

★32. Ms L N Moss (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) How far are the investigations in the multiple murders that are taking place in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and (b) what preventative measures have been taken by the SA Police Service to ensure the safety of communities in order for KZN not to become a battlefield where people die in numbers? NO437E

★52. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What is the total number of cases of sexual offences were on the backlog roll of criminal courts on (a) 31 January 2021 and (b) 31 January 2022 respectively? NO457E

★66. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What reasons have been put forward by the National Director of Prosecutions for their failure to make a decision on the prosecution of the Premier of the Eastern Cape, Mr Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane, despite having been handed the file by the Hawks in May 2021? NO471E

★35. Mr G Magwanishe (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

In light of the Expert Panel Report regarding the civil unrest that took place in July 2021 concluding that the security services were outwitted by the planners of the unrest and were unable to keep up, what measures have since been put in place to recalibrate the intelligence collection capacities of the security services? NO440E

★4. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jamah-ah) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether he can verify that inmates who had served more than two-thirds of their sentence qualify for release on parole; if not; what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the reason that deserving inmates who have qualified for release on parole two years ago are still waiting to be released on parole;
- (2) what is the reason that deserving parolees are being denied the right to have their profiles presented timeously to the Parole Board? NO409E

★15. Ms B Swarts (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

With reference to the emergence of groups in the Republic, some represented as a movement called Operation Dudula, which are agitating sentiments that seem hostile to foreign nationals working and doing business in the Republic, and within the context of mobilising persons around the foreign policy objectives of the Republic and protecting human rights, how does her department intend to engage these groupings so that their activities do not harm the Republic's diplomatic objectives? NO420E

★21. Adv B T Bongo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

In light of the announcement made by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022, that the African Union has agreed that trading can commence under the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement, what is the progress in the implementation of the One-Stop Border Post? NO426E

★45. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

(a) What are the details of the process that is followed to allocate funds from the Criminal Asset Recovery Account (CARA) and (b) on what date was the latest audit of the CARA conducted? NO450E

★61. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What is the status of his relationship with the National Commissioner of Police, Lt Gen Khehla John Sithole;
- (2) whether he has found that the status of his relationship with the National Police Commissioner has led to dysfunction at the level of operations at the SA Police Service; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? NO466E

★23. Ms N H Maseko-Jele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

(a) What is his department doing to rectify the service delivery challenges such as lack of queue management and directing clients that were raised by the public and legal practitioners and also identified during the Deputy Minister's unannounced visits to the Cape Town and Pretoria offices of the Master of the Court and (b) how will his department ensure that the challenges are resolved and service delivery takes place in other offices across the Republic? NO428E

★9. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, with reference to the SA Police Service 2021-22 Annual Performance Plan (details furnished), other programmes will be sacrificed in order to fund the recruitment and training of the additional 12 000 new police personnel mentioned by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during the State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) where will the funding be sourced from and (b) is it sustainable? NO414E

★28. Ms T I Legwase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

In light of the protests and the demands of the military veterans regarding their benefits as promulgated in the Military Veterans Act, Act 18 of 2011, (a) how far is the provision of healthcare to dependants of the military veterans at the level of legislation and (b) what are the provisions for funding their healthcare? NO433E

★50. M. Gen O S Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, with reference to the undertaking of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022, any leadership changes will be effected in the SA Police Service as part of the Government's efforts to strengthen the security structures of the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO455E

★71. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether the police officer and soldier from Carltonville involved in the recent cash-in-transit heist on the West Rand had been previously arrested and sentenced for any similar offence; if so, what (a) offence were they previously arrested and sentenced for and (b) was the sentence? NO476E

★31. Ms M A Molekwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

What measures has the SA Police Service put in place to continue with the empowerment of women in 2022 as it has demonstrated that it is committed to the transformation agenda and creating space for women? NO436E

★5. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

What measures does he intend to put in place to combat corruption in the SA Police Service, as such corruption is a major hurdle in fighting crime? NO410E

★34. Ms M C Dikgale (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What are the reasons that the National Intelligence Estimate produced by the National Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee which predicted that 2021 would be a period of heightened instability in the Republic was not considered in the strategic planning of security services? NO439E

★38. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What progress has his department made to realise the Government's pledge to end statelessness by 2024? NO443E

★67. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) What are the details of the latest plans that he has put in place to deal with the excessively long queues at Home Affairs offices across the Republic and (b) by what date is it envisaged that the problem will be resolved? NO472E

★14. Mr B S Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether, in view of reports from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in Mozambique in November 2021 that calm and stability has been restored in the Cabo Delgado region of Mozambique, which signals steps towards stability in the region, her department has and/or will undertake an in-depth analysis and understanding of the situation in Cabo Delgado, with the view of enabling Mozambique and the SADC region to prepare and respond adequately through diplomatic channels to situations of terrorism and instability in the future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO419E

★74. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jamah-ah) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether his department will provide information on the whereabouts of inmates who qualify for parole; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is his position on deserving inmates who qualify for parole and are yet to be released, who feel that they are being treated unjustly? NW482E

★17. Mr K B Pillay (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Given that long queues continue to exist for services provided by his department, what measures has and/or will his department put in place to ensure that persons waiting in queues are catered for, such as providing shade and chairs for elderly persons, persons with disabilities and pregnant women? NO422E

★22. Mr X Nqola (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

In light of the commendable 89,83% that was achieved by inmates who wrote their matric exams in 2021, what are the details of the measures that his department is taking to support rehabilitated offenders for life after incarceration as part of social reintegration? NO427E

★39. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

With reference to the undertaking of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022, what (a) processes and (b) oversight mechanisms will his department put in place to ensure that the 10 000 youth that will be employed by his department will be hired in a fair and transparent process? NO444E

★70. Mrs T P Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

With reference to the operationalisation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement, what are the reasons that she has not advocated for the creation of a single currency in the continent to facilitate intra-continental trade? NO475E

★25. Ms A J Beukes (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What plans are in place to ensure that her department achieves (a) the service delivery targets in the 2022-23 financial year as the department spent 47,6% of its budget, something which indicates that funds budgeted for services to military veterans are not spent and (b) better outreach to military veterans living in the rural areas as the lack of proper communication with military veterans is a challenge? NO430E

★60. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

With regard to the address by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, at the Joint Sitting of Parliament in the National Assembly on 18 September 2019, wherein he referred to the crisis of violence in the Republic (details furnished), what (a) steps has his department taken to ensure all foreign nationals who are within the borders of the Republic are legally permitted to be in the Republic and (b) is the current total number of undocumented migrants within the borders of the Republic? NO465E

★16. Mr M S Chabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether, given that the timelines regarding the implementation of the Border Management Authority and the protocols thereof have been outlined, he will outline the timelines for implementation of same for the 2022-23 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO421E

★40. Ms T A Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What progress has been made in managing the long queues at his department's offices in the Eastern Cape since the Expanded Public Works Programme employees were deployed to assist in 2021? NO445E

★18. Ms A Ramolobeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

In view of reports by the Western Cape provincial manager of his department that the department was working towards implementing automated services, that the training staff has been working on manual services and that the booking system had been completed, tested and would be implemented in order to make appointments to avoid the stampede and overcrowding, what progress has his department made in this regard? NO423E

★2. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether, in view of *Judicial Commission of Inquiry into State Capture Report: Part 1*, which indicates that approximately 1438 persons and entities were implicated by evidence led before the specified commission, as well as the report of the Special Investigations Unit on its investigation into COVID-19-related contracts which resulted in 386 cases being referred to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for possible prosecution, he has found that the NPA is sufficiently resourced to prosecute the volume of cases arising out of the SIU report and which may arise out of the Zondo Commission findings; if not, how does the Department of Justice intend to support the NPA to bring about swift and effective prosecutions; if so, what are the relevant details? NO406E

★26. Ms A H Mthembu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What steps have been taken against the persons who were responsible for the irregular procurement process of the Hebron recombinant interferon alpha-2b by the SA National Defence Force from the Cuban military force in 2020?

NO431E

★43. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What urgent steps will her department take to address the delay in the delivery of services by her department's Legalisation Section, which currently stands at more than six weeks in most cases?

NO448E

★63. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What (a) total number of SA National Defence Force soldiers are currently deployed on peace-keeping missions outside the Republic and (b) is the total cost of the missions per annum?

NO468E

★29. Ms T I Legwase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

In light of the protests and the demands of the military veterans regarding their benefits as promulgated in the Military Veterans Act, Act 18 of 2011, what plans are in place to (a) ensure that there is stability in the Department of Military Veterans and (b) restore trust in her department in 2022?

NO434E

★33. Mr J J Maake (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

In light of the recommendations contained in the High-Level Review Panel Report in 2018 that the State Security Agency (SSA) must expedite the appointment of senior management including that of the director-general in order to bring stability to the agency and, in addition, the announcement made by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022 that his Office will begin immediately by filling critical vacancies and addressing positions affected by suspensions in the SSA and Crime Intelligence (CI) in order to strengthen the security structures of the Republic, what (a) plans have been put in place to effect the critical recommendations of the High-Level Review Panel and (b) are the timelines of the leadership changes in the SSA and CI that were announced by the President?

NO438E

★36. Mr J J Maake (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What (a) are the reasons that the early warning intelligence that was generated and revealed in the Expert Panel Report on the civil unrest that took place in July 2021 did not come to the attention of the Executive and (b) consequence management actions have been taken against those who failed and/or neglected to bring the reports to the attention of the Executive?

NO441E

★44. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What total number of foreign missions of the Republic are currently (a) operational and (b) offering consular services?

NO449E

★64. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What progress has been made to resolve the problems of military veterans who held her and other Ministers hostage in October 2021? NW469E

★37. Ms M C Dikgale (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(1) Whether he has found, that the lack of an inclusive communication strategy during the unrest that occurred in July 2021, contributed to the instability, leading to the public losing faith and trust in intelligence services and the Executive, who openly contradicted each other as detailed on page 68 of the Expert Panel Report on the July Unrest; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what plans are in place to improve inclusive communication, particularly when there are matters of national security? NO442E

★12. Mr M Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether, with reference to the Government's strong statement on 25 January 2022 regarding the coup in Burkina Faso (details furnished), the Government will be rescinding the strong statement condemning the coup and issuing an official acknowledgement of Burkina Faso's newly-elected leadership; if not, is the Government considering sanctions and/or some other form of censure; if so, what are the detailed reasons behind the motivation for the apparent change in position?

NO417E

★55. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(a) For what total number of months has each of the aircraft fleets of the SA Air Force been grounded since 1 January 2017 and (b) by what date will each of the specified aircraft fleets be fully serviceable and operational to support the SA National Defence Force's operations? NO460E

★56. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(a) On what date was a certain person (name and details furnished) suspended and (b) what is the status of the investigation into the grounds for the specified person's suspension? NO461E

★57. Mr M L Shelembe (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Given that the Department of Military Veterans has only managed to spend 48% of its budget by the third quarter of the 2021-22 financial year, what urgent action does her department intend to take to ensure that the Department of Military Veterans (a) does not underspend on its budget by the end of the current financial year and (b) meets its obligations of providing all military veterans with their entitled benefits? NO462E