

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION PAPER

NOTE:

1. Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. **In terms of Rule 246(4), no more than six questions for oral reply may be put to a Minister in respect of any one Government department on any particular day. Questions in excess of this quota are summarised at the end of the Question Paper.**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 2021***Rolling out internet connectivity*

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

Whether, given the necessity of internet connectivity in these digital times (details furnished), her department has any plans to roll out such connectivity to poor communities, including public schools and libraries; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO163E

Switching off of analogue TV transmitters

- ★47. **Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether, with reference to the State-of-the-Nation-Address where the President mentioned that a phased in switch off of analogue television transmitters will begin in March 2021, her department has been able to secure the funding shortfall for free set-top-boxes meant for indigent households whose numbers continue to grow due to the number of job losses as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO173E

Audit of postal services to poor/rural communities

- ★38. **Ms T C Modise (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether, in light of the reported performance failures by the SA Post Office (details furnished), her department has conducted any audit of the backlogs in the delivery of mail and parcels, especially in the poor and rural communities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO164E

Unbundling Postbank from Post Office

- ★35. **Mr A B Cloete (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

What are the details of the Government's plans to unbundle the Postbank from the Post Office? CO161E

Irregular/wasteful expenditure in 2019/20 financial year

★31. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

(a) What are the details of all expenditure in her department during the 2019/20 financial year that were found to have been (i) irregular and (ii) wasteful, (b) what action has been taken against the persons who were responsible for such expenditure and (c) how much has been recovered? CO157E

Integrated/sustainable turnaround strategy for SABC

★39. Mr T B Matibe (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

Whether, given the governance and financial sustainability failures of the SA Broadcasting Corporation (details furnished), there is any envisaged integrated and sustainable turnaround strategy for the said entity; if not, why not; if so, (a) what strategy and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO165E

Positioning sector for post-pandemic growth

★40. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What best practices have been learned from the Covid-19 experience (details furnished) to leverage this sector to be at the cutting edge of economic growth and job creation beyond the pandemic? CO166E

Utilising Tourism Equity Fund to benefit a few

★43. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) What are the reasons behind her utilising the Tourism Equity Fund to the value of R1.2 billion solely for black entrepreneurs as she will not reach any of her targets in boosting South Africa's broken tourism industry by promoting one grouping only (details furnished);
- (2) whether by promoting a select few to benefit from such a scheme they will be able to rebuild this broken industry to ensure that tourism remains the largest contributor to the Gross Domestic Product (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO169E

Programmes/projects to promote township tourism

★41. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

In light of the recent significant growth of township tourism (details furnished), what flagship (a) programmes and (b) projects does her department (i) have and/or (ii) intend to roll out to promote township tourism? CO167E

*Tourism Equity Fund***★36. Mr A B Cloete (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(a) Who will be eligible for funding from the Tourism Equity Fund and (b) what criteria will be used to determine successful applications? CO162E

*Tourism industry: vaccine roll-out programme***★46. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

With reference to the tourism industry which has been hit very hard by the lockdown (details furnished), what discussions have taken place between her department, the Minister of Health and the tourism industry to ensure that this industry is part of the phase two vaccine roll-out programme in order to ensure its recovery? CO172E

*Plans for crime-free Table Mountain***★42. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether, as a country that boast tourism as the key to economic reconstruction and job creation, there are any plans between her department, the Western Cape Provincial Government, the Cape Town City Council and other sector departments to turn Table Mountain and other tourist centres into crime-free areas (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO168E

Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 246(4):

- ★32. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF)—Tourism.**
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- ★34. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF)—Tourism.**
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