

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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# QUESTION PAPER

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### NOTE:

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

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2023

### *Reviewing funding model*

**★116. Ms D G Mahlangu (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the National Treasury intends to review the current funding model in order to (a) take into account the differentiated revenue base of the rural municipalities (details furnished) and (b) leverage the capacity of municipalities to improve the quality of service delivery; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO407E

### *Eskom debt swap*

**★103. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(a) What conditions are to be placed on the movement of Eskom debt swap and (b) how will performance against such conditions be (i) monitored and (ii) enforced? CO385E

### *Coordinated/integrated systems of quality checks*

**★117. Mr E Z Njadu (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the funds that are not spent by the municipalities which are returned to the National Treasury (details furnished), there are any coordinated and integrated systems of quality checks in municipal development plans by the national and provincial treasuries prior the funds are released; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the current monitoring and oversight mechanisms of the municipal expenditure have any early warning systems to raise red flags regarding the potential underspending; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO408E

### *Structuring of Government's treasury/finances*

**★114. Mr S F Du Toit (North West: FF-Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) How is the oversight of the Government's treasury and finances are structured to ensure that the funds that are collected by the National Treasury through the SA Revenue Services and other revenue streams are utilised appropriately;
- (2) which (a) internal and (b) external entities are responsible for overseeing such funds in order to identify and prevent corruption? CO402E

*Amending auditing requirements***★104. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether he is still considering amending the auditing requirements that are applicable to Eskom (details furnished); if not,
- (2) whether his withdrawal of the exemption will be final? CO386E

*Public procurement policy***★118. Ms M L Mamaregane (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the National Treasury has conducted any risk assessments of the current public procurement policy as the current levels of public sector corruption are mainly based on human acts (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO409E

*Non-compliance with UIF***★98. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

Whether his department has any programmes to address the non-compliance in the retail sector in the Western Cape of not (a) registering, (b) declaring and (c) paying the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) contributions which result in employees not receiving any benefits when claiming from the UIF; if not, why not; if so, what programmes? CO374E

*Increase in employment figures***★90. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

Why eight out of the nine provinces only provided 2000 jobs in the last three months of 2022 whereas the Western Cape provided the other 167 000 increase to the employment figures as reported by the Quarterly Labour Force Survey? CO361E

*Illegal payments of TERS***★99. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

(a) What is the current status of cases against the companies that defrauded the Temporary Employment Relief Scheme during Covid-19 and (b) how far is the process of recovering the illegal payments? CO375E

*Learnership and Internship programmes*

**★95. Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

In light of the low intakes for learnership and internship programmes that are offered to learners who wish to work in the public sector, (a) how many of those who have achieved the skills through learnerships are absorbed and permanently employed in the public sector and (b) in which departments? CO366E

*Retention of skills*

**★91. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

With reference to the retention of skills and the recent research pointed to the risk of attrition to emigration that is also affecting highly skilled foreign workers in South Africa (details furnished), (a) why is this happening and (b) what steps have been taken to rectify such problems? CO362E

*Job creation projects*

**★100. Ms M L Mamaregane (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

Whether his department has initiated any projects that are aimed at stimulating job creation; if not, why not; if so, (a) what projects and (b) what are the (i) challenges and (ii) successes of such projects? CO376E

*Key policy interventions*

**★119. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What are the key policy interventions that are envisaged by her department to leverage the informal sector in the medium- and long-term (details furnished)? CO410E

*Energy relief package assistance*

**★106. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

- (1) Whether the assistance from the energy relief package will be rendered in the form of monetary aid or the provision of alternative energy sources; if monetary aid is the chosen approach, what is the (a) funding amount and (b) timeline for distribution;
- (2) if alternative energy resources are considered, what are (a) the types of power sources, (b) their projected costs, (c) their deployment strategies, (d) their maintenance plans to guarantee seamless operations and (e) their anticipated timelines? CO388E

*Women/youth participation in economy*

**★120. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

In light of the President's state-of-the-nation-address to mainstream women and youth participation in the economy, what are the key policy milestones that her department would pursue regarding this policy priority? CO411E

*Assistance to small businesses*

**★102. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What actions has her department taken to assist small businesses in mitigating financial and material impact load shedding has on their operations (details furnished)? CO384E

*Small businesses affected by floods*

**★107. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

(a) How were small businesses in the Amathole District Municipality affected by the recent floods and (b) what actions has her department taken to ensure that they recover? CO389E

*Key targeted policy interventions*

**★121. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What are the key targeted policy interventions of her department in collaboration with other sector departments to leverage public sector procurement as a catalyst for the development of the rural small, medium and macro enterprise sector (details furnished)? CO412E

*Exclusion from G7 meeting*

**★109. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

With reference to the recent exclusion of South Africa from the list of attendees for the G7 meeting in Japan (details furnished), what actions are being taken to address the (a) growing negative view and (b) return of South Africa to the table? CO396E

*Black Industrialist Development Programme*

**★122. Ms M L Mamaregane (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What is the current status of (a) successes and (b) challenges of the Black Industrialist Development Programme that has been initiated by his department as part of addressing the historical patterns of unequal ownership of the economy? CO413E

*Joint venture agreement*

**★108. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

(a) How much of the R11 billion investment for the joint venture between a certain company and Industrial Development Corporation agreement in 2016 (details furnished) came to fruition and (b) what progress has been made regarding such joint venture? CO395E

*Africa Free Trade Agreement*

**★123. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What are the key (a) successes and (b) challenges in the implementation of the Africa Free Trade Agreement as one of the High Level African Union flagship programmes towards the integration of Africa and its positioning in global trade and economy? CO414E

*Scrap metal ban*

**★110. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What progress has been made on the efficiency of the scrap metal ban to date as cable and infrastructure theft continue unabated (details furnished)? CO397E

*National Lottery Commission*

**★124. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What internal steps has his department taken to root out corrupt and unethical elements in the National Lottery Commission as alleged in media reports that the agency has been captured by corrupt patronage networks with millions of public funds unlawfully directed to non-deserving beneficiaries? CO415E

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