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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

### CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

**★384. Ms N T Mkhathshwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

Given that the participation of women in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) field is a critical skill development priority to address gender inequality, how is the Post-School Education and Training Sector (a) closing the gender gap in STEM fields and (b) mainstreaming young women in science? NO3227E

**★369. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What measures is his department putting in place to clamp down on harmful products in the market place in order to achieve a healthy and more productive society, given the adage that we are what we eat and that the Republic has a high prevalence of diabetes, obesity, cancer, liver diseases and other illnesses, which is aggravated by the manufacturers of food products, with very little or no oversight mechanisms in place to ensure the quality of their products and, more importantly, to ensure they produce healthy products and/or reduce harmful ingredients in their products to enhance the lives of our people?

NO3056E

**★385. Mr P R Moroatshehla (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Considering that the Republic has been hit by the unprecedented natural catastrophe of floods, with KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape and North West paying the highest price in terms of the loss of lives and infrastructure, including school infrastructure, what (a) progress has been made with the reconstruction of damaged schools and (b) mechanisms will her department put in place to timeously respond when disaster to school infrastructure strikes?

NO3228E

**★438. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether she has commissioned any studies and/or investigations to determine the impact of her department's proposal to remove the powers of all school governing bodies (SGBs), especially in relation to its impact on the quality of education offered at schools with well-functioning SGBs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3282E

**★421. Mrs N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) number of rural schools have been closed since the start of the 2021 academic year as a result of her department's drive to close uneconomical schools in rural areas initiated in 2019 and (b) support is her department providing to rural schools under threat of closure?

NO3264E

**★386. Ms B N Dlulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Given that the recent victory of Banyana Banyana demonstrates the excellence and growth potential of women sports, how will his department support Banyana Banyana with women grassroots and mainstream development?

NO3229E

**★371. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jamah-Ah) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether he will consider a policy on funding all sports representing the Republic at international level; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, will such a policy fund sport persons and/or athletes (a) participating in sports other than rugby and cricket and (b) who come from disadvantaged communities that cannot afford to send them to compete at international levels to represent the Republic?

NO3214E

**★387. Mr T B Munyai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether, in view of acute hepatitis of unknown aetiology that has been reported worldwide and continues to be an emerging public health issue, the South African public health sector is optimally geared to respond to the challenges of the specified illness; if so, what (a) specific up-to-date surveillance measures and capacitation of the public health sector facilities have been implemented to ensure that there is no underreporting and (b) plans does his department have in place to mitigate the risks?

NO3230E

**★388. Ms N Q Mvana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Considering that we commemorate women's month amidst the rising levels of violence against women, what steps have been taken by her department (a) in the current financial year to address the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide, which is rampant in our communities and (b) to enhance interventions by her department to assist victims?

NO3231E

**★436. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) Whether she has had sight of or has been informed of the report released by a certain institute in May 2022, which found significant shortcomings in her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department will take any steps to rectify the shortcomings identified in her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3280E

**★422. Mrs N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether she has found any evidence of a drop in school enrolments since the relaxation of the restrictions initiated to curb the spread of COVID-19; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what has she found to be the causal factors for the drop in school enrolment?

NO3265E

**★389. Ms N N Sihlwayi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What (a) has he found is the root cause of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality water crisis that has been experienced in that area for some time now and (b) interventions has his department made to avoid day zero in the specified area?

NO3232E

**★374. Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

In view of his recent statement (details furnished) that female students are a high-risk demographic for abuse with 10% of all rape cases reported in the Republic coming from institutions of higher learning, what programmes and/or interventions relating to the reduction of gender-based violence will accompany his commitment of continuous engagement with student leaders and stakeholders in the sector?

NO3217E

**★390. Mr M A Tseki (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What (a) is the extent of human settlement support that her department is providing in terms of disaster relief in affected provinces and (b) progress has been made by her department to resettle the victims?

NO3233E

**★445. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

(a) What specific steps has she taken to decisively and sustainably address the crisis of illegal land invasions in the Republic and (b) by what date is it envisaged that she will introduce amending legislation in Parliament to amend the Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land Act, Act 19 of 1998, in order to uphold and protect property owners' rights?

NO3289E

**★372. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether she has been informed of the findings of a study by the University of South Africa's Youth Research Unit of the Bureau for Market Research which found that more than half of young South African children, as young as five years old, are watching pornography (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what is she doing to protect children from the vices and dangers of pornography?

NO3215E

**★391. Ms J S Mananiso (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

Considering that gender-based violence and femicide is a scourge that requires a societal response such as the National Strategic Plan, (a) what is the level of compliance with the development of sexual harassment policies by institutions in the Post-School Education and Training Sector and (b) how is his department ensuring that the policy is effectively applied?

NO3234E

**★370. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Given that approximately 91 000 children, a large percentage of whom are still at school, gave birth to children in the past financial year, what measures is her department putting in place to guide and educate the learners to (a) prevent the high pregnancy rate and, more importantly, (b) ensure that learners concentrate on their school careers to uplift their lives?

NO3057E

**★392. Mr B S Yabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether her department intends to integrate a national first aid and primary healthcare policy into schools as a matter of urgency; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3235E

**★454. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether his department intends to await the outcome of its appeal of the judgment handed down by the Gauteng North High Court, which declared sections 36 to 40 of the National Health Act, Act 61 of 2003, unconstitutional, before it continues with the establishment of a National Health Insurance; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3298E

**★423. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What total (a) amount has the Government paid for all the COVID-19 vaccines it procured and (b) number of persons have taken their vaccinations as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

NO3266E

**★393. Mr W T Letsie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(a) What has he found are the systemic bottlenecks in articulation in the post-schooling education and training sector, which is a critical component of the system to enable students to have mobility for the development of various skills provided by different institutions at different qualification levels, and (b) how is his department implementing a systemic intervention to enable equal opportunities across the system?

NO3236E

**★394. Ms N N Sihlwayi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What (a) has she found is the extent of illegal occupation of RDP houses and (b) progress has been made in reclaiming hijacked RDP houses from illegal occupiers in order to return them to their rightful owners?

NO3237E

**★395. Mr D M Stock (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

In light of the Presidential Social Sector Summit hosted by her department and The Presidency on 5 August 2022 in order to address various issues affecting the sector resulting in a social compact between Government and stakeholders in the industry, (a) what are the key deliverables that she has identified as an outcome of the social compact and (b) to what extent will the deliverables support civil society organisations that represent vulnerable groups?

NO3238E

**★435. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether her department has implemented any programmes to address child abandonment in the Republic, especially abandonment which results in the death of the child; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3279E

**★424. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) is the current doctor-to-patient ratio in the Republic in comparison to the globally recommended ratio (b) steps is his department taking to ensure that there are sufficient doctors to cater for the health needs of the population of the Republic?

NO3267E

**★396. Ms D P Sibiya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

What measures is his department systemically implementing in form and content to mainstream women in the different facets of higher education institutions?

NO3239E

**★377. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

Whether she has taken any action about the concern raised by the Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Flood Disaster Relief and Recovery with regard to the lack of co-ordination and integrated plans to resolve the housing needs of persons displaced by the floods; if not, by what date will action be taken; if so, what action has she taken?

NO3220E

**★397. Mr B S Yabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

Noting that the lack of capabilities in the State has resulted in its incapacity to implement its plans, how is his department leveraging science and innovation to contribute to strengthening the capability of state institutions to deliver their mandates?

NO3240E

**★437. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to her department's proposal to make Grade R compulsory, what steps will her department take to ensure that the dilapidating existing school infrastructure is able to accommodate the influx of Grade R learners until new infrastructure is built?

NO3281E

**★373. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether, given that in the period 1 January to 31 March this year, 53 rapes occurred at primary and high schools, and one at a crèche according to the latest crime statistics, and that according to a certain clinical psychologist (name furnished), in more than 40% of cases of sexual abuse against children, including rape, the perpetrators are other children (details furnished), she has found that in establishing the curriculum on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), there is any known causal link between the exposure of children to pornography and rape; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether she has found that the CSE curriculum exacerbates the early and premature sexualisation of children which encourage them to explore their sexuality through masturbation and other means; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3216E

**★398. Ms K D Mahlatsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

What (a) are the major resolutions that will be implemented from the Technical Vocational Education and Training and Industry Summit that was held recently and (b) what measures will be put in place to ensure that they are implemented?

NO3241E

**★399. Ms N G Adoons (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) are the critical observations that her department has identified in the management of early childhood development since it became its responsibility and (b) are the preliminary priorities that her department will undertake to progressively improve early learning which is critical for the cognitive development of children?

NO3242E

**★439. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What are the details of the most recent steps that the SA Social Security Agency has taken to prevent the ever-increasing number of instances of fraud being reported relating to the payment of social grants? NO3283E

**★425. Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

What is the total number of students (a) who secured funding from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) for the 2022 academic year and (b) whose applications were declined by NSFAS? NO3268E

**★400. Ms B P Mbinqo-Gigaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether she has found that the Eastern Cape Department of Education has failed to roll out the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) for the learners of Port St John Secondary School since the second term started, causing some learners to abandon school because of hunger; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how does she respond to instances of a lack of the provision of the NSNP? NO3243E

**★402. Ms R C Adams to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

How is his department (a) mobilising stakeholders like the private sector, which plays a pivotal role in the promotion of sports and its development, to support women sports and (b) forging a social compact to grow the sector where the level of inequality in supporting women sports versus men is acute? NO3245E

**★403. Mr M A Zondi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

How is his department leveraging digital media to empower artists in the digital economy, given that digitisation and technological opportunities have created new opportunities for creative artists to leverage platforms to promote their creative work and earn from it? NO3246E

**★440. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What has she found to be the impact of the technical and operational challenges experienced by the SA Post Office on the payment of social grants to beneficiaries, especially in rural and remote areas? NO3284E

**★426. Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

Following the report of the ministerial task team that reviewed management problems at the University of South Africa, which was completed in 2021, what interventions has he made thus far to resolve problems identified in the report? NO3269E

**★404. Ms V P Malomane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

- (1) How is his department working with creative artists and traditional authorities to promote arts and culture that plays a critical role in moulding a society's values, principles, diverse identities and cultures, as part of nation building;
- (2) whether his department is creating art centres for children to be involved in arts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3247E

**★379. Mrs M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Considering that the critical skills list has added specialised medical occupations such as chemists, specialist nurse educators, anaesthesiologists and dentists, (a) what measures has his department put in place to fast-track the acceptance of foreign qualified doctors and (b) how can the board exam regulation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa be amended to combat the delay faced by foreign-trained medical professionals? NO3222E

**★405. Ms D P Sibiya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

What (a) mechanism is his department using to ensure that municipalities include sports infrastructure maintenance and development in their plans, and (b) measures are in place to ensure that municipalities comply with the regulations of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant allocated for sports facilities? NO3248E

**★441. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

In what ways has he found his department's Draft Policy for the Recognition of South African Higher Education Institutional Types published on 8 August 2022 will affect smaller public universities, especially historically disadvantaged institutions? NO3285E

**★406. Mr N V Xaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What capacity exists in the Republic, given the reality of global pandemics such as COVID-19 and the emergence of monkey pox and other potential outbreaks, to produce vaccines and medication to manage future global health crises of various proportions? NO3249E

**★407. Dr K L Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What is the current status of provincial and district access to primary health care and chronic diseases services since the number of people who had accessed the specified services had decreased during COVID-19;
- (2) whether there is an improvement in the performance of the Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution programme after the number of new COVID-19 infections had stabilised at a lower level? NO3250E



**★446. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

In what ways has she found that the shortage of social workers in the Republic will impact the current backlog in the processing of foster grant applications? NO3290E

**★427. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) total number of social workers has her department assisted to get their qualifications in the past five years and (b) number out of the total has been absorbed into employment with her department? NO3270E

**★408. Ms A Gela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) In light of the graduation ceremony of students from the Nelson Mandela-Fidel Castro Collaboration Programme in Tshwane recently, what plans are in place to deploy the new cohort of graduates to different hospitals, especially where there is a dire need;

(2) whether the Western Cape province is also included in the envisaged deployment plans; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3251E

**★409. Mr E K Siwela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What plans does he have in place to resolve the problems with regard to the patient care issues at the Witbank Tertiary Hospital where medical and surgical wards have not been operational for four months due to flood damage to infrastructure, resulting in patients being referred to other hospitals such as Middelburg and Witbank TB, which lack the relevant clinical infrastructure to attend to patients? NO3252E

**★411. Ms J Manganye (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What progress has her department made in responding to the displacement of persons affected by disasters related to climate change in the Republic, particularly in KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape;

(2) what preparations have been made by her department to address the possibility of a crisis of a similar nature in the future? NO3254E

**★450. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether his department will take any steps in line with section 19 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, as amended, to ensure that the manganese ore operators in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality take all necessary measures, such as storing the ore on protective layers on the ground, to prevent the metals from leaching into the underground aquifers which the residents of Gqeberha will have to rely on for drinking water in the near future; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the steps his department will take in this regard? NO3294E

**★430. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What (a) are the reasons for the delays in the completion of the Mamejja Sekororo Water Treatment Plant in the Mopani District Municipality in Limpopo and (b) amount in additional funds were spent by his department on the project because it has exceeded its project timelines? NO3273E

**★414. Mr M A Tseki (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What (a) measures will his department implement to ensure the reduction of water losses by municipalities that are losing more than 50% of clean water through water leakages and illegal connections and (b) programmes does his department have in place for households regarding water conservation? NO3257E

**★383. Inkosi B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether, in view of the controversy with different organisations in the arts and provincial orchestras communicating that there has been a lack of transparency around the establishment and the budget of the Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra, with the funding to be administered by the National Arts Council of South Africa, he will provide (a) an itemised list of the expenditure of the grant and (b) details on how it will be monitored and distributed? NO3226E

**★415. Mr M R Mashego (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether his department has put measures in place to curb vandalism of the water and sanitation infrastructure of his department that has become a huge challenge in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what has been the total cost to his department of the destruction of water and sanitation infrastructure as at the latest specified date for which information is available? NO3258E

**★455. Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) By what date is it envisaged that the work on the Clanwilliam Dam will finally be completed and (b) what is the total difference in Rands between the original budget and projected readjusted final budget for the project? NO3299E

**★416. Ms M L Pietersen (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) What actions has his department taken against municipalities that have not complied with his department's regulations about wastewater treatment as there is a growing concern that many local municipalities do not have the necessary technical capacity to manage, repair and/or maintain wastewater treatment plants, which is demonstrated by water pollution by several municipalities;
- (2) what are the mitigation measures that his department has put in place to address water pollution? NO3259E

**★417. Ms G K Tseke (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

In view of the Republic being a water-scarce county as shown by the experiences of the City of Cape Town three years ago and Gqeberha's current water crisis, and in view of the fact that water shortages will negatively affect the use of sanitation infrastructure such as toilets, his department has considered alternative sanitation infrastructure for cities such as Cape Town and Gqeberha, which were once and/or are at the brink of Day Zero?

NO3260E

**★458. Dr N V Khumalo (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

On what statutory and/or any other grounds does her department rely to shift unused grant allocations from certain provinces to those that utilise their grants?

NO3303E

**★431. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

With reference to the announcement made by his department in 2020 that it is investigating about 800 cases of fraud, maladministration and corruption as it prepared to implement its R900 billion water master plan, what total number of the specified cases have already been (a) processed and (b) finalised?

NO3274E

**★418. Adv T M Masutha (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

In view of her department's plan to release serviced sites for citizens to build their own houses as part of its priorities for the 2022-23 financial year, what (a) are the criteria for a person to qualify for a serviced stand and (b) total number of sites with basic services will the department issue during the current financial year?

NO3261E

**★419. Ms M R Semanya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

(1) Whether, with reference to beneficiaries of the government housing subsidy either selling or renting out their houses, her department has conducted a housing audit to determine if the occupants of government subsidy houses are the rightful owners; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what plans has her department put in place to address the problem?

NO3262E

**★420. Mr T Malatji (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

With reference to one of the 2022-23 MinMEC priorities of the eradication of mud houses, what (a) number of mud houses will her department replace in the current financial year and (b) has she found is the targeted impact of the programme to eradicate mud houses across the Republic?

NO3263E

**★459. Dr N V Khumalo (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

Whether her department has put any measures in place to (a) take steps against contractors and inspectors who deliver poor quality work and (b) assist recipients of poor quality Breaking New Ground houses; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO3304E

**★432. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

(a) What are the reasons that her department has not yet allocated the completed houses in the 17 abandoned and unfinished housing projects in Gauteng to the poor as leaving the houses vacant may lead to illegal occupations and (b) who were the service providers of the projects?

NO3275E

**★376. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

In view of a recent media statement by his department (details furnished), another water and sanitation forum was established in the Ntsweletsoku Tribal Authority, considering the purpose of such forums (details furnished) and the critical need to ensure the reliable provision of water and to seriously and intentionally address community concerns, (a) how are the forums monitored by his department to ensure that they indeed serve the communities and, furthermore, (b) has his department established a framework governing the forums to ensure that issues raised by the communities are adequately and timeously addressed by the forums?

NO3219E

**★460. Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether the National Arts Council of South Africa met with him to discuss the alleged proposed appointment of Mr Tshepo Mashiane to the position of Programme Manager: Capacity Building, after the specified person was told that his appointment had been irregular more than a week after he was appointed to the specified position; if not, has such a meeting been scheduled; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3305E

**★461. Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

- (1) Where did public participation meetings take place before the recent establishment of the Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra;
- (2) whether he will furnish Mrs V van Dyk with a copy of the list of all the individuals and organisations that participated in the specified public participation meetings; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3306E

**★433. Mr B S Madlingozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Following the victory of the national women's football team at the Women's African Cup of Nations Tournament, what plans does his department have to ensure that this victory is sustained through a comprehensive development programme of women's football?

NO3277E