

## 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. **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, 31 OCTOBER 2018

### ECONOMICS: Cluster 4B

#### *Critical role played by science/technology*

**★254. Dr H E Mateme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

Whether, in light of the critical role that is played by science and technology as a driver of economic development, especially with the advent of the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution, her department has taken any efforts to mainstream research and development at the cutting edge of economic policy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO584E

#### *Cofimvaba Science Centre*

**★239. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

(a) Which stakeholders are involved in the construction of a science centre in Cofimvaba, (b) what are the reasons for the delays, (c) what is the (i) expected date of completion and (ii) anticipated final cost to complete the centre? CO569E

#### *Dealings/transactions with companies*

**★240. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

Whether, in the past four and a half years of the fifth Parliament, her department had any formal dealings and/or transactions with any companies owned by a certain family (name furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) at what value and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO570E

#### *International Conference on Indigenous Knowledge Systems*

**★244. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

What (a) programmes and (b) practical support her department is providing to assist indigenous knowledge holders, following the International Conference on Indigenous Knowledge Systems that was held on 25 September 2018 (details furnished)? CO574E

*High level strategic partnerships*

**★255. Mr A S Singh (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

Whether there are any high level strategic partnerships between the Government and the key role players in the private sector in promoting research and development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO585E

*Services rendered by Sentech*

**★235. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

Whether any (a) government departments and/or (b) community broadcasters are still owing money for services that were rendered by Sentech; if so, (i) how much is owed by each entity and (ii) how long have such debts been outstanding? CO565E

*Migration of social grant payments*

**★248. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

Whether any progress has been made in migrating social grant payments from Cash Paymaster Services to the SA Post Office in accordance with the Constitutional Court Judgement; if not, what are the challenges; if so, (a) what progress and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO578E

*Development of skills for youth*

**★247. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

Whether his department is working with the Department of Basic Education and the broader primary education sector to develop the skills the youth needs in a world where Information and Communication Technology is becoming central to economic activities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO577E

*Specific role of groupings*

**★249. Ms E Prins (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

- (1) What specific role will the (a) small, medium and micro enterprises, (b) black persons, (c) youth and (d) female enterprises play in order to benefit (i) in job

creation, (ii) as participants in the economy and (iii) in the economic growth that is envisaged (details furnished);

- (2) (a) how should these groupings prepare themselves for participation and (b) what assistance will the Government provide in the preparation process?

CO579E

*Board membership at certain company*

**★236. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

Whether he approved the board membership at a certain company (name furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO566E

*Challenges facing SA Post Office*

**★250. Mr A S Singh (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

Whether his department has any plans to address challenges at the SA Post Office (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) how will it ensure that the situation does not happen again? CO580E

*Provinces affected by drought*

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

Whether his department had any engagements with provinces such as the Western Cape and Eastern Cape which were largely affected by drought to ensure that they build interventions and capacity that identify the provinces as climate change and drought resilient destinations; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans are in place to ensure that drought prone provinces do not have a negative impact on tourism and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO582E

*Scrapping of Unabridged Birth Certificates*

**★237. Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Why have the regulations of scrapping Unabridged Birth Certificates as undertaken by President Ramaphosa not been implemented? CO567E

*Mini tourism indaba in rural areas*

**★234. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether, regarding the Tourism Indaba that was held in Durban from 8 to 10 May 2018, he will consider conducting mini tourism indaba in the rural areas such as Amathole and OR Tambo District Municipalities which require infrastructure development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO560E

*Impact of regulations introduced in 2016*

**★243. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) What has been the impact of the visa regulations that were introduced by the Department of Home Affairs in 2016 to the tourism market;
- (2) whether the recent relaxation of the regulations will provide the required relief to again boost the tourism market; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO573E

*Transformation of SA tourism industry*

**★253. Dr H E Mateme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether his department is making any progress in ensuring transformation in South Africa's tourism industry, especially in expanding opportunities for black female shareholding and directorship in the sector; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the (i) challenges and (ii) plans in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO583E

*Effects of backlog on tourism*

**★238. Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether he addressed the backlog of the National Public Transport Regulator with the Minister of Transport, considering the negative knock-on effects it has on the tourism industry, especially with incoming tour operators; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO568E

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

**★241. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Telecommunications and Postal Services.**

**★242. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Tourism.**

★245. Ms D B Ngwenya (Gauteng: EFF)—Tourism.

★246. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Tourism.

★251. Mr O J Sefako (North West: ANC)—Telecommunications and Postal Services.