

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

**WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2020**

#### CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

**★422. Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether his department has taken any measures to curb the scourge of corruption in public health facilities in the various provinces with regard to the procurement of goods and services related to the Republic's response to the Covid-19 outbreak; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of all measures taken in this regard in each province? NO2511E

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

In light of the fact that Matric results will be released on 21 February 2021, what engagements has she had with the (a) universities and (b) Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology to ensure that this late release of results will not compromise the admission of students into institutions of higher learning? NO2486E

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

How does her department support Matriculants who are doing home schooling because of comorbidities? NO2470E

**★379. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the most recently published guidelines of the Health Professions Council of South Africa with regard to the procedure to be followed by South African foreign qualified medical doctors (details furnished); if so,
- (2) whether he and/or his department were consulted on the specified guidelines, having due regard for the challenges and predicament South African foreign qualified medical doctors currently find themselves in, namely the unfair regulatory barriers to entry and lack of posts at medical institutions which is depriving them of their constitutional right to freedom of trade, occupation and profession; if so, what are the full, relevant details? NO2467E

**★385. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

With reference to the release of the 2018/19 Eminent Persons Group Transformation in Sport Report, (a) what were the key findings of the assessment on the state of transformation in the 19 sport codes and (b) how does his department intend to address the challenges experienced by athletes of colour, particularly with regard to the pervasive gender inequalities and oppression that exist in the sporting fraternity? NO2473E

**★427. Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What measures does her department have in place to curb the possible rise of the dropout rate due to the closure of schools this year? NO2516E

**★395. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

Whether the eight Springbok players who allegedly did not bow their knee in solidarity with the #BlackLivesMatter movement will be sanctioned for violating any rules governing SA Rugby and/or the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996; if not, what are the reasons that he asked SA Rugby for an explanation; if so, which sections of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, and/or statutes was he relying on in this regard? NO2483E

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

How (a) has her department addressed the challenges that confronted the sector, particularly in relation to disbursement for special Covid-19 relief (b) have the challenges shaped the operations of her department? NO2474E

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

What are the relevant details of the evidence that he has relied on to support the opening of the economy and the subsequent move to alert level 2, as the information contained in reports from the Western Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape (details furnished) seem to differ considerably from his reports that infections and fatalities are going down and that there is less pressure for hospital beds? NO2465E

**★391. Ms N Q Mvana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What measures will she put in place to ensure that the delivery of water to far-reaching communities is not interrupted and (b) how will her department ensure that the quality of water delivered to the specified communities will not be affected from the end of August? NO2479E

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

What (a) are the details of progress made in the phasing in of the Biometric Identification System and (b) amount has been lost through fraud due to the absence of the biometric system which is meant to be used in processing grant payments? NO2500E

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

Taking into account that the need for social distancing may be required in the immediate coming years, what (a) plans does her department have in place to provide more teachers and classroom space to ensure that schools are safe environments for teachers and learners and (b) total amount will it cost her department to implement the specified plans? NO2487E

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

- (1) Whether, in light of the mid-year exam period that has just passed, the plan to save the academic year given the Covid-19 pandemic is adequately executed; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the update on the plan to save the 2020 academic year;
- (2) whether students were able to receive all the necessary resources from his department and/or universities needed to write the exams; if not, why not; if so, what mitigation measures will he put in place to ensure that no student is left behind? NO2480E

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

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to question 1367 on 7 July 2020, the Maseve Field Hospital in the North West was an open field with no hospital in existence;
- (2) has he found that allegations about the field hospital not being in place has negatively influenced the Republic's fight against Covid-19? NO2477E

**★387. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

In light of the commemoration of the historical significance of Women's Month in August 2020 and her department's central role in the war against gender-based violence and femicide, (a) what distinguishes the specified Victim Support Services Bill published in the Government Gazette by her department on 17 July 2020 from other Bills to address gender-based violence and (b) how does the Bill contribute to the National Gender-based Violence and Femicide Strategic Plan 2020-2030? NO2475E

**★418. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

- (1) What total number of students funded by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme have received electronic devices for e-learning since his reply to oral question 146 on 28 May 2020;
- (2) whether the specified students also receive data on a weekly and/or monthly basis in order to participate in e-learning; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2507E

**★400. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

(a) What are the main reasons that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme will be defunding 5 000 students who allegedly lied to get funding from the institution in the middle of an academic year and (b) how was it determined that the specified students lied? NO2488E

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

Whether, following the call by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr M C Ramaphosa, to deal decisively with corruption around Covid-19 personal protective equipment, any such cases of corruption have been reported to her; if so, what steps has she taken in each specified case? NO2471E

**★381. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Given that due to deepening levels of poverty and inequality a growing number of South Africans have become food insecure and have to rely on her department and other organisations for support, how does her department intend to bridge the gap between the number of persons it is currently reaching versus the millions more who are in desperate need of help? NO2469E

**★393. Ms N T Mkhathswa (ANC) to ask Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

What (a) impact has the decrease in funding for research and development for post-graduate studies have with regard to the policy priority of increasing funding to post-graduate studies to create more black young women academics and researchers and (b) mitigating measures will he put in place to ensure that there is no long-term impact on the post-graduate funding priority? NO2481E

**★423. Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether he has found that the contribution made by the Cuban medical personnel who arrived in the Republic around 27 April 2020 to assist in the Republic's fight against Covid-19 justifies the costs incurred by the Government in this regard; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2512E

**★409. Mr W M Thring (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) (a) What are the names of the funders of the Covid-19 vaccine known as NVX-CoV2373 that the Republic is set to roll out as its second vaccine trial on 2,900 volunteers;
- (2) whether, knowing that some vaccines have recently left citizens of India and Africa maimed, paralysed and/or infertile, the specified Covid-19 vaccine will be mandatory once cleared; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2497E

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

With reference to the month of September being Heritage Month and that culture and heritage remain important pillars in the understanding of our country, what plans does his department have in place to contribute to the further enrichment of our cultural heritage landscape? NO2472E

**★378. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

In light of the serious challenges we are facing on the ground due to socio-economic inequalities, what steps does she intend to take to ensure that there are more social workers and field workers on the ground who can identify women and children who may be experiencing gender-based violence, in order to intervene timeously to avoid the high levels of rape and murder? NO2466E

**★390. Ms M Semenya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) In celebration of August 2020 as Women's Month, what transformation plans and/or programmes does her department have that support young professional women with respect to career development into leadership positions in the economy, in line with broad-based black economic empowerment in her department and the entities reporting to her;
- (2) what percentage of the leadership and/or senior management in her department and the entities reporting to her is constituted of women? NO2478E

**★414. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

How will the shortfall caused by the rise in food prices during the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 be covered by the National School Nutrition Programme? NO2502E

**★401. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

What (a) are the reasons that the chief executive officer (CEO) (name furnished) of Amatola Water Board was suspended and (b) steps is she taking to stabilise the management of the specified board which had several acting CEOs after the specified person was suspended? NO2489E

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

Whether he has found that there were any unethical acts on the requirements and procurement of personal protective equipment conducted by those responsible to manage the public purse in the higher education, science and innovation sector; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2482E

**★388. Mr S M Dhlomo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to the Central Chronic Medicine Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD) programme which was initiated by his department, (a) what progress has been made with the CCMDD programme throughout the Republic and (b) does his department intend to accelerate the CCMDD programme to further encourage patients on chronic medication to steer clear from public places, as South Africans with comorbidities during the lockdown period are encouraged to stay at home and, where possible, avoid visits to public health facilities? NO2476E

**★420. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) What is the latest total number of schools that have been vandalised since the start of the national lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 on 26 March 2020;
- (2) whether her department has taken any measures to provide adequate security to the vandalised schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO2509E

**★402. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What are the reasons that she de-established the National Rapid Response Task Team which she had punted as a solution for the resolution of the challenges that her department experiences, particularly those related to Covid-19? NO2490E

**★397. Mr X Ngwezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

Whether there is a backlog in her department with regard to the housing projects in KwaZulu-Natal where implementing agents were appointed in 2012 and 2014, but none of the structures have been built since; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) total amount will the backlog cost her department and (b) are the time frames for the implementation of the housing projects, taking into consideration the budget cuts? NO2485E

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

Whether her department is collaborating with small businesses to create employment opportunities that will assist with poverty reduction in the Republic? NO2498E

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

What is the current status of the process of filling the vacant position of Director-General in her department? NO2499E

**★403. Mrs D B Ngwenya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) What number of women who have called the Gender-Based Violence Command Center have been provided with places of safety and/or alternative measures to help them deal with abuse by referring them to the police and/or hospitals and/or for counselling;
- (2) whether the command center has a system of following up on the referrals made throughout the processes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2491E

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

Whether she has been informed that social workers who were brought in to reinforce the current workforce and to provide a range of social work services were allegedly used as queue marshals at social grant pay points and never even received the cellular data they were promised; if not, what will be the consequences in this regard; if so, why did she allow this to happen? NO2501E

**★404. Mrs D B Ngwenya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) What are the relevant details of the status of the Basic Income Grant that she announced in July 2020;
- (2) whether there is any indication from her department and the Government of how long the discussions will go on before implementation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2492E

**★380. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to his reply to question 888 on 7 October 2019, wherein he advised in part two of the specified reply that he would in due course be calling a meeting between his department, Mr N Singh and representatives of the South African foreign qualified medical professionals, and given that the specified meeting has not transpired to date, (a) by what date does he envisage will such a meeting be scheduled to take place and (b) what are the full, relevant details in this regard? NO2468E

**★415. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What total number of (a) applications for home schooling registration did her department receive and (b) the specified applications were successfully processed?  
NO2503E

**★429. Ms M E Sukers (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to his department's Annual Performance Plan to protect emergency service personnel from criminals, prioritise the safety of emergency service personnel and effect improvements to the ambulance services going forward, (a) what progress has been made with regard to the safety of emergency service personnel and (b) in what way have hindrances been overcome to improve ambulance services?  
NO2518E

**★416. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What number of water outages have residents of Kempton Park been subjected to by her department in 2020 and (b) on what number of occasions did the City of Ekurhuleni report its failure to her department to meet its obligations as set out in the Water Services Authority agreement?  
NO2505E

**★405. Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) What impact has the reduction in the number of testing had on the official Covid-19 statistics;
- (2) Whether, in the light of the almost general decline in testing, he has found that the statistics represent a fairly sufficient picture of the extent of the virus in the country; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details?  
NO2493E

**★417. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

With reference to his oral reply to question 197 on 27 May 2020, (a) on what grounds did the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) state that it did not receive the R 4 million towards funding for the 2016 Youth Olympic Games, when SASCOC included it in its 2015-16 financial statements that the R 4 million had been received and (b) what action does he intend to take in this regard?  
NO2506E

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

- (1) Since South African cricket legend, Mr Makhaya Ntini, aired his pain about racism in South African cricket (details furnished), what steps has he taken to ensure that South African sport in general, but cricket in particular, are free of racism and that there is rapid transformation of the sports;
- (2) whether he has engaged with Mr Ntini at all; if not, why not?  
NO2495E

**★419. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

By what date will the National Student Financial Aid Scheme allowances be standardised that are paid out to students studying at universities and technical and vocational education and training colleges? NO2508E

**★396. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

Whether her department has received complaints from elderly persons who have been robbed of their homes despite them possessing title deeds; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) are there any circumstances under which a title deed can be changed without the consent of the home owner and (b) what steps has her department taken to ensure that the rightful home owners are able to retain their homes? NO2484E

**★421. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What total number of (a) sexual assaults occurred at schools and (b) learner pregnancies have been reported in the 2019-20 financial year? NO2510E

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

- (1) Whether his department has undertaken any study of the likely impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the arts and creative industry over the next two years; if so, what has he found to be both the possible negative and positive impact of the virus on the industry;
- (2) what specific actions is he taking to ensure that artists will be able to survive a prospective severely negative impact? NO2496E

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

For what reasons and relying on which statutory provisions or guidelines did the National Arts Council of South Africa rely when it paid for internal disciplinary hearing legal fees of almost R600 000 in respect of a certain senior official (details furnished)? NO2513E

**★425. Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

(a) What are his reasons for the strong words he directed towards Cricket South Africa (CSA) on national television to move them towards transformation faster in the sport and (b) is he aware that such interference in CSA can get CSA expelled from the International Cricket Association? NO2514E

**★426. Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

What is his department's position regarding having the best players and administrators in sport being promoted to senior position in the sports, arts and culture sector rather than follow the failed route of cadre deployment? NO2515E

**★428. Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, with reference to the budget cuts that her department has had, she has found that her department has enough funds to recruit more teachers to fill the existing vacancies in the schools; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2517E