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QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
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TUESDAY, 27 MARCH 2018

PEACE AND SECURITY: Cluster 1B

Security management at borders

★41. Ms T K Mampuru (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Whether the alleged poor state of security management at the South African borders account for a great number of undocumented foreign nationals who enter the country illegally; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what are the challenges that are faced by his department in strengthening security management at the borders and (b) how is his department addressing the challenges? CO106E

Lawsuits challenging visa applications

★46. Mr C Hattingh (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (a) How much are the annual legal costs to defend lawsuits that are challenging visa applications which were rejected by his department (i) in the (aa) 2015/16 and (bb) 2016/17 financial years and (ii) from 1 April 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how many court cases were (i) successfully defended and (ii) lost by his department during the said period? CO120E

Place of birth

★54. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What are his reasons for refusing to provide information regarding his place of birth and that of his parents to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Eskom (details furnished)? CO129E

Refugee/asylum management

★39. Ms L C Dlamini (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether, regarding the influx of refugees and asylum seekers to South Africa and the potential of security threat this may pose, there are any integrated refugee and asylum management in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO104E

Applications approved/rejected

★47. Mr C Hattingh (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

How many (a) business, (b) scarce skills and (c) visa applications were (i) approved and (ii) rejected by his department (aa) in the (aaa) 2015/16 and (bbb) 2016/17 financial years and (bb) from 1 April 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available? CO121E

Demand for citizenship documentation

★40. Ms L L Zwane (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What are the (a) immediate, (b) medium- and (c) long-term plans for his department to address the increasing demand for citizenship documentation which poses a challenge to his department (details furnished)? CO105E

Closure/downgrade of Embassies

★36. Mr E R Makue (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What are the recent developments regarding the (a) closure and/or (b) downgrade of the (i) Israeli Embassy in South Africa and (ii) South African Embassy in Israel? CO101E

Diplomatic ties/relations with Morocco

★55. Ms N P Koni (Northern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

(a) How does the Government justify having diplomatic ties and relations with Morocco despite their continued illegal occupation of Western Sahara (details furnished) and (b) why did the Government decide to re-open relations with Morocco? CO130E

Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement

★37. Ms Z V Ncitha (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether the Government has any plans to facilitate the implementation of the Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement (details furnished); if not, what are the challenges; if so, what are the (a) time frames, (b) benefits for the nation and (c) further relevant details? CO102E

Engagement with BRICS partners re: energy

★50. Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether her department has discussed in any international engagements with Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa partners the assumptions by the Minister of Finance and the Director-General in the Department of Energy that nuclear is back on the table in terms of the energy mix; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO124E

Commitment to deepen integration/cooperation

★38. Mr J M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether the Government has any strategies in pursuing the commitment to deepen integration and cooperation through increased trade, shared markets and the development of strong institutions (details furnished) so that South Africans (a) are not compromised and (b) benefit from this activity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO103E

Extradition rules

★51. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) What international extradition rules are applied from (a) India and/or (b) Dubai regarding certain persons (names furnished);
- (2) whether a certain person (name furnished) is (a) hiding from authorities, (b) evading arrest and/or (c) being protected by state structures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO126E

Collaboration between different sectors

★42. Mr S G Mthimunye (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether there is a national coordinating mechanism to foster collaboration between different sectors within the intelligence community as part of strengthening the country's intelligence capacity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO107E

Reduction of expenditure in SSA

★34. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

What actions is his department taking to reduce wasteful expenditure in the State Security Agency? CO99E

Former intelligence officers in private sector

★43. Mr J P Parkies (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether the current legislative framework provides for the regulation of employment for former intelligence officers in the private security sector; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO108E

Family fleeing country

★56. Mr M M Chabangu (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of State Security:

- (1) Whether the intelligence agencies detected when a certain family (details furnished) fled the country; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether the former Minister of State Security has been informed when this occurred; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO131E

Interception of personal information

★35. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

(a) What are the legal requirements that have to be met regarding the interception of personal information of persons within the borders of the Republic and (b) what conditions are attached to the distribution of information that is obtained by means of interception? CO100E

Vetting services for departments

★44. Ms T Wana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of State Security:

What challenges are faced by the State Security Agency to provide timely, cost-effective and quality vetting services for government departments? CO109E

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

- ★30. Mr C Hattingh (North West: DA)—Home Affairs.
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- ★32. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA)—International Relations and Cooperation.
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- ★53. Ms D B Ngwenya (Gauteng: EFF)—International Relations and Cooperation.
- ★57. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Home Affairs.