

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****QUESTION PAPER**

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1. ★ Indicates an oral question.

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY****WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2023****CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS****★250. Ms S T Xego (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

With reference to the robust oversight conducted by the Portfolio Committee on Tourism and the negative media coverage around South African Tourism (SAT) since the controversial Tottenham Hotspur deal, taking note that there are clear signs of instability within the entity, what (a) are the compelling reasons that she will furnish Ms S T Xego with regard to the fact that the lack of stability is not due to a lack of executive managers at SAT, as everyone seems to be acting at the moment in five of the most strategic positions which are central to the execution of the entity's mandate (details furnished) and (b) measures has her department put in place to rectify the anomaly in corporate governance? NO2372E

**★270. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What steps has he taken to secure an extension for the Republic of the African Growth and Opportunity Act agreement that will expire in 2025? NO2392E

**★294. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

What (a) are the detailed interventions that he and the leadership of Eskom have made to prevent a total collapse of the grid and (b) have they determined needs to be done to stop load shedding?

NO2418E

**★251. Mr N E Dlamini (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

(1) Given that domestic refineries are experiencing closures due to unrecoverable expensive upgrades to meet green economy standards and that ports and import facilities need to be modified to handle a changed liquid fuel import product mix and increased volumes, what progress has Transnet made in terms of constructing the Liquefied Petroleum Gas import and storage facilities at ports, as outlined in the applicable legislation such as the National Ports Act, Act 12 of 2005, and the Petroleum Pipelines Act, Act 60 of 2003, to avert the domestic supply shortage;

(2) whether there are any private partnerships earmarked for making additional storage facilities available at terminals to enable larger liquid fuel import product parcels as domestic demand grows; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2373E

**★293. Mr E M Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

Whether Eskom intends to implement a policy provision that will exempt schools, hospitals, clinics and police stations from load shedding; if not, (a) why not and (b) will Eskom appeal any judicial directive in this regard; if so, by what date will that come to fruition?

NO2417E

**★252. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Given that agriculture is the bedrock of the South African economy and load shedding has had a devastating impact on many small-scale farmers, which could inevitably result in their business closing and/or the rise in consumer goods prices in order for them to cover the cost of losses suffered as a result of load shedding, what measures has his department and the entities reporting to him adopted together with other role players to ensure that small enterprises, particularly those owned by previously disadvantaged individuals, are given the necessary support to ensure their survival and sustainability?

NO2374E

**★274. Mr G K Y Cachalia (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

Given that the Energy Availability Factor (EAF) for the first 19 weeks of 2023 is 6% points lower at 52.56% compared to the 58.79% for the same period in 2022, what (a) is Eskom's envisaged EAF for the end of 2023 based on Eskom's figures considering the current outlook and (b) measures will he put in place to ameliorate the situation?

NO2396E

**★253. Mr F Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Given that the small business sector makes a major contribution to the economy and employs 60 percent of the persons in the Republic and taking into account that load shedding is having a major impact on the small business sector which can result in further unemployment, how does she intend and/or what measures will she implement to mitigate the impact of load shedding on the small business sector? NO2375E

**★249. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Considering that the National Land Transport Act, Act 5 of 2009, was enacted in 2009 and is yet to be fully implemented in the Republic, furthermore noting that the specified Act aims to improve the sector with rational and progressive transport policies, what (a) are the reasons that the implementation of section 40 of the Act which deals with subsidised bus operating contracts has been delayed and (b) is her position on the future of the Bus Rapid Transit System in the Republic? NO2371E

**★254. Ms R M M Lesoma (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Considering that the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) has a clear plan on the recovery of commuter rail services through Metrorail, the reinstatement of the Shosholozha Meyl main line passenger service is a concern, given the current market opportunities for the reinstatement of long-distance commuter rail travel due to the increased cost of domestic air travel as well as the fact that this is also a policy of movement from road to rail, as indicated by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in his State of the Nation Address on 9 February 2023, what are the relevant details of the (a) plans and (b) time frames for Prasa to reinstate the Shosholozha Meyl main line passenger service for long-distance commuter rail travel? NO2376E

**★267. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (1) With reference to the recent diversion of flights from landing at the Cape Town International Airport on 18 April 2023 due to high-density fog conditions and the failure of guiding instruments to regulate air traffic, what are the details of the reasons that the instrumental landing mechanisms failed to operate;
- (2) whether the failure of the relevant instrument was reported to the International Civil Aviation Organisation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2389E

**★302. Ms B Mathulelwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Since she visited Matatiele informal traders in 2022, what progress has she made to ensure that she delivers on the promises that she made to the informal traders, particularly that of providing them with tools of trade? NO2426E

**★255. Ms S R van Schalkwyk (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Considering that Infrastructure South Africa (ISA) has a critical role to play as the vehicle to drive infrastructure development in the Republic, especially Strategic Integrated Projects, as part of implementing the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan to ensure inclusive economic growth and job creation, and therefore the efficient functioning of ISA is of critical importance, what (a) are the plans of his department regarding the functioning of ISA by appointing a head to direct the critical work of the entity and (b) priority programmes and projects driven by ISA will be implemented in this financial year? NO2377E

**★248. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jamah-Ah) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What progress has been made by her department with processing the application for funding of the sewing and/or dressmaking co-operatives consisting of struggling women in Mitchells Plain in the Western Cape? NO1532E

**★256. Mr L E McDonald (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Given that the COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected the civil aviation sector and noting that in the wake of the steady recovery in the aviation sector it is critical that the aviation infrastructure remains world class, how does her department intend renewing and/or improving aviation signalling equipment, such as (a) instrument landing systems and (b) modern air traffic control systems? NO2378E

**★258. Mr H G April (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What (a) process did she follow to appoint the three-member interim board of South African Tourism and (b) assurance will she provide that the specified interim board, in accordance with the Tourism Act, Act 3 of 2014, is a true reflection of the demographic and geographic spread of the Republic that is capable of advancing the interests of all as opposed to the individual business interests of persons who already operate within the sector? NO2380E

**★269. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What conclusions did he arrive at from the data of Eskom, Transnet, Telkom and local government to issue a call for an extension on the scrap metal ban, as published in *Government Gazette* 48598 on 15 May 2023? NO2391E

**★296. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether his department has conducted any audit of the buildings and/or houses it supposedly owns, which it inherited from the governments of the former homelands; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the total number of buildings and/or houses that are unoccupied and (b) where are most of the buildings and houses located? NO2420E

**★259. Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(1) Whether she intends to increase the total number of members in the three-member interim board of South African Tourism as proposed by the Portfolio Committee on Tourism; if not, why not; if so, to what total number;

(2) by what date does she envisage to have a fully-fledged board in place?

NO2381E

**★292. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether his department has put any measures in place to mitigate the dire situation faced by the South African consumers, as indicated by Statistics South Africa that even though the annual consumer inflation in April slowed down, marking the lowest reading since May 2022, food prices remain obstinately high, and that the economy and employment rate in the Republic leave much to be desired; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2416E

**★260. Ms L N Mjobo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Given that the Welisizwe Rural Bridges Programme and its proposed 96 rural bridges to be built are important infrastructure projects to improve the lives of the residents, what are the relevant details on (a) how the specified projects will benefit the residents of the specified areas in terms of the local economy and (b) what total number of jobs will his department create through the projects in the areas?

NO2382E

**★275. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Given the importance of a supportive environment for small business development in rural areas, what (a) initiatives and strategies has her department implemented to create a conducive environment for small businesses in rural areas and (b) mechanisms have been put in place to enhance infrastructure, build capacity and foster innovation in the communities?

NO2399E

**★279. Mrs M B Hicklin (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

What are the details of the (a) concrete steps and (b) investigations his department has undertaken since January 2022 to address the damage and cause of the fire that gutted the National Assembly and surrounding buildings?

NO2403E

**★300. Mr A Matumba (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What processes and/or procedures were followed in the appointment of the Chairperson of the Interim SA Tourism Board, Mr Tim Harris?

NO2424E