

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2021

CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

★38. Ms A J Beukes (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What does her department intend to do differently to ensure that it addresses the findings of the Auditor-General on numerous occasions that her department does not have adequate systems to identify, detect and/or record irregular expenditure?

NO457E

★22. Ms T A Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What training did his department provide to queue marshalls posted at the offices of his department to ensure that they are capable and trained to perform their function to assist in the management of long and dysfunctional queues during the adjusted level 3 lockdown to curb the spread of the coronavirus?

NO440E

★14. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What are the reasons that the National Prosecuting Authority has given him and/or his department for their refusal and/or delay in prosecuting a certain person (name furnished) for insider trading, fraud and corporate corruption relating to the specified person's dealings at a certain company (name furnished)? NO431E

★43. Ms B Swarts (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Since its launch on 1 January 2021, what progress has the African Continental Free Trade Area made in unlocking industrial and infrastructure development on the continent? NO462E

★3. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Since he took office in 2019, what has been the successes of his department in the fight against corruption, which has become entrenched and endemic within his department? NO420E

★54. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether he will consider granting a further amnesty period for the submission of firearms; if not, why not; if so, (a) by what date and (b) for what period? NO474E

★42. Ms T I Legwase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

How far is the (a) process of repositioning his department as a secure modern department that is staffed by professionals and (b) progress on the upgrading of the Academy into a Home Affairs Training Academy College? NO461E

★24. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether her department and/or the State Security Agency are providing protection through reconnaissance, information collecting, threat analyses and/or any other means aimed at protecting the interests of the Republic in any South African companies operating in the Republic of Mozambique; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO442E

★17. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether the SA Police Service's investigation has established any evidence of an extortion racket after about eight luxury vehicles were smashed at a car dealership in Milnerton, Cape Town; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how long has he found that the extortion racket has been in existence? NO435E

★47. Ms W S Newhoudt-Druchen (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

With reference to the newly created position of Solicitor-General which will oversee all litigation on behalf of the State and enhance the work of the State Attorney, what are the details of the (a) budget for the Office of the Solicitor-General and (b) work and/or objectives of the Solicitor-General in the provinces? NO466E

★56. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether he intends undertaking a visit to one of the major metros to encounter first-hand the serious situation of crime and corruption in both the public and private sector including, but not limited to the SA Police Service; if not, why not; if so, what are the date and time that he intends undertaking such a visit? NO478E

★48. Ms L N Moss (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

In light of the fact that the Firearms Controls Act, Act 60 of 2000, does not allow for an extension, what steps does he intend to take regarding the fact that the firearms amnesty has expired without achieving its desired expectations? NO467E

★31. Mr M Chetty (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What (a) is the current status of her department's investigation into the R118 million New York Pilot Project and (b) steps has her department taken to date to recover the R118 million of fruitless and wasteful expenditure as identified by the Auditor-General? NO450E

★15. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether, with reference to the testimony of Mr S Mufamadi at the Judicial Commission of Enquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State regarding a project of the State Security Agency called *Project Justice* which targeted sources within the judiciary, there are any judges who were paid as part of this project; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are their names and (b) amount did each judge receive? NO432E

★40. Mr T N Mmutle (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) How has the failure of the Armaments Corporation of South Africa in its assigned responsibility to procure medical equipment for her department since July 2020 impacted the SA Military Health Service;
- (2) whether she is considering taking this assigned responsibility back to her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO459E

★44. Ms T R M Zungu (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

How will the Republic continue to advance its agenda of a better Africa by active participation in the African Union structures through the deployment of capable compatriots? NO463E

★45. Ms J M Mofokeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

With reference to the matter of Mr Mnikelwa Nxele, the Head of Department of Correctional Services in KwaZulu-Natal who was suspended in 2016, which has cost the State approximately R5 million, what are the full details of the progress and/or conclusion of the case? NO464E

★28. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether any employee of her department and/or any branch of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) has faced disciplinary action and/or any investigation(s) for (a) allegedly providing her with wrong information regarding her affidavit on an investigation into the death of Mr Collins Khosa, when she was allegedly misled by the Generals of the SANDF and/or (b) the alleged irregular and unlawful procurement and transportation of R260 million of the Cuban drug Hebron Alpha R2B, also known as Inferon; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO446E

★5. Mrs T P Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What progress has been made by the Republic and member states of the Southern Africa Development Community to ratify and accede to the African Union Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons, noting that the African Continental Free Trade Area was rolled out in January 2021?

NO422E

★49. Mr E R K Maphatsoe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether persons with expired firearm licences who applied on time for licence renewals but could not get them due to the failure of the Central Firearm Registry will face arrest if they produced the expired licences; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO469E

★58. Mr M Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

In light of the letter that she recently sent to the staff of her department confirming the precautionary suspension of the director-general Mr Kgabo E Mahoai after the department spent R118 million of taxpayers' money on a vacant piece of land in New York which was later found only to be a dilapidated structure on a small piece of land, (a) what were the exact plans for the project and (b) what was the entire budget for the entire project?

NO505E

★37. Mr V C Xaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

With reference to the intake of young South Africans into the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) in terms of the Military Skills Development System over the past five years, what (a) number was successfully absorbed into the different arms of the SANDF and (b) number of the total cohort since the inception of the programme received benefits in terms of the Military Veterans Act, Act No 18 of 2011?

NO456E

★32. M. Gen O S Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether any plans have been put in place to (a) fully implement the monitoring systems envisioned in the Firearms Control Act, Act 60 of 2000, and (b) address systemic corruption at the Central Firearm Registry that has allowed firearm licences to be issued to suspected criminals and other underworld figures; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the details in each case?

NO451E

★1. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) What total number of persons have been arrested to date for breaches of the Lockdown Regulations gazetted in terms of the Disaster Management Act, Act 57 of 2002, and (b) in what number of the criminal cases have admission of guilt fines been paid? NO418E

★41. Mr B S Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What progress has the Republic made during its tenure as nonpermanent member of the UN Security Council (UNSC) in the terms of advancing the reform of the UNSC, which still reflects the post-World War 2 reality in terms of its composition? NO460E

★57. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) Why are Israeli citizens permitted to travel to South Africa without a visa while stringent measures and requirements are placed on Palestinian citizens and (b) what does he intend doing about the matter? NO479E

★46. Ms N H Maseko-Jele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What are the full details of the (a) progress made regarding his department's commitment that the Master's Office would have an electronic filing system to improve services and (b) total number of positive cases that have been found through the Special Investigating Unit investigations at the Master's Office? NO465E

★19. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What number of persons are currently detained at the Lindela Repatriation Centre? NO437E

★11. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) Who gave the orders for the use of water cannons by the police to disperse the elderly and the disabled who went to renew their grants at the offices of the SA Social Security Agency in Bellville, Cape Town, and (b) what steps has he taken to ensure that the responsible persons are brought to book? NO428E

★39. Ms A J Beukes (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What tools are in place in her department to monitor the effectiveness and impact of the oversight committee that was established to monitor procurement and the functioning of bid and evaluation committees in her department? NO458E

★20. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

With reference to the plans of his department to start implementing one-stop border posts, what are the details of the proposed pricing structure for the border posts? NO438E

★12. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What has he found to be the reason that white protestors are alleged to be treated with reverence by the SA Police Service (SAPS), whilst unprovoked violence are alleged to be unleashed against black protestors;
- (2) whether he has found that it is perceived to be inherent in the training of the SAPS that officers tend to be violent towards black persons; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO429E

★51. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, with reference to the process of finalising the SA Police Service 2020 Trainee Intake that was at an advanced stage and was unfortunately suspended due to the National State of Disaster and subsequent nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19 (details furnished), his department is on track with its plans to recruit and train new members; if not, what are the challenges in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details? NO471E

★21. Ms T A Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What number of the estimated 6 000 high schools in the Republic were visited by the mobile units of his department in 2020 as part of its campaign to issue all Matric learners with smart identity cards? NO439E

★16. Mr W M Thring (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether, any of the uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) military veterans who are camped outside the Nkandla homestead of former President, Mr J G Zuma, to protect him from any arrest warrant being executed against him for possible contempt of court for not appearing before the Judicial *Commission* of Inquiry into Allegations of *State Capture*, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of *State* as ordered by the Constitutional Court, are in any way linked to the SA National Defence Force; if not, what government interventions are in place to de-escalate a potential violent clash; if so, what action will be taken against them? NO434E

★23. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether, with reference to the terrorism insurgency in the Republic of Mozambique, she has received any briefings and/or reports of any cells linked to the Islamic State and/or any other terrorist group currently based in the Republic that could activate if she pledges any assistance to the Mozambican government in their counter-terrorism initiatives; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO441E

★13. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What (a) is the rate of overpopulation at correctional centres and (b) steps has he taken to reduce such overpopulation? NO430E

★25. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether she has found that the Islamic State-linked insurgency in the Republic of Mozambique poses any threat to operations related to the 865km pipeline of the Republic of Mozambique Pipeline Company that transports gas from the onshore gas fields in Pande and Temane to Sasol's operations in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO443E

★10. Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) What total number of officials have been suspended and/or dismissed as a result of issuing fraudulent documents over the past two years and (b) how does his department intend to resolve the operational gaps that allow the practice of issuing fraudulent documents to continue unabated at its offices? NO427E

★53. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether there is a clear and succinct policy for the implementation of the human resource structure and force rejuvenation plans in the SA National Defence Force; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the timelines for the implementation of the plans? NO473E

★26. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether he has approached the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, to place a certain person (name and details furnished) on suspension pending the outcome of full investigations into a litany of charges and allegations brought against the specified person in the High-Level Review Panel Report on the State Security Agency, and as revealed during testimony before the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO444E

★2. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What total number of death certificates have been issued by his department for deaths arising from (a) natural causes and (b) unnatural causes in 2020? NO419E

★27. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What is the position of his department, especially in light of his assertion that the rule of law in the Republic is sacrosanct, on formally charging any and all persons who refuse to cooperate with the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State? NO445E

★7. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether her department has conducted an audit of the needs of military veterans from non-statutory forces (names furnished); if not, why not; if so, what (a) is the total number of military veterans from the specified forces and (b) steps has her department taken to ensure that their immediate needs are well taken care of? NO424E

★29. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Against the background of ageing strategic defence equipment, specifically the very old fleet of C130 planes at 28 Squadron, the non-existence of maritime air reconnaissance capabilities at 35 Squadron, the requirement for midlife upgrades of the three frigates and three submarines in Simonstown, and other landward equipment that is non-existent, obsolete or very close to becoming obsolete, what are the details of her department's plans and commitments to realistically arrest and address the downward spiral of the Republic's strategic defence capabilities in order to comply with the primary object of the defence force, given the economic and budget constraints over the medium-term expenditure framework?

NO447E

★9. Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) What total number of Home Affairs officials have been off work since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (2) whether he has found the lack of implementation of COVID-19 protocols at Home Affairs offices to be the reason for the prevalence of the coronavirus at its offices; if not, why not; if so, what contingency measures has he put in place to ensure that services are being provided, despite the absence of officials due to the pandemic?

NO426E

★52. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether she has been informed of cases where the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) members deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo were accused of having committed offences; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the details of the sanctions that were imposed on the specified SANDF members?

NO472E

★34. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What (a) progress has his department made with the establishment of the seven additional Specialised Commercial Crimes Courts and (b) percentage of cases on the court roll of the Specialised Commercial Crimes Courts are deemed to be part of the backlog roll?

NO453E

★18. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What number of (a) cases of vehicles that have either been stoned, vandalised or burnt during protests and/or strikes have been brought before the courts in the past year and (b) those prosecuted were found guilty?

NO436E

★35. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What steps has he taken to improve the quality of the services rendered by the Master of the High Court?

NO454E

★6. Mrs T P Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What are the reasons behind the Government's decision to remain part of the Commonwealth of Nations?

NO423E