

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates an oral question.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2023

CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

★11. Ms N P Peacock (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether a solution has been found to fund community policing forums (CPFs) to enable effective and well-resourced CPFs and community patrollers to ultimately enable communities and citizens to co-operate with the police to create safer and more secure communities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO390E

★42. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

With reference to the SA Police Service's 10111 call centres, where a mere 40% of the required staff are currently employed, resulting in more than 7 million calls having been dropped, what (a) steps have been taken to improve the performance of the 10111 call centres to date and (b) are the details of the steps planned for the future in this regard?

NO424E

★35. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What are the relevant details of the plans that the State Security Agency has in place to combat the rising levels of political and other assassinations in the Republic?

NO416E

★15. Ms M Modise (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Considering that many nationals who are born in the Republic, but originally from other countries and are now settled in the Republic, are struggling to get identity documents and/or related documents, what steps does his department intend to take to resolve the specified matter?

NO394E

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

Whether, following reports that Russia's latest frigate, Admiral Gorshkov, is travelling to Richards Bay, which has reportedly raised concerns about Russia launching its Zircon hypersonic missiles during the Naval Exercise Mosi II with South African and Chinese navies, she will provide the assurance that neither Russia nor China will be launching any missiles as agreed upon during the exercise; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO384E

★1. Dr P J Groenewald (VF Plus) vra die Minister van Verdediging en Militêre Veterane:

Of sy voornemens is om regulasies uit te vaardig wat militêre veterane wat lede van die destydse statutêre magte was, daarvan sal uitsluit om vir veterane-voordele kragtens wetgewing in aanmerking te kom; so nie, waarom nie; so ja, wat die tersaaklike besonderhede is?

NO380A

(Translation):

[Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:†

Whether she intends to issue regulations which will exclude military veterans who were members of the former statutory forces to qualify for veterans' benefits in terms of legislation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO380E]

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

Given that the Republic will be assuming the Chairmanship of the BRICS nations in 2023, what will be the strategic focus of the Republic during its tenure as the Chair of BRICS?

NO395E

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

What progress has been made in dealing with the backlog of sexual offences which he reported to stand at 80% of all sexual offences a year ago?

NO437E

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

What (a) are her plans to grow the SA Defence Industry which has the potential to be a significant contributor to the economy of the Republic, but has shrunk in the past two decades and (b) support does she intend to offer towards the implementation of the Aerospace and Defence Masterplan?

NO401E

★57. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Police:

In light of the fact that the ShotSpotter was implemented in Manenberg as a pilot project to establish the proliferation of shooting incidents within a given geographical block, and in view of the fact that last year another R30 million was allocated to continue this project with no real outcomes or successes while he stated that the SA Police Service (SAPS) would support the initiative in a bid to create safer communities, (a) how has the SAPS supported the City of Cape Town in creating safer communities and (b) what number of arrests have been made by the police using this technology?

NO439E

★23. Mr J J Maake (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What are the relevant details of the measures that he will put in place to further expedite the implementation of the recommendations of the (a) High-Level Review Panel report on the State Security Agency and (b) Expert Panel Report on the July 2021 unrest?

NO403E

★50. Mr M L Shelembe (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether she has been informed that a number of military veterans have benefited unfairly from housing in the Free State without being vetted or captured in the national military veterans database, while other military veterans are made to wait until they have been vetted and are captured on the database; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what action has been taken against (a) officials found to have been responsible for this unfair practice and (b) military veterans that have been occupying the houses in the Free State without being vetted and/or captured on the database?

NO432E

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

Whether he authorised the entry of the SA Police Service (SAPS) members into the joint sitting of Parliament during the State of the Nation Address on 9 February 2023; if not, who did; if so, what reasons informed his decision to instruct the storming of the parliamentary chamber by members of the SAPS?

NO409E

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

How will his department capacitate the Witness Protection Unit in the fight against corruption as, amongst other things, it requires the capacity to protect witnesses and/or whistle-blowers?

NO404E

★38. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jamah-Ah) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether his department intends to (a) open its offices on Saturday mornings for first-time identity card applicants in order to accommodate learners who have to take time off from school to apply for an identity card and (b) have mobile offices deployed in areas situated far from its officers on Saturdays to accommodate first-time identity card applicants; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO420E

★14. Ms M A Molekwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What are the (a) categories of applicants for the Zimbabwean Exemption Permit and (b) reasons that other countries are not subjected to the specified process? NO393E

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

How will she continue to lobby and advocate for the remaining countries to ratify the African Continental Free Trade Area as part of advancing economic diplomacy? NO396E

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

What (a) is the current extent of the visa processing backlog and (b) are the details of his department's plan to eradicate it? NO421E

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

What (a) amount is the Republic paying for housing the Pan-African Parliament at Gallagher Estate and (b) is the total expenditure on the project management and consultants to date regarding the construction of the specified Parliament? NO407E

★25. Ms A Ramolobeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What measures will he put in place to reduce overcrowding within the correctional services facilities? NO405E

★4. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether, given that the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State, which cost the Republic more than R1 billion and stands as a memorial and record of large-scale corruption in the public sector, with the hope that it would be the beginning of justice for the Republic and its people, what are the relevant details of the (a) reasons that the approval of private law firms has been delayed (details furnished), when due to the lack of capacity of the State Attorney they are clearly needed, and (b) proposed funding once such approval is given? NO383E

★18. Mr D L Moela (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What role will she play to further advance the agenda of the reform of the United Nations Security Council in 2023, as the reform of the international intergovernmental organisation has proven to be a complex matter? NO397E

★44. Mr D J Stubbe (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether the State Security Agency provided any funding to the Embassy of the Central African Republic in Pretoria; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what is the reason for the Agency providing funding to the specified embassy and (b) what total amount in funding did the Agency provide to the specified embassy? NO426E

★45. Mr D J Stubbe (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(1) Whether the security breach where two feeder electric cables had been cut and stolen from the perimeter fence of the State Security Agency property at Musanda in or around January 2023 has been reported to the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence (JSCI); if not, why not; if so, on what date was the alleged breach reported to the JSCI;

(2) whether he received a full report of the security breach; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO427E