

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2024

CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

★144. Mr F D Xasa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What (a) comprehensive support is her department providing to local government for it to be a catalyst of local economic development and job creation and (b) interventions has she found are required to strengthen the economic development role of local government?

NO590E

★162. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

In view of recent recommendations by the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State, the guidelines of the National Framework Towards Professionalisation of the Public Sector and the provisions of the Code for Ethical

Leadership in Local Government, on what grounds does she continue to defend the practice of appointing political deployees, which defies the Government's policy to professionalise public administration, given the role that the specified practice has allegedly played in facilitating state capture, corruption and service delivery failures?

NO609E

★134. Mr M Manyi (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether she reported to Cabinet and/or specified departments the early warning indicators that were evident in the shortcomings in Government performance and the deficit budget indicators; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has she taken to address the concerns before they escalated?

NO579E

★149. Ms A S Hlongo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

How will the partnership with the SA National Defence Force serve the objective of the youth service to develop various social and economic skills for the youth to be equipped to attain sustainable developmental opportunities and (b) what total number of youths will benefit from the programme in the medium term?

NO595E

★131. Mr T Loate (Cope) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(1) Whether, in view of the fact that the 2021-22 local government audit outcomes revealed that municipalities had cumulatively accumulated R4,74 billion in fruitless and wasteful expenditure, undertaken unauthorised expenditure of R25,47 billion and wastefully and needlessly spent R1,6 billion on consultants, she intends to introduce any statutory measures, in pursuance of section 152 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, that will strengthen the accountability regime and mechanisms within local government to hold failing mayors and municipal managers accountable with stringent sanctions in the event that they fail to account regularly to council; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether she had taken any extraordinary action with regard to the whole of the Free State, Limpopo and North West where the failure to obtain a single clean audit reflects on the extent and level to which the mechanisms and measures of accountability is broken in local government; if not, why not; if so, what actions?

NO576E

★154. Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What steps has Brand SA taken to counter the negative publicity, particularly in a time when the Republic is spearheading various global matters of importance that can trigger geo-political tensions at a time of proliferation of fake news and the rapid flow of information in a connected world, which can result in a country's reputation being tarnished through disinformation and biased reporting?

NO600E

★152. Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

- (1) What role does the National Planning Commission (NPC) play in supporting long-term planning at a provincial and district level to harmonise and institutionalise the National Development Plan;
- (2) whether the NPC has adequate capacity to provide the strategic support, which will enhance planning in the Government; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO598E

★165. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What (a) were the comprehensive reasons for her to travel on a private jet instead of a commercial flight to represent the Republic at the memorial service and state funeral of the late President of the Republic of Namibia, Dr Hage Geingob, on 24 February 2024 and (b) was the total cost incurred in this regard? NO612E

★138. Ms H O Mkhali (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What (a) total number of projects have been initiated and completed by her department to deal with the tragic effects of the floods in KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and other parts of the Republic in the past few years and (b) role is the Disaster Management Centre playing to monitor the projects? NO583E

★157. Ms S T Maneli (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

(a) How is her department monitoring the implementation of the removal of the requirement of experience in entry-level posts and (b) to what extent has implementation progressed? NO604E

★143. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Considering the high youth unemployment rate in the Republic, what measures has her department put in place to spread the strategic social partnership initiative that was announced in 2023 between her department and the Northwest University, which was to select 700 graduates from diverse disciplines to support municipalities, across all nine provinces? NO588E

★150. Ms T S Masondo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What are the details of the progress that her Office can report on efforts to provide persons with disabilities with economic opportunities? NO596E

★168. Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Whether the proposals of the Ten-Year Review of the National Development Plan, from 2012 to 2022, have been fully implemented; if not, (a) which proposals have not been implemented yet and (b) by what date is it envisaged that the proposals will be fully implemented; if so, what are the relevant details? NO615E

★151. Adv M R M Mothapo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:

What mechanisms does her Office have to monitor the implementation role of the private sector as a significant number of economic development programmes are also dependent on private investment for them to realise the intended policy objectives entailed in the National Development Plan, such as economic growth, investment in the economic sectors and other aspects? NO597E

★156. Ms M T Kibi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

What (a) measures has her department implemented to strengthen compliance with legislation in the Public Service and (b) monitoring systems are in place to ensure effective consequence management? NO603E

★158. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What measures has her Office put in place to ensure that non-governmental and non-profit organisations working to combat gender-based violence in the Republic receive adequate funding to ensure their optimal functioning? NO605E

★132. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

What total number of (a) interns have been employed in the Public Service over the past five years and (b) the specified interns have been integrated into permanent employment in the Public Service? NO577E

★164. Mrs N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether she has found that the *Citizens Connect* television series, commissioned by the Government Communication and Information System to highlight the Government's initiatives, is an accurate and fair reflection of all spheres of the Sixth Administration's achievements; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO611E

★169. Ms T Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether, in light of a number of alleged management and governance failures at the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA), she has found that the current Board successfully guided the work of the MDDA to promote and ensure media development and diversity in the Republic since its appointment in 2020; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO616E