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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2023***Combating escalating crimes***★256. Ms M Bartlett (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether, in light of the escalating violent crimes by the zama-zamas and cash-in-transit heists, her department in consultation with security cluster departments considered requesting the President to (a) declare the state of emergency and (b) deploy the SA National Defence Force accordingly; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO961E

*Benefits of agreement***★263. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

(a) What benefits will the SA National Defence Force and South Africa derive from the Cooperative Defence Agreement with the Republic of Indonesia that was signed on 24 August 2023 and (b) what will be the financial implications of this agreement to the South African taxpayers? CO968E

*Bilateral cooperation agreement***★257. Ms A D Maleka (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether there are any bilateral cooperation agreements between the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces and the SA National Defence Force; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO962E

*Lohatla fire outbreak***★260. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether her department has any plans to (a) determine the total cost of fire outbreak at Lohatla Military Base in the Northern Cape on 6 October 2023 that claimed the lives of six army officials, (b) review the conditions of training operations and (c)(i) recommend and (ii) adopt the short-term and long-term preventive measures in this regard; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details? CO695E

[No 17—2023] FIFTH SESSION, SIXTH PARLIAMENT

Sexual assault by SA soldiers

★270. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What actions have been taken following the announcement by the United Nations Command regarding sexual assaults perpetrated by the South African soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo? CO976E

SANDF policy

★258. Ms S Shaikh (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether the SA National Defence Force has a coherent policy that is outlining its social responsibility in nation-building during peacetimes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO963E

State Capture Commission recommendations

★253. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:

What is the current progress regarding the implementation of recommendations of the (a) State Capture Commission and (b) Panel that was led by Dr Sydney Mufamadi (details furnished)? CO958E

Cyber attack

★261. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:

Whether, with reference to the reports that the State Security server was hacked by cyber criminals (details furnished), any clear evidence was found that there was an attack in this manner by the United Kingdom M16 and the United States of America's Central Intelligence Agency; if not, (a) why has such information been leaked to the media and (b) by whom? CO966E

Procurement of services

★254. Mr M E Nchabeleng (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:

Whether she and/or her department has been informed of any (a) state organs and/or (b) state-owned companies that procured the services of any private service providers to gather intelligence in their operating environment; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what is the (aa) legal and (bb) policy position in this regard and (ii) what are the further relevant details? CO959E

*Torching of long-distance trucks***★266. Ms M Dlamini (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:**

- (1) What intelligence interventions were made to deal with the torching of long-distance trucks along the country's major transport routes;
- (2) whether any intelligence investigations were conducted regarding the July torching of more than 21 vehicles along the N2, N3 and N4 highways in KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and Limpopo; if not, why not; if so, what were the outcomes of such investigations? CO971E

*Top-secret security clearance***★262. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:**

- (1) Whether the top-secret security clearance for the new Head of Crime Intelligence Unit (details furnished) was completed within one week;
- (2) how was the said person's clearance completed in such a short period whereas the average time is three to six months or even longer? CO967E

*Vetting government officials/personnel***★255. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security:**

- (a) What measures has her department taken to address the challenge of backlog in vetting the designated government officials and personnel of the state-owned companies by the State Security Agency and (b) what is the current status of the backlog? CO960E

*Spending for cyber security***■18. Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security: [Written question No 41]**

- (a) What is the total (i) current annual spending for cyber security by each province (aa) for the 2021/22 financial year and (bb) from 1 April 2022 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (ii) extent of the current investment into safeguarding the (aa) provincial governments and (bb) municipalities in each province against cyberattacks and (b) what is the nature of each investment in each case? CO41E

Cyber security

■19. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: State Security: [Written question No 538]

(a) What is the total current annual spending for cyber security by (i) the national and (ii) each provincial government (aa) for the (i) 2021/22 and (ii) 2022/23 financial years and (bb) from 1 April 2023 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) what is the extent of the current investment into safeguarding the (i) provincial government and (ii) municipalities in each province against cyberattacks and (c) what is the nature of each investment in each case?

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