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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2018

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★54. Ms M F Nkadimeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What progress has been made in the establishment of the prolific Human Settlement Development Bank which is set to facilitate faster access to home financing for the poor and boost plans for mega government-led integrated housing projects and/or catalytic projects?

NO2564E

★47. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) What progress has been made to date in respect of amending the current Health Professions Council of South Africa policy for South African citizens graduating with foreign medical

degrees whose medical qualifications are not recognised in South Africa and (b) what steps has his department taken to assist students who fall into that category? NO2555E

★64. Mr M S Mabika (NFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) What is the total number of instances encountered by her department since 27 April 1994 where learners are given marks for subjects they did not write, as in the case of a certain person (name and details furnished), who wrote all her subjects including Mathematics, but was given a zero mark for Mathematical Literacy and (b) how does the department resolve these instances to ensure innocent learners do not suffer from negligence? NO2576E

★60. Mrs B L Abrahams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What (a) are the details of the success of swopping the old SA Social Security Agency cards for the new SA Post Office cards and (b) measures have been put in place to assist beneficiaries, particularly disabled beneficiaries, who cannot remember their PIN numbers? NO2571E

★56. Mr S M Ralegoma (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

(a) What has she found to be the central aspects in relation to the findings and recommendations of the fifth report on Sport Transformation by The Eminent Persons Group that is tasked to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the transformation charter and (b) what progress has her department made towards levelling the playing fields that enable the majority of South Africans equitable access and opportunity to participate and achieve in all areas and at all levels of sport thereby ensuring an evolving demographically representative, equitable, sustainable and competitive sport system in accordance with the Transformation Charter for South African Sport? NO2567E

★78. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

(a) What are the first three major improvements that she will be asking the new administrator of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) to implement in the first few months and (b) how does she envisage that the improvements will solve the perceived administrative crisis at NSFAS? NO2590E

★65. Ms C C September (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

In light of the fact that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme systems and processes are currently being assessed to ensure that they are improved and tightened and solutions are found where challenges exist, what measures (a) are in place to ensure that the 2017 and 2018 backlog on student accounts is paid and (b) will be implemented to ensure that the backlog is prevented from transpiring in the future? NO2577E

★50. Mr W B Maphanga (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether he has been informed of the poor state of health services in Barberton and its surrounding areas, which include, but is not limited to staff shortage and dilapidated infrastructure (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plans have been put in place to address the challenges? NO2559E

★80. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether the Government has determined the total estimated cost of implementing its National Health Insurance programme yet; if not, when will the total estimated cost be determined; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2592E

★53. Ms N Gina (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

In view of the call for sanitation audit report by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, (a) what are the main areas of focus of the sanitation audit report at schools and (b) what is the envisaged plan to implement the completed and costed sanitation audit report? NO2563E

★58. Dr C Q Madlopha (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What steps has her department taken (a) to handle the situation where social grant beneficiaries were misled and forced to migrate from a cash payment system to an online system which they did not understand and (b) against officials who were involved in the specified situation? NO2569E

★71. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) Given the history of the failure of the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) to institutionalise the social grant payment system, why did she replace the workstreams that were set up to assist the SASSA in this regard with a technical committee when there are already a myriad of other structures in place to provide assistance and (b) when did it become apparent that the staff structures of the SASSA were unable to effectively institutionalise the social grant payment system? NO2583E

★97. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

With reference to the 332 graduates who have been dismissed after being employed by his department in Information Technology, Finance and Human Resources and deployed to provinces for the roll out of the National Health Insurance (NHI), (a) how does his department intend to build internal capacity and develop young professionals whose services are needed in our collapsing public healthcare system, when it dismisses capable, skilled and qualified young employees and (b) what was the justification for their dismissal? NO2609E

★55. Mr S G Mmusi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

In light of the fact that the National Sports and Recreation Plan recognises that South Africa has a challenge regarding the building, shared utilisation, equitable access and maintenance of sport and recreation facilities that impacts on the transformation and development of sport, what yields have been reaped through the intervention made by her department to ensure that there is an improved access to participation opportunities through the approved national facilities plan? NO2566E

★48. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) What is the status of applications to cultivate, manufacture and/or import cannabis that has been received by the SA Health Products Regulatory Authority to date and (b) what steps has his department taken to ensure that the granting of licences is broadly representative of South African society? NO2556E

★49. Mr A F Mahlalela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether he has found that malnutrition continues to be a problem in the country; if so, (a) what are the main causes of malnutrition where it is prevalent and (b) what plans or programmes does his department have in place to combat and eliminate malnutrition? NO2558E

★51. Ms C N Ndaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

With reference to the Goba clinic in Ward 55 Ekurhuleni, Katlehong Township, which is about 50 years old and serves the community of more than 97 332 residents, (a) are there any plans to improve the infrastructure of the clinic and (b) what plans are in place to address the general staff shortages at the clinic; if not, why not; if so, what plans? NO2560E

★82. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What is the total number of (a) protected and (b) unprotected education sector strike actions that have taken place since 1 August 2017? NO2594E

★52. Ms N R Mokoto (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) What is the progress on curriculum coverage and implementation of the catch-up plan for the learners who were negatively affected by community protests in the North West province which resulted in the closure of schools and (b) what are the plans of her department to ensure that learners are not affected by protests? NO2562E

★57. Ms B N Dlulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

How will the team, that has been appointed by her department to develop and finalise a policy on Women in Sport, ensure that by the end of the year equal opportunity, inclusion and redress in line with the National Development Plan 2030 form part of the specified policy? NO2568E

★87. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether her department has put in place any mechanisms to assist all (a) Members of Executive Councils and (b) heads of departments of provincial departments of human settlements to meet their annual delivery targets in spending grant allocations; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2599E

★59. Ms H H Malgas (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

In view of the rise in the number of unemployed social workers from 3 800 to 8 600 in 2018, what (a) systems does her department have in place to ensure the employment of social workers and (b) is the way forward with regard to funding the youth and ensuring that they have easy access to employment after they finish their social work studies? NO2570E

★66. Mr M J Wolmarans (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

In light of the fact that her department undertook to develop a standardised framework for gender-based violence to be implemented at all universities by the end of 2018, (a) what progress has been made in developing the contents of the framework and (b) how will institutions be held accountable for implementing the framework? NO2578E

★77. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What mechanisms will his department put in place to protect the Vaal River from pollution by municipalities that release waste water into it? NO2589E

★100. Ms N K F Hlonyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether, with reference to the replies to questions 2468 on 9 September 2017, 2919 on 27 October 2017 and 3484 on 1 December 2017, she intends to ensure that Siphon Victor Mnguni receives an RDP house; if not, why not; if so, what steps does she intend to take? NO2612E

★67. Mr R T Mavunda (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

(a) How will her department ensure that the Strategic Policy Framework on Disability for the Post-School Education and Training system is implemented by institutions and (b) what are the details of the funding strategy of the policy? NO2579E

★62. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What steps will her department take to address the challenges raised and highlighted by protestors during the recent nationwide #TotalShutdown marches against gender-based violence? NO2574E

★61. Mr T Makondo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

(a) What progress has been made to ensure that artists have improved access to the current mainstream economy and (b) since creativity is deemed to be potential currency in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, what is Government doing to ensure artists are equipped to take advantage of economic opportunities? NO2572E

★75. Ms H Bucwa (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

Whether any action was taken against the Services Sector Education and Training Authority for allegedly purchasing 20 000 exam pads at R214 each, 30 000 lanyards at R166,50 each and

30 000 flash drives at R167 each as reported on 12 July 2018 (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the action(s) taken? NO2587E

★84. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether every educator who, (a) applies to be and (b) already is on the educators' roll which is maintained by the SA Council for Educators, is vetted for any criminal offences and fraudulent qualifications; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2596E

★89. Mr M R Bara (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether, since her appointment in February 2018, she has visited any hostels; if so, what are the details of her findings of the conditions prevailing in hostels? NO2601E

★96. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

Has he been informed of complaints and grievances that were reported by 57 South African students studying in Russia at the Astrakhan State Medical University; if so, what are the details of the intervention he intends to make? NO2608E

★63. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What remedial steps will her department take following the publication of *How One Word Can Change the Game: Case Study of State Capture* by the Centre for Complex Systems at Stellenbosch University which published a detailed analysis of how the SA Social Security Agency was captured by a large network of connected political players who infiltrated the agency? NO2575E

★83. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

How has the R7,2 billion cut in the 2018-19 school infrastructure budget of her department, affected progress in eliminating school infrastructure backlogs? NO2595E

★68. Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

Whether he informed the people of Grahamstown of their rights under section 10 of the South African Geographical Names Council Act, Act 118 of 1998, to submit complaints and objections to the proposed name change of Grahamstown to Makhanda in his notice placed as Government Notice 641 in *Government Gazette* 47138 published on 29 June 2018; if not, what steps has he taken to rectify the omission; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2580E

★69. Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

What is the (a) total number and (b) percentage of early school leavers who pursued qualifications equivalent to the national senior certificate through public higher education and training institutions since 1 January 2015? NO2581E

★92. Mr L G Mokoena (EFF) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

(a) Why is the office of Robert Sobukwe in Galeshewe, Kimberley always locked, denying the community and visitors access thereto and (b) how does his department intend to revitalise the legacy of Robert Sobukwe? NO2604E

★91. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) What amount did her department invest with the now failed VBS Bank;
- (2) has an action plan been put in place to recover monies that have been lost by her department, if not, why not; if so, what are the further relevant details? NO2603E

★70. Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

What has she found to be the latest trends in terms of cost-effectiveness in respect of the number of learners, particularly unemployed learners, who successfully complete their higher education training and enter the job market through financial support rendered by the various sectoral education and training authorities? NO2582E

★72. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What (a) is the current status of the strike by the employees of the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) and (b) is the extent of the effects of the strike on the work of SASSA and grant beneficiaries to date, especially at the critical stage of the SASSA-SA Post Office transition? NO2584E

★73. Mrs K Jooste (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

On what date will the SA Social Security Agency fill the vacant positions of executive managers in each region? NO2585E

★93. Mr L G Mokoena (EFF) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

What steps has he taken to (a) ensure that local artists play a much more meaningful role in government programmes, in order to promote local talent and (b) protect local artists from exploitation by ensuring that they are properly compensated for their work? NO2605E

★74. Ms A T Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (a) What amount has been paid to the technical committee appointed to assist the SA Social Security Agency to institutionalise the social grant payment system since its appointment and
- (b) from which budget have the funds been paid? NO2586E

★76. Ms H Bucwa (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

- (a) What number of sector education and training authorities are currently under administration and
- (b) by what date is each administration expected to be lifted? NO2588E

★79. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

In light of the fact that only one public university provided her department with an approved plan to upgrade their student residences to meet the Minimum Norms and Standards for Student Housing at Public Universities, as required by departmental policy, does her department plan to enforce the Minimum Norms and Standards; if not, what assurance can she give students that they will have access to housing that is safe and suitable for student living; if so, how?

NO2591E

★94. Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether, with reference to her reply to written question 1014 on 23 May 2018 wherein it was revealed that there is a backlog of 1 380 schools for learners with special educational needs in the country, with KwaZulu-Natal alone having a backlog of 339 such schools, the Government has a plan in place to address the specified backlog; if so, what are the relevant details of the specified plan?

NO2606E

★81. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether any plans have been put in place to urgently upgrade the existing dilapidated public health facilities in order to realise the ideals of the Government's proposed National Health Insurance programme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2593E

★85. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What is the (a) total number of learners who fell pregnant in the 2017 academic year and (b) youngest age at which a learner was reported pregnant?

NO2597E

★86. Mr R H Hugo (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department has put any measures in place to avoid day zero in (a) Hankey and (b) Patensie in the Eastern Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO2598E

★95. Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

In view of the fact that there are approximately 11 000 primary schools in the country that do not have computers while the jobs of the Fourth Industrial Revolution require innovators, employers and employees who are able to work on computers and use information technology, how is her department planning to prepare our children for the future when so many do not have access to computers?

NO2607E

★88. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether, since her appointment in February 2018, she has taken any steps to address widespread corruption and manipulation of housing lists in order to quell the resultant rise in social unrest and protest action; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2600E

★90. Mr M W Rabotapi (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

- (1) What are the details of the findings of the investigative report by SizweNtsalubaGobodo auditing firm into allegations of corruption against the a certain person (details furnished);
- (2) whether he will table the specified report for discussion by the Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture? NO2602E

★98. Ms N Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

What (a) is the model and (b) are the plans of her department to fund free, quality and well-resourced education in the 2019 academic year, in view of the payment backlogs from 2017 and 2018 that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme has to sort out (details furnished)? NO2610E

★101. Ms N K F Hloniyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What preparation is her department making to utilise the opportunity that expropriation of land without compensation will present, particularly in respect of allowing her department to build affordable houses closer to where people work and closer to good schools so as to reverse the legacy of apartheid spatial planning? NO2613E

★102. Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Does her department have any plan in place to assist pensioners who have been receiving their pensions late since the SA Post Office started distributing social grants, resulting in such beneficiaries being unable to pay their funeral premiums on time and thereby jeopardising their funeral cover? NO2614E

★104. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

What steps has her department taken to protect Caster Semenya against personal attacks from international sport agencies and media houses? NO2616E

★105. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

(a) Which rural communities have benefited from the annual allocation of R300 million for sport facilities and (b) how have they benefited from the specified allocation? NO2617E

★106. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

In light of the fact that rivers are being destroyed by pollution from industrial waste, which has a direct impact on the water security of the country, what steps has his department taken to tackle pollution by industries in the (a) Vaal River in particular and (b) South African rivers in general? NO2618E

★107. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

With reference to the reply to question 169 for oral reply on 2 November 2017, wherein it is stated that more than 1,3 trillion litres of water was lost due to leaks, (a) what steps has his department taken to address the problem of loss of water through leaks and droughts and (b) has any progress been made in this regard over the past year?

NO2619E