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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2023

Measures to curb abuse of e-visa

★285. Ms N Ndongeni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether his department has any measures in place to detect and stop any possible abuse of the new e-visa system by some foreign nationals as it is meant to facilitate easy entry of tourists into South Africa; if not, why not; if so, (a) what systems and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO991E

SA born abroad/naturalised

★276. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) (a) What progress has been made with the verification process of records of South Africans who were born abroad and became naturalised citizens (details furnished), (b) what are the relevant details regarding the (i) systems and (ii) administrative steps that are required to facilitate smart identity document applications for such citizens, (c) what target dates are expected for each of such steps to be completed and (d) which (i) departments and/or (ii) service providers are responsible for each of the steps;
- (2) whether any steps of this process rely on third-party departments or service providers to be appointed and/or complete the steps; if so, what are the relevant details in this regard? CO982E

Queues at service offices

★286. Ms M Bartlett (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What (a) short- and (b) long-term measures are in place to address the long queues at his department's service offices (details furnished)? CO992E

Court Judgement on Zimbabwean exemption permits

★279. Ms S B Lehihi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Following the court's refusal against his appeal to the judgement that required him to reconsider Zimbabwean exemption permits, what measures are in place to modernise the immigration services at Home Affairs so that immigrants who wish to regularise their stay in South Africa may do so without inhumane and degrading treatment? CO985E

*Establishment of Electoral Consultation Panel***★277. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether the Electoral Commission has been consulted regarding the establishment of an Electoral Consultation Panel as required by the Electoral Amendment Act, 2023 (Act No. 1 of 2023) (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, why no names have been tabled before the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs for consideration despite the call for nominations being published as far back as 19 May 2023? CO983E

*Border Management Authority***★287. Ms A D Maleka (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What positive results have been achieved since the formal establishment of the Border Management Authority by the President in October 2023 (details furnished)? CO993E

*Role of SA in Transforming UN***★282. Ms S Shaikh (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether South Africa has influenced the United Nations to start discussions on its transformation in order to serve its role cognisant of the current global dynamics; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the support of countries in other regions in this regard? CO988E

*SA foreign policy***★273. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether the Constitution and defence of basic human rights are still the anchors that guide South African foreign policy? CO979E

*BRICS as trading partners***★283. Mr E M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

- (1) How influential are the BRICS countries as trading partners of Africa;
- (2) whether there has been any growth in economic partnership between the BRICS countries and Africa; if not; what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO989E

*Peace-making/negotiation expertise***★271. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

- (1) Whether her department has any short-term measures in place to expand the number of diplomats and foreign service officers in an effort to improve (a) peace-making and (b) negotiation expertise in the continent and abroad; if not; why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any plans are in place regarding the international relations graduates that are produced in the country yearly; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans; and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (3) whether the Cadet Learnership Programme will be reinstated; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO977E

*Cadre deployment policies***★275. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether, with reference to her political organisation's Cadre Deployment Committee Minutes of 26 June 2020 (details furnished), she will call an immediate suspension of all cadre deployment policies within her department; if not, why not? CO981E

*Coups by military***★284. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether the African Union has the necessary structures and programmes to assist in discouraging the taking over of elected governments by military in some African countries; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how effective are such structures and programmes and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO990E

Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

★272. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Home Affairs.

★274. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA)—International Relations and Cooperation.

★278. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF)—International Relations and Cooperation.

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