

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2024

CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

★247. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

What are the relevant details of the reasons that the SA Airways (SAA)/Takatso deal to dispose of 51% of the SAA to the Takatso Consortium was cancelled almost three years after it was initially agreed upon? NO915E

★228. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (1) Whether the proposed Takatso Consortium deal to acquire a stake in SA Airways (SAA) was based on undervalued assets of the state-owned company; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether the SAA should be recapitalised over an allocation for a period of 5 years from an appropriation of Parliament until it is stable to rebuild the company owned 100% by the state; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so what are the relevant details? NO896E

★212. Ms L N Mjobo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

Considering that the Telkom Towers have been a source of concern for many years, as only one of the nine towers has been housing the SA Police Service (SAPS) but had to be evacuated recently due to the building being unsafe, (a) what are the reasons that it has taken his department and the Property Management Trading Entity so many years to ensure that the Telkom Towers are fit for purpose and (b) how does his department intend to fix the Telkom Towers to ensure that the SAPS is able to operate efficiently from the specified property? NO871E

★213. Mr E T Myeni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What measures are in place to deal with the matters of (a) nonpayment and (b) late payment of invoices of small businesses for products and services rendered and/or delivered to the clients who are mainly state organs and big corporations? NO872E

★214. Mr M D Monakedi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Considering that support for small enterprises in the rural economies is essential for inclusive growth and job creation and noting that Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Industrial Parks are critical components of the reimagined industrial policy to achieve this reality, what (a) total number of small enterprises have benefited from the support provided by resources that were allocated to the Musina Makhado SEZ and (b) measures has his department adopted to address the challenge of the transfer of land for the development of the specified SEZ? NO873E

★241. Mr F Essack (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

With reference to the National Treasury's estimates in its Macroeconomic Policy Review that the Republic missed out on an aggregate R2 trillion in economic activity between 2011 and 2019, solely due to the weakening performance of Eskom and Transnet, what are the details of the steps he has taken since 1 June 2019 to improve the management at each of the specified entities? NO909E

★229. Ms N Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

What steps does he intend taking to overcome the maintenance backlog of Eskom? NO897E

★215. Mr H G April (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Since her appointment as Minister on 6 March 2023, what (a) measures has she put in place to combat tourist-related crimes and (b) work has she done directly with the communities to ensure that there is a societal approach to deal with the challenge of violence and crime against tourists? NO874E

★249. Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

What has he found will be the role played by the Infrastructure Finance and Implementation Support Agency announced by the Minister of Finance during the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement in assisting his department in establishing public-private partnerships for the restoration of dilapidated public infrastructure?

NO918E

★216. Ms M M Ramadwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, considering that the road transport subsidy should play a critical role to assist commuters, although it seems that the specified subsidy is merely absorbed by a few established bus companies while taxis are transporting more commuters, her department is considering to utilise the transport subsidy to protect the working class and poor consumers against high fare hikes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, will her department consider including the taxi industry in the transport subsidy in the near future?

NO875E

★240. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Considering the extensive road maintenance backlog, what are the details of her department's plans to (a) address the current general bad road surface conditions across the Republic and (b) fix potholes?

NO908E

★218. Ms F E Khumalo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What are the relevant details of (a) the progress which the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa has made in the restoration of commuter rail transport infrastructure and (b) any challenges in this regard?

NO877E

★219. Ms N Ntobongwana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

How will the Construction Industry Development Board, which operates in the construction and built environment sector, ensure that young professionals such as architects, engineers, quantity surveyors and many other professionals gain experience and become employable in the construction sector?

NO878E

★243. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What are the (a) reasons that an additional R114 million incurred above the budgeted amounts by her department on 14 infrastructure projects from 2007 to 2019 and (b) full relevant details of the officials who were delegated to oversee the projects?

NO911E

★230. Mr A Matumba (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What are the reasons for her refusal to publish the names of companies that benefitted from the Green Tourism Incentive Programme?

NO898E

★220. Ms K B Tlhomelang (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What is the latest update on the Small-, Medium- and Micro-Enterprises and Co-operatives Funding Policy, which her department intended to complete by 31 March 2023 and which was included as a target since the 2020-21 financial year, although it was only approved by Cabinet on 31 March 2022 and gazetted thereafter for public comment?

NO879E

★221. Mr C N Malematja (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What (a) is the progress with the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement and (b) are the relevant details of the number of domestic enterprises that are trading through the AfCFTA?

NO880E

★222. Ms M M Gomba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

In light of the 16 successful bids that the Republic has secured for meetings, incentives, and conferences through the SA National Convention Bureau in the 2023-24 financial year, (a) what number of conferences have been facilitated to date with the participation of her department and (b) how have the villages, townships and small dorpiess been integrated in the planning and implementation of the conferences to boost the local economy?

NO890E

★245. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether she has held any engagements with the relevant Ministers to be able to reassure small business owners of the Government's support and commitment to the growth of their businesses and independence, in light of the Republic's energy crisis; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO913E

★232. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether there was any concrete plan in place regarding the taxi subsidy that was to begin in April 2021 according to the announcement by the former Minister of Transport, Mr Fikile Mbalula; if not, why not; if so, what (a) happened to the plan and (b) what are the reasons that the taxi subsidy has not yet been implemented?

NO900E

★224. Mr F Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

What is the strategy towards providing clear direction to the Small Business Development on Programme Review regarding the Cooperatives Development Programme in her department, including delegation of functions to establish the Cooperatives Development Agency to Small Enterprise Development Agency?

NO892E

★226. Ms S R van Schalkwyk (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:

With reference to the important role played by the repurposed Independent Development Trust (IDT) in the development of infrastructure, what are the plans of his department to ensure that the IDT (a) continues to play a critical role in infrastructure development and (b) is financially self-sustainable? NO894E

★236. Mrs K N F Hlonyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether, based on the recent past experience, he has found that the manufacturing sector in the Republic would benefit from an industrial policy that linked small business development with industrial development and competition; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has he taken to achieve this? NO904E

★237. Mrs K N F Hlonyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What (a) is the current total number of black industrialists who have benefited from the industrialist programme and (b) total amount has been disbursed by his department in this regard? NO905E