

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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# QUESTION PAPER

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1. Indicates translated version of the question.
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4. **In terms of Rule 246(4), no more than six questions for oral reply may be put to a Minister in respect of any one Government department on any particular day. Questions in excess of this quota are summarised at the end of the Question Paper.**

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

**TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2017**

### **ECONOMICS: Cluster 4F**

#### *Value of Strategic Fuel Fund oil reserves*

**★343. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

How much (a) was the value of the Strategic Fuel Fund oil reserves that were sold and (b) of the revenue from this sale was paid back to the Central Energy fund?

CO467E

#### *Transformation of petroleum industry*

**★328. Mr B G Nthebe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

Whether his department has any plans to transform the petroleum industry, especially petroleum filling stations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO452E

#### *Selling of oil*

**★348. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

- (1) Whether, with regard to the 10.3 million barrels of oil that were sold in December 2015 (details furnished), he has been informed who the oil was sold to; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether proper tender processes were followed in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what was the scoring in terms of (a) black economic empowerment and (b) the bid price;
- (3) what is the (a) difference of sale price if the oil was sold in October 2017, as compared to the actual sale price in December 2015 for each barrel and (b) total sale price;
- (4) whether there was a loss to the State at the time of sale; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO472E

*Status of contract*

**★330. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

(a) What is the current status of a contract to salvage crude oil in certain mines that was entered into without the required legal requirements (details furnished) and (b) what action is she taking to address the problems of this nature in the future?

CO454E

*Sale of crude oil*

**★345. Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

(a) Why only certain companies were invited to purchase crude oil that was sold from the Strategic Fuel stock (details furnished) and (b) why correct tender procedures were not followed in this regard?

CO469E

*Economic growth/development*

**★329. Ms M C Dikgale (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

Whether his department has any plans to address economic growth and development within a time-frame and in a sustainable way as the National Development Plan regards energy as a key contributor towards economic growth; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO453E

*Nduli Nature Reserve*

**★266. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether the Government has any plans for the future of the Nduli Nature Reserve in Mthatha; if not, why not; if so, what plans;
- (2) whether any improvement of infrastructure such as paved roads and/or additional wildlife will take place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the reserve will be retained; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the Government will provide another reserve in the event of the closure of the current reserve; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO387E

*Employment opportunities/commercialisation of waste management***★234. Mr J P Parkies (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

What is the policy of her department in cooperation with other departments to expand employment opportunities and commercialisation of waste management (details furnished)?

CO355E

*Risk factors in Biannual Report on climate change***★256. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

What were the most important risk factors which were indicated in the first Biannual Report that was compiled by the Department of Science and Technology on the State of Climate Change in South Africa that was submitted for Cabinet approval in March 2017?

CO377E

*Dune mining in Xolobeni Village***★270. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether consultations with the communities in respect of the proposed Dune Mining in Xolobeni Village in Mbizana were done; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether their views were taken into consideration in the environmental impact assessment of the project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO391E

*Climate change mitigation/adaptation strategies***★236. Ms E Prins (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

- (a) What progress has been made regarding her department's climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and (b) how the strategies are related to the protection of South Africa's fresh water supply and catchments?

CO357E

*Appeals against mining applications***★257. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

- (a) How many mining applications have been appealed against since the inception of the One Environmental System in 2014, (b) what percentage of the total number of mining applications that were made at that time were appealed against and (c) what criteria are used to determine when an appeal should be lodged against a mining-

related application that was approved under the One Environmental System?

CO378E

*Irregular/fruitless/wasteful expenditure*

**★305. Mr C J de Beer (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether, in light of the large amount of money that the Government continues to lose to irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, the National Treasury has taken any intervention measures to (a) address this challenge and (b) ensure that those who continue to flaunt legislation that is governing procurement and expenditure are held accountable; if not, why not; if so, (i) how many persons have faced the consequences of such actions (details furnished) and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

CO426E

*Financial consultants*

**★304. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether there is value for money regarding the work of the financial consultants in the National Treasury; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what are the costs to the National Treasury of hiring such (i) consultants and (ii) service providers and (b) how many such consultants are of foreign origin;
- (3) whether these consultants are transferring skills to the local people; if not, why not; if so, what are relevant details?

CO425E

*Use of PIC funds*

**★318. Mr O S Terblanche (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (a) What did he mean by his statement at the Cosatu Central Executive Committee on 30 August 2017 regarding the possible government use of Public Investment Corporation funds to capitalise state-owned entities and other projects and (b) under what circumstances would the Government pursue that route?

CO442E

*Contract with certain company*

**★307. Ms T Motara (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) In light of the concerns regarding the five-year contract between the National Treasury and a certain company (details furnished), what informed the National Treasury's decision to award a tender to the said company;

- (2) whether any considerations were made to ensure that the contract is not in contravention of the Competition Act, 1998 (Act No. 89 of 1998), especially in entrenching the monopoly of the said company; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO428E

*Extension of SAA loans*

**★322. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) What are the conditions in which the SA Airways (SAA) and the National Treasury have agreed to in order to extend nine loans that were granted to SAA;
- (2) whether the National Treasury and SAA agreed to these conditions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO446E

*Stability to macroeconomic system*

**★315. Mr F Essack (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What (a) immediate and (b) sustainable plans has the National Treasury put into place to bring positive stability to the macroeconomic system? CO439E

*Departmental allocation for cyber security*

**■1. Mr G Michalakakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance: [Written Question No 100]**

How much was allocated by each department for cyber security in their budgets in the (a) 2012/13, (b) 2013/14, (c) 2014/15, (d) 2015/16 and (e) 2016/17 financial years? CO191E

*Prevention of cyber-attacks*

**■2. Mr G Michalakakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance: [Written Question No 101]**

- (1) How much was spent on (a) the prevention of cyber-attacks and (b) investment into cyber security by banks of which the Government is a stakeholder in the (i) 2012/13, (ii) 2013/14, (iii) 2014/15, (iv) 2015/16 and (v) 2016/17 financial years;
- (2) whether any of the banks has (a) an internal policy and (b) any employee awareness programmes on cyber security; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

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- (3) whether any professional assistance has been required regarding cyber security issues in any of the banks; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether a permanent cyber security expert with the aim to prevent cyber-attacks has been employed in any of the banks; if not, why not; if so, when;
- (5) whether any of the banks has been subjected to any cyber security attacks in the (a) 2012/13, (b) 2013/14, (c) 2014/15, (d) 2015/16 and (e) 2016/17 financial years; if so, (i) at what cost and (ii) what risks were involved in each case?

CO192E

### *Governance crisis at IDT*

#### **★356. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

- (1) What measures has his department put in place to address the governance crisis at the Independent Development Trust (IDT) (details furnished);
- (2) whether any officials are (a) suspended and/or (b) facing disciplinary actions as a result of the collapse of governance at the IDT; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO485E

### *Upgrades at presidential houses*

#### **★379. Dr Y C Vawda (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

Whether his department has any plans to upgrade any of the houses that are owned by President Jacob Zuma; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO508E

### *Maintenance of Fixed Asset Portfolio*

#### **★363. Mr O S Terblanche (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

Whether he has been working on a new plan to deal with the maintenance of the Government's Fixed Asset Portfolio since his appointment on 31 March 2017; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the difference between his plan and that of his predecessor, (b) what is the time frame to address the maintenance backlog and (c) what are the further relevant details?

CO492E

*Upgrades in parliamentary villages***★369. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

- (1) (a) Why has the programmed upgrades on the dilapidated houses of Members of Parliament in the parliamentary villages stopped and (b) why has the works and upgrades on the houses of sessional staff in Acacia Parliamentary Village continued;
- (2) whether the gymnasium for Members of Parliament has been furnished with all the relevant equipment in the promised time frame; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will it be completed; if so, what are the relevant details? CO498E

*Dilapidating assets***★355. Mr S G Mthimunye (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

What action is his department taking to address the Government's dilapidating assets, of which some are being taken over by foreign nationals, especially in Mpumalanga?  
CO484E

*Guidelines for EPWP***★370. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

Whether his department has completed the enactment of guidelines for the implementation of Expanded Public Works Programme in order to ensure fairness and transparency; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO499E

*Benefits from departmental programmes***★357. Mr B G Nthebe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Whether her department has any plans, strategies and actions to address challenges that are encountered in benefitting from the departmental programmes (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?  
CO486E

*Economic programmes in rural areas/townships***★376. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What programmes has her department initiated in the (a) rural areas of Amakhosi and (b) townships to boost, revive and sustain the economy in such areas? CO505E



*Sefa/Seda challenges*

**★358. Mr J M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Whether any interventions have been taken to address the challenges that are faced by the Small Enterprises Development Agency and Small Enterprises Finance Agency that is causing these entities to work against each other (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO487E

*Job creation*

**★377. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

How many jobs have been created by small, medium and micro enterprises since the implementation of the National Development Plan? CO506E

*Medium/long-term action plan*

**★360. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

- (1) When will the review of the National Small Business Amendment Act, 2004 (Act No. 29 of 2004), be finalised;
- (2) whether the Government has any plans to develop medium to long-term action plan for small, medium and micro-enterprises that will cut across all the industries in the economy (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO489E

*Assistance to communities*

**★371. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What proactive (a) steps and (b) actions has her department taken to assist the communities of (i) Bitou and (ii) Knysna to recover after the devastating fires in August 2017? CO500E

*Board positions at Prasa*

**★367. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether any of the Board positions for the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa have been filled; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO496E

*Prasa tender deal***★374. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Why has the R70 billion Chinese tender deal for the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa which was set aside by the High Court been initially allowed to by-pass tender regulations and processes? CO503E

*Aviation sector in economic growth/job creation***★353. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether his department has any (a) plans and (b) actions to ensure that the aviation sector plays a pivotal role in boosting economic growth and job creation in KwaZulu-Natal (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what (i) plans and (ii) actions? CO474E

*Tender for construction***★366. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) When was the public tender for the construction of the Moloto Rail Development Corridor advertised and (b) what was the value of the tender? CO495E

*Appointment of Prasa Board/CEO***★361. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) When will he appoint the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa Board that will steer the agency to the right direction (details furnished) and (b) when will a permanent Chief Executive Officer be appointed in order to strengthen the organisational health and capability of the agency in order to meet government strategic policy objectives? CO490E

*Deviation applications***★368. Mr J W W Julius (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether his department has sent any deviation applications to the National Treasury in respect of (a) the Moloto Rail Project and (b) a certain company (name furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) when was each application sent and (ii) what was the response from the National Treasury in each case? CO497E

*Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 246(4):*

- ★233. Mr O J Sefako (North West: ANC)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★235. Mr E M Mlambo (Gauteng: ANC)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★258. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★260. Mr O S Terblanche (Western Cape: DA)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★261. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★271. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Environmental Affairs.
- ★306. Mr S J Mohai (Free State: ANC)—Finance.
- ★313. Mr B G Nthebe (North West: ANC)—Finance.
- ★316. Mr F Essack (Mpumalanga: DA)—Finance.
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- ★321. Mr F Essack (Mpumalanga: DA)—Finance.
- ★325. Ms D B Ngwenya (Gauteng: EFF)—Finance.
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- ★331. Mr J M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC)—Energy.
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- ★378. Mr M M Chabangu (Free State: EFF)—Small Business Development.
- ★380. Ms D B Ngwenya (Gauteng: EFF)—Transport.
- ★381. Ms M C Dikgale (Limpopo: ANC)—Public Works.