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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2020

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CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

★134. Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether, in light of the fact that cases of gender-based domestic violence have been on the rise during the Covid-19 lockdown, she has a plan to provide the necessary assistance to women, children and persons with disabilities who are the most vulnerable groups to gender-based domestic violence and abuse; if not, why not; if so, what are the full relevant details?

NO1118E

★116. Mr I M Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(a) What is her department doing to address the current confusion with local law enforcement agencies and local authorities that is resulting in some municipalities issuing permits for businesses to operate while others refuse to do so and (b) how will her department mitigate possible civil claims against local authorities who wrongfully prevent permitted businesses under current restrictions from operating? NO1098E

★119. Mr M Gungubele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What have been the lessons learnt thus far from Covid-19 with regard to the delivery of services and empowering people and (b) how will these lessons shape the approach of her department in this regard going forward? NO1103E

★193. Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

With reference to the modelling and data that the Government is using, (a) by what date is it envisaged that the peak of Covid-19 infections will be reached in the Republic and (b) what will the envisaged death rate be at that point? NO1184E

★117. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether the Government will provide personal protective equipment (PPEs) to educators and learners in all schools, particularly to learners in schools whose parents cannot afford such PPEs and who are at greater risk; if not, why not; if so, (a) will provision be made before schools reopen and (b) at what cost? NO1100E

★120. Ms N G Adoons (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What is her plan to address the schools' infrastructure such as water and sanitation, which are key in the Covid-19 school compliance protocols, with regard to schools that had challenges prior to the lockdown to prevent the spread of Covid-19? NO1104E

★140. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

Whether he will provide a breakdown of the spending of the R1 billion Legacy Trust from the 2010 FIFA World Cup that was supposed to be used for sports development in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the full relevant details? NO1124E

★121. Ms A Gela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What (a) are the determining factors and reasons which result in specific areas of the country being declared centres of Covid-19 infections and (b) work has been done by his department in relation to containment strategies to address the exponential rise in Covid-19 cases in the specified areas? NO1105E

★194. Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

What are the reasons why the Government cannot currently meet the national targets to conduct between 17 000 and 30 000 tests per day for the presence of the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 that causes Covid-19 in persons? NO1185E

★163. Ms N V Mente (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What (a) is the total cost of water tanks that will be purchased for schools as a result of the lockdown to curb Covid-19 and (b) are the details of the procurement processes that were followed in this regard? NO1149E

★122. Mr B M Hadebe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether all 257 municipalities complied with regulation 6.7 on municipal operations and governance during the lockdown? NO1106E

★123. Ms G K Tseke (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What (a) measures did her department put in place to provide clean water to far-reaching and deep rural areas during this current period of the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) similar plans did her department roll out in informal settlements? NO1107E

★124. Ms A F Muthambi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether her department will conduct an impact assessment of the regulations in each alert level since the Republic moved from alert level 5 to alert level 4 regulations with effect 1 May 2020; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the feedback? NO1108E

★184. Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Who is responsible for (a) selecting each quarantine site used by the Government to accommodate repatriated South Africans and (b) overseeing the specified sites? NO1175E

★169. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether social grant beneficiaries who applied for the social relief grant on time, but had their applications processed after the prescribed turnaround period for processing applications due to the backlog will get backdated payments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1155E

★125. Mr M P Mapulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

With reference to his pronouncement on saving the 2020 academic year in the press briefing on 30 April 2020, during which he emphasised the principle that no student should be left behind, (a) what has been the progress of his department in developing a common national plan and (b) will it ensure that the actions of management at all institutions are in the best interest of all students from every corner of the Republic in view of the disparities in institutional capacity at the various institutions? NO1109E

★135. Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Whether, in light of the easing of the Covid-19 lockdown regulations to level 4 by the National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC), any tests have been conducted at worksites since the adoption of the level 4 lockdown; if not, why not; if so, what number of tests;
- (2) whether health inspectors have been deployed to worksites in order to ensure compliance in line with the health precautions outlined by the NCCC; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1119E

★126. Mr P R Moroatsehla (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

How does her department intend to monitor the adherence to safety precautions and compliance with lockdown regulations of scholar transport taking learners to and from schools? NO1110E

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

Whether her department relied on any scientific studies that explored the effects of the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 that causes Covid-19 in children while finalising its plan to reopen schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the findings of the studies? NO1180E

★203. Ms M E Sukers (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

In view of the fact that the Covid-19 lockdown has exposed even more domestically abused persons in need of places of safety, a serious problem for which the Special Housing Needs Policy (SHNP) of 2015 was promulgated to address, what (a) are the causes of the delay in the presentation of the SHNP to the Ministers and Members of the Executive Councils Meeting and the SA Local Government Association and (b) steps does she intend to take to ensure that the SHNP is approved and implemented before the end of lockdown? NO1195E

★127. Mr M S Sokatsha (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether, in light of the fact that South Africans are generally pleased with the rate of recovery of individuals who have tested positive for Covid-19, there is any scientific evidence that suggest that those who have recovered from the pandemic are susceptible to being re-infected; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1111E

★141. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What progress has the Human Settlements Development Bank made, since its launch in May 2017, in providing fully serviced sites at low interest rates and assisting families to build their own homes? NO1125E

★128. Mr J B Mamabolo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

Whether his department has thus far conducted an assessment of the impact of the relief that his department has provided to the different sectors that he is responsible for; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what were the findings of the assessment?

NO1112E

★142. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether all public servants who are currently not performing any work are still receiving their full salaries; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1126E

★179. Mr K Ceza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

Whether she has taken any steps to ensure that persons whose belongings were damaged during any illegal evictions that took place during the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 are reimbursed?

NO1170E

★129. Ms N T Mkhathswa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

What detailed collaborative research efforts were undertaken by his department and its National System of Innovation (a) to include indigenous knowledge systems through traditional medicines in supporting and boosting immune systems affected by Covid-19 and (b) on the perceptions of South Africans in ensuring civic responsibility in flattening the curve?

NO1113E

★130. Mr D M Stock (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What medium to long- term plans did she put in place to assist the social services sector to transition and adjust after the lockdown?

NO1114E

★131. Ms P P Dyantyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) Has his department found an increase in cases of depression and other mental illness as a result of the strain incurred due to the anxiety and uncertainty related to the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) what steps has he taken to ensure that institutions attend to the managing of mental health during the uncertainty and anxiety related to the Covid-19 pandemic?

NO1115E

★146. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

What progress has (a) the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) and (b) his department made in procuring laptops for NSFAS students as announced on 30 April 2020?

NO1131E

★177. Mr P P Keetse (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

Are the science and technology research institutions of the Republic, such as the Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research, doing any research on the organic remedy for Covid-19 that was discovered in Madagascar? NO1168E

★132. Ms M R Semanya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What (a) interventions has her department put in place to assist residents who have been evicted from their places of residence during the lockdown to prevent the spread of Covid-19 despite the Government's directives to suspend such evictions during the period of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) actions her department intends taking against those who are found to have unlawfully evicted residents during this lockdown period? NO1116E

★136. Mr X Ngwezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

In light of the backlog in the delivery of houses in Nkandla, uLundi, uMhlathuze Ward 33, Nongoma and Jozini, and the fact that implementing agents were appointed as far back as in 2012, what (a) has she found to be the root cause of the specified backlog and (b) timeline does her department envisage with regard to delivering houses in the specified areas? NO1120E

★133. Mr P M P Modise (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

What measures are in place to ensure that the entire sector of sports, arts and culture optimally benefit from his department's Covid-19 relief? NO1117E

★161. Mr M H Hoosen (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What (a) total number of court applications have been brought against her and/or her Ministry, including those where she is cited as a respondent since 23 March 2020 and (b) are the relevant details of the applications? NO1147E

★204. Mr W M Thring (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) What accountability management systems and initiatives have been put in place to ensure that her department's audit office recommendations in response to the Auditor-General's report on the decline in municipal audit results for the 2017-18 financial year are not disregarded, particularly given that municipalities will be given substantial additional funding to combat Covid-19;
- (2) whether she will consider accepting the offer by the Auditor-General to do real-time audits of Covid-19 expenditure to avoid fraud and corruption at municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1196E

★149. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

What (a) number of former and current staff members of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) are being criminally prosecuted as a result of the administrators uncovering criminal syndicates operating within NSFAS and (b) are the relevant details of the main criminal charges being instituted against the specified staff members?

NO1135E

★114. Ms H O Mkhali (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Why has the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent's Chief Executive Officer not been suspended after his arrest last year?

NO1032E

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

What is the total number of social grant recipients who (a) did not receive payment and (b) received double payment of their social grants due to the SA Social Security Agency's technical glitches on 4 May 2020?

NO1136E

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

What measures has her department put in place to feed children who benefitted from the school nutrition programmes in Marikana in the North-West?

NO1033E

★137. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(1) Whether some provinces, like the Western Cape and Gauteng that are prepared and able to meet her timeline, will open their schools before other provinces; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, will her department offer support to schools that are unprepared and therefore unable to open in order to prevent the loss of more time in the school year;

(2) whether she has found that her department's stated measures will be effective enough to prevent the further spread of the Covid-19, given that the number of positive cases in the Western Cape continues to rise, while the reopening of the schools and early childhood development centres are given serious consideration by her department; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1121E

★154. Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What measure will her department take to assist municipalities to meet their service delivery obligations following the national lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19?

NO1140E

★118. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether his department has considered using the affordable Covid-19 diagnostic testing kits manufactured in Senegal, particularly given reports that Senegal has the

largest rate of recovery of persons infected with Covid-19 in Africa; if not, why not; if so, what are the further relevant details? NO1101E

★201. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether, as referred to by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his reply to the debate on the State of the Nation Address on 20 February 2018, the Office of The Presidency will now introduce lifestyle audits for Members of the Executive; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1192E

★164. Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether there are any employees of the Government and state-owned entities who are still employed as temporary employees; if so, (a) which department and/or state-owned entity has temporary employees and (b) what is the total number of such employees? NO1150E

★185. Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

What are the details of the (a) tasks his department undertook during the national lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 to prepare the public health facilities to combat Covid-19 after the lockdown is eased and (b) current level of the Covid-19 alert in the Republic in real terms? NO1176E

★165. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What are the details of the plan that her department has in place to provide decent housing to the residents of Emajorantiya in Ward 45, Berlin, in the Buffalo City Metropolitan who were relocated to temporary shelters in 2011? NO1151E

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

Whether she was informed that the companies that are involved in the development of the digitisation platform for the SA Social Security Agency's (SASSA) new grants are subsidiaries and/or affiliates of companies owned and/or in some way connected to persons who were responsible for or involved in the debacle between Cash Paymaster Services and SASSA; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1122E

★113. Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

What is the (a) name of each athlete in his department's Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries Programme and (b) average monthly amount paid to an athlete for participating in the specified programme? NO1030E

★143. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What is the current status of her department's process to appoint a permanent director-general and (b) by what date is it envisaged that a permanent director-general will be appointed? NO1127E

★166. Mr B S Madlingozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

Whether he has formally set up any work stream, committee or convened a meeting to formally take forward his plea that radio stations of the Republic should play more South African produced music? NO1152E

★144. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What steps has she taken to focus some of the resources of her department to combat gender-based violence? NO1128E

★167. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What plans has her department put in place to supply the residents of (a) Mamusa in the North West and (b) Zululand in KwaZulu-Natal with water to prevent deaths due to water-related diseases? NO1153E

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

Whether her department has been able to scale up its efforts to combat gender-based violence and child abuse during the Covid-19 state of disaster lockdown period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1123E

★145. Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

What total number of athletes represented the Republic at the past (a) Olympic and (b) Paralympic Games? NO1129E

★147. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

Whether his department has put any plans in place to promote technical and vocational education and training colleges as a lucrative option for persons to enrol for tertiary education and training, given the current fiscal constraints; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1132E

★168. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What is the status of the War on Leaks project that was established in 2015? NO1154E

★148. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

Whether any plans have been put in place to provide additional National Student Financial Aid Scheme funding to beneficiary students who might be required to continue the current academic year beyond the normal period due to the effects of Covid-19; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what total amount in additional funding would be required in this regard? NO1133E

★173. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has been informed that a certain school (name furnished) is threatening to expel the children of parents who are struggling to pay school fees during the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19; if not, will she investigate the matter; if so, what steps does she intend to take to address the matter? NO1159E

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

Whether the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) received the R316 million plus interest that the Constitutional Court ordered Cash Paymaster Services to pay back; if not, by what date is the payment envisaged; if so, on what date was the money paid back to SASSA? NO1137E

★152. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 562 on 11 May 2020, most learners, who form part of normal feeding schemes in schools, were reached through the Disaster Relief and Social Relief Management Programme; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1138E

★175. Mrs N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether her department has statistics of teachers who suffer from asthma, hypertension and/or respiratory diseases; if not, what will inform the decision of who goes back to school or not; if so, what is the total number of teachers suffering from the specified diseases? NO1164E

★157. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What is the current status of her department's National Rapid Response Task Team? NO1143E

★176. Mr B S Madlingozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

What are the functions of the Culture and Creative Industry Federation of South Africa that his department selected to assist with the distribution of the social relief grants for the artists? NO1165E

★159. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What measures has her department put in place to assist municipalities that may not be able to pay employees' salaries due to the suspension of municipal credit control policies as a result of the national lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19? NO1145E

★160. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

What is the economic policy intervention that form part of her department's recovery strategy for the local government sector beyond the Covid-19 pandemic? NW1146E

★178. Mr P P Keetse (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:

Whether he has found that in order to maximise resources during the national lockdown to curb Covid-19 it would be beneficial to consolidate resources between institutions of higher learning and set up central online systems modelled around same courses and accessed by all students on a particular level of study instead of each individual university utilising its resources separately; if not, why not; if so, what steps has he taken to implement such initiatives? NO1169E

★162. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether his department has put any plans in place to recruit more administrative staff to assist with clerical duties which are currently regularly being performed by medical personnel at quarantine facilities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1148E

★180. Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What (a) steps has she taken to ensure that initiatives to prevent and mitigate gender-based violence are integrated into the programmes of all sectors and (b) monitoring measures has she put in place to assess their impact? NO1171E

★186. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What number of (a) applications for financial assistance has the Youth Micro Enterprise Relief Fund of the National Youth Development Agency received from youth-owned enterprises since the declaration of the national state of disaster and (b) the specified applications were approved? NO1177E

★187. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Whether, in light of his responsibility to establish norms and standards relating inter alia to the health and wellness of employees in the Public Service in terms of section (3)(1)(e) of the Public Service Act, Act 103 of 1994, as amended, he has taken any steps to ensure that all SA Police Service stations in the Republic comply with the specified norms and standards; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1178E

★188. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

Whether the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) paid any money over to the Commonwealth Bid Committee in the past three financial years; if so, on what date and what total amount did SASCOC pay to the Commonwealth Bid Committee? NO1179E

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

Whether any Covid-19 funding relief will be made available by her department to assist early childhood development centres; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1181E

★191. Mr S Ngcobo (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether her Office has taken any measures to advocate for the inclusion and representation of persons with disabilities in all the Covid-19 relief programmes of the various Government departments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1182E

★192. Mr S Ngcobo (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

What steps has her Office taken to ensure that the regulatory aspects of the National Disaster Management Act, Act 57 of 2002, are mainstreamed for the inclusion of disability rights considerations through its participation in the Social Impact, Public Health and Legal Work Streams?

NO1183E

★196. Mrs T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:

Whether her Office has (a) monitored the increased levels of gender-based violence reported during the national lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 and (b) taken any steps to assist the SA Police Service to address this phenomenon; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1187E

★197. Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

What are the reasons that South African athletes who participated in the 2016 Youth Olympic Games had to pay the costs of the qualification trip, despite the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee receiving R4 million towards funding the specified games?

NO1188E

★198. Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:

What amount did the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee spend on developing sporting codes in the Republic in the (a) 2018-19 and (b) 2019-20 financial years?

NO1189E

★202. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether, given that millions of Rands are lost annually in the Public Service due to fruitless and wasteful expenditure as a result of unethical behaviour by some accounting officers, his Office will support efforts to blacklist such accounting officers who have been found responsible and prevent them from ever being reappointed in any sphere of government and/or state-owned enterprises, in line with his Office's efforts to improve Government's performance and accountability; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1193E