

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2019

CLUSTER 4: ECONOMICS

★147. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

Whether she was furnished with reports of independent investigations that were conducted on water pollution in areas where farmers are making use of products such as glyphosate, more commonly known as the product Round-Up; if so, what (a) are the full relevant details and (b) steps is she taking to prevent polluting the surrounding land and water courses with poisonous substances like glyphosate? NO2348E

★145. Dr W J Boshoff (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

Whether the policy of his department is in line with the scientific consensus that the burning of fossil fuels, which include coal and crude oil, is the main driver of climate change which is linked with the global occurrence of extreme weather events? NO2346E

★178. Ms P N Abraham (ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What steps is the National Treasury taking within its means to ensure the expedient realisation of the goals of the seven priority tasks regarding economic recovery as outlined by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa (details furnished)? NO2380E

★158. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

What is the total number of title deeds that her department has handed out for restitution and land reform purposes since 9 May 2019? NO2360E

★184. Mr M M E Thlape (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

What interaction did she or her department have with provincial departments and local municipalities to ensure that there is a realignment of policies to prevent the sale of land to private investors that undermine the land reform programme which is a national and urgent priority? NO2386E

★176. Mr M G Mahlaule (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

How will the (a) separation of petroleum regulations from the Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act 28 of 2002, enhance the development of energy resources to benefit the Republic's economy and (b) new legislation help to transform the industry, particularly in terms of broadening ownership to include workers and communities? NO2378E

★172. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

What portion of the R3,9 billion allocated to the Land and Agricultural Development Bank of South Africa over the 2019-22 medium-term budget period, as mentioned by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in his 2019 state of the nation address on 20 June 2019, has been spent on supporting black commercial farmers to date? NO2374E

★155. Mr N F Shivambu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether certain persons (names and details furnished) contributed to the National Treasury Economic Policy Paper titled *Economic Transformation, inclusive growth, and competitiveness Towards an Economic Strategy for South Africa*; if so, what was their role? NO2357E

★187. Mr B M Maneli (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications:

What steps will the SA Broadcasting Corporation take to ensure that (a) it addresses governance concerns in order to fully comply with the three outstanding preconditions that were set by the National Treasury and (b) it sustains itself long-term by regaining its competitive edge? NO2389E

★182. Ms N P Nkabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

What plans has his department tabled to the Cabinet to address employment entrants in job categories and economic sectors that would be designated as not requiring scarce skills (details furnished)? NO2384E

★179. Ms M Modise (ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

What are the details of the progress that her department has made to date with transforming the fisheries sector by ensuring that opportunities and market access are expanded for small- and medium-scale fishers within the sector? NO2381E

★166. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

What is the current status of the Republic's strategic fuel reserve in light of the recent drone strikes on oil facilities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia? NO2368E

★154. Mr M M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

Whether the Government can cancel purchasing power agreements signed with independent power producers supplying electricity through renewables; if not, why not;

if so, why has the Government not canceled the contracts since Eskom does not have money? NO2356E

★185. Ms K D Mahlatsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

What are the details of the (a) current and (b) future mechanisms that her department has put in place to ensure that the Communal Property Associations become sustainable and economically viable? NO2387E

★148. Mr M N Nxumalo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

What is he doing or intends doing to avoid that the PetroSA plant in Mossel Bay closes down with severe negative impact on jobs and the economy of Mossel Bay? NO2350E

★177. Mr S Luzipo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

How (a) is the Government planning to mitigate the impact of the new Integrated Resource Plan on the coal industry (details furnished) and (b) does the Government intend to ensure a just transition to renewable energy resources, particularly in the coal mining towns? NO2379E

★173. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether her department has taken any steps to ensure that the Ingonyama Trust adheres to section 2(5) of the KwaZulu-Natal Ingonyama Trust Act, Act 3KZ of 1994, which prohibits it from leasing, encumbering, pledging, alienating and/or disposing of any land under its custodianship without the prior written consent of the traditional authority or community authority; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2375E

★188. Ms N J Kubeka (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications:

How (a) has the current policy on digital terrestrial television (DTT) migration delivered on the Government's objective to enable the swift release of the high-demand spectrum needed for the roll-out of broadband and effective DTT migration and (b) does the Government intend to set

prices and other conditions applicable to spectrum licences in ways that will enable the services delivered over wireless networks to generate the greatest benefits for the South African economy and all our people? NO2390E

★183. Mr M Nontsele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

What progress has been recorded in closing the skills gap in the labour market? NO2385E

★169. Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

Whether his department has conducted any research on the cost to small businesses of complying fully with labour legislation and regulations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2371E

★151. Mr P Sindane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

(1) What interventions has her department undertaken to help the persons evicted from the Klein Akker farm, in Kraaifontein in the Western Cape;

(2) whether she is considering legislation that will put a moratorium on evictions from land; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2353E

★180. Ms S G N Mbatha (ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

What (a) partnership programmes and/or agreements does her department have or has her department entered into to mitigate against the negative impact of climate change on the environment, forestry and fisheries sector and (b) technologies has her department put in place to realise the successful implementation of the specified programmes and/or agreements? NO2382E

★186. Ms B Tshwete (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether, in view of the fact that some entities reporting to her share similar mandates on crosscutting issues, she is considering to merge the entities under the reconfigured department in order to ensure greater efficiency and pooling of resources; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, which entities are being considered? NO2388E

★181. Ms T M A Tongwane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

How does her department intend to further intensify the biodiversity entrepreneurship training programme for young persons as a contribution to create 2 million jobs within the next 10 years as set out by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in the state of the nation address on 20 June 2019? NO2383E

★164. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

What is the current status of her department's implementation of the resolutions of the colloquium on captive lion breeding held by the Portfolio Committee on Environmental Affairs of the Fifth Parliament on 21 and 22 August 2018?

NO2366E

★152. Mr M Chabangu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

Whether his department intends introducing a job protection Bill that will protect workers from being the first casualties of dismissals from employment directly related to reckless management decisions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2354E

★175. Mr X Ngwezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

In light of the backlog in issuing certificates to successful students by technical and vocational education and training colleges resulting in the students having difficulty to find employment, what steps does his department intend to take to ensure that the specified students are not excluded from the job market in the interim?

NO2377E

★157. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

What is the name of each contractor appointed in each province to collect and process waste tyres from tyre dealers throughout the Republic?

NO2359E

★159. Mr C MacKenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:

What steps has she taken to secure the SA Post Office and agencies from vandalism and other criminal activity, especially in light of the recent tragic murder of Ms Uyinene Mrwetyana in the Clareinch Post Office?

NO2361E

★153. Mr M M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

Whether, in view of the fact that Eskom is facing a financial crisis, (a) he has successfully managed to renegotiate the lowering of the prices currently being paid by Eskom to the independent power producers (IPPs) and (b) he intends to discontinue further bid windows for IPPs; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2355E

★160. Mr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether, with reference to the findings of the Commission of Inquiry into Tax Administration and Governance by the SA Revenue Service (Sars), dated 11 December 2018, any progress has been made in holding Bain and Company to account for the role it played in the destruction of the organisational capacity of Sars; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2362E

★149. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

What national programmes does she envisage to restore and maintain forests in rural areas like Ngqamakhwe in the Amathole region in the Eastern Cape, with the aim of avoiding soil erosion and adverse effects on livestock farming?

NO2351E

★146. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

What are the full relevant details of the legislative and/or regulatory policy and/or action that she intends to implement in order to ensure the sustainable conservation, management and protection of all identified Strategic Water Source Areas and their surrounding sensitive ecosystems to prevent environmental degradation? NO2347E

★161. Mr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether, with reference to the findings of the Commission of Inquiry into Tax Administration and Governance by the SA Revenue Service (Sars), dated 11 December 2018, the capacity of Sars to investigate tax non-compliance has been restored; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2363E

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

On what grounds does the National Treasury consider the SA Airways worthy of receiving additional Government bailouts? NO2364E

★150. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

What steps is her department taking to resolve the opposition of activists, fronting for white dominated travel and tourism industry, against the current application of two black empowerment companies for aquaculture farming in the Langebaan Lagoon? NO2352E

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

Why was a certain person (name and details furnished) of the National Treasury present at the committee meeting of a certain political organisation (name furnished) during the weekend of 28-29 September 2019? NO2365E

★156. Mr L G Mokoena (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications:

What progress has been made to transform the Postbank into a fully fledged bank since the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, assented and signed the Financial Matters Amendment Bill [B1-2019] into law? NO2358E

★165. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

What (a) amount is the Selati Railway Bridge Hotel contracted to pay to the SA National Parks (SANParks) annually and (b) cost did the SANParks incur due to the establishment of the hotel? NO2367E

★167. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

What steps does he intend taking to ensure that the technically insolvent PetroSA is transformed into a viable and sustainable business entity? NO2369E

★168. Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

What number of applications for exemption from the national minimum wage has his department (a) received and (b) granted since 1 January 2019? NO2370E

★170. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:

What (a) is the current rate of unemployment in the City of Ekurhuleni and (b) number of persons are currently unemployed? NO2372E

★174. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

What are the details of the plans of her department to assist farmers to mitigate the negative effects of the drought currently experienced across various parts of the Republic? NO2376E