

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# QUESTION PAPER

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

### CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2022

**★766. Ms D R Direko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Given that the Community Work Programme is one of her department's biggest expenditure programmes which has provided work to over 230 000 participants in 2021, and noting that although the innovative programme has been a decisive factor in the fight against poverty and unemployment in poor communities, challenges have dampened its impact in the form of poor implementation and project management by implementing agents and massive irregular and fruitless expenditure with regard to ghost employees (details furnished), what (a) progress has been recorded in this regard and (b) challenges remain?

NO4976E

**★768. Ms S T Maneli (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) Notwithstanding the undertaking that was made in the Fifth Parliament, what monitoring measures will he and/or his Office put in place that will improve the payment of legitimate invoices across the three spheres of Government within 30 days to avoid that small businesses with whom the Government transacts, do not wait inordinately long for payments;
- (2) whether his Office has any monitoring mechanism in place to hold defaulting departments and provinces accountable through the necessary statutory provisions when validated invoices following work that has been completed according to a signed contractual agreement, has not been paid within 30 days in all departments and provinces; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4978E

**★787. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed that some of the Community Works Programme implementing agents that have been found guilty of paying ghost workers are in line again for the renewal of their contracts; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the specified implementing agents that have been found guilty of paying ghost workers have been reported to the National Treasury for blacklisting; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4997E

**★784. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What implications will the Government's unilateral decision to implement a 3% wage increase for public service employees have on the present and future ability of the collective bargaining process to handle wage negotiations? NO4994E

**★772. Ms T S Masondo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

What are the details of the steps that she has taken to (a) build a more nonsexist society and (b) curb institutional fragmentation within and between the three spheres of government that has hampered progress and a better impact of gender plans? NO4982E

**★758. Mr M Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether, with reference to the address by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, on the reply to the reports of The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State, his Office will provide details on the changes to the appointment processes of the National Director of Public Prosecutions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of how the (a) processes of public scrutiny will be ensured and (b) potential partisanship within candidates will be evaluated and mitigated? NO4967E

**★769. Dr J Nothnagel (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) What has he found were the reasons for the unfolding salary negotiations in which trade unions in the Public Service sector rejected the 3% wage-increase offer, including the cash allowance of R1,000 offered which amounts to another 4%, and have gone back to a 10% wage demand after talks collapsed;
- (2) whether any suggestions have been made in the past to deal with the negotiating cycle in a different manner and over a longer period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4979E

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

What are the reasons that he did not ensure that Cabinet, in drafting its plan to implement the recommendations of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector, including Organs of State, takes into account the commission's findings that it is unlawful and unconstitutional for a President of the Republic, any Member of the Executive, including Deputy Ministers and Directors-General and/or other government official, including those in parastatals, to take receive recommendations of the ANC's Deployment Committee when determining an appointment to a position in the Public Service and/or in organs of state or parastatals?

NO4999E

**★775. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Whether she has found a marked improvement in the quality of life and employment opportunities for youth and persons with disabilities; if not, (a) why not and (b) what then is the justification for having a stand-alone ministry for inter alia, youth and persons with disabilities; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4985E

**★765. Mr O M Mathafa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Given that the Auditor-General's Consolidated General Report on local government audit outcomes for 2020-21 came out in June 2022, and noting that the country as a whole was disturbed by the analysis of the audit with over 60 dysfunctional municipalities and the growing number being put under administration due to poor financial management and material irregularities, notwithstanding the fact that there are personnel from Municipal Public Accounts Committees and Internal Audit and Risk Management in such municipalities, and taking into account that she has engaged with the Auditor-General before on the matters to address the national concerns, (a) what steps has she and/or her department taken to attend to the identified material irregularities and (b) has she found that the Republic is on the path to better audits and functioning municipalities as a result?

NO4975E

**★773. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

What (a) roadmap and/or plan was put in place by her and/or her department to invest the initial R100 million portion of the R493 million conditional grant allocated to the Amathole District Municipality for the creation of water and sanitation infrastructure to 900 000 citizens and (b) justifiable reasons can be given by her for the complete lack of expenditure other than staff protests? NO4983E

**★770. Ms M M Ntuli (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

By what date will he provide reports to Parliament on the impact of policy and expenditure on an identified group so that during oversight the specified members are able to assess whether policies of the Government have the desired impact across different sectors? NO4980E

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

With reference to the high youth unemployment rate in the Republic, what are the details of the action she has taken to address the latest allegations of corruption levelled against the Chief Executive Officer of the National Youth Development Agency? NO5000E

**★777. Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

- (1) Whether she has reached out to the family of Namhla Mthwa who was murdered in cold blood in Mthatha earlier this year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she has monitored the reasons offered by the SA Police Service for their lack of progress in the murder case; if not, what is the implication for the trust that women should have that the Government will eradicate the scourge of gender-based violence? NO4987E

**★771. Ms F A Masiko (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

With regard to the improvements by her Office in monitoring the implementation of the Sanitary Dignity Implementation Framework in Provinces, what are the concrete measures on how her department will give effect to proper planning to ensure that there are no procurement delays that will affect the distribution of sanitary pads so that the right quantity and quality reach the learners at the right time? NO4981E

**★767. Mr F D Xasa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Considering that the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, Act 57 of 2002, have been severely tested during this year and that the establishment of an ad hoc committee to oversee the response to the floods in KwaZulu-Natal and parts of the Eastern Cape have brought to the fore the challenges the Republic has in responding to such disasters, and noting that whilst the intention to bring matters back to some state of normality is evidenced through various interventions, the dislocation of communities remain due to the lack of co-ordination between the three spheres of Government, what (a) has she found is responsible for the current lack of co-ordination in responding to disasters and (b) steps will be taken to improve the situation? NO4977E

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

What measures will she take to enforce the prohibition on cadre deployment in municipal administrations through the Local Government: Municipal Systems Amendment Act, Act 3 of 2022? NO5009E

**★778. Mrs K N F Hlonyana (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

What steps has she taken regarding the investigation report of the Commission for Gender Equality that was released in 2020 about claims that HIV-positive women were coerced into reproductive sterilisation without being properly informed and/or offered any form of counseling? NO4988E

**★762. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Considering that corruption is leading to the destruction of many municipalities throughout the Republic and is directly affecting the quality of life of the local communities over which such municipalities govern, (a) what standardised measures of accountability and transparency will her department implement and/or introduce in municipalities and (b) how will this be done? NO4972E

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

Whether her Office has taken any steps to make input into and/or develop legislation dedicated to disability rights; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) by what date does she envisage such legislation to be tabled in the National Assembly and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard? NO5007E

**★800. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether, she will intervene in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality to ensure delivery of services to the residents of Rolihlahla, Gqeberha, where 150 households, many of whom are elderly and disabled, are living in filthy conditions, without proper sanitation, electricity, water and/or refuse removal, after they were moved to the prefabricated bungalows by the municipality; if not, why not; if so, what steps will she take to ensure service delivery that will lead to immediate prioritisation of improvements of their living conditions?

NO5010E

**★801. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

With reference to the Auditor-General's report which highlights the lack of capacity and skills in all spheres of government particularly at local government level, what measures has he and/or his department put in place to ensure that persons employed in the provincial sphere of government are fit for purpose and able to contribute to the success of the provincial sphere of government?

NO5011E

**★786. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether, in light of the many failures linked to the Community Works Programme, which have resulted in her department receiving a qualified audit opinion for the 2021-22 financial year, her department intends to conduct a full review of the programme with a specific focus on the implementing agent component; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the (a) timelines and (b) further details in this regard?

NO4996E

**★782. Mr K Ceza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Considering the deaths of initiates in the Eastern Cape, what steps has her department taken to ensure that there is not a single initiate who dies in the upcoming December initiation season?

NO4992E

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

What are the reasons that he has not provided any statutory requirements for changes to the Guide for Members of the Executive for (a) consideration by the Independent Commission for the Remuneration of Public Office-Bearers and/or (b) tabling in Parliament?

NO4998E

**★776. Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Considering the high rate of unemployment amongst the youth, which leads to a number of social ills such as drug abuse and crime, what is the suite of measures, monitored by her Office that would enable the Government to deal with youth unemployment in the Republic?

NO4986E

**★764. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

Whether, considering that a large wave of teacher retirements is expected until 2040, which will result in an inflow of younger teachers at entry level salaries and according to estimates will be able to reduce average teacher pay in real terms by as much as 15% over a period of 10 years, his department has plans in place to support the Department of Basic Education in the careful planning and negotiating needed between employers and unions in order to facilitate the increase in teachers with the benefit of a decrease in class sizes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4974E

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

What steps has she taken to monitor that young entrepreneurs in the informal sector are supported through (a) sustainable funding and (b) skills development? NO5001E

**★774. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the fact that R21 billion has been dedicated over the medium term to implement six pillars of the plan to curb the scourge of violence against women and children, the Gender-based Violence and Femicide Response Fund, which is one of the pillars, has already been established; if not, why not; if so, what is its purpose;
- (2) what are the relevant details of how effectively the specified fund has assisted victims of violence? NO4984E

**★793. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

With reference to the reply of the former Minister of Public Service and Administration, Ms A Dlodlo, to question 477 on 9 May 2022, what impact has he found the fact that many senior managers do not hold the requisite qualifications has had on the effectiveness and responsiveness of the Public Service? NO5003E

**★780. Mrs C S S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

With reference to the statement by the SA Statistics Council in March 2022 acknowledging the Government's action in stopping the budget cuts to Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), after the council had threatened to resign because of the negative impact of the budget cuts, (a) in what way has he found had the previous budget cuts affected the ability of Stats SA to do its job and (b) what steps has he taken to ensure that the ability of the entity to do its work is not threatened by budget cuts in the future? NO4990E

**★794. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether, with reference to the Cabinet's approval of changes to the conditions of employment for Directors-General and Heads of Departments on 19 October 2022, the transfer of the management of delegations from Executive Authorities to accounting officers also includes the transfer of human resources functions as recommended by the National Development Plan; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO5004E

**★781. Mrs C S S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Since the publication in 2018 of the report on his Office entitled *Diagnostic on the Supply and Demand of Evaluators in South Africa*, what (a) steps has his Office taken to improve the quality of evaluators in the country and (b) specific actions have been taken to ensure that black evaluators are empowered?

NO4991E

**★763. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

Considering that the mandate of his department states that transparency must be fostered by providing the public with timely, accessible and accurate information, will he furnish Inkosi R N Cebekhulu with specific examples of how (a) his department provided accurate and timely information to the public and (b) the impact of such information on public perceptions of transparency was evaluated?

NO4973E

**★785. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) Taking into account the fact that the Minister of Finance raised concerns about the public sector wage bill in his Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement, and considering the demands that the public have on the State, what are the long-term plans of his department to stabilise public sector wage talks in a way that guarantees fair remuneration for the workers;
- (2) whether the plans involve reducing the number of public sector employees; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4995E