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# QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
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## QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

**TUESDAY, 2 MAY 2023**

### *Protocols for citrus exports*

**★22. Ms T C Modise (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

- (1) Whether any progress has been made in resolving the long-standing fight over phytosanitary protocols for citrus exports; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether this includes a petition that was filed by a certain citrus products manufacturer (details furnished) in 2022 to initiate an anti-dumping investigation against exporters of lemon juice concentrate from South Africa and Brazil; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department has initiated any measures to protect the country's citrus export industry, particularly the current profitable exports to the United States of America; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO285E

### *Relief from diseases*

**★11. Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

In light of the Onderstepoort Biological Products that failed for 10 years to produce essential vaccines such as African Horse Sickness (AHS) which has now created a man-made disaster, what steps will she take to ensure the immediate relief from diseases such as AHS, Blue Tongue, Rift Valley Fever, anti-snake venom and Rabies? CO274E

### *Anticipated locust outbreaks*

**★26. Mr Z Mkiva (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether, in light of the anticipated locust outbreaks in the 2022/23 season, her department has finalised the locust officers' contracts to assist in minimising the harm of the looming disaster of locust infestation; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans are in place to ensure that this matter is speedily resolved and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO289E

*Small scale farmers***★4. Mr M J Magwala (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether, with reference to the reported underspending of R1.5 billion in the 2021/22 financial year (details furnished), such underspending (a) negatively affected small scale farmers and (b) prevented them from progressing to large scale farming; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what recent interventions were made to increase market participation of emerging farmers? CO267E

*Shortage of vaccines***★12. Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

In light of the huge shortage of African Horse Disease vaccines for two years, how will citizens who have lost their livelihoods (details furnished) be compensated for the loss as a result of the failure of a state-owned entity which was established by the Onderstepoort Biological Products Incorporation Act, 1999 (Act No. 19 of 1999), that is responsible for the development, manufacturing and distribution of animal vaccines in South Africa and beyond borders? CO275E

*Wheat production***★27. Mr A J Nyambi (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether, in light of the Ukraine-Russia conflict which endangered crucial wheat supplies in many of the least developed countries in the world (details furnished), her department has any measures to (a)(i) encourage and (ii) support the production of wheat in South Africa and (b) attract more farmers to stay and/or join the wheat production industry; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO290E

*Conservation of wetlands***★28. Mr I Ntsube (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

(a) What is the significance of declaring Middelpunt Nature Reserve in Mpumalanga as South Africa's 29<sup>th</sup> Wetland of International Importance under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, (b) what is the role that is played by wetlands in our ecosystem and (c) what could be done by communities to assist in conserving wetlands? CO291E

*Outstanding land claims*

**★14. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

(a) How many of the 152 land claims on forestry land that were still (i) outstanding or (ii) not being settled and (iii) not been resolved since the presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment in the National Assembly in March 2022 and (b) how many of the existing outstanding claims her department is in discussions to (i) continue to lease for forestry purposes through section 27 of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998), or (ii) be managed by communities who wish to continue with forestry through section 29 of the said Act or (iii) be transferred to communities in line with the Commercial Forestry Masterplan where the private sector will participate as investors? CO277E

*Challenges with small-scale fishers*

**★29. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) What progress has been made regarding small-scale fishers as they feel marginalised to the benefit of large fishing companies (details furnished);
- (2) whether the identified challenges have been addressed in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO292E

*Measures to contain tailings*

**★20. Mr M A P De Bruyn (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

With reference to the Jagersfontein disaster in September 2022 which resulted in the pollution of almost all rivers, streams, dams and hundreds of hectares of agricultural land, why her department has not taken the necessary measures to contain the tailings and prevent further contamination of the area, particularly prior to the start of the rainy season? CO283E

*Extension of life of coal-fired power stations*

**★15. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

With reference to a proposed option to extend the life of coal-fired power stations by the Minister of Electricity in a recent press conference (details furnished), how will such a decision impact on (a) Cabinet's approved Just Energy Transmission Investment Plan and the R130 million of international donors and (b) the requirement that all power stations have to comply with 2020 Minimum Emissions Standards by 31 March 2025, including those that were given permission to postpone implementation? CO278E

*Second Local Government Environment Indaba*

**★30. Ms W Ngwenya (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

(a) What are the positive results of the Second Local Government Environment Indaba that was in collaboration with the SA Local Government Association and (b) how it contributes to a clean environment? CO293E

*Deaths in SA mining industry*

**★31. Ms T C Modise (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

- (1) What are the major contributing factors towards the decline in the number of deaths in the South African mining industry over the past decades;
- (2) whether any plans are in place to permanently eliminate such deaths; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO294E

*Energy Action Plan*

**★17. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

What progress has been made with regard to the Energy Action Plan that was announced by the President on 25 July 2022? CO280E

*Mineral beneficiation*

**★32. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

What are the major (a) achievements and (b) challenges of the mineral beneficiation as it has become one of the major drivers in advancing the empowerment of historically disadvantaged communities in South Africa? CO295E

*Awarding expansion licence*

**★3. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

With reference to the awarding of a licence to a certain company (details furnished) to expand its coal mining activities at the Somkhele mine in KwaZulu-Natal and that such licence was blocked by the Pretoria High Court, how has his department adapted its assessment of mining companies prior to awarding expansion licenses, especially taking into account how such companies have environmentally impacted local communities? CO266E

*Implementation of court judgement***★18. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

Whether the Makhanda High Court judgement of 1 September 2022 that set aside a decision by his department to grant a certain company (name furnished) exploration rights to conduct a seismic survey off the Wild Coast as a result of inadequate consultation with communities regarding the proposed project has been implemented? CO281E

*Discovery of natural gas***★33. Mr Z Mkiva (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

How will the discovery of natural gas in Namibia and Mozambique influence the gas industry in South Africa? CO296E

*Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):*

- ★1. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.**
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- ★5. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.**
- ★6. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.**
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- ★19. Mr S F Du Toit (North West: FF Plus)—Mineral Resources and Energy:**
- ★21. Mr M A P De Bruyn (Free State: FF Plus)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.**
- ★23. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.**

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- ★24. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.
- ★25. Mr I Ntsube (Free State: ANC)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.