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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2017

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★181. Mr D Mnguni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) What is the progress of the modularisation in Grade 12 which will assist learners to have an improved opportunity to pass Grade 12 in 2017 and (b) what has been the response to the programme? NO3643E

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

Whether the SA Social Security Agency is on track to pay out social grants in line with the Constitutional Court directives and deadline of 31 March 2018? NO3635E

★172. Mr M L Shelembe (NFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) Whether the duration of the contract has expired that was awarded in 2011 under the tenders for the first phase of the Ntabamhlophe Bulk Water Scheme under the Inkosi Langalibalele Municipality in the Uthukela district in KwaZulu-Natal (details furnished), whilst the water supply source is still not functioning and persons in the area still do not have access to safe and clean drinking water and (b) what steps will she take in this regard?

NO3634E

★188. Ms N Ncube-Ndaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether his department has any specific measures in place in preparation for the integration of the students who are returning from training in Cuba to complete their final year of training in order to qualify and be absorbed into the health care system; if so, (a) what are the details of the measures and (b) to what extent are health institutions ready to absorb the students?

NO3650E

★189. Ms C C September (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

- (1) Whether, in view of the urgent need for the development of university and college infrastructure in order to expand access to post-school institutions of higher learning and training, her department has implemented steps to ensure that all universities have the necessary project management skills to oversee the roll-out of infrastructure programmes before funds are allocated to the specified institutions; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) whether her department has considered the feasibility of creating the necessary capacity within her department to centralise the bid adjudicating and monitoring of the university infrastructure roll-out programme for specific universities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3651E

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

With reference to the statement issued by her department on 19 October 2017 (details furnished), what are the full details of the offer made by the SA Social Security Agency to the SA Post Office for paying out of social grants?

NO3661E

★184. Mr T Makondo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

(a) Whether he and his department intends to recognise more heritage resources which celebrate black history as against the current unrepresentative heritage and (b) how he intends to ensure the protection of the heritage of the Khoi and San communities?

NO3646E

★186. Ms D P Manana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

(a) How will he achieve a sustainable demographic representation in sporting codes like rugby and cricket where players of colour or Africans emerge but disappear after some time and (b) has he found that the transformation commission will achieve its objectives?

NO3648E

★196. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

Whether her department will claim back the funding provided to universities for research published in so-called predatory journals; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3658E

★182. Mr D H Khosa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) To what extent has she addressed the issues raised by the National Education Evaluation and Development Unit regarding the extent of written work given to learners, lack of punctuality and early departure by educators, reflecting on the challenges in the higher, middle and lower levels of management and (b) how is she intending to eradicate the specified challenges? NO3644E

★187. Ms M L Dunjwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether the workload indicators of staffing need yielded the necessary outcomes in relation to clinical and administrative human resources for improved health service delivery; if not, what needs to be done to improve the outcomes? NO3649E

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

What steps has she taken, with reference to the failure of the Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (Asidi) to meet its predetermined targets and underspending its budget by R875 million in the 2016-17 financial year, to ensure that the serial inability of Asidi to meet its targets does not continue in the future? NO3666E

★216. Mr M S Mbatha (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

Will her department declare free higher education for all in 2018 as government policy? NO3678E

★190. Mr C D Kekana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

Whether, with reference to the incident recently where an amount of approximately R14 million was erroneously paid into the account of a beneficiary of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), her department has taken any steps to (a) improve the accountability by NSFAS, higher education institutions and students with regard to public money that have been allocated to them and (b) introduce additional measures to regulate the administration of loans and bursary funding for needy students; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO3652E

★174. Mr X Ngwezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether her department is experiencing difficulty in employing teachers and clerks in schools in KwaZulu-Natal; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plan does she have in place to ensure that educators are adequately replaced within the appropriate time frame? NO3636E

★192. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether his department intends to accelerate the process of establishing an accessible clinic dedicated to the communities of KwaNguza, Gumatane, Phongolo and Mathafeni in the Ugu District Municipality? NO3654E

★178. Mr H P Chauke (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What challenges are encountered by her department in fulfilling its mandate of eradicating the bucket system and restoring the dignity of persons nationwide? NO3640E

★179. Mr D Mnguni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

With reference to the constitutional provisions on water resources management (details furnished), (a) what projects, programmes and/or activities is her department involved in that are geared towards the realisation of this constitutional mandate and (b) where are the specified projects located? NO3641E

★206. Ms S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether he intends to put the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health under administration as a result of the oncology crisis experienced recently in that province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3668E

★180. Mrs J V Basson (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) How did the irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure of R44 million in the Kha Ri Gude programme happen and (b) what steps has her department taken in this regard? NO3642E

★183. Mr J L Mahlangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

Whether, with reference to the ancient heritage phenomenon straddling 10 000 km² of the Mpumalanga Escarpment (details furnished), he is prepared to (a) commission experts to investigate heritage and historical phenomenon resources and (b) engage with the experts on the matter as part of his department's planned initiatives for 2018? NO3645E

★203. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether any of the persons accused of sexually abusing pupils at schools in Gauteng (details furnished) since 1 January 2017 have been assessed against the Child Protection Register; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3665E

★185. Ms B J Dlomo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

Whether, in view of his department's provision of sport facilities and the current R300 million pilot project to roll out 30 facilities in 30 municipalities, he has found that the specified measures will finally address the shortage of sport facilities in the country? NO3647E

★211. Ms M F Nkadimeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (a) What challenges are being experienced by her department in the delivery of title deeds and
(b) what steps are being taken to address the challenges? NO3673E

★208. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether she has put any mechanisms in place to address the serial (a) underperformance of her department to meet its predetermined targets and (b) overspending of her department's annual budget; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO3670E

★170. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

With reference to the Life Esidimeni Arbitration hearings, what is his position regarding Ms Qedani Mahlangu, the former MEC of Health of Gauteng, who has not been called to testify? NO3630E

★212. Mrs V Bam-Mugwanya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What steps does she intend to take to resolve the challenge with the norm amongst many housing projects in which houses that are complete but in need of minor outstanding touch-ups, remain vacant or are not handed over to their rightful beneficiaries timeously and in cases for many years, resulting in some community members, in particular persons who are not eligible to the houses or who have illegally been allocated the houses, attempting to invade such houses? NO3674E

★175. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

Whether his department in collaboration with the Department of Basic Education have any strategy to implement the memorandum of understanding regarding school sport activities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3637E

★193. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether, with reference to the reply of the Deputy President to oral question 6 on 1 March 2017 and the establishment of the review panel on the powers of the national Minister of Health, he has proposed amendments to the legislation governing appointment and accountability mechanisms of Members of the Executive Council and heads of department which will ensure that they account to the national Department of Health? NO3655E

★201. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (a) For what reason was a contract tender to the value of R151 million, as set out in Note 19 and Annexure 2 of her department's 2016-17 Annual Financial Statements, not awarded and
(b) who was the contractor who had won the specified tender? NO3663E

★205. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has consulted with the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services in order to prioritise the updating of the defunct Sexual Offences Register which was established to protect learners against abuse; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3667E

★200. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Why does her department have a bank overdraft of R10,8 billion as indicated in Note 18 of the Auditor-General's report on her department's 2016-17 Annual Financial Statements? NO3662E

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

Why has the SA Social Security Agency not signed any contract with any service provider for the distribution of social grants, as there are only five months left before the phasing out contract with Cash Paymaster Services as ordered by the Constitutional Court on 17 March 2017? NO3632E

★176. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether her department has a strategy to eradicate the illegal occupation of government-sponsored houses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3638E

★194. Mr S C Mncwabe (NFP) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

Whether there is any plan in place to find a coordinated approach between his department and the Department of Basic Education to promote school sport and identify talent? NO3656E

★202. Mr I M Ollis (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What mechanisms has she, in collaboration with each provincial department of education, put in place to stop excessive (a) absenteeism and (b) late coming of educators across the country? NO3664E

★207. Ms S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether his department took any steps to address the lack of complete and full patient records being kept at public hospitals and other public health institutions; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO3669E

★195. Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

Whether his department allocated any funds to develop the home of the former President, Mr Nelson Mandela, situated outside the Pollsmoor Prison precinct, as a tourist attraction; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3657E

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

By what date will the Government phase out 3 062 school roofs that contain asbestos?

NO3676E

★177. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What caused the overexpenditure of R913 million on the original budget of R140 million that was allocated towards the regional bulk infrastructure grant for the Giyani emergency project and (b) did the specified project bear any fruit?

NO3639E

★209. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What progress has she made in working with the SA Post Office to give effect to the Constitutional Court judgment of 17 March 2017 which extended Cash Paymaster Services' contract for only 12 months and (b) what is the total number of pay stations and/or pay points that has been located in the rural areas?

NO3671E

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

Whether her department has put a strategy in place to address the lack of infrastructure development for rural offices of her department and the SA Social Security Agency; if not, in each case, why not; if so, (a) what are the details of her department's strategy and (b) by which date will the specified strategy be implemented in each case?

NO3659E

★198. Mrs K Jooste (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What are the details of the steps that she will take to address the supply chain management weaknesses identified by the Auditor-General at (a) her department and (b) each entity reporting to her in order to prevent the serial irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred in each case?

NO3660E

★213. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What (a) is the true nature of the water crisis in Cape Town and (b) is her department doing to assist the City of Cape Town in dealing with the crisis to ensure that there will still be water in Cape Town by 31 March 2018?

NO3675E

★191. Mr J A Esterhuizen (IFP) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

In view of the measures on heritage promotion and preservation in libraries that his department introduced (details furnished), (a) how are critical heritage values transferred in public libraries and (b) has he found that there is sufficient heritage literature at our public libraries to ensure that the specified values that are being transferred are representative of the rich and diverse indigenous culture of the country?

NO3653E

★210. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

(a) What is the total number of students at technical, vocational education and training colleges and universities who have received funding from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme from 1 January 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how many of the specified total number of students are pursuing studies geared towards careers identified as scarce skills? NO3672E

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

Whether the 53 835 foster care grants that are up for review before the end of the year will be processed on time? NO3683E

★219. Ms M O Mokause (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Why no feasibility study was conducted before the construction of the Rooigrond housing project? NO3681E

★222. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

Has he found any corruption involved in the awarding of the contract to a certain company (name furnished) to provide the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee with tracksuits? NO3684E

★217. Mr M S Mbatha (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

(a) What engagements has she had with the President of the Republic, Mr Jacob G Zuma, regarding the report of the Fees Commission, including the date on which the specified report will be released and (b) did the report recommend that free quality higher education is feasible and possible? NO3679E

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

Whether, with reference to the deadline of 29 November 2017 by which the Minimum Norms and Standards for School Infrastructure determines that her department must ensure that all public schools have access to water, electricity, sanitation, etcetera, her department will be able to meet the target; if not, (a) why not and (b) what is the backlog in those provinces that will not meet this target? NO3677E

★220. Ms M O Mokause (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Why the RDP housing project in Seoding Fourways in the Northern Cape remains incomplete? NO3682E

★169. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What steps has her department taken to fix the leaks in our water system that cause our country to lose 1,3 trillion litres of water in one year? NO3627E

★218. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

(a) What is the cause of the high resignation rate of oncologists from government hospitals in the country and (b) what steps has his department taken to attract oncologists back to hospitals?

NO3680E