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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022

CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

★649. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether he, in his capacity as Minister and/or his Deputy Minister, have in any way been involved in the investigations surrounding the Phala Phala farm scandal involving the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4582E

★621. Mr V C Xaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Considering that over-expenditure on compensation of employees remains the largest contributor to irregular expenditure in her Department of Defence (DoD), and noting that the DoD previously indicated to Parliament that it intends to bring the specified expenditure under control by the 2024-25 financial year through a number of interventions, has she found that the DoD (a) is on track with the implementation of the Mobility Exit Mechanism for the 2022-23 financial year according to the agreement

with the National Treasury and (b) will have over-expenditure on compensation of employees under control by the 2024-25 financial year? NO4551E

★638. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Considering that load shedding has become a semi-permanent fixture in our lives, what measures have police station commanders put in place at police stations and satellite stations for communities that request responsiveness during load shedding, especially relating to crimes of assault? NO4570E

★624. Ms B Swarts (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Considering that the reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has been before the UN for many years, and noting that the specified matter has been of particular concern for the developing world at the recent UN General Assembly meeting in New York, including South Africa, what plans will be undertaken to intensify the call for the reform of the UNSC? NO4554E

★658. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What is the Government's position on the legitimacy of the Russian Federation's referendum that recently took place in Ukraine? NO4592E

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

Whether he and/or the SA Police Service has any plans in place to boost and improve the quality of investigation of rape cases and the rate of conviction which currently sits below 10%; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4548E

★625. Ms M Modise (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Considering that his department's modernisation programme is a key enabler for building a capable state and critically important to drive improvement in security, business process efficiency and the provision of access to services, and noting that some weaknesses such as poor project management and poor governance processes were identified by the Auditor-General, what (a) steps has his department taken to rectify the specified issues which have been raised by the Auditor-General and (b) are the time frames in each case? NO4555E

★650. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

With reference to the reply to question 2701 on 6 October 2022 that the two core features of the President's Fund are to pay a one-off grant as reparation to a closed list of victims of apartheid era abuses, so as not to become an economic burden on Government and to uplift communities and create opportunities, what (a) notable projects have been implemented and funded by the President's Fund to support the rehabilitation of communities that suffered during apartheid and are still in distress and (b) total amount of the specified fund has been used on the specified projects in the past five years? NO4583E

★629. Ms N H Maseko-Jele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What is his department's status in dispensing barrier-free access to justice for persons with disabilities in various courts in the Republic? NO4561E

★668. M. Gen O S Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether the SA Police Service will establish specialised units to combat the prevalence of illegal mining in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4603E

★640. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What (a) total number of cases have been successfully investigated by the Investigating Directorate (ID) of the National Prosecuting Authority since its establishment and (b) are the structural and capacity challenges faced by the ID? NO4572E

★631. Ms N P Peacock (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

What plans has his department put in place, as a matter of urgency, to address the ageing infrastructure of SA Police Service buildings, office accommodation and forensic laboratories, such as the one in Amanzimtoti that is flooding? NO4563E

★633. Mr J J Maake (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(1) Whether the National Security Council has developed a National Security Strategy with regard to the public consultation process following the recommendations of the *Report of the Expert Panel into the July 2021 Civil Unrest*; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the final strategy will be declassified to allow for greater accountability and transparency; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? NO4565E

★635. Dr M Basopu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What plans will she put in place to ensure that emerging small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) participate in the aerospace industry following her address at the Africa Aerospace and Defence Expo regarding the need for deliberate interventions that empower emerging SMMEs, especially the historically marginalised? NO4567E

★672. Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether the Government intends to extend any donations and/or loans to the government of the Republic of Cuba; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the details of (a) the planned loans and/or donations and (b) how will the Government ensure that any loans are repaid according to the agreed terms? NO4607E

★648. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether he has been briefed on any intelligence reports that validate the claims of domestic sabotage to Eskom's ability to provide sustainable electricity in light of the massive load shedding; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4581E

★623. Mr B S Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Considering that organisations such as the African Continental Free Trade Area is on a mission to investigate the continent socially and economically, and noting that the integration of the continent can only happen in an environment of peace and stability, what (a) efforts are underway through the African Union to resolve certain conflicts (details furnished) and/or coups on the continent and (b) role does the Government play in this regard? NO4553E

★652. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether the Public Protector's remedial actions and recommendations in the Public Protector Report 34 of 2022-23 have been implemented in respect of the investigation into the acquisition of the Cuban COVID-19 vaccine Heberon by her department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4586E

★626. Mr K B Pillay (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Considering that the implementation of the Border Management Authority (BMA) is critical for the security and wellbeing of the nation, and noting that some of the set targets regarding the roll-out of the BMA in line with The Medium-Term Strategic Framework have not been met due to delays in the finalisation of protocols with the SA Police Service and SA National Defence Force, what is the progress (a) on the issue of the specified protocols and (b) of the practical implementation of the BMA? NO4556E

★654. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What total number of officials of his department have (a) faced disciplinary action and (b) been arrested for committing immigration fraud since the establishment of the Multi-Disciplinary Task Team to investigate immigration fraud in his department in July 2022? NO4588E

★619. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) What total amount in funds were allocated to law enforcement agencies and organisations rendering assistance to victims of crime that were received into the Criminal Assets Recovery Account in the 2021-22 financial year;
- (2) whether he has found that the fund amounts allocated from the Criminal Assets Recovery Account to law enforcement agencies and organisations rendering assistance to victims of crime should be increased, given the high number of crime victims; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4549E

★628. Ms A Ramolobeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Given the examples in case law where parents deliberately refuse the other parent visitation rights or right of access to their children, what steps has he and/or his department taken to educate the public regarding (a) the minor child's right to maintenance and (b) reasonable visitation rights or access to a minor child by a parent?

NO4559E

★616. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether his department has put any measures in place to track and trace visitors coming into the Republic, particularly those visitors on tourist visas, to ensure they leave the Republic on or before the due date in order to prevent them from overstaying; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what measures and/or steps has his department taken to prevent tourists from overstaying and becoming illegal immigrants?

NO4546E

★632. Ms L N Moss (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether he has a realistic plan to establish forensic science laboratories in each province; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) whether it is economically feasible to establish the specified laboratories in each province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4564E

★655. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What is the current status of negotiations with labour unions regarding the reopening of his department's offices on Saturdays?

NO4589E

★642. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

With reference to his reply to oral question 359 on 31 August 2022, wherein he basically indicated that the investigation into the brutal murder of Ms Namhla Mtwa has stalled with no progress made in identifying and arresting those responsible for her death, what (a) message does this send to the public about the capacity of the SA Police Service (SAPS) to successfully investigate murder cases if cases such as that of Namhla are dealt with in the manner in which the specified case had been dealt with by the SAPS and (b) are the reasons that the SAPS has been reluctant to pursue investigations against a certain person (name furnished) against whom Namhla's family lodged a complaint after her death?

NO4574E

★622. Mr T N Mmutle (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Considering that the SA Navy has consistently failed to achieve the target set for itself in terms of sea hours and often notes the lack of availability of naval platforms as the reason, what steps will she put in place to (a) increase the sea hours of the SA Navy and (b) ensure that the Republic's territorial waters are regularly patrolled and efficiently controlled?

NO4552E

★627. Mr Q R Dyantyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether, given that his department adopted Operation Isondlo as a strategy aimed at improving the maintenance system which brought about many success stories in assisting parents against defaulting parents in cases of maintenance, whilst noting that there are many deficiencies within the maintenance system leaving parents who lodge complaints against defaulting parents frustrated, he and/or his department considered collaborating with banks in tracking and tracing a defaulting parent, especially because some parents conceal their true financial status; if not, why not;
- (2) what progress has been made on legislative developments regarding section 11 of the Maintenance Amendment Act, Act 9 of 2015, to assist a parent that brought a complaint against a defaulting parent against whom the court issued a certified order, with regard to furnishing the credit bureau or institutions doing credit ratings with the particulars of such a defaulting parent and such certified order of the Maintenance Court? NO4558E

★636. Mr X Nqola (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What progress has been made in turning around the Office of the State Attorney, since the appointment of the Solicitor-General in the specified Office? NO4568E

★656. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether any steps have been taken to implement the recommendations of the Panel of Experts Report on Policing and Crowd Management since his reply to oral question 322 on 1 September 2022; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4590E

★641. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Considering the violent nature of the crimes purported to be committed by the zama-zama miners, what overarching strategy has he put in place to eliminate the zama-zama type of crime;
- (2) whether he has investigated the alleged links between zama zamas and foreign political parties; if not, why not; if so, has he found any potential involvement of foreign politicians in the perpetuation of zama-zama activities in the Republic? NO4573E

★620. Mr V C Xaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Given that the Auditor-General found during her audit of the Department of Defence (DoD) in the 2021-22 financial year, a lack of progress in the implementation of the action plans to address audit findings in the DoD and a slow application of consequence management in areas identified, what short-term steps will she put in place to address the specified findings with regard to (a) a lack of progress in the implementation of the action plans and (b) the slow application of consequence management? NO4550E

★637. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Considering that there have been claims of police brutality lodged against SA Police Service officers throughout the year, what (a) total amount in civil claims has been lodged against the Civil Secretariat for Police Service since the COVID-19 outbreak and (b) proactive measures has his department put in place to curb police brutality and the resulting civil claims?

NO4569E

★630. Ms S Patrein (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

What (a) total amount was spent by his department on upgrades to the forensic laboratory located in Gqeberha and (b) time frame does he envisage by which the specified forensic laboratory will be operational?

NO4562E

★659. Mr D J Stubbe (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether the State Security Agency conducted any investigation into the tracker and/or listening device that was placed in the vehicle of the Group Chief Executive of Eskom, Mr André de Ruyter; if not, why not; if so, (a) was the origin of the device established and (b) who was found to be responsible for placing the device in the vehicle?

NO4593E

★660. Mr D J Stubbe (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether the State Security Agency reported any matter in terms of the findings of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State in relation to the Principal Agent Network to the Directorate for Priority Crimes Investigations and/or the SA Police Service; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO4594E

★639. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

With reference to the current rate of overpopulation at correctional centres in the Republic, what steps has he taken to ensure that overcrowding is addressed, particularly in centres such as Komani, Bizana and Lusikisiki, where overcrowding stands at over 200%?

NO4571E

★661. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

(a) What is the current average of daily court hours in the Republic and (b) to what extent are court hours affected by load shedding?

NO4596E

★644. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether she has been informed of the audit report by the Auditor-General on the complete management mess at the Department of Defence, which amongst other things notes that in 90 of 122 investigations into fraud, no recommended actions were taken and that there were 833 cases of alleged misconduct, fraud and infringements which were not completed, with 171 employees of her department who were found to be illegally doing business with the department and other departments with contracts worth over R30 million and that record-keeping is in such a poor state that contracts worth R208 million cannot begin to be investigated; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what specific actions has she taken to deal with the management crisis in her department?

NO4577E

★612. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether he has put any mechanisms in place to (a) improve the reported non-cooperation between the National Prosecuting Authority, the SA Police Service (SAPS) and the Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons and (b) monitor the allegations and prosecutions which particularly involve members of correctional services and SAPS; if not, why not in each case, if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO4542E

★662. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

With reference to the recent findings of the Auditor-General and the Public Protector, that the Project Thusano contracts and the supplementary agreements were concluded irregularly and in contravention of the supply chain management processes, what steps has her department taken to (a) cancel the specified irregular agreements and (b) recover any losses suffered as a result of the specified irregular agreements?

NW4597E

★663. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What are the (a) reasons that the SA National Defence Force reduced the number of service contracts for the annual maintenance of its environmentally controlled warehouses that store strategic vehicles, equipment and spares from four to none in the 2022-24 Medium Term Strategic Framework and (b) names of each person involved in determining the reduction?

NO4598E

★643. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What progress has been made to resolve the failure of the information technology system at his department, which is a direct cause of all the delays leading up to the long queues at Home Affairs offices?

NO4576E

★664. Mr M Chetty (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether criminal charges were brought against any of her department's officials who were found to have been involved in the squandering of R118 million on a property in New York City; if not, why not; if so, (a) against whom and (b) what total amount of the R118 million has been recovered from the specified officials?

NO4599E

★645. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What (a) is the backlog on maintenance of key SA National Defence Force equipment and (b) are the full, relevant details of such backlogs? NO4578E

★614. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Following his recent comments around the plans and security measures to combat fraudulent passports, where he stated that his department will make a determination and further announcements on the implementation of the further plans to be implemented in due course, once the Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS) programme has been completed, and noting that ABIS has now been delayed by over three years and that the budget has been exceeded, what are the relevant details of the further plans that he alluded to that will be implemented in the interim to prevent fraudulent documents from being produced? NO4544E

★665. Mrs N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether the State Security Agency is involved in processes and procedures regarding the safe storage of (a) seized illegal firearms and/or (b) firearms surrendered by members of the public; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO4600E

★666. Mrs N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether he intends to introduce amending legislation in the National Assembly to allow certain meetings of the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence to take place in the public; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4601E

★646. Mrs T P Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What are the reasons that the Government has not been as proactive and bold in advocating for the freedom of the people of Western Sahara and for Morocco to stop its colonisation of the specified territory? NO4579E

★671. Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

With reference to her department's presentation to the Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation on 12 October 2022, what are the details of the equipment the government of the Republic of Cuba purchased from the Republic with the R63 million loan granted to it via the African Renaissance and International Cooperation Fund in the 2021-22 financial year? NO4606E

★647. Mrs T P Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What (a) are the full reasons behind the otherwise correct approach of the Republic in deciding to abstain from voting against Russia's annexation of territories derived from the war against Ukraine at the United Nations and (b) steps has she taken to persuade other African nations not to be pawns in the United States facilitated conflicts in Ukraine and elsewhere in the world?

NO4580E

★653. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What steps are being taken by her department in relation to invasions of military facilities and land by trespassers, especially with regard to Special Forces School, Murrayhill and six SA Infantry Battalion outside Makhanda which are reportedly facing land invasion and trespassing?

NO4587E

★613. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether he has found that his department is living up to its core value as expressed in being a person-centred, patriotic, professional, corruption-free, ethical, efficient and innovative department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4543E