

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

**TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2020**

#### **CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS**

**★263. Mr L M Ntshayisa (AIC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

In light of the court judgment which halted the liquidation process of the SA Express Airways, (a) what active role will his department play to bring the various stakeholders to the negotiation table and (b) steps will his department take to ensure that it does not interfere with the work that was initiated by the liquidator when it interacts with the affected parties?

NO1595E

**★239. Ms K B Tlhomelang (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

In view of the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic has revealed that many small businesses are operating informally, and notwithstanding the measures initiated by her department through relief interventions which have and/or are still assisting in formalising small businesses and to register them on the database, what additional measures will her department initiate and implement to sustain the formalised small businesses going forward?

NO1568E

**★235. Ms J Hermans (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) What are his plans to reboot and/or totally restructure the economy completely different to what it was before, after the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the loss of jobs;
- (2) what is the progress with regard to the allocation of R10 billion in funding from the Industrial Development Corporation, that was announced by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during the State of the Nation address on 13 February 2020, to the most vulnerable women and youth-owned businesses in light of the Covid-19 pandemic?

NO1564E

**★244. Ms B M van Minnen (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

(a) What progress has been made in the unbundling of Eskom and (b) by what date is it envisaged that each of the three separate subsidiaries will be established? NO1576E

**★214. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

(a) Who are the witnesses that testified for and/or against a certain Eskom employee (details furnished) in the investigation into the allegation of dishonesty, abuse of power and corruption amounting to R2 billion and (b) will he release the report of the specified investigation?

NO1542E

**★229. Ms M M Gomba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether her department is developing a digital strategy to create online platforms for small and medium enterprises that cater for the tourist market to sell their products such as clothing, handcraft and art; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1557E

**★226. Mr M N Nxumalo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

- (1) What informed her decision to unilaterally shut down the Independent Development Trust;
- (2) whether the Director-General was consulted in this decision; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1554E

**★242. Mr P A van Staden (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(a) What is the role of her department in procuring and/or inspecting privately-owned facilities for quarantine purposes and (b) whether she has found the standard and/or value for money of the specified facilities to be satisfactory? NO1573E

**★231. Ms J Tshabalala (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprise:**

Whether, with reference to the initiatives taken by the Government in dealing with the challenges engulfing the SA Airways and Eskom and establishing the State-Owned Enterprise Council as announced by the Presidency, the specified entities will receive continued funding and support from the State given the current global health pandemic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how will this impact on the current state fiscus? NO1560E

**★253. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(a) On what empirical evidence and research did her department rely to determine that the domestic tourism season is likely to start in December 2020 and (b) what steps will her department take to ensure that the tourism sector is able to retain existing jobs and mitigate large-scale job losses in the sector until December 2020? NO1585E

**★243. Mr W M Thring (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

With reference to a proposed strategy to reconfigure the Independent Development Trust (IDT) into a streamlined social infrastructure agency along the model of the Government Technical Advisory Centre, why did (a) she deviate from the specified strategy and (b) the Portfolio Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure have to learn about the exit strategy of the IDT in the newspapers? NO1574E

**★233. Ms N Ntobongwana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(a) Which Public Works projects have been undertaken under the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 and (b) what lessons have been learnt from implementing Public Works projects post Covid-19? NO1562E

**★205. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

With reference to the top 10 investigations into overpricing in the Republic during the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19, what (a) are the names of the companies that were involved in the specified overpricing and (b) is the status of the specified investigations? NO1434E

**★228. Mr L E McDonald (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What steps will he take to facilitate the financial recovery of the Airports Company South Africa and Air Traffic and Navigation Services SOC Ltd, which were successful state-owned entities, but whose financial gains were reversed as a result of the lockdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic? NO1556E

**★248. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What are the details of the factors and matrix indicators he took into consideration before gazetting each regulation pertaining to the Covid-19 state of national disaster?

NO1580E

**★217. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether he and/or his department intends to commission the manufacturing of personal protective equipment through a state-owned company; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1545E

**★227. Mr Z J Peter (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

How is her department working with other departments to ensure the smooth recovery of the tourism sector and the tourism economy?

NO1555E

**★209. Mr W M Madisha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

What (a) steps will he be taking to resolve the ongoing saga surrounding the outstanding staff salary bill at SA Express and (b) will happen to the Management Executive of SA Airways after the collapse of the entity?

NO1537E

**★230. Mr Z M D Mandela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

In light of the fact that agricultural support and production is critical to the development of small and emerging farmers and essential for reigniting the Republic's economic growth, (a) what kind of assistance has her department provided to agricultural enterprises of small-scale farming communities during the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) how does her department intend to continue supporting the agricultural enterprises post-Covid-19?

NO1559E

**★232. Ms L N Mjobo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether she has made any progress with regard to the announcement by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during the State of the Nation Address on 13 February 2020 on the speedy release and redistribution of state-owned land for residential and commercial purposes; if not, how unlikely is this to change in the near future, in light of the glaring land-ownership disparities laid bare by the coronavirus pandemic?

NO1561E

**★251. Mr J N de Villiers (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether her department took any disciplinary steps against the (a) more than 3 700 employees of her department who were found to have conducted business with the State and (b) 300 employees of her department who own companies that were found to have conducted business with the State; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO1583E

**★221. Mr M M Chabangu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether his department provided financial relief to minibus drivers and owners during the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19; if not, why not; if so, what amount was provided in each case? NO1549E

**★234. Mr Z J Peter (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

How will her department help realise the participation of black persons in the tourism sector and further ensure the development of the rural tourism industry? NO1563E

**★207. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What (a) progress has his department made with regard to the taxi recapitulation programme since 1 January 2020 and (b) are the relevant details of the number of taxis that have been phased out? NO1527E

**★265. Mr F J Mulder (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

In the light of the detrimental effect that the lockdown regulations have had on the economy of the Republic in general and more specifically on trade and industry, and the continuous calls by the Government for a more inclusive economy and more intensified continuous drive for broad-based black economic empowerment, how does he foresee the creation of a new and more inclusive trade post Covid-19 without (a) the continuous exclusion of undesignated groups and (b) creating new inequalities? NO1598E

**★236. Mr L E McDonald (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

How is his department going to ensure that there is maximum compliance with health and safety standards in the transportation of mine- and farmworkers by employers, who are by law and/or through regulations required to provide transport for their employees? NO1565E

**★250. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

What other localised construction projects besides housing projects will her department fast-track in the near future in order to provide work opportunities during the Covid-19 pandemic? NO1582E

**★237. Mr H G April (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

(a) How will the process of the envisaged amalgamation of the Small Enterprise Development Agency and the Small Enterprise Finance Agency benefit small businesses in terms of enhancing and co-ordinating their support to small business and (b) what is the time frame in this regard? NO1566E

**★206. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What reasons can he provide to justify his statement that domestic flights could resume and fly at full capacity, thereby ignoring the requests and evidence provided by health experts in the Republic and worldwide calling for social distancing? NO1435E

**★238. Mr F Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, what will her department do to develop the potential of the Republic's untapped Blue Economy (details furnished) and to grow small, medium and micro enterprises that will create jobs and combat poverty and hunger through an inclusive economy, since the largest sectors of the current African aquatic and ocean-based economy are fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, transport, ports, coastal mining and energy?

NO1567E

**★245. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Since his announcement on 30 May 2020, what progress has the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa made to be able to resume commuter services from 1 July 2020?

NO1577E

**★223. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

Whether she considered the use of unused and vacant government buildings as quarantine sites for persons contracting Covid-19 before considering hotels, lodges and bed and breakfast establishments; if not, why not?

NO1551E

**★240. Mr E T Myeni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What total number of (a) small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) from the Western Cape received assistance from her department through the different relief packages in alert levels 4 and 5 of the lockdown to curb the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) the specified SMMEs are owned by youth and women from rural areas and/or townships?

NO1569E

**★264. Mr L M Ntshayisa (AIC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) In light of the purported taxi-fare increases by the majority taxi associations in Alexander in Gauteng, what are the reasons that he opted to approach the Competition Commission instead of engaging the taxi associations involved;

(2) whether he has found that his approach will complicate the alleged fraught relationship that exists between his department and the taxi associations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1597E

**★241. Mr E T Myeni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

With the exclusion of the Western Cape, what total number of (a) small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) from the other eight provinces collectively received assistance from the different relief-support packages in Alert Level 5 and (b) the specified SMMEs are owned by youth and women from rural areas and/or townships?

NO1570E

**★246. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What is the latest update on the Government's position on the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project of the SA National Roads Agency Ltd?

NO1578E

**★225. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What is the Government's industrial strategy to create a new economy that will (a) stimulate manufacturing and (b) create sustainable jobs post Covid-19? NO1553E

**★208. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether her department has intervention plans to assist small tourism businesses that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1528E

**★247. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

(a) On what legislation that falls within his department did he rely to enact financial and economic relief measures to low-income South Africans specifically during the state of national disaster and (b) to what effect has this been done? NO1579E

**★249. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) What are the relevant details of the assistance that her department is providing persons employed in the service industry during the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (2) whether she intends to introduce amendments to existing labour policies to assist persons employed in the service industry under similar circumstances? NO1581E

**★213. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

What steps has he taken when he was informed that SA Express employees would not be paid their salaries for March, despite the fact that they had worked? NO1541E

**★210. Mr W M Madisha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What (a) happened to the Covid-19 business relief that was promised to small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) and (b) steps will her department take to assist SMMEs that had to close their doors due to the Covid-19 pandemic? NO1538E

**★252. Mrs M B Hicklin (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

What is the total amount that her department has spent to date on quarantine sites as part of the Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic? NO1584E

**★215. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

Why did he decline the request to appeal the judgment to liquidate SA Express? NO1543E

**★254. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(a) On what empirical evidence and research was her department's Strategy and Recovery Plan based and (b) how will the plan ensure that the tourism supply chain survives until December 2020? NO1586E

**★255. Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

By what date does the National Lotteries Commission intend to provide information relating to its Covid-19 Relief Fund of R150 million to the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition as requested by the Committee? NO1587E

**★216. Mr T M Langa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

(a) What has been the impact of acting personnel in senior positions (details furnished) at certain agencies (names furnished) and/or the Director-General in her department on the work to support small businesses and (b) by what date does she envisage to have filled all senior management positions at the specified agencies and/or in her department? NO1544E

**★211. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(a) Why did her department deviate from proper procurement procedures by overlooking the requirement to advertise the R37 million border fence tender in the Government's *Tender Bulletin* and (b) what are the relevant details of the cost of nearly R1 million per kilometer for the specified border fence? NO1539E

**★256. Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether, with reference to his undertaking in his reply to question 426 on 25 May 2020, he will furnish Mr M J Cuthbert with the more comprehensive set of metrics relating to the (a) number of persons who benefitted directly from the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment legislation since it was enacted in the 2003-04 financial year and (b) total economic value generated in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1588E

**★218. Mr T M Langa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What (a) measures did her department put in place to support and/or assist informal traders, who were selling products at schools and/or taxi ranks in the city, townships and/or rural areas before the Covid-19 lockdown, to complete application forms for relief funding and (b) number of the 1 497 small, medium and micro enterprises that were approved for relief funding are informal traders? NO1546E

**★257. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What amount has the National Lottery paid to the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee specifically for funds to be transferred to the Commonwealth Bid Committee in each of the past three financial years? NO1589E

**★261. Mr T B Mabhena (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

With reference to his intention to reform the taxi industry which he announced earlier in 2020, (a) what measures would the reform include and (b) how will the specified measures contribute to professionalise the taxi services? NO1593E



**★219. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What number of businesses that received assistance of R50 000 out of the total amount of R200 million that was allocated towards Covid-19 relief funding are black-owned and from villages, townships and/or small towns? NO1547E

**★212. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) What measures has his department taken to assist taxi owners and/or operators who lost their income during the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) how will he assist countless taxi owners who have lost their income and businesses? NO1540E

**★220. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(a) Which programmes did her department cancel due to the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) what measures did she put in place to ensure that those persons that were going to participate would earn an income during lockdown? NO1548E