

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2023

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★114. Mr T Malatji (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What (a) progress has been made in implementing the priorities in respect of the several issues (details furnished) her department has to deal with for the 2022-23 financial year and (b) mechanisms has her department put in place to fully implement the priorities? NO616E

★61. Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:

- (1) With reference to the decision by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) to cap accommodation allowances that has caused university students across the Republic to once again have a difficult start to the academic year, and considering everything that is happening at tertiary institutions like Mfolozi College at the Sikhawini campus, what steps is his department taking in order to correct and calm down the current situation at tertiary institutions;

- (2) whether, considering the challenges encountered by the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education, Science and Innovation during oversight visits, he had a meeting with NSFAS as recommended by the specified committee; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the outcome of the meeting?

NO560E

★148. Dr W J Boshoff (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:

- (1) Whether a full socio-economic investigation was conducted before land valuation for servitudes needed by the Square Kilometre Array, in addition to land that had been purchased; if not, why not, if so, what are the findings of the investigation;
- (2) whether the specified findings were taken into account when calculating the percentage of land value as compensation to landowners; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO650E

★118. Mr M A Tseki (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What (a) has been the assessment of his department of the extent of the water crisis in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality and (b) steps and decisive action will he take to deal with the crisis?

NO620E

★100. Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether all hospitals and major public healthcare facilities have now been exempted from load shedding; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the reasons that it takes the declaration of the State of Disaster to address the electricity crisis to exempt such facilities from load shedding?

NO601E

★123. Ms A Gela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

What total number of medical students (a) have been sent to study in Cuba for 2023 and (b) who have already graduated are still waiting for placement?

NO625E

★59. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) What measures is her department putting in place to prevent the negative behaviour of learners at schools (details furnished);
- (2) whether her department is considering deploying safety ambassadors and/or social workers to deal with the increase of violence and other unacceptable behaviour at basic education level; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO557E

★129. Ms N Q Mvana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether she has found that the process and models presented to her for the introduction of the Basic Income Support (BIS) are appropriate at this stage; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether she intends undertaking any further feasibility and/or case studies to ensure that the BIS is a reality in the current administration; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO631E

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

- (a) By what date is the contract of the SA Social Security Agency with the SA Post Office due to expire and/or due for review and (b) what plans are afoot to ensure that grants will continue to be paid out on time in light of the many challenges faced by the Post Office? NO615E

★82. Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

Following the recent updates on Pfizer's inability to have disclosed full information on the side effects of the Pfizer vaccine, and further of having mislead the global health community on its transmission efficacy, what steps will he take to address the unacceptable situation and prioritise persons over pharmaceutical companies? NO582E

★130. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) Whether, in light of the declared National State of Disaster following increasing floods in the Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape and North West, she will furnish Ms N K Bilankulu with an update on the plans of her department to provide support to communities that have been displaced by the floods; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there has been any damage to infrastructure of the facilitates where the delivery of social services take place; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO632E

★134. Mr W T Letsie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:

How is his department dealing with the balance between the supply and demand of sufficient capacity to accommodate the number of applicants who want to pursue higher education studies in the short to medium term? NO636E

★140. Ms N G Adoons (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What are the impactful plans to increase the number of students enrolling in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects as the National Senior Certificate results have reflected progress in improving education outcomes? NO642E

★97. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether she directed any funds from the budget of her department, including apportioned provincial and municipal human settlements grants in any of the financial years towards the development of the Smart City (details furnished) since it was announced by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in his 2019 State of the Nation Address; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the (a) total expenditure from her department's budget in this regard and (b) estimated time of completion? NO598E

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

What total number of schools in the Republic have (a) no sanitation facilities and (b) no classrooms and have to conduct teaching in the open? NO571E

★143. Mr P R Moroatshehla (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What (a) number of schools have been converted into focused schools and (b) are the future plans to have more special schools? NO645E

★64. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

With reference to the national housing backlog that currently sits at an estimated 2,5 million families who are in need of housing, (a) what are the details of the progress her department has achieved to date with the digitisation process and (b) on what date is it expected to be completed? NO563E

★144. Ms B N Dlulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

What plans has his department put in place to promote and develop the sports industry in the Republic, particularly women's sports, to sustain the livelihoods of sport players? NO646E

★93. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:

What is the ratio of (a) funding provided by the Government to institutions of higher learning compared to funding received by such institutions through the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) for the 2023 academic year and (b) NSFAS-funded students and non-NSFAS-funded students admitted for studies at such institutions? NO594E

★146. Mr J B Mamabolo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

How is his department supporting and promoting young creative music artists to become mainstream artists domestically and globally? NO648E

★70. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

How does she intend to tackle the apartheid spatial legacy through the national housing programmes to achieve spatial transformation and integration? NO569E

★147. Ms V P Malomane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

What are his plans for promoting the sports and arts industry of the Republic to the international market?

NO649E

★88. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(1) What is the current operational status of the 12 buildings that her department received from the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure for the purpose of establishing gender-based violence shelters around March 2020;

(2) whether any of the specified buildings have been established as gender-based violence shelters; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO589E

★78. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What were the reasons for (a) opening only 12 of the sluice gates of the Vaal Dam instead of the rest when the dam was overflowing and (b) the delay in opening the sluice gates from the onset when the rain was very heavy?

NO577E

★117. Mr M R Mashego (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What (a) specific plans has his department put in place for the long-awaited Umzimvubu Water Project in the Eastern Cape that the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, spoke about during his State of the Nation Address on 9 February 2023 and (b) would be the time frame that his department envisages for the completion of the specified project?

NO619E

★119. Ms G K Tseke (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What measures has his department put in place to mitigate damage to water and sanitation infrastructure caused by heavy rains and flooding as a result of the effects of climate change that have become part of the people's experiences in parts of the Eastern Cape?

NO621E

★122. Ms A Gela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

In light of the statement he made during the debate of the State of the Nation Address on 15 February 2023, that HIV-testing has been declining, (a) what is the extent of the decline in HIV-testing and (b) to what does he attribute the specified decline?

NO624E

★110. Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

On what grounds did he appoint the Chief Executive Officer of the Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra?

NO612E