

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# QUESTION PAPER

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1. ★ Indicates an oral question.
2. ■ Indicates a written question not yet replied to after 10 working days expired.

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

### CLUSTER 3: GOVERNANCE

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022

**★473. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

- (1) Whether she has seen an improvement in the performance of the municipalities that have been placed under administration such as the Amahlathi, Walter Sisulu, Enoch Mgijima, Raymond Mhlaba and Dr Beyers *Naudé* Local Municipalities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department plans to place any more municipalities under administration in this financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3500E

**★463. Mr G G Mpumza (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Considering that the 2020-21 Municipal Finance Management Act Report by the Auditor-General highlights that during the five-year period between 2016-17 to 2020-21, only 61 municipalities had a better audit outcome, while 56 had regressed to having the worst outcomes, and noting that the specified report reiterates the call for ethical leadership to demonstrate change by strengthening transparency and accountability, as well as highlights that despite interventions the situation continues to deteriorate, what (a) is her response to the specified observations and (b) additional measures are being taken to ensure that interventions going forward have a meaningful and sustainable impact?

NO3486E

**★492. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

With reference to the findings of the Report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector, including Organs of State, that the Deployment Committee of the African National Congress often instructed the Government appointing authorities who to appoint to certain positions, what active steps has he taken to (a) identify and (b) discipline officials working in any sphere of Government, who have been found to have made appointments based on instructions from the specified political party's Deployment Committee?

NO3522E

**★464. Ms C M Phiri (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Considering that gender-based violence and femicide takes place predominantly within a community and within families, and noting that the causal linkage between poverty and gender-based violence and femicide suggests that more focus needs to be put on coping mechanisms and strengthening of the family unit with support and development within communities, in what way is her Office, through its defined mandate, assisting in this regard to deal with the root problem in society?

NO3487E

**★486. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

With reference to the National Gender Based Violence (GBV) helpline 0800 150 150, which is a government initiative advertised as being a 24-hour call centre dedicated to providing support and counselling to victims of GBV and was widely published and used in various campaigns as the number to call when finding yourself in a dangerous situation, what (a) number of calls are received on average in a day and (b) type of services are rendered through the initiative to activate and source the relevant assistance for the victim when in immediate danger?

NO3515E

**★465. Ms S T Maneli (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Given that oversight work by Parliamentary Committees provides an emerging scenario of poor planning, poor procurement practices despite guidelines and a framework, very poor project management, capability challenges and poor financial accountability despite a defined regulatory environment within departments, what steps has he taken with regard to the identified departments to sort out these primary challenges?

NO3488E

**★495. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What are the details of the deadlines his department has set and communicated to provinces in relation to (a) conducting and (b) further investigation, if necessary, of lifestyle audits on public servants as introduced in 2021?

NO3525E

**★484. Ms H O Mkhali (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether she has been informed of the report of the Forensic Investigation into Irregularities and Irregular Payments at uMuziwabantu Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal, which among other things recommends disciplinary action and criminal charges against the current municipal manager and other officials for their alleged role in defrauding the specified municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what actions has she and/or her department taken to assist that municipality to hold the officials accountable and to recover the monies lost?

NO3512E

**★466. Ms M M Ntuli (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

Whether, considering that financial misconduct is one of the biggest challenges in the Public Service and accounting officers in departments are meant to ensure effective and appropriate disciplinary action against employees who are found guilty of financial misconduct, he will provide a progress report on how the specified challenge is being responded to?

NO3489E

**★467. Mr X N Msimango (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Noting that the Local Government Revenue and Expenditure report (details furnished) shows that as at 31 March 2022 an amount of R681 million in conditional grants was stopped for reasons of under-expenditure, affecting a total of 42 municipalities, and considering that more than 90% of municipalities benefit from the Municipal Infrastructure Grant and a large scope of municipalities who cannot raise their own revenue to fund capital projects rely on the specified grant, which impacts service delivery, what interventions are being considered by her and/or her department to ensure that municipalities will effectively utilise the grants?

NO3490E

**★468. Ms A S Hlongo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Given that the improvement of the financial inclusion and entrepreneurship of women through the introduction of a regulatory environment for preferential procurement, and the strengthening of women-focused and women-owned businesses and co-operatives is a focus of her Office that ensures the economic emancipation of women, what specific steps has her Office taken to ensure that this happens to a far greater extent?

NO3491E

**★488. Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether she has assessed the viability of assigning any statutory power and/or function to members of (a) provincial Executive Councils and/or (b) Municipal Councils in terms of section 99 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the details of the results of the specified assessments in each case?

NO3517E

**★481. Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

In view of the SA Police Service's crime statistics report over the past 12 months indicating that reported cases of rape are averaging about 10 000 every quarter, and that many of the rapes happen at homes of the victims, what interventions has she put in place to monitor the provision of safe-homes and shelters for victims of rape over the past 12 months?

NO3509E

**★469. Ms V P Malomane (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Given that departments were expected to develop and implement improvement plans based on the recommendations made to Cabinet on the results of monitoring the implementation of government priorities, what (a) progress has been registered in developing and implementing improvement plans across departments and (b) challenges have arisen from departments in this regard?

NO3492E

**★474. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What tangible steps and/or programmes has his Office put in place to enhance effective communication between the Government and the citizens of the Republic?

NO3501E

**★470. Mr F D Xasa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether, given that her department has set a target of 250 000 participants for the Community Work Programme by 31 March 2023, furthermore noting that targets have been missed in previous financial years owing to challenges in financial management, project management and the implementation model and, with reference to her reply to question 147 for oral reply on 16 March 2022, (a) interventions to address the challenges have resulted in any significant increase in the number of participants, to instill confidence that the stated target for the programme for 2023 will be met and (b) the identified challenges have been resolved?

NO3493E

**★489. Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether members of the Municipal Demarcation Board are permitted to run for party-political offices while serving on the specified Board; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what impact has she found the practice has had on the impartiality, credibility and integrity of the Board and its decisions? NO3518E

**★471. Dr J Nothnagel (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Considering that in dealing with the challenges of the Public Service and its entities, reports indicate that the lack of State capability and individual competency at leadership level across all three spheres have resulted in projects not being completed, especially infrastructure projects and most acutely in the local government sphere, (a) what are the reasons that the monitoring and evaluation tools are not picking up the specified matters at an early stage and (b) has he found that there is something wrong with the tools used to detect such failures across the spheres? NO3494E

**★477. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) What are the reasons that his department allows public servants to hold two jobs in the Department of Basic Education as educators and/or deputy principals and another as councillors and/or deputy mayors, which impacts negatively on both the quality of education and the delivery of services;
- (2) what policy measures has his department put in place to ensure that more job opportunities are created in the public sector for the unemployed rather than having one person holding two jobs? NO3504E

**★472. Ms T S Masondo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Given that it is the vision of her Office to build a gender-equitable society by putting more focus on involving men in nurturing boys and girls in the endeavour to break the cycle of gender inequality, gender-based violence and femicide, what steps has her Office taken in this regard? NO3495E

**★490. Ms E R J Spies (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With reference to her reply to question 2100 on 17 June 2022, what are the (a) names of each implementing agent who made payments to 909 deceased participants in the Community Work Programme and (b) details of the steps her department has taken to place the specified implementing agents on the National Treasury's database of restricted suppliers? NO3519E

**★478. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What (a) actions has he taken against public servants who were responsible for the fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by government departments amounting to R1,5 billion over a period of five financial years and (b) measures will he put in place to ensure that the government departments apply their resources effectively to completely eliminate wasteful expenditure?

NO3506E

**★491. Mr J J McGluwa (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What mechanisms and/or resources has his Office put in place to protect whistleblowers?

NO3520E

**★483. Ms H O Mkhali (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

What are the details of the (a) number of kingships that are currently embroiled in succession disputes in the Republic and (b) steps she has taken to have the disputes resolved?

NO3511E

**★475. Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

How does her Office intend to continue to monitor the youth (a) unemployment rate that measures job seekers between 15 and 24 years old, which fell from 63,9% in the previous quarter to 61,4% in the second quarter of 2022 according to Statistics South Africa and (b) employment opportunities in order to mainstream it in the various sectors?

NO3502E

**★493. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) What is the current status of public sector wage negotiations;
- (2) whether he has found that it is just and equitable of the Government as an employer to grant above-inflation salary increases to public servants, given that the Republic finds itself in a worsening economic climate and skyrocketing inflation that is making it difficult for most citizens of the Republic to even afford food; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3523E

**★487. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) Whether, in view of the fact that the President's Fund was established as a fund for financial reparations for victims of Apartheid-era atrocities and that the guidelines were set out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), he has found that there is a large number of South Africans who were excluded from the TRC reparations and who still suffer from the effects of Apartheid-era atrocities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether the Government intends to ensure that the accrued President's Fund surplus will be protected and/or ring-fenced from being used for other purposes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3516E

**★494. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

With reference to his department's recent presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation on 24 August 2022, where it was indicated that the Forum of South African Director-Generals has found that the implementation of discipline management by both national and provincial departments is neither effective nor efficient, what active steps will he take to remedy the situation?

NO3524E

**★479. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

How will the Nyukela pre-entry to senior management service deal with senior management staff appointed into political offices, including advisors, who were not subjected to pre-entry assessment before they were appointed?

NO3507E

**★497. Mr Z N Mbhele (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What measures will be implemented to ensure accelerated progress in the implementation of Operation Vul'indlela?

NO3527E

**★480. Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Whether she has had an inter-ministerial engagement with the Ministers of Social Development and of Police to develop a comprehensive intervention aimed at weaning the youth off drugs and alcohol following the tragic death of 21 persons at Enyobeni Tavern in East London in the Eastern Cape?

NO3508E

**★476. Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

In light of the fact that 855 women were murdered in the period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022, as well as the ongoing investigations of attempted murder dockets for over 1 400 women who narrowly escaped death, (a) which areas were monitored by her Office as high-risk areas for the occurrence of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) and (b) what initiatives has her Office embarked on to address GBVF in the specified areas other than the 100-day challenge?

NO3503E

**★482. Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether, with reference to the National Development Plan (NDP) that was designed to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030, whereas the reality is that the Republic has regressed both in terms of poverty and inequality over the past decade, the Government has found that the NDP was a bad and poorly conceived plan and that it is not a solution for the problems that the Republic faces; if not, on what basis does the Government remain confident that the plan can address the country's developmental challenges; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3510E

**★485. Mr K Ceza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

In light of the Auditor-General report for the 2020-21 financial year, which indicated that many councilors lack appropriate skills in managing council affairs and in some instances struggle to write reports and do presentations, what corrective measures has she taken with regard to councillors who lack the appropriate skills identified by the specified report?

NO3514E

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**WRITTEN QUESTION ENDORSED AS UNANSWERED NOW  
TRANSFERRED FOR ORAL REPLY UPON INSTRUCTION OF THE  
MEMBER - RULE 146(1)**

**★462. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [2149.]**

- (1) During the period of the 6th Parliament, what total number of questions (a) for (i) written and (ii) oral reply have members posed to her department about specific municipalities across the Republic, (b) required the municipalities to provide information in order for her to reply to the questions and (c) were answered with replies that relied on information obtained from municipalities, either directly and/or through a provincial government Member of the Executive Council;
- (2) what (a)(i) is the total number and (ii) are the names of municipalities that refused to provide information requested by her in order to provide the replies to the members' questions and (b) reasons did the specified municipalities offer for refusing to provide the information needed for her to reply to questions from members;
- (3) whether any municipalities have refused to answer parliamentary questions and maintained that parliamentary questions are intended to hold the executive accountable for their official decisions and actions and cannot be used to hold local government accountable for its decisions and actions and/or maintained that there is no statutory provision that requires the municipality to provide information relating to or answers to parliamentary questions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how has she regarded and/or dealt with such positions?

NO2552E