

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION PAPER

NOTE:

1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. **In terms of Rule 246(4), no more than six questions for oral reply may be put to a Minister in respect of any one Government department on any particular day. Questions in excess of this quota are summarised at the end of the Question Paper.**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2019***Financial misconduct in local government***★240. Mr T B Matibe (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(a) What is the role of the National Treasury in dealing with financial misconduct in the local sphere of government and (b) what measures are in place to improve (i) financial transparency and (ii) governance processes at the local government level? CO486E

*Impact of NHI on departments' budget***★222. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether, with regard to the state of the economy and the contraction of the fiscus, the National Health Insurance will be launched without taking further budget from other departments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO466E

*Delivery of municipal services***★232. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether he will increase the allocation of funds from the Division of Revenue to municipalities to equal that of provinces and the national government so that they will be able to (a) appoint qualified officials and deliver services (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO476E

*Revitalising government-owned industrial parks***★241. Ms D G Mahlangu (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What are the successes of revitalising government-owned industrial parks in the townships as he announced in his 2018 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (details furnished)? CO487E

*Assistance from National Treasury***★225. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Considering the many social problems the country is encountering (details furnished), what action is the National Treasury taking to ensure that the country does not become a welfare state that relies on handouts for survival? CO469E

High quality policy research

★242. Mr Y I Carrim (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

How successful has the National Treasury been in upgrading economic planning and coordinating capacity of the State by working with other government departments and international agencies in producing high quality evidenced-based policy research? CO488E

Improving freight transportation

★237. Ms T C Modise (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

What action is his department taking to improve the (a) efficiency, (b) reliability and (c) cost-effectiveness of its freight transportation in line with the commitments that were made as part of the stimulus package? CO483E

Grounding of state-owned airlines

★227. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (1) What were the reasons for the recent grounding of the SA Airways aircrafts;
- (2) whether the reasons are similar to those that were given by the SA Express; if so, why was the grounding not foreseen or prevented; if not,
- (3) whether this is an indication of incompetence on the part of the directors; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO471E

Unbundling of Eskom

★218. Mr A B Cloete (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

(a) What is the current status of negotiations with the trade unions regarding the unbundling of Eskom and (b) when will such negotiations be finalised? CO462E

Corruption in SOEs

★238. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

How far is the process of (a)(i) investigating and (ii) charging those who were involved in corruption and state capture (details furnished) and (b) recovering the money from the identified (i) companies and (ii) persons? CO484E

Building of smaller nuclear power stations

★228. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (a) How much will the building of smaller nuclear power stations cost (details furnished) and
 (b) what safeguards are in place to insulate the project from corruption? CO472E

Eskom Technical Review Team

★239. Mr I Ntsube (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (a) What were the (i) results and (ii) findings of the Eskom Technical Review Team that he appointed in March 2019 to carry out a rapid review of the operations at Eskom power stations (details furnished) and (b) what action is his department taking to address the (i) difficulties and (ii) problems that were identified? CO485E

Paying of SMEs

★229. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

- (a) Which are the three worst performing (i) departments and/or (ii) entities in paying small- and medium-sized enterprises since the beginning of the 6th Parliament and (b) what is the average time it took them to pay? CO473E

Upgrading of Durban promenade

★243. Mr S E Mfayela (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

- (1) What are the implications of the multi-million-rand upgrade to the Durban beachfront promenade (details furnished) to small businesses in the area;
 (2) whether her department has any plans to include small businesses in the development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO489E

SME Ombudsman

★230. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

- (a) When will the office of the small and medium-sized enterprises Ombudsman be set up and
 (b) what will be the functions of such an office? CO474E

Infrastructure at Tshakhuma fruit market

★234. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether her department has spent any money to build the infrastructure at the Tshakhuma Fruit Market; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how much and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO478E

Small businesses in rural/township communities

★244. Mr S E Mfayela (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

How successful has her department been in supporting and promoting small businesses in the rural and township communities since her appointment? CO490E

Challenges facing SMEs

★231. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Considering the biggest challenges that are facing small businesses (details furnished), what steps will her department take to ensure that small and medium-sized enterprises are not constrained by (a) unnecessary red tape and/or (b) time-wasting by government departments that should support them? CO475E

Questions in excess of the quota in terms of Rule 246(4):

★219. Mr A B Cloete (Free State: FF Plus)—Finance.

★220. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA)—Finance.

★221. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA)—Finance.

★223. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA)—Finance.

★224. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA)—Finance.

★226. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA)—Public Enterprises.

★233. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF)—Public Enterprises.

★235. Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF)—Public Enterprises.

★236. Ms M O Mokause (Northern Cape: EFF)—Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. (*Interdepartmental transfer from Finance*)