

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2021

#### CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

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

What steps has her department taken, following the unfortunate situation in Irene in which she and other members of the executive were held hostage by military veterans and which the Government defined as untenable and legally unacceptable, to (a) deal with the challenges faced by military veterans that came to the fore since this incident and (b) respond to the demands that were made by the military veterans? NO2823E

**★258. Mr M Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether she has found that domestic challenges, including the recent July civil unrest, protests and looting, have been detrimental to the Republic's stance and ability to commandeer a regional hegemony; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2489E

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

What are the details of the programmes that his department has developed for the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign that creates more awareness about, and intensifies the fight against, gender-based violence?

NO2827E

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

Since 1 January 2019, what total number of (a) recruits have been trained and employed by the SA Police Service (SAPS) and (b) members have left the SAPS?

NO2845E

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

Whether, since the media briefing on 15 July 2021, where it was alleged that one of the 12 instigators who had helped organise the looting and violence in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng had been taken into custody and since his reply to written question 2117 on 23 September 2021, the remaining 11 suspects were also arrested; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date did they appear in court and (b) what are the relevant details?

NO2821E

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

(1) What are the details of the progress made regarding the key initiatives of his department to have an effective online presence and make justice services such as the issuing of protection orders and maintenance services accessible via digital platforms;

(2) what was the impact of the ransomware attack on the department's online services?

NO2830E

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

Whether, in view of allegations reported in the media that a certain person (name and details furnished) did not die of COVID-19, but may have been poisoned, the SA Police Service (a) has investigated any findings or leads of any autopsy report that has been done to establish the cause of death and (b) is investigating any other circumstances suggesting an unnatural death; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2585E

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

In light of the challenges of human trafficking, drug trafficking, illegal migration and the key appointments of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Border Management Authority (BMA) which is important for protecting the Republic and its sovereignty, how far is the implementation of the BMA?

NO2832E

**★298. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What are the full details of prosecutions that have been instituted as a result of the changes in July 2020 to Regulation 11 of the regulations applicable to The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector Including Organs of State, which enabled law enforcement agencies to access evidence presented at the specified commission?

NO2855E

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

In light of the recent rounds of interviews by the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) that are subject to criticism and court challenges in relation to some of the recommended appointments of judges by some well-funded civil society movements, which are engaged in a serious attempt to hijack the appointment of judges in order to have those amenable to their views on the bench, what (a) is the position of his department regarding the court challenges and (b) measures has his department put in place to assist the JSC to ensure that it remains independent in its approach to the appointment of judges?

NO2864E

**★278. Ms T R M Zungu (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What are the relevant details of further engagements and interventions that the Government will provide in order to ensure peace and stability in Sudan?

NO2835E

**★280. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, in light of Israel being an apartheid state and recognised by the United Nations as such and in view of the Republic still nursing its brutal and atrocious apartheid wounds, he has found that the Government should be leading and supporting cultural boycotts, amongst other steps, against the continued Israeli occupation of Palestine and the apartheid system imposed by its rule; if not, what is the Government's position when issuing passports for travel to cultural events in Israel; if so,
- (2) whether the participation of Miss South Africa in an event held in Israel complies with the Government's position on Israel; if not, what then are the reasons that he will not revoke the passport of Miss South Africa to travel to apartheid Israel to represent the Republic in the Miss Universe pageant; if so, what solidarity is there in the act of his department's issuance of a passport to Miss South Africa to travel to Israel with the Palestinian people who lives under the yoke of apartheid?

NO2837E

**★268. Ms A J Beukes (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

What are the (a) relevant details of the role the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) played for a service in cooperation with the SA Police Service for the establishment of a safe and secure environment to conduct the Local Government Elections 2021 under Operation PROSPER and (b) successes including challenges of the employment of the SANDF?

NO2825E

**★269. Ms P Faku (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What are the current developments regarding the investigations into cases of unrest that took place at Gqeberha on 13 October 2021, which were allegedly the result of a conflict between a taxi driver and a Somalian foreign national?

NO2826E

**★289. Ms T A Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

With reference to the 2019-20 Annual Report of his department, (a) what is the status of his department's 24-month project to refurbish communication lines to solve the issue of downtime at his department's offices and (b) by what date is it expected that the refurbishment of the communication lines will be completed? NO2846E

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

Whether, with regard to the escalation of the crisis in the Tigray region of Ethiopia which is but one of many instances of the resurgence of violent conflicts in Africa, her department has conducted any assessment of the origin of the various conflicts on the continent to determine, amongst other things, whether there is any role played by foreign forces in instigating the conflicts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2859E

**★272. Ms W S Newhoudt-Druchen (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

How far is the process of dedicating 100 sexual offences courts in order to improve adjudication in cases of sexual offences as he stated on 25 May 2021 during the debate on his department's Budget Vote 28 of the 2021-22 financial year? NO2829E

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

Noting the continued focus on the R5 million scandal, as well as the recent implication of senior managers within her department in a R120 million irregular expenditure scandal, which highlights the extent of corruption in her department, what is her position on (a) the ability of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) to uphold its mandate to defend the Republic while ill-discipline and corruption are rampant within the SANDF and (b) justice being served on those involved in irregular and wasteful expenditure exceeding R120 million in her department in the 2019-20 financial year? NO2487E

**★276. Mr M S Chabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What are the relevant details of the progress that his department has made regarding the partnerships with the banks to (a) roll out e-Home Affairs Services and (b) increase the sites rendering the specified services from 27 to 43 in order to reduce the queues at the Home Affairs offices? NO2833E

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

In view of the increase in the number of offenders who escape from correctional facilities from 34 in the 2019-20 financial year to 117 in the 2020-21 financial year, what (a) steps have been taken to address the increase and (b) are the details of all disciplinary actions that have been implemented against any Correctional Services employee who has been found to have been noncompliant with his department's security policies and procedures which led to the specified escapes? NO2849E

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

- (1) Whether he has found that preliminary investigations into the theft of cocaine worth more than R200 million from the offices of The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) in Port Shepstone was an internal job; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the break-in was caught on closed-circuit surveillance cameras; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2822E

**★279. Mr D L Moela (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What steps will she take to ensure that, in light of her department receiving a qualified audit opinion in the 2020-21 financial year and the inefficiency of her department's Audit Committee to implement its Audit Action Plan, (a) the Audit Action Plan is fully implemented and (b) her department maintains sound financial management?

NO2836E

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

What has been the (a) role of the SA Police Service's Crime Intelligence in reuniting the four Moti brothers with their parents recently and (b) progress of Crime Intelligence's investigations to track down the masterminds behind the kidnapping of the brothers?

NO2815E

**★267. Ms T I Legwase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

In light of the budget reduction to her department, what are the innovative steps that her department has taken to ensure that the mandate and responsibility of the SA National Defence Force to protect the Republic is fully implemented?

NO2824E

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

With reference to the budgetary pressure on the SA National Defence Force and the immediate need to address the threat of the possible implosion of our strategic prime mission equipment capabilities, what steps will be taken in the immediate future to drastically reduce the cost of employees as a percentage of her department's annual budget?

NO2850E

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

What legal framework did the members of the SA National Defence Force rely on when they went to persons' houses and confiscated food and other products in the wake of the unrest that followed the arrest of former President, Mr J G Zuma, in July 2021?

NO2867E

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

What plans has his department put in place in order to be proactive in the fight against crime as persons become vulnerable and victims of contact crimes especially during the festive season?

NO2828E

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

What plans has his department put in place in order to raise awareness regarding the victim-offender dialogues as an important tool for enabling restorative justice and fostering social cohesion in the Republic?

NO2831E

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

With reference to the mounting challenges faced at the Central Firearm Registry, by what date is it anticipated that the backlog of the issuing of (a) firearm licences and (b) competency certificates will be cleared?

NO2852E

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

With reference to the hostage situation that unfolded in Irene, Pretoria, on 14 October 2021, where she and some of her colleagues were held hostage by the veterans of the liberation struggle who had a list of demands regarding their wellbeing, what are the details of the comprehensive list of the demands made?

NO2866E

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

(1) Whether, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and related changes which have resulted in many persons depending on the internet for online learning, working and conferences, the training of the SA Police Service (SAPS) has now included the demands of the post-pandemic online environment to ensure that the SAPS is adequately equipped to address the specified changing dynamics; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,

(2) whether it is his position that the SAPS is still operating within the same environment as before the pandemic; if not, why have changes in training not been considered; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2491E

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

Whether any steps have been or will be taken to reduce the unacceptably long turnaround times for passport applications from South Africans residing in foreign countries; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2843E

**★263. Mr C H M Sibisi (NFP) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether, given that four months have passed since the protests, looting and destruction of property following the permanent closure of many businesses and the resultant loss of many more livelihoods bringing the Republic to its knees, he has found that his department has sufficient capacity to deal with the investigations into the violence and looting; if not, what steps will he take in this regard; if so, what are the reasons that the real perpetrators and masterminds behind this have not yet been identified and/or arrested?

NO2819E

**★290. Ms T A Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What are the details of the (a) current status and (b) estimated time frame to complete the review of all immigration permits issued since 2004 that is conducted by the task team that was established in February 2021?

NO2847E



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

What practical steps has he taken since assuming office to improve the briefing patterns in a manner that benefits black legal practitioners in the Republic? NO2865E

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

In view of the fact that his department must ensure that its systems are not vulnerable to ransomware attacks, that the effects of such attacks can be mitigated and that the personal information of citizens is properly protected, what are the details of the cyber security measures that his department (a) had in place prior to and (b) has put in place since the recent ransomware attack? NO2848E

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

What total number of (a) applications for Identity Documents (IDs) were made at Home Affairs offices from the date when Local Government Elections for 2021 were proclaimed and the actual date of the voting and (b) the specified IDs were processed by his department before the voting day? NO2862E

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

What interim measures has his department put in place to secure the Republic's borders, in view of the slow roll-out and establishment of the Border Management Authority? NO2493E

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

Whether, with reference to the deterioration of capability at 28 Squadron, the need for logistical heavy and medium lift cargo and soldier transport provided by 28 Squadron is still a critical support requirement for the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) to fulfil its domestic and international duties and obligations; if not, what are the details of how the essential logistical and support services provided by 28 Squadron to the various branches of the SANDF will be replaced and/or substituted; if so, what are the relevant details of the practical steps that have and/or will be taken to resuscitate the capabilities of 28 Squadron to sustained levels? NO2851E

**★297. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What steps has he taken since assuming office to improve and implement consequence management in respect of irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure at the Department of Correctional Services? NO2854E

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

In light of the fact that over 50 known activists have been killed by the security forces of King Mswati III in Eswatini for demanding democratic reforms, what are the reasons that the Southern African Development Community is failing to bring an amicable solution to the current situation in Eswatini? NO2858E

**★299. Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What total number of permanent residence permit (a) appeals and (b) proof of applications has his department processed since 1 October 2021? NO2856E

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

With reference to the media briefing held on 27 October 2021, at which he provided an update on the truck drivers' protest and reported that the number of undocumented foreign nationals who were found in 23 road operations in the 12 months were 28, and that his department was making progress in investigating illegal immigration, what total number of (a) undocumented persons have been deported during the past 12 months and (b) officials of his department have been arrested for their involvement in illegal immigration? NO2839E

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

- (1) With reference to the increase in security breaches leading to an increase in incidents of escape from correctional facilities, with 68 prisoners having escaped from a prison in Cape Town, what measures have specifically been implemented to prevent this from happening in the future;
- (2) whether any prison officials were investigated for their involvement in the mass escape in July 2021; if not, why not; if so, what is the status of the investigations? NO2840E

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

- (1) Whether, with reference to the Military Veterans Act, Act 18 of 2011, which obliges the State to provide military veterans with access to healthcare, subsidised public transport, education, skills and job training as well as burial support, she will furnish Inkosi R N Cebekhulu with the full details of the extent to which her department has been able to deliver on this mandate; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she has found that her department's lack of capacity and poor administration, under-performance, mismanagement and corruption, including wasteful, irregular and fruitless expenditure to be responsible for the level of discontent experienced by military veterans; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2842E