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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2023

Severity/frequency of load shedding

★87. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Electricity:

- (1) Whether his department has developed any plans to (a) manage the severity and frequency of load shedding and (b) avert the higher stages of load shedding in the coming winter and peak electricity demand season; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Government has considered any plans to ensure the (a) massive roll-out of rooftop solar photovoltaics and (b) battery energy storage for both domestic and commercial energy supplement; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether such plans include the removal of unnecessary red tape and rigorous measures to incentivise households through a much stronger and economically sound domestic rebate scheme and business through a national feed-in tariff; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO404E

Roles of Ministers

★81. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Electricity:

- (1) Whether he will explain the difference between (a) his role and (b) the role of the (i) Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy and (ii) Minister of Public Enterprises at Eskom regarding electricity;
- (2) (a) how will overlaps of responsibilities be avoided and (b) how will accountability be determined in this regard? CO390E

Factors driving load shedding

★88. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Electricity:

Whether he has drawn out any key factors that drive load shedding and its severity when he assessed the 14 Eskom power stations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what long-term measures has the Government put in place to ensure the lasting and/or permanent solution to load shedding and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO405E

*Transformer failures***★86. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Electricity:**

(a) Why are transformer failures so common in the rural areas (details furnished), (b) what interventions has he made to ensure that there is proper maintenance of transformers in such areas and (c) why it takes so long to repair such failures in the rural areas as compared to urban areas? CO401E

*Confirmation of assertions***★85. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Electricity:**

Whether he will confirm his assertions that were quoted by several news agencies that ‘Corruption not at the heart of Eskom’s operational troubles’ (details furnished)? CO394E

*Decommissioning of old coal-fired power stations***★89. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Electricity:**

- (1) Whether the Government has taken any policy position on the decommissioning of old coal-fired power stations as part of South Africa’s major milestone towards Eskom’s energy transition plan; if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures are in place to manage the repurposing of such processes, (b) how many plants are affected and (c) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether such decommissioning includes rigorous engagements with all the affected stakeholders to manage any anxieties and confusion, particularly workers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO406E

*Tourism Transformation Fund***★75. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What are the highlights of the Tourism Transformation Fund since its inception as it focusses specifically on financial support for black entrepreneurs that are investing in projects in the tourism sector (details furnished)? CO377E

*Exorbitant airline ticket prices***★67. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What steps has her department taken to mitigate the exorbitant airline ticket prices on the domestic front and the departure of BP jet fuel to enable South Africans to use air travel to holiday destinations throughout the country? CO358E

*Effects of Covid-19 to tourism***★76. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether her department has any plans to address the challenges that have been brought by Covid-19 pandemic to tourism (details furnished)? CO378E

*Improving/promoting tourism industry***★73. Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether the unpredictability that is caused by frequent load shedding is conducive for improving and promoting the country's tourism industry which has the potential of making a valuable contribution to the struggling economy; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO371E

*Tottenham Hotspur contract***★68. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) What was the total cost of travel for four board members to London to discuss the Tottenham Hotspur contract that includes accommodation and meals (details furnished);
- (2) whether any minutes are available to indicate the approval of such expenditure? CO359E

*Safety of tourists***★77. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether her department has any programmes in place in association with other departments that are aimed at improving the safety of tourists in the country (details furnished); if not, why not, if so, what programmes? CO379E

*Forensic investigation at RIPTN***★79. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

- (a) What are the outcomes of the forensic investigation that was promised by her predecessor while he was conducting an oversight inspection at the Rustenburg Integrated Public Transport Network to pursue actions against those who will be found to have misappropriated public funds and (b) what actions have been taken against those that have been identified? CO381E

*Repairs of roads***★63. Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What is the status on the repairs of the roads that were damaged in KwaZulu-Natal during the April 2022 floods? CO354E

*Restoration of passenger rail services***★78. Ms M L Moshodi (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) How far is her department from restoring passenger rail services to all those who need it (details furnished) and (b) how far is the relocation of communities that built houses on the rail tracks? CO380E

*Increase on road fatalities***★74. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What plans is her department putting in place to provincially adjust the ‘Decade of Road Safety’ programme for the foreseeable future as the situation continues to worsen and one-size-fits-all approach is clearly not working (details furnished)? CO372E

*Presence/efficacy of RTI***★65. Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What actions will she take to bolster the presence and efficacy of the Road Traffic Inspectorate in order to alter the driver behaviour, following the pileup of vehicles and multiple fatalities on the N3 highway on 10 April 2023 (details furnished)? CO356E

*Programmes to repair potholes***★80. Ms M L Mamaregane (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether her department has any programmes in place that are geared at repairing potholes as there are general complaints regarding the deteriorating state of our roads, especially potholes; if not, why not; if so, what programmes? CO382E

*Monies owed to municipalities***■5. Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport: [Written Question No 62 – transferred in terms of Rule 231]**

(1) Whether he will provide a list of municipalities that are owed money by (a) his department and (b) entities that report to his department; if not, why not; if so, (i) what is the breakdown of the rates and services in each case and (ii) what are the further relevant details;

- (2) (a) what is the age analysis of the money that is owed by (i) his department and (ii) its entities to municipalities and (b) what steps his department is taking to mitigate late payments to the municipalities? CO63E

■6. **Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA)—Transport. [Written Question No 134] [Replied to]**

Go! Durban project

■7. **Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport: [Written Question No 167 – transferred in terms of Rule 231]**

- (1) (a) What was the initial budget for the Go! Durban project in eThekweni that promised to provide efficient and cost-effective rapid bus transport between kwaMashu and Pinetown (details furnished) and (b) how much has been spent on the project to date;
- (2) (a) what measures will be taken to remove the continued interference by taxi associations in the project, (b) what is the status of the fleet of busses that are intended for such route, (c) where are they currently parked and (d) when will the first commuter-carrying busses operate on the route? CO174E

Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

- ★62. **Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA)—Transport.**
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- ★70. **Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF)—Transport.**
- ★71. **Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Transport.**
- ★72. **Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF)—Transport.**
- ★82. **Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA)—Electricity.**
- ★83. **Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA)—Electricity.**
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