

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2020

CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

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

With reference to her assertion that it is common practice to ferry business persons and other categories of persons on the SA Air Force (SAAF) planes, in response to the outcry levelled against her for ferrying a delegation from the African National Congress to Harare, Zimbabwe in September 2020, (a) on what total number of occasions since 1 January 2015 has business persons and other categories of persons been ferried on SAAF planes as they were travelling to the same destination while the aircraft were being used for official Government purposes and (b) what are the full, relevant details in this regard?

NO3444E

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

What (a) is the current level of overcrowding in the prisons of the Republic and (b) impact does the overcrowding have on his department's ability to run corrective programmes to rehabilitate inmates? NO3418E

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

(a) What criteria is used by his department to roll out Thuthuzela care centres throughout the Republic and (b) does his department have any plans to increase its footprint in rural areas where hospitals are far away from communities? NO3398E

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

Whether targeted intervention plans have been put in place to tackle high rates of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) in the area of the Inanda Police Station, which recorded the highest number of GBVF offences at 351 cases, followed by Umlazi with 335 cases in the 2019-20 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the specified plans and projected implementation timeline? NO3429E

★562. Mr D L Moela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Given that the court nullified the sale of the Lindela Repatriation Centre on which the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure spent almost R100 million, what (a) has been the impact of the nullification and (b) rescue plan does his department have? NO3400E

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

With reference to the Government's renewed efforts to tackle corruption and reduce crime, what are the details of the (a) financial and (b) other interventions the Government will take over the 2020-22 medium term to capacitate the various law enforcement agencies reporting to him to ensure that the Republic has an efficient and effective criminal justice system? NO3441E

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

In view of the realisation that, during the COVID-19 pandemic with the deployment of soldiers to areas to assist the SA Police Service and to safeguard the borders of the Republic, what programmes does her department have in place to promote the role of the SANDF and/or establish the value of the SANDF in order to create a safe environment to attract investors? NW3409E

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

Given that certain persons (names furnished) have been brutally murdered and that no arrests have been made to date, how does the SA Police Service intend to bring the criminals to book? NO3386E

★573. Mr B S Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Given that the planned sod-turning for 1 October 2020, which was in preparation for a permanent construction of a Pan-African Parliament building, did not materialise, what is (a) delaying the finalisation of the selection of the land for the specified project and (b) her department doing to remedy the situation? NO3412E

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

What (a) is the current total backlog of DNA samples for all categories of analysis at forensic science laboratories and (b) categories of DNA analysis have the highest backlog? NO3432E

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

Whether he has been informed of the widely held view in areas most affected by gangsterism that most crimes and murders are planned inside the prison walls by gang leaders who are already incarcerated; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has he taken to limit the contact between those incarcerated and the outside world in order to control the ability of prisoners to order those outside to commit crimes? NO3419E

★575. Ms S Patrein (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

How has the relaxation of the COVID-19 regulations to level 1, that were announced by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, assist the SA Police Service in dealing with (a) domestic and (b) gender-based violence? NO3414E

★559. Ms J M Mofokeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether he will provide Ms J M Mofokeng with an update on the progress of the completion of the Magistrate's court complex in Mamelodi; if not, why not; if so, will the completed rooms be victim-friendly? NO3397E

★565. Ms T I Legwase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Given that early registration of birth is essential to ensure the integrity and credibility of the National Population Register (NPR) which is used to affirm the identity, status and rights of citizens and that in order to accelerate the implementation of the NPR within the 5-year target, his department and the Department of Health will need systems that respond to the specified plans, what plans does his department have to enhance the NPR within the 5-year target period;
- (2) whether early registration of birth is extended to health facilities in rural areas; if not, does his department have any plans to do so; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3403E

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

What steps has his department taken to comply with the court order delivered by the North Gauteng High Court in case number 48064/2018 on 27 June 2019? NO3434E

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

What total number of verifications for applications for social relief distress by (a) asylum seekers and (b) special permit holders has his department completed since the beginning of the lockdown to curb the spread of the coronavirus? NO3420E

★568. Mr V C Xaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What is the impact of liquidity challenges in Denel and the decline in her department's acquisition budget on the implementation of the Defence Industry Strategy? NO3407E

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

In view of the fact that the Border Management Act, Act 2 of 2020, (BMA) has come into effect leading to an approximate doubling in his department's employment budget, and taking into account the findings of the Auditor-General that it will take up to 68 years to finalise the asylum backlog on the condition that no new cases are brought in, against the backdrop of his department's abysmal track record in management of funds and a broken asylum system that is marred by delays and reports of corruption, how does he intend to inspire confidence in South Africans that (a) his department can carry out the duties and obligations bestowed upon it through the BMA and (b) this new authoritative body is not blemished by corruption? NO3426E

★577. Mr E R K Maphatsoe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What are the reasons for the SA Police Service (SAPS) not complying with the provisions of the Domestic Violence Act, Act 116 of 1998;
- (2) whether the SAPS considers some provisions of the specified Act to be an administrative burden on the resources of the SAPS; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3416E

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

What (a) is the current total number of criminal cases deemed to be on the criminal backlog roll and (b) progress has been made to develop and implement a plan to reduce the number of criminal cases on the criminal backlog roll? NO3450E

★564. Ms M A Molekwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

With reference to the Automated Biometric Identification System that his department has launched with the intention to improve services in the overall administration of his department and given that network challenges have been observed in some of the offices which delay the rendering of services to relevant persons and contribute negatively towards his department's Annual Performance Plan targets, how does his department intend to mitigate the specified challenges in view of the fact that we are preparing for the 2021 local government elections which will require enormous demands of smart IDs and other related documents? NO3402E

★558. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What steps has his department taken to (a) identify all foreign nationals in the Republic who are here illegally and/or undocumented and, more importantly, (b) hold those employing them accountable?

NO3387E

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

In light of the Republic's alert level one status, what is the (a) progress with regard to the SA Military Veterans' Association (SAMVA) conference since the last postponement and (b) legislative standing of the current leadership of SAMVA since their mandate has lapsed?

NO3411E

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

With reference to the recommendations of the joint meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs on 22 October 2019, what (a) steps have been taken by his department to engage with municipalities on proposed solutions to deal with the impact of undocumented migrants in the cities and (b) are the details of the solutions that have been proposed from the specified engagements?

NW3430E

★582. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What interventions has he put in place to fight against the entrenchment of gang violence in Cape Town townships particularly with regard to the growing practice of demanding protection fees from small businesses and communities in Khayelitsha and surrounding townships;
- (2) whether he has verified community concerns that gangs are terrorising the communities because they are working in collaboration with the police; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3421E

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

With reference to a number of specified international protocols and treaty provisions including the efforts of the Government (details furnished), what (a) recourse do member states have, in respect of nationals of other member states who deliberately undermine the constitution of another country, and (b) is the exit plan for the refugees in the City of Cape Town?

NO3399E

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

Given that her department is largely personnel intensive and despite the challenges of budget cuts, how will her department ensure reducing the current vacancy rate of 19%?

NO3410E

★574. Ms S Patrein (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether all police stations are adequately resourced in terms of rape test kits; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3413E

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

What (a) total number of SA Police Service members with senior ranks are currently under criminal investigation and (b) number of the specified members are currently on suspension?

NW3433E

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

What policy changes does the African Union intend to apply to hold governments on the continent accountable for the use of state security and armed forces to silence the voices of their citizens?

NO3422E

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

Given that his department's target regarding anti-corruption measures and security services are important in order to ensure that his department has an adequately secured system in place in line with the White Paper on Home Affairs, and that recently we have observed arrests of internal staff members and other persons from other countries regarding fraudulent documents, what (a) are the relevant details of the nature of the activities of corruption and the related fraudulent documents identified in the 2019-20 financial year and (b) steps have been taken by his department and/or law enforcement in this regard?

NO3401E

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

- (1) In light of upcoming elections in the Republic of Uganda and reports that contending presidential candidates were arrested and/or harassed when attempting to register their bid for candidacy, what is the Government's position on the state of readiness and safeguards that are in place to ensure peaceful, fair and democratic elections in Uganda;
- (2) whether there are any agreements in place between Uganda and the Republic to share best practices, expertise in conducting elections to ensure that the outcome is credible; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3427E

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

Given that force rejuvenation is an urgent requirement in the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) to ensure a more feasible age rank balance and of particular importance in the SANDF's combat divisions, over the past three financial years, what (a) percentage of Military Skills Development System recruits are maintained in the system following their two-year training and (b) plans does her department have for the 2021-22 intake?

NO3408E

★596. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What (a) is the total number of persons who have been appointed to the position of head of foreign mission from the ranks of her department since 1 April 2015 and (b) total amount in remuneration has the Government paid the appointees?

NO3436E

★567. Mr V C Xaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether any of the entities reporting to her intend to pay performance bonuses in the 2020-21 financial year; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3406E

★576. Ms M A Molekwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether he has found that the extension of the firearm amnesty from August 2020 to January 2021, which allows persons to hand in illegal and/or unwanted firearms in a bid to reduce violence, is yielding positive results in the fight against violent crimes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3415E

★597. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What (a) is the total number of persons who have been appointed to the position of head of foreign mission from outside the ranks of her department since 1 April 2015 and (b) total amount in remuneration has the Government paid the appointees? NO3437E

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

What interventions has she undertaken to ensure that the capacity of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) to defend the sovereignty of the Republic is not compromised, following her department's presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans in May 2020 that the SANDF was in a critical state of decline due to budget cuts? NO3423E

★578. Mr E R K Maphatsoe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

What (a) has he found is the level of secondary victimisation in the SA Police Service (SAPS) and (b) steps will he take to mitigate secondary victimisation within the SAPS? NO3417E

★598. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

What is the total number of (a) current and (b) former members of the State Security Agency and its predecessor institutions that have been charged and arrested as a result of the recommendations made by the High Level Review Panel of the State Security Agency? NO3438E

★585. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of State Security:

In light of the pervasive nature of corruption and the arrogance and impunity in which gangs and other criminal elements are committing crimes, what steps has she taken in assisting police to (a) identify and (b) investigate cases of corruption and violent crimes in the Republic? NO3424E

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

Whether he, in cooperation with the National Prosecuting Authority, intends to act with the same intent in reopening cases of apartheid atrocities similar to the inquests into the death in police custody of Dr Neil Aggett and Ahmed Timol; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3425E

★599. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:

Whether her department has attempted to recover any part of the R7,4 million paid by the Government to a security company where a certain person (name furnished) served as a director after securing the position by using her maiden name; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3439E

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

(a) On what grounds was a certain person (name furnished) granted parole after only serving four years of an 18-year sentence for 20 charges of racketeering, corruption and money laundering, including the distribution of lethal weapons to gangs in the Western Cape and (b) what are the details of the specified person's parole conditions? NO3440E

★602. Mr J Selfe (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether he has found that every Correctional Supervision and Parole Board is fully constituted and working properly; if not, what steps will he take to ensure that the Boards are fully constituted and working properly in terms of their legal mandate; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3442E

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

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 313 for oral reply on 19 August 2020 and her responses during an interview on eNCA on 20 August 2020, she has since made the determination that she was misled by the internal report of the Board of Inquiry into the Death of Mr Collins Khosa as a result of being assaulted by members of the SA National Defence Force; if not, why not; if so, what action has she taken in this regard? NO3443E

★605. Mr M L Shelembe (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

With reference to the consultant that the Department of Military Veterans contracted to perform a skills audit in order to finalise the military veterans' database, what (a) were the reasons that the specified consultant was paid the full contracted amount having failed to complete the full scope of work and (b) disciplinary and/or other action has her department taken in this regard? NO3445E

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

(a) What is the total amount spent by the Department of Correctional Services on the development and implementation of the Integrated Management System (IMS) and (b) at what number of sites has the IMS been implemented to date? NO3451E