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QUESTION PAPER

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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2024***Unwanted items in prison cells***★47. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the recent prison raids by his department to search and seize many unwanted items in different prisons (details furnished), this was a once-off and/or an ongoing activity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his department intends to conduct an internal investigation into how such items were found in the prison cells; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any strategies are in place to counter such illegal activities in prisons; if not, why not; if so, what strategies? CO125E

*Overcrowding by remand detainees***★61. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

What progress has been made in solving prison overcrowding that has been exacerbated by remand detainees? CO140E

*Programmes for victims of crime***★49. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

In light of the alleged complaints that his department is focusing on parolees and ex-offenders in facilitating economic empowerment initiatives at the expense of victims, (a) what programmes are aimed at benefiting the victims of crime and (b) what are the successes of such programmes? CO127E

*Plans/strategies for educational programmes***★64. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

Whether his department has any plans and strategies to assist and/or compel inmates to partake in educational programmes while serving their sentences; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO143E

*[Kwalifikasies van gevangenes***★55. Mnr H J Van den Berg (Noord-Kaap: VF Plus) vra die Minister van Korrektiewe Dienste:**

- (1) Watter (a) kwalifikasies en (b) instansies se kwalifikasies is tans beskikbaar aan gevangenes;

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- (2) of daar tans enige ondersteunende programme is om gevangenes wat vrygelaat word te help om (a) ondervinding in hul kwalifikasies op te doen en (b) werk in hul studierigting te kry; so nie, waarom nie; so ja, wat die tersaaklike besonderhede is?
CO133A

English translation follows:

Qualifications of prisoners

Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:†

- (1) (a) What qualifications and (b) which institutions' qualifications are currently available for prisoners;
- (2) whether there are any support programmes to assist released prisoners to (a) gain experience with such qualifications and (b) get employment in their fields of study; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
CO133E]

Social Reintegration Framework

★50. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether social reintegration framework has achieved its main objectives of instilling corrections as a societal responsibility; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
CO128E

Small Claims Courts

★51. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

With reference to the Small Claims Courts that exist to mostly areas that are in the periphery of major towns (details furnished), how is her department supporting the existence of such courts with human resources, financial capacity and geographic jurisdiction areas?
CO129E

Prosecution of implicated persons

★58. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

Whether her department will prosecute all persons who were implicated in the Zondo Commission Report despite their political affiliation?
CO136E

*Shortage of judges/researchers***★52. Mr E P Noe (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether, in light of the (a) shortage of (i) judges at various high courts and (ii) researchers for judges and (b) lack of expertise for the National Prosecuting Authority to deal with complex commercial crimes (details furnished), her department has any plans to address the shortage of judges and researchers; if not, why not; if so, (aa) what plans and (bb) what are the further relevant details? CO130E

*System of granting bail***★62. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

Whether, with reference to the thousands of remand detainees that could not afford bail of less than R1000,00 and currently posing a huge financial burden to the taxpayers, any plans are in place to amend the current system of granting bail to alleviate financial and structural pressure on correctional centres (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what plans? CO141E

*SA removal from Grey List***★59. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

In light of South Africa's membership to the Financial Action Task Force, an international body that promotes policies and standards for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (details furnished) and the challenges that are experienced in the Office of the Master of the High Court, what assurances will she provide that the Master of the High Court, as a competent authority will contribute to South Africa in achieving Immediate Outcome 5.1 to ensure its removal from the Grey List? CO137E

*Alleged corruption/inefficiencies in Master's Office***★54. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

- (1) What progress has been made regarding the internal investigations on allegations of corruption and inefficiencies in the Master's Office;
 - (2) whether her department has a turn-around strategy to address the challenges in this very important office; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO132E
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Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

- ★48. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC)—Correctional Services.
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- ★60. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA)—Justice and Constitutional Development.
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