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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2017

CLUSTER 4: ECONOMICS

★52. Mr P D N Maloyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What are the specific details of Government's programmes to save jobs and preserve livelihoods in the poultry sector and its abattoirs?

NO1049E

★57. Mr C C Mathale (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What is the state of the agriculture sector specifically with regard to (a) the number of smallholder farmers and (b) the goal of bringing 1 million hectares of underutilised land into production? NO1054E

★40. Ms N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

(a) Why did Eskom not follow a competitive tender process when awarding a R 7 billion contract to a certain company (name furnished) for the supply of coal to the Komati power station and (b) on what date did Eskom become aware that there were other coal suppliers it could use to supply coal to the specified power station? NO1037E

★64. Mr I A Pikinini (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

(a) How has his department taken forward the Government's commitment to radical economic transformation and (b) what progress has been made in respect of economic and industrial reform to address the legacy of colonialism and apartheid, which is still manifested in the structure and ownership of the economy? NO1061E

★65. Ms D Z Rantho (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

What progress has his department made with regard to the four key elements of the Government's economic strategy namely competition policy, trade, industrial funding and infrastructure development? NO1062E

★30. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the National Treasury intends to continue with the sale of a part of the ownership of SA Airways to private equity partners; if not, does the National Treasury intend to reverse any progress made to date in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1027E

★70. Mr M N S Manana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What has he found to have been the cause of the delays in the payment of tax-refunds, which were previously paid out within 48 hours of taxpayers submitting electronic returns, subsequent to the inquiry set up by the Tax Ombudsman into the non-payment of tax refunds after thousands of taxpayers have complained to the ombudsman in this regard? NO1067E

★26. Mr M Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:

With regard to his roadshow trip to the United States in April 2017, (a) who did he invite to join him on the trip and (b) what are the reasons cited by those who did not honour his invitation? NO1023E

★68. Mr Z S Makhubele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

What (a) are the most strategic achievements or outcomes of the most recent 24th BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change that was held in Beijing, China on 10 and 11 April 2017 and (b) is the significance thereof for South Africa, especially in moving the implementation of the Paris Agreement forward? NO1065E

★72. Ms F S Loliwe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Labour:

In view of Productivity South Africa's responsibility to provide assistance to companies in distress, (a) how has this impacted on the saving of jobs and (b) which sectors have predominantly benefited from such assistance? NO1069E

★42. Ms P T van Damme (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:

- (1) What is the projected budget deficit for the SA Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) as at 10 May 2017;
- (2) whether the SABC is at risk of not being able to pay any of its debts in the foreseeable future; if so, why? NO1039E

★73. Mr Z M D Mandela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

(a) What programmes has his department put in place with regard to the Government's commitment to radical economic transformation and (b) what progress has been made in respect of promoting and regulating the mining, minerals and upstream petroleum sectors for transformation, growth and development, in order to ensure that all South Africans derive sustainable benefit from the country's mineral wealth? NO1070E

★77. Ms M V Mafolo (ANC) to ask Minister of Mineral Resources:

(a) What progress has been made in the implementation of social and labour plans and (b) how has this impacted the lives of the communities in mining towns as well as major labour sending areas in respect of the construction of roads, schools and clinics? NO1074E

★50. Mr G Mackay (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Has she found that Eskom has acted prematurely in pursuing its nuclear new build programme prior to the finalisation of the 2016 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP); if not, on what grounds is Eskom pursuing its nuclear new build programme; if so, will she prevent Eskom from pursuing its nuclear new build programme until the IRP is finalised? NO1047E

★75. Mr I A Pikinini (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

What progress has her department made in respect of contributing towards job creation and halting retrenchments in the mining sector?

NO1072E

★53. Mr P D N Maloyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What steps have been taken by his department to ensure the entry and the expansion of the export of chicken premium portions from South African producers to the global markets?

NO1050E

★32. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether he has put a strategy in place to avoid further sovereign credit rating downgrades since his appointment as Minister of Finance on 31 March 2017; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1029E

★66. Ms E M Coleman (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

What progress has been made with regard to putting in place a social pact in respect of measures and commitments that government, business and workers must resolve to assist economic growth?

NO1063E

★28. Mr M Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:

With regard to the National Treasury's inclusive approach to economic development and growth, to what extent does the agenda of inclusive growth incorporate the President's radical economic transformation agenda?

NO1025E

★61. Mr W B Maphanga (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

(a) What progress has his department made in respect of growing the oceans economy and (b) what impact has this had on the lives of ordinary men and women in the rural and urban areas?

NO1058E

★58. Ms T M A Tongwane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What progress has been made in respect of the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme and the Ilima/Letsema programme?

NO1055E

★38. Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

Why has the Competition Commission declined to prosecute a complaint of anti-competitive conduct lodged by Cell C against rival mobile network providers, namely Vodacom and MTN?

NO1035E

★55. Ms M R Semenya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What progress has been made by his department with regard to the stated strategic goal of creating 1 million jobs by 2030? NO1052E

★74. Mr Z M D Mandela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

What is the progress with respect to (a) foreign direct investment in the mining and research sector and (b) the state of employment levels across the sector according to job categories? NO1071E

★48. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Whether the Government has considered setting a minimum wage only for the sector of the current workforce that is not covered by wage regulations and collective bargaining as opposed to a blanket national minimum wage; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1045E

★67. Ms C Matsimbi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

What progress has his department made in coordinating contributions of government departments to effect infrastructure development, with particular reference to schools, and human settlements? NO1064E

★71. Ms F S Loliwe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Labour:

(a) What role does her department play in monitoring the alleged practice of some factories in the textile sector of employing persons from outside the country who are without work permits and (b) what have been the consequences of action taken by his department against employers in this regard? NO1068E

★34. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

(a) On what grounds was the decision taken to appoint a certain person into a senior position (name and details furnished) and (b) by when will a permanent appointment be made in this position? NO1031E

★60. Mr N Capa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

(a) What progress has been made in respect of the Revitalisation of the Agriculture and Agro-processing Value Chain (RAAVC) programme and (b) what impact has the RAAVC programme had on the lives of ordinary men and women in the rural and urban sectors? NO1057E

★56. Mr N Capa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What progress has been made in the agricultural sector with specific reference to the (a) reduction of input costs and (b) adoption of alternative cultivating methods? NO1053E

★54. Mr W B Maphanga (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What progress has been made in respect of the constitutional mandate of his department expressed in section 27(1)(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, that everyone has the right to have access to sufficient food and water? NO1051E

★47. Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Why are notices and documents being issued by (a) her department and (b) bargaining councils to employers regarding the proposed national minimum wage, when the first piece of legislation in this regard has not been tabled in the National Assembly to authorise such action? NO1044E

★59. Ms T M A Tongwane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What programmes has his department put in place with regard to the Government's commitment to radical economic transformation through its stated mandate of ensuring food security and agrarian transformation in the agricultural sector through innovative, inclusive and sustainable policies and programmes? NO1056E

★62. Mr M U Kalako (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications:

(a) What is the status of Mr Motsoeneng at the SA Broadcasting Corporation, particularly after the Western Cape High Court ruling and (b) what is his current salary? NO1059E

★35. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:

Whether she intends to prioritise the conclusion of the Broadcast Digital Migration Policy; if not, what are her priorities with regard to the specified programme; if so, when does she anticipate to conclude the programme? NO1032E

★63. Mr M U Kalako (ANC) to ask the Minister of Communications:

What are the details of the SA Broadcasting Corporation code of conduct in respect of employee media conduct, in particular permission to conduct a press conference? NO1060E

★69. Mr Z S Makhubele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

In view of the order by the North Gauteng High Court on 8 March 2017 on the matter of climate change and paleontological impact assessments (details furnished), why would she act only when instructed to do so by the court, if the specified assessments are beneficial in terms of today's emerging environmental challenges? NO1066E

★36. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:

- (a) What is the current status of her department's appeal to the Constitutional Court on the Supreme Court of Appeal's judgment on the revised Broadcast Digital Migration Policy and
(b) what amount has her department spent on defending the specified policy to date?

NO1033E

★76. Mr M H Matlala (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

What progress has been made in the priority areas of (a) enhancing regulatory and policy certainty and (b) ensuring meaningful economic transformation in the mining sector?

NO1073E

★78. Ms H V Nyambi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:

What progress has been made in respect of partnerships between government and mining companies in the implementation of projects that enhance quality of life and sustainability of mining communities?

NO1075E

★33. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether he has taken any steps to ensure that his economic advisor, Professor Chris Malikane, does not make any more public statements that are contrary to Government's economic policies; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1030E

★29. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

With reference to the intent of the National Treasury to sell a part of the ownership of SA Airways to private equity partners, what are the details of the (a) action taken to identify potential private equity partners and (b) private equity partners that were identified?

NO1026E

★39. Ms N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:

- (a) By what date will the proposed merger of SA Express and Mango with SA Airways be finalised and (b) what is the name of the proposed minority equity partner?

NO1036E

★41. Mr P G Atkinson (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

In light of the decision of the Competition Commission not to prosecute a complaint of collusive behaviour lodged by Cell C against rival mobile network providers, Vodacom and MTN, and the high data and cellphone costs carried by the citizens of South Africa in comparison to other countries with similar levels of cellphone and data coverage, what mechanisms have been put in place to regulate uncompetitive processes in the industry?

NO1038E

★43. Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

In light of the recent higher levels of rainfall in the Kruger National Park area, is the SA National Parks still intent on shooting between 300 to 400 buffalo in order to feed impoverished communities bordering the western side of the park; if so, (a) which communities will receive this meat and (b) has she found that there is a possibility of this meat being infected with any form of disease?

NO1040E

★44. Ms V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:

Have any media agreements been entered into between the Government and the (a) People's Republic of China and (b) Russian Federation; if so, what are the details of the media agreements concluded in each case?

NO1041E

★45. Mr I M Ollis (DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Whether the Government is considering a blanket exemption from the introduction of the proposed national minimum wage in the clothing and blanket section of South Africa's textile industry; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1042E

★46. Mr I M Ollis (DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Has she finally resolved the problems associated with the transfer of funds to Productivity SA to allow it to conduct its business adequately; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO1043E

★49. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Whether she has found that the introduction of a national minimum wage will result in mass retrenchments from businesses belonging to bargaining councils that have already put minimum hourly wage rates below R20 per hour; if not, what are the relevant details; if so, what mechanisms has the Government put in place to curb these mass retrenchments?

NO1046E

★51. Mr G Mackay (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether since her appointment as Minister of Energy on 31 March 2017, Eskom has signed the 37 outstanding agreements with renewable independent power producers as part of her department's Independent Power Producers' programme; if not, why not; if so, on what date?

NO1048E