

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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# QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

**WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2020**

#### CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

**★612. Mr M R Mashego (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

In view of the provincial presentations received by the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation on the state of the water and sanitation sector in each province, which highlighted the various challenges in executing concurrent functions between national and local spheres of Government, (a) how can an initiative like the District Development Model be used to improve the above-mentioned challenges and (b) are management of conditional grants, as we've observed by the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant, meant to be implemented by local government? NO3540E

**★644. Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to the large spending reductions in the provincial equitable share formula, which is the main funding instrument for health in the Republic, what are the details of his department's programmes that will be (a) prioritised and/or (b) negatively affected by the reduction in the budget over the 2020-22 medium-term expenditure framework? NO5374E

**★650. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) total number of approved applicants for the Social Relief of Distress Grant amount of R350 are yet to be paid since May 2020 and (b) has caused the delays in expediting the specified payments? NO3580E

**★613. Ms N G Adoons (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

In light of the challenges of the National Senior Certificate examinations of 2020 with its total number of 1 058 699 part-time, full-time and June candidates combined and noting the identification of high-risk examination centres at certain schools in each province (details furnished), what (a) measures are in place to ensure that the specified centres are compliant to the health and safety measures due to the pandemic conditions and (b) kind of psychosocial support is provided to learners and educators during this time of final examinations? NO3541E

**★632. Inkosi B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) What is the position of the Republic on the state of African football and (b) how will the candidacy for president of the Confederation of African Football of a certain person (name furnished) assist in advancing the specified position? NO3561E

**★637. Dr W J Boshoff (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

Whether there are any outstanding issues regarding maladministration and irregular and/or corrupt expenses in the Aeroswift 3-D Laserprinting joint venture, which the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) had to liquidate in March 2020 and on which a forensic investigation report, RFQ no. 551129, was received by the Board of the CSIR in 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3567E

**★614. Ms P P Dyantyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Given that while the primary threat posed by COVID-19 relates to the physical health of persons, the pandemic has also taken its toll on economies, social and cultural activities and the mental health of persons, (a) are there studies by his department or institutions reporting to him that show the effect the pandemic in general has on our mental health and (b) has his department seen an increase in mental health disorders during the specified period? NO3542E

**★640. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

How will the budget cuts to her department's budget due to the reappropriation of funds for the Republic's response to the COVID-19 pandemic affect the (a) delivery of formal Breaking New Ground houses and (b) national housing backlog over the 2020-22 medium-term expenditure framework? NO3570E

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

- (1) What amount has his department spent on awareness campaigns aimed at the prevention and treatment of malaria in affected areas in the 2019-20 financial year;
- (2) whether the campaign included preventative measures such as the spraying of rooms and the provision of mosquito nets; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3557E

**★615. Ms V P Malomane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

In light of the progress that has been made by the consultative team led by his department on the transformation of the heritage landscape, what (a) has been the progress on the full audit of all the statues, symbols and monuments in the Republic which is central to the proposed cultural national-building parks and (b) is the position on how to handle the specified matter in a manner that is transformative and assists in nation-building? NO3543E

**★660. Mr AM Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether she intends absorbing the thousands of social workers with the necessary qualifications, who are unable to find suitable work, into her department in view of the need for more social workers on the ground? NO3601E

**★616. Ms M T Mkhathshwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

Given that the coronavirus pandemic has an unequal impact on universities and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges as institutions have different capacities and capabilities, what (a) progress has been made with the completion of the 2020 academic year and (b) kind of preparations has his department made to ensure that TVET colleges and universities prepare adequately for the 2021 academic calendar to increase access and avoid instability? NO3544E

**★646. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

Whether the National Student Financial Aid Scheme will extend its 2020 academic year allowances to the benefiting students whose completion of their programmes has been postponed to the 2021 academic year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3576E

**★651. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) has she found to be the causes of the rise in the total number of homeless persons, in particular children, since the beginning of the lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19 and (b) are the relevant details of her department's response in this regard?

NO3581E

**★617. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister Social Development:**

With reference to the welcome launch of her department's Know Your NPO status, which is important to having active, accountable, compliant and transparent nonprofit organisations (NPOs) that uphold the Nonprofit Organisations Act, Act 71 of 1997, (a) how will the new period and approach towards NPOs be different to the previous one and (b) what measures and consequences will be in place to ensure that NPOs implement the primary objective of the specified Act which will ensure that NPOs contribute to advancing the developmental agenda of the Republic?

NO3545E

**★618. Mr T B Munyai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) With reference to the Health Market Inquiry report which tabled a number of recommendations to ensure that there is improved regulation of and accountability by the private healthcare system, what strides have been made in the implementation of the specified recommendations;
- (2) whether his department has met any resistance from the private sector in implementing the recommendations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3546E

**★619. Mr S M Dhlomo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) implications and/or disruptions has the COVID-19 pandemic had on other public health programmes and services such as HIV and tuberculosis testing and early childhood health programmes and (b) plans has his department put in place to ensure that the healthcare system is able to maintain and improve the gains achieved in key health indicators such as life expectancy, maternal mortality and infant mortality rates?

NO3547E

**★638. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) number of incidents of alleged corruption has the SA Social Security Agency reported to the SA Police Service for investigation since 1 November 2019 and (b) was the total monetary value of the losses incurred as a result of the incidents of alleged corruption?

NO3568E

**★652. Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

In light of the fact that there are over 80 medicine students who graduated in March and June 2020, many of them from Cuba and others in China, who have not been placed for internship in our hospitals, by what date will his department finalise all internship placements of graduate doctors who are currently sitting at home, constantly being promised by his department that they will be placed soon? NO3582E

**★620. Ms M R Semanya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the comprehensive presentation that the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation received from the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) on the maladministration within the Department of Water and Sanitation, she has found that the Internal Audit department (details furnished) within the Department of Water and Sanitation has resources that are appropriate and sufficient to effectively respond to its mandate; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she has found that the Internal Audit department had been appropriately positioned to independently and objectively execute its mandate in the past; if so, how is it possible that the Department of Water and Sanitation has been found wanting in the investigations currently underway by the SIU?

NO3548E

**★633. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

In view of provincial education departments working with implementing departments such as the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to build schools, what kind of monitoring and evaluation agreement has her department entered into with implementing departments to ensure that (a) payments are not incorrectly made in instances where contractors have not delivered and (b) there are effective mechanisms to conduct investigations and/or embark on legal action against officials and/or contractors who fail to deliver should such a need arise?

NO3563E

**★621. Mr P R Moroatshehla (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Given that the COVID-19 pandemic has in essence exposed her department with regard to the terrible backlog in the provision of school infrastructure and the provision of water and sanitation at schools, what permanent measures is her department putting in place to address the specified deficiencies?

NO3549E

**★647. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

With reference to his reply to oral question 146 on 28 May 2020, what is the current status of the procurement of the laptops?

NO3577E

**★630. Ms M E Sukers (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether her department has done a socio-economic impact assessment regarding the transfer of jurisdiction over early childhood development centres from her department to the Department of Basic Education in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4.2. to ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, will the report be made available to members and the public?

NO3559E

**★622. Mr M Gungubele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to the commendable initiative taken by her department to request the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to conduct a rapid assessment of the COVID-19 situation, with a specific focus on vulnerable groups, what are the (a) reasons for her department's request to the UNDP and (b) key highlights and recommendations of the UNDP report? NO3550E

**★661. Mr AM Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

What is the most recent development with regard to providing people with their own land as a fully serviced site and/or the option of financial assistance at a low interest rate through a State bank in order for people to build their own homes? NO3602E

**★623. Ms N Q Mvana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to the commendable initiative of the SA Social Security Agency to launch its Online Grant Application Portal, (a) what has the testing of the specified system revealed in how it addresses the challenges that already exist and (b) how does the system intend to incorporate persons in rural areas and underdeveloped areas who have no access to the digital portal? NO3551E

**★639. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What are the details of the amount that the Postbank charges for each transaction per channel to service SA Social Service Agency grant recipients? NO3569E

**★653. Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health;**

With reference to his reply to question 70 for oral reply on 11 March 2020, wherein he undertook to establish a panel of independent experts to investigate the allegations including claims of coerced or forced consent, HIV-positive women being sterilised without their consent, sterilisation being a precondition to having a delivery through a caesarean section and the reported infringement of the rights of pregnant women, what are the full, relevant details regarding (a) the work that has been done by the specified panel of experts and (b) inviting women who have been sterilised against their will to make representations to the Health Ombud, confidentially, so that they are not prejudiced? NO3583E

**★624. Ms R C Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) What prompted the partnership between his department and the United Nations Development Programme which aims at intensifying efforts to strengthen national social cohesion in the Republic and (b) how will the project be beneficial to the persons in promoting nation building and social cohesion? NO3553E

**★625. Mr J B Mamabolo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

What measures are in place to ensure that his department systematically and legislatively addresses the leadership, governance and transformation challenges confronting many sport federations which have dire implications for sport in the Republic? NO3554E



**★626. Ms N N Sihlwayi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

What work has her department undertaken to ensure that it implements some of the key findings of the report of the Auditor-General as they relate to the work of the Human Settlements Command Centres on COVID-19-related projects (details furnished)?

NO3555E

**★641. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

(a) By what date(s) is it envisaged that the vacant posts of directors-general in her department will be filled permanently and (b) what are the reasons that the vacancies have not yet been filled permanently?

NO3571E

**★654. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

(a) Who is the owner of the land on which the new settlement called Siyanqoba, in the Emalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga, is being built and (b) what are the relevant details of the agreement between the State and the owner of the specified land?

NO3584E

**★627. Mr M P Mapulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

What is the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the implementation of the Decadal Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation through which the new White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation will be implemented in order for the Republic to be globally competitive in science, technology and innovation?

NO3556E

**★634. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

What intervention plans has his department embarked on to contribute to the recruitment and hiring of full-time staff members in the higher education sector, in particular black and female staff members, since the Staffing South African Universities Framework (details furnished) was published?

NO3564E

**★642. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether the 2010 FIFA World Cup Legacy Trust bought a hotel; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) where is the hotel situated and (b) what was the purchase price of the hotel?

NO3572E

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

(a) What number of persons on average die of malaria in the Republic each day and (b) of those, what number are adults?

NO3558E

**★643. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether the 2010 FIFA World Cup finances are being investigated and/or audited by any foreign country or entity; if so, in each case, (a) which country and/or entity is investigating and/or auditing the finances and (b) which aspects of the finances are being investigated and/or audited? NO3573E

**★655. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

Whether she has been informed of the widespread allegations that officials of her department are colluding with the municipalities to sell Reconstruction and Development Programme houses in both the Emalahleni and Steve Tshwete local municipalities in Mpumalanga; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what measures has she put in place to stop the specified practice? NO3585E

**★645. Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether the Board of the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) intends to reinstate the disciplinary proceedings that were instituted against a certain person (name furnished) after the arbitration process found that the General Assembly of SASCOC that cancelled the disciplinary action was not empowered to do so, especially in light of the election of the specified person to the position of President of the SASCOC on 7 November 2020; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3575E

**★656. Mrs N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

In light of the fact that matric pupils have begun their examinations and are being examined on the whole syllabus, what measures has her department put in place to ensure that matric pupils in rural areas, who have not had the luxury of online learning, are fully prepared for the examinations? NO3586E

**★635. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether, with regard to the funding in terms of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act that her department has allocated to nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), she has found that the money has been paid out to NGOs that are best placed in the fight against gender-based violence; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO3565E

**★648. Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether he has found that his department's pursuit of achieving employment equity targets when filling specialists' vacancies often leads to the vacancies remaining unfilled for an extended period of time due to applicants not meeting employment equity targets; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of his department's plan to address the filling of the vacancies? NO3578E



**★631. Ms M E Sukers (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What is the rationale and reasonable justification for limiting the rights of school governing bodies to lease out their school premises to churches or other religious organisations when the school hall will be properly sanitised both before and after use?

NO3560E

**★649. Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether his department has put any plans in place to purchase more equipped ambulances in the 2020-22 medium-term expenditure framework to ensure that emergency medical services are drastically improved and able to reach most persons in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3579E

**★657. Mr S Tambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

What new innovations to higher education teaching and learning is he planning to introduce, in the context of the changes to learning that COVID-19 and a post-COVID-19 South Africa will be forced to undertake?

NO3587E

**★658. Mr B S Madlingozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

With reference to his reply to question 707 on 18 May 2020 in respect of the COVID-19 relief fund that was supposed to have assisted artists of all genres during the period of the lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19, what are the exact details of how (a) the specified monies were distributed to the artists and (b) his department determined who was in greater need of the relief funds?

NO3588E

**★659. Inkosi B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the postponement of the 2020 Olympic Games to take place in July 2021 in Tokyo due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, his department has assessed the readiness of Olympic qualifying athletes to participate in the Olympic Games next year; if not, why not; if so, how are the assessments being made, given the disruptions caused by COVID-19;
- (2) what are the protocols that will be followed in the Republic to ensure that South African athletes will participate in the Olympic Games next year?

NO3597E