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# QUESTION PAPER

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

**WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2017**

#### CLUSTER 4: ECONOMICS

**★298. Ms N S Tolashe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Labour:**

In view of the fact that the turnaround time of 14 to 21 days for Unemployment Insurance Fund payments is in many cases not met due to problems with administration and information technology, (a) what is the turnaround strategy to resolve the specified problems and speed up the processing of claims in accordance with the turnaround time and (b) does her department have any strategic plans in place to address any other challenge in this regard?

NO4203E

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

In view of the seemingly slow pace at which his department develops and implements policies, how will his department ensure that policies such as the Policy on Comprehensive Producer Support, the Integrated Funding Development Support Policy, the development of a National Policy on Mechanisation Support and the implementation of the Small-scale Fisheries Policy are timeously completed to fast-track the delivery of government services to the people?

NO4204E

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

Whether any decisions on proposals to bring public finances back onto a sustainable path over the 2018-21 medium term were approved by the Cabinet ahead of the 25 October 2017 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4162E

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

In view of the mining industry being the cornerstone of the economy for many decades and one of the major catalysts in economic development, (a) what threats are currently being faced by the mining industry and (b) what plans are in place to mitigate the specified threats, in particular the threat of the scale of retrenchments currently occurring across the mining sector?

NO4213E

**★301. Ms B P Mabe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

With regard to the challenges such as alleged corruption, maladministration, governance, financial mismanagement and accountability to shareholders facing the new board at the SA Airways, (details furnished), what steps has the National Treasury taken to address the specified challenges in order to ensure confidence in the future?

NO4207E

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

Whether, in light of the growing number of allegations that are surfacing in respect of incidences of state capture in the state-owned enterprises reporting to her and her failure to hold the boards and executives to account, she intends to resign as the Minister of Public Enterprises; if not, why not; if so, on what date?

NO4174E

**★282. Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

What plans does his department have in place to (a) develop the aquaculture industry and (b) include abalone in the specified industry, given the huge demand for abalone, especially in the Far East with the current price being 80 dollars per kilogram?

NO4186E

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

With reference to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa that has the mandated powers to regulate competition and affordability of communication, (a) what progress has her department made with regard to attempts to bring down the high costs of data to ensure that citizens of all strata of society can communicate without challenges of affordability and (b) is there a possibility of costs falling in the near future?

NO4208E

**★251. Mr M L W Filtane (UDM) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether, with reference to the unacceptable irregular expenditure reported in the 2015-16 Auditor General's report on local government performance, he has (a) concrete plans to stop the irregular expenditure in particular in the OR Tambo and other Eastern Cape municipalities and (b) a comprehensive plan to instill accountability in the municipalities in relation to their unauthorised expenditure and the country's junk status; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO3825E

**★305. Mr F Z Majola (ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

(a) What are the relevant details of the comprehensive energy mix that is currently in operation as well as future proposals, which cover the full spectrum of energy security in the country, and (b) how does this take into account energy security in Southern Africa?

NO4211E

**★303. Ms D Z Rantho (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

What are the plans of her department to deal with the lack of funding in order to address the maintenance backlog of infrastructure for sub power stations, which is a shared responsibility of Eskom and municipalities?

NO4209E

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

Whether he has ever (a) met with and/or (b) discussed the financing of Government's new nuclear build programme with any representatives of the World Bank; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NO4163E

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

How will his department engage and mobilise the financial sector to provide resources for investments in the productive sectors as opposed to speculative investments in order to grow the economy and create jobs in the context of the current economic challenge that the country is facing?

NO4210E

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

In view of Cabinet's announcement that the national minimum wage of R3 200,00 a month or R20,00 per hour has been approved and will take effect in May 2018 and given that Parliament will have to process the proposed national minimum wage bill and ensure concurrence with existing labour legislation prior to May 2018, (a) what impact has she found will the commencement of the pending legislation have on farm workers and domestic workers and (b) how will the specified legislation contribute towards reducing inequality and promoting inclusive growth in the economy?

NO4202E

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

Whether she intends to support reducing the number of nonexecutive members of the Board of the SA Broadcasting Corporation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4176E

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

(a) What has he found to have been the meaningful impact on economic transformation of the R3 trillion infrastructure investment in the mining industry and (b) has it impacted on black economic empowerment in respect of poor and unemployed black persons?

NO4214E

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

Given the financial challenges facing the Agricultural Research Council, how will the department ensure that the Council continues to be financially viable and delivers on its important mandate?

NO4205E

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

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 1624 on 20 June 2016 and the Financial Services Board's investigation into the alleged market manipulation of Oakbay's share prices, he intends to launch an investigation into the Industrial Development Corporation's granting of the specified loan to Oakbay; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4175E

**★283. Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

What (a) are the details of the assistance provided by his task team to Schaapkraal Civic and Environmental Association in their appeal against rezoning the Philippi Horticultural Area for housing development and (b) is the current status of the intended rezoning?

NO4187E

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

With reference to the challenges the SA Weather Service (SAWS) face with regard to their observation infrastructure (details furnished), what measures will her department undertake to ensure that the SAWS has well-maintained equipment to enable forecasting and issuing of weather warnings on time to save lives, especially of the vulnerable and the poor?

NO4212E

**★252. Mr M L Shelembe (NFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

With reference to section 53(1)(c)(ii) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, (details furnished), what (a) is the total number of municipalities in the country that are not complying with the Act and (b) actions has he taken to enforce compliance in those municipalities that are not complying?

NO3826E

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

What are the details of the steps that she will take to address the (a) weaknesses and (b) regression in annual audit outcomes of her department that were identified by the Auditor-General since the 2014-15 financial year?

NO4170E

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

Why does the SA Mineral Resources Administration Database of his department not allow prospective applicants to know (a) whether rights to a particular piece of land in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act 28 of 2002, have already been allocated to another person and/or (b) the name of the person who holds the specified rights?

NO4166E

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

Whether, in light of the Western Cape High Court's ruling in April 2017 that the Government's new nuclear build programme determinations and intergovernmental agreements relating to the programme are invalid and unconstitutional, the required amendments to the five key pieces of regulations and legislation (details furnished) have been finalised; if not, by what date will the amendments be finalised in each case; if so, by what date will the amendments be tabled in the National Assembly?

NO4164E

**★284. Ms N V Mente (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**

What (a) measures are in place to prevent the abuse of poor fishermen who are used as fronts for companies applying for fishing quota allocations and (b) is the department doing to assist the fishermen who are listed as directors of companies without their knowledge and who are now owing the SA Revenue Service huge sums of money?

NO4188E

**★280. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

Whether, in line with one of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on the SA Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) Board Inquiry, all vacant senior management positions have been filled in order to turn things around at the SABC; if so, (a) which senior management positions have been filled and (b) what impact has she found does the unfilled vacancies have on the smooth running of the SABC? NO4184E

**★258. Ms A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 2481 on 13 September 2017, the Government intends to provide vaccinations for breeder stock to safeguard the poultry sector? NO4161E

**★253. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

In view of the high incidence of irregular, unauthorised and fruitless and wasteful expenditure identified in municipalities over the past three financial years, what steps has he taken to recover the losses incurred by the municipalities as a result of maladministration? NO3843E

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

What are the full relevant details of the terms of reference of the urgent judicial inquiry into tax administration and governance at the SA Revenue Service that he requested the President of the Republic, Mr Jacob G Zuma, to set up? NO4159E

**★285. Ms N V Mente (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries:**

Why does his department permit the Ncora Dairy project to lease the communal land of farmers for an exploitative rate of R3 200 per annum without the white farmers being on the proposed cooperative system but enjoying benefits of cooperatives from the Government? NO4189E

**★254. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

Whether, in view of the pending legalisation of cannabis for medicinal use, the Government will grant the request of the Khoi and San communities to grow and establish cannabis farms, in view of their interest in this regard? NO4155E

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

(a) What are the full details of the terms of reference of the Davis Tax Committee and (b) how do the specified terms of reference differ from those of the proposed judicial inquiry into tax administration and governance at the SA Revenue Service? NO4160E

**★262. Adv H C Schmidt (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

What are the reasons for the delay in making the outcomes of the Mining Phakisa Laboratory held in October 2015 with the mining sector available? NO4165E

**★264. Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether her department has put any mechanisms in place to monitor the creation and development of small-, medium- and micro-sized enterprises by the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4167E

**★286. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

What steps has she taken to ensure that her department does not unduly interfere in the affairs of the SA Broadcasting Corporation? NO4190E

**★281. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

What radical steps were taken by his department to ensure that companies owned by women and the youth were afforded opportunities to enter the energy and petroleum sector in the 2016-17 financial year? NO4185E

**★265. Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether her department performed any annual reviews of the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa in the past three financial years; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4168E

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

What are the details of the steps that she will take to address the (a) persistent poor oversight responsibility with regard to the monitoring of controls and (b) inadequate document management systems at the Unemployment Insurance Fund, which were identified by the Auditor-General since the 2014-15 financial year, in order to address the regression in annual audit outcomes? NO4171E

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

What are the details of the steps that she will take to address the weaknesses identified by the Auditor-General at the Compensation Fund since the 2014-15 financial year in order to address the regression in annual audit outcomes? NO4172E

**★287. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

On what date will her department receive additional funding for the SA Broadcasting Corporation from the National Treasury? NO4191E

**★255. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the Government intends introducing a state bank, given the fact that financial institutions and/or banks have very stringent criteria in providing loans to persons for the purposes of small business, housing and other matters, resulting in many of them being unable to access financial assistance? NO4156E

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

Whether any disciplinary action has been taken against any official found to have been involved in irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure at the Compensation Fund in the 2016-17 financial year; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO4173E

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

What is the total amount that was spent by her department on legal fees (a) in the 2016-17 financial year and (b) since 1 April 2017? NO4177E

**★274. Mr P van Dalen (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

What number of (a) abalone and (b) Western Cape rock lobster poachers has his department intercepted since 1 April 2017? NO4178E

**★288. Mr M S Mbatha (EFF) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

Whether the R1,5 billion steel competitive fund he announced in May 2017 has been set up; if not, why not; if so, who have been the key beneficiaries? NO4192E

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

Whether the Media Development and Diversity Agency will take any disciplinary action against a certain person (name furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the action that will be taken? NO4181E

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

Whether the Media Development and Diversity Agency continued to make payments to a certain company (name furnished) after the contract concluded with the specified company was cancelled; if so, (a) why were these payments made and (b) what are the full details of the agreement? NO4182E

**★276. Ms T Gqada (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

What progress has been made with regard to the disciplinary process instituted against a suspended official of his department (name and details furnished)? NO4180E



**★289. Mr M S Mbatha (EFF) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(a) What is the status of the market inquiry into high data costs that he announced in May this year and (b) what are the key findings? NO4193E

**★275. Mr P van Dalen (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

Whether he has found that Operation Neptune fulfilled its mandate of bringing international poaching syndicates of high value marine resources to book; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4179E

**★279. Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether she intends to enforce stricter emission restrictions in respect of (a) Sasol and/or (b) Eskom in line with the provisions of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, Act 39 of 2004; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NO4183E

**★290. Mr M M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

Why is he seemingly in a rush to expedite a nuclear energy deal that South Africa cannot afford? NO4194E

**★291. Mr Z R Xalisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 1990 on 3 August 2017, wherein she stated that the 12 illegal dumping sites would be licensed in the current financial year, what are the requirements for the legalisation of a dumping site;
- (2) whether all 12 dumping sites have been licensed; if not, why not? NO4195E

**★292. Mr N F Shivambu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What immediate steps is the SA Revenue Service taking to deal with transfer pricing, illicit financial flow and base erosion to cover the R50 billion plus shortfall in revenue collection? NO4196E

**★294. Mr M M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Labour:**

(a) What is the status of the national minimum wage and (b) on what date will it be tabled in the National Assembly? NO4198E

**★295. Mr T Rawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Labour:**

Whether she has found that labour brokers are beneficial to the economy and the country; if not, why have they not been banned? NO4199E

**★296. Mrs E S Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

Whether any of her close associates, family members and/or any member of her staff conducted business with state owned entities reporting to her since she was appointed the Minister of Public Enterprises in May 2014?

NO4201E