

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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1. ★ Indicates an oral question.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★150. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether her department has identified gambling as one of the priority social ills; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what plans has her department put in place to address the social ill that is affecting the poor who depend on social grants?

NO636E

★112. Ms P P Xaba-Ntshaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What (a) progress has her department made in eradicating bucket toilets in schools since the first democratic government of 27 April 1994 and (b) plans does she intend to implement to complete the Government's efforts in a time-bound manner? NO595E

★78. Ms C Jordaan (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has found that her decision to stop the issuing of a R9,8 billion tender, which would have centralised procurement by her department for the National School Nutrition Programme under a single provider, will impact the provision of meals to learners at a provincial level; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO550E

★136. Mr M S Mbatha (MK) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Considering that in June 2024, it was reported that the Government was closing down 1000 schools that are supposedly small and unviable in the Eastern Cape rural areas, what (a) measures have been put in place to ensure that the education of children in those areas is not interrupted and (b) arrangements have been made for children who will be affected to be closer and/or to be transported safely to the available schools?

NO620E

★114. Mr W T Letsie (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

Considering the mismanagement of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) and the consequences thereof, which have been far-reaching especially when it comes to students, (a) what interventions will she and her department put in place to prevent the imminent evictions of students from accommodation facilities where funds from the NSFAS have not been disbursed and (b) how will the investigation and resolution of any procurement irregularities within NSFAS be expedited to ensure that student welfare and security are safeguarded?

NO597E

★105. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What are the relevant details of interventions her department made to fully subsidise school uniforms for all learners in no fee schools?

NO585E

★69. Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

Whether, considering that the current National Student Financial Aid Scheme model disproportionately disadvantages technical vocational education and training (TVET) college students, as it incentivises students to apply only to nearby colleges due to the limitations imposed by the accommodation cap for their stream, her department has any plans in place to increase student accommodation options and/or the accommodation cap for TVET college students who are living outside of designated residences; if so, what (a) plans and (b) are the time frames in this regard?

NO540E

★121. Ms F L Shabangu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

Given the criminal incidents observed in Themba Hospital in Mpumalanga, what intergovernmental strategies does he intend undertaking to protect (a) infrastructure and (b) health workers and patients?

NO604E

★139. Mr A Sauls (PA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

In light of the fact that drug rehabilitation centres in Gauteng that were run by nonprofit organisations (NPOs) have been defunded by her department, whilst it pushed R11 million rand in subsidies for a new facility, Clinix Foundation, under a new NPO, and noting that the Auditor-General made findings of maladministration against her department in this regard, (a) why did it take three weeks to approve funding for one NPO while defunding several other NPOs who have been operational for years and (b) what are her plans to address the lack of rehabilitation centres in the Republic?

NO623E

★92. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

In light of recent estimation made by Momentum that it will cost the Government more than R1,3 trillion a year under the private health system proposed by the National Health Insurance (NHI) to provide each South African with the same quality of care, (a) how will the cost for the NHI be funded and (b) what has he found to be the impact it will place on taxpayers?

NO564E

★123. Ms N E Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What intergovernmental strategies are initiated by her department to alleviate the burden of period poverty placed on women and girls, as many women and girls, particularly those from low-income households, are unable to afford menstrual products, which negatively affects their participation and performance in schools and workplaces, and has detrimental health effects?

NO606E

★106. Mr E Mthethwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

In light of the publication of the list of the beneficiaries of the COVID-19 Relief Fund and Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme, what (a) was the criteria used to determine the varying amounts given to different beneficiaries and (b) are the analytical outcomes or lessons drawn from the exercise?

NO587E

★127. Ms N E Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

(a) What measures will he implement to ensure all municipalities adequately plan and implement projects of the 5% of Municipal Infrastructure Grants and (b) how will he ensure sport facilities are optimally utilised by the youth to remove them from social ills?

NO610E

★94. Mr S J Moore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What steps has she taken to assist and work with Rand Water and provincial governments to ensure their municipalities are prepared and ready to supply sufficient water in summer when the demand for water will increase?

NO566E

★132. Mr K S Ramaila (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Given that the Auditor-General has highlighted delays in major water and sanitation infrastructure projects by her department due to inadequate project management, inadequate contractor supervision, delayed identification of poor performance and lengthy supply chain management processes, how will her department address the concerns of the Auditor-General to guarantee the timely completion of major water and sanitation infrastructure projects? NO616E

★151. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

What (a) is the total amount of debt owed by recipients of funding from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme who have graduated from tertiary institutions in the 2010 to 2021 academic period and (b) are the details of the plans that her department has currently put in place to recover the debt? NO637E

★115. Ms F Hassan (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education:

- (1) What measures will she take to ensure the timeous appointment of the Board of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) and its effective functioning to ensure the full and successful operation of NSFAS as an entity, given the challenges faced by NSFAS that preceded the dissolution of the Board and the appointment of an Administrator;
- (2) whether any consequence management will be instituted if it is found that the NSFAS is unduly delaying and/or preventing the rehabilitation process; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO598E

★84. Dr K W du P le Roux (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Against the background that medico-legal claims have cost the Government R23,6 billion over the past three years, and given that this has an adverse impact on the provision of quality healthcare, what steps has he taken to ensure that his department and provincial departments are capacitated to deal directly with medico-legal cases;
- (2) whether he intends to introduce amending legislation in the National Assembly to deal more efficiently and effectively with medico-legal claims; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO556E

★134. Ms M Bartlett (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Noting that the Government of National Unity, led by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, has prioritised driving inclusive growth and job creation as its primary strategic priorities, what would be the contribution of her department in the efforts to achieve the Government's strategic priorities for inclusive economic growth and job creation? NO618E

★103. Adv B J Mkhwebane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What (a) specific measures and strategies is her department currently implementing to provide adequate housing for homeless individuals and (b) timelines and/or targets has she put in place to achieve these housing goals? NO582E

★70. Ms N H Mhlongo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:

Following the declaration of Mpox as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation and the further call that a co-ordinated international response is needed to stop the outbreaks and save lives, what measures has his department implemented (a) at points of entry to screen persons from countries with high numbers of Mpox cases and (b) to educate the public about Mpox, thereby contributing to the Republic's state of readiness to stop the outbreaks and save lives?

NO541E

★122. Mr T B Munyai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

How is her department addressing the heightened vulnerability of persons who were left homeless due to natural disasters, particularly those in high-risk areas?

NO605E

★145. Ms K de Bruin (PA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

With reference to the high number of persons who have been on the housing waiting list for many years, inadequate houses in relation to infrastructure and corruption which involves allocating houses to ineligible persons, what plan has her department recently put in place to (a) address the housing backlog and (b) fight corruption in relation to awarding houses to foreign nationals?

NO630E

★86. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Against the background of the ageing condition of many of the dams in the Republic, some of which are over 50 and/or even 100 years old, what specific steps has her department taken to ensure that the critical infrastructure receives the necessary maintenance to prevent catastrophic failures?

NO558E

★126. Ms T V B Mchunu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

(a) On what date is it envisaged that his department will implement the comprehensive blueprint for school sports as a new delivery model mentioned in his address during the Budget Vote debate on 16 July 2024 and (b) how will he ensure quintile 1 to 3 schools are supported with sports facilities?

NO609E

★100. Ms M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

In light of the recent catastrophic failure of multiple farm dam walls near Malmesbury which resulted in injuries, extensive damage to property and significant flooding, what (a) immediate and long-term regulatory and/or legislative measures does her department intend to undertake to prevent such disasters in the future and (b) action is her department taking regarding privately owned dams that lack proper licensing and oversight?

NO578E

★128. Mr G D Kgabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

(a) What measures does he intend to implement to address challenges impacting the Sarah Baartman Centre of Remembrance project and (b) on what date does his department plan to complete the project?

NO611E

★89. Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What are the relevant details of the (a) backlog of housing projects in her department and (b) plans of her department to ensure that any blockages are unblocked to allow the specified projects to progress?

NO561E

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★156. Mr E M Ntshingila (MK) to ask the Minister of Higher Education: [*Written Question No 25*]

- (1) What is the plan of her department, through the public-private partnerships, to ensure that capital from the private sector that is within the regions of institutions of higher learning assists in building a strong third income stream for the financial sustainability of each institution;
- (2) what is the plan of her department through higher education about taking responsibility for nation-building by higher education institutions providing African solutions to Africans?

NO26E