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QUESTION PAPER

NOTE:

1. Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. ■ Indicates a written question transferred for oral reply in terms of **[Rule 249]**.
4. **In terms of Rule 246(4), no more than six questions for oral reply may be put to a Minister in respect of any one Government department on any particular day. Questions in excess of this quota are summarised at the end of the Question Paper.**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2019

Land disposal plans

★167. Ms T C Modise (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

Whether the Government has any plans to dispose land for commercial and residential purposes as part of land redistribution; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO379E

Withdrawal of appeal

★140. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

What informed her department's decision to withdraw the appeal against the court judgment regarding a certain person (name furnished) who wanted to own the land on which he has been farming for the past 27 years?

CO352E

Illegal occupation of land

★149. Mr S F du Toit (North West: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

(a) What steps have been taken to prevent illegal occupation of land with no infrastructure and (b) what is the estimated rand value of damages to the economy as a result of service delivery protests which emanated from the failed rural development from 1 January 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available?

CO361E

Land owned by foreign nationals

★166. Mr A J Nyambi (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:

- (1) Whether the Government has a register of any land that is owned by foreign nationals; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the Government's policy on unused land that is owned by foreign nationals, given the high demand for land ownership by South Africans?

CO378E

*Challenges arising from climate changes***★155. Mr S E Mfayela (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What action her department has taken since her appointment in an effort to combat challenges that are arising from climate changes which directly affect rural women when natural resources and agriculture are threatened (details furnished)? CO367E

*Aid to mitigate drought effects***★147. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

With reference to the prolonged drought in the Northern Cape (details furnished), (a) how much total aid is required over the next three years to mitigate the effects of the drought on a long-term basis, (b) when will the Northern Cape be declared a drought disaster area and (c) what mechanisms will her department implement to ensure that (i) any drought relief monies are distributed fairly amongst all the relevant farmers in the Northern Cape and (ii) there is no corruption in the distribution of the funds?

CO359E

*Women/youth benefited from procurement/job creation***★163. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:**

During his state-of-the-nation-address, the President said the Government will ensure that women and youth are given priority in government procurement and job creation, (a) what is the percentage of women and youth who benefited from procurement in her department and (b) how does her department intend to increase their participation in the sector?

CO375E

*Anti-Abalone poaching plans***★142. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:**

- (1) Whether her department has any plans to combat *hallotis midae* (abalone) poaching; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether her department has the necessary resources to implement such plans; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO354E

*Improvement on waste management***★164. Ms W Ngwenya (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:**

Whether any mechanisms are in place to cooperate with local government to improve on waste management for the sustainable use of the resources (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO376E

*Benefits of Declaration of Intent***★145. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:**

What would be the benefits for South Africa from the Declaration of Intent between South Africa and the Kingdom of Denmark in the fields of (a) green transition, (b) sustainable development and (c) climate change adaptations that she signed on 25 September 2019? CO357E

*Transfer of portfolios/budget***★165. Ms T C Modise (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:**

Whether, with reference to the Forestry and Fisheries portfolios and the budget which were still with the Department of Agriculture, any transition has taken place in this regard (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO377E

*Special Report on Cryogenic/Oceanic Environments***★146. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:**

With reference to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Cryogenic and Oceanic Environments (details furnished), what action is her department taking to stop the run of pesticides and deadly environmental contaminants from entering into the rivers and killing marine life? CO358E

*Compliance with environmental system***★139. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

- (1) What measures are in place to ensure compliance with environmental laws by the mining companies before the issuing of prospecting and mining rights;

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- (2) whether there is collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries to ensure compliance with environmental laws; if not, why not; if so, (a) how and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO351E

Positive inputs/commitments

★153. Ms L C Bebee (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

What (a) positive inputs and (b) commitments were made by various stakeholders in the discussions with the Government which was represented by the Ministries of Mineral Resources and Energy, Public Enterprises and Trade and Industry on the (i) state of the economy and (ii) role of electricity in contributing to economic growth?

CO365E

Coal used at Eskom power plants

★150. Mr S F du Toit (North West: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

(a) What is the current standard price per tonnage for coal that is used at Eskom power plants, (b) for how much is this coal currently being supplied to Eskom and (c) what plans does his department have to generate alternative energy since Eskom is currently not a reliable energy supplier as a result of old and deteriorating infrastructure?

CO362E

Announcement of Integrated Resource Plan

★141. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

When will his department announce the Integrated Resource Plan?

CO353E

Cancellation of Bid Window contracts

★159. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

Whether it is prudent for the Government to consider cancelling all Bid Window contracts that have been signed with Independent Power Producers of renewable energy until Eskom is financially stable; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what processes will the Government follow to cancel such contracts and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO371E

*Local community trust***★162. Mr K M Mmoiemang (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

- (1) Which trusts hold the equity on behalf of the local community as all the mining companies operating with the Gamagara Corridor and the Kalahari basin in the Northern Cape are required to do (details furnished);
- (2) whether the trustees of such communities are mainly from the local communities; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will this be done; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether an audit has been undertaken on the work of the community (details furnished); if not, (a) why not and (b) when will the (i) evaluation and (ii) audit of the community trust be undertaken; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO374E

*Coal mining activities***■4. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy: [Written Question No 62]**

- (1) Whether (a) he approved the coal mining activities of a certain company (name furnished) that are taking place in the preserved area of Lakenvlei in Mpumalanga and (b) this development is (i) sustainable and (ii) of national interest; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the said company is in possession of a rezoning certificate for mining land as this area is zoned as agricultural land; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he, the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation and the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries have had any discussions on the impact the mine (i) will have and/or (ii) is having on the Elands River, the Crocodile River and the Oliphants River; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether he has requested the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation to provide him with the latest water tests; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether he has been supplied with a report of the Environmental Impact Assessment study that was conducted by the Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

CW110E

Questions in excess of the quota in terms of Rule 246(4):

- ★143. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA)—Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries.
- ★144. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA)—Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries.
- ★148. Mr S F du Toit (North West: FF Plus)—Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. (*Interdepartmental transfer: Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries*).
- ★151. Mr S F du Toit (North West: FF Plus)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.
- ★152. Ms W Ngwenya (Gauteng: ANC)—Mineral Resources and Energy.
- ★154. Mr T B Matibe (Limpopo: ANC)—Mineral Resources and Energy.
- ★156. Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.
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- ★168. Mr I Ntsube (Free State: ANC)—Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.