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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2017

### CLUSTER 5: ECONOMICS

#### ★330. Dr M J Figg (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works:

In light of the current economic challenges the country faces, on what legislative provisions does his department rely in respect of the allocation of R48 million to purchase six new ministerial homes as part of his department's Prestige Portfolio in the 2017-18 financial year? NO4395E

#### ★338. Mr T E Mulaudzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:

Whether, in light of the South African National Roads Agency writing off e-toll debt, he intends to initiate the process of scrapping the e-toll system; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4403E

**★314. Mr X Mabasa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

In view of South Africa being ranked amongst countries with the highest gini coefficient, (a) what has been the contribution of small-, medium- and micro-sized enterprises and co-operatives in addressing levels of inequality since 2014 and (b) in which sectors has this been most successful?

NO4378E

**★309. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

(a) Whether his department has been able to identify all state-owned properties in the country and abroad and (b) what is the latest development regarding identifying state properties that may have been disposed of by the apartheid state before 1994, in respect of which the Government was experiencing difficulties to trace due to a missing paper trail?

NO4157E

**★320. Ms J L Fubbs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

What is his department doing to address South Africa's high unemployment rate?

NO4384E

**★315. Ms D R Tsotetsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

In light of the responsibility placed by the National Development Plan on the departments in the economic cluster to create infrastructural support for economic growth and social development, (a) what progress has been made in respect of his department's mandate to roll out telecommunication infrastructure to public institutions and communities and (b) how are his department's programmes in collaboration with local government structures contributing to local economic development and income generation in communities?

NO4379E

**★331. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether the SA National Roads Agency intends to expand the area covered by the e-tolls as part of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4396E

**★321. Mr F Adams (ANC) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

In light of the fact that the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) has provided an important avenue for labour absorption and income transfers by creating employment on a temporary basis by government and a degree of skills development to poor households in the short term thus creating work opportunities for the unemployed, what are the prospects for the beneficiaries of EPWP to access medium term to long term employment opportunities and meaningful participation in the economy?

NO4385E

**★312. Mr P J Mnguni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

Whether, with reference to the report on the evaluation of the Recapitalization and Development Programme and other farmer support programmes, which indicates that the best and lasting solution would entail a redesign and overhaul of all public agricultural support programmes and doing away with existing silos of funding agricultural support services, including post-settlement support, his department together with other relevant departments fully accept these recommendations; if so, what are details of the plans that his department has put in place to realise these recommendations?

NO4376E

**★324. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

What mechanisms has his department put in place to ensure that state-owned enterprises comply with (a) designations and (b) local content requirements?

NO4389E

**★313. Mr M P Sibande (ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

In view of the maritime transport sector being strategic to economic growth and development and a major contributor to the economy, (a) how is the maritime transport sector being restructured to ensure that it is able to take greater strategic advantage of international trade that passes our coastline and (b) has he found that this has resulted in a higher contribution to the gross domestic product of the economy?

NO4377E

**★318. Ms L C Theko (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

With reference to the concerns about localisation regarding the procurement practices of state-owned enterprises, what measures are in place to ensure that state-owned enterprises and Government in general apply localisation and local content requirements in their procurement programmes?

NO4382E

**★335. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

(a) What is the total number of submissions that the Small Enterprise Development Agency's SMME Payment Hotline received since its establishment and (b) of the specified submissions, how many were resolved?

NO4400E

**★339. Mr T E Mulaudzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Does his department intend to subsidise the taxi industry?

NO4404E

**★317. Ms P T Mantashe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

How will the issuing of an operator permit for the energy and metallurgical zone in the Musina-Makhado special economic zone in September 2017, benefit the people of the specified region with regard to industrial development and job creation?

NO4381E

**★310. Mr A M Shaik-Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

With reference to his department's comprehensive Rural Development Programme, which aims to achieve improved access to basic services, enterprise development and village industrialisation, what plans has his department put in place to encourage and/or incentivise industries to relocate to rural areas in order to develop rural communities?

NO4158E

**★319. Mr S H Mbuyana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

What has he found are the implications for the economy of the General Motors withdrawal from South Africa?

NO4383E

**★311. Mr P J Mnguni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

What plans does his department have in place to address the challenges of unsettled land claims in areas earmarked for development purposes such as land operated by SA Forestry Company and other entities?

NO4375E

**★326. Mr J Vos (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What steps will her department take to prioritise tourism product development in the 2018-19 financial year, given that a large amount of her department's budget will be allocated to the administration programme?

NO4391E

**★316. Mr N J J van R Koornhof (ANC) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

With reference to the National Research Foundation (NRF) revelation that 70% more blacks and 51% more females have become NRF rated researchers and that the country produces few PHDs with A-rated scientists found in only 7 universities and the Medical Research Council, (a) what measures has her department put in place to raise the number of PHD graduates in general, and blacks and females in particular and (b) how is her department planning to encourage equitable distribution of world leading scientists?

NO4380E

**★323. Ms C King (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

Whether her department held any meetings with the Department of Basic Education to address the challenges experienced in (a) mathematics and/or (b) science; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4388E

**★328. Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

Whether, since his reply to question 2643 on 26 September 2017 the report on his department's phase two land audit with the inclusion of definitive proposals that were demanded by Cabinet has been completed; if not, by what date is it expected to be completed; if so, by what date will it be tabled in the National Assembly?NO4393E

**★340. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

Why has his department not yet issued a policy directive for all suppliers doing business with government departments and entities to source chicken from local producers?

NO4405E

**★329. Dr M J Figg (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

What mechanisms has his department put in place to ensure that projects, where contracts with initial contractors have been terminated, are completed within (a) budget and (b) a reasonable time?

NO4394E

**★327. Mr J Vos (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether she has found that the increase in violent crimes has had an impact on the desirability of South Africa's tourism sector for international tourists; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4392E

**★334. Mr T C R Walters (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

What is the total number of (a) land reform projects that a certain consortium (name furnished) is part of and (b) whether the specified projects are subject to forensic investigations?

NO4399E

**★341. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

What has he found to have been the impact of the delayed implementation of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act 28 of 2002, on the industrialisation of the country, given that beneficiation has been central to industrial policy?

NO4406E

**★336. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

With reference to the 15,5% underspend of her department's budget in the first quarter of the 2017-18 financial year, what steps is she taking to ensure that the minimal budget her department receives is (a) spent and (b) fully accounted for?

NO4401E

**★337. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Whether she has implemented any lessons learned from international conferences to encourage small-, medium- and micro-sized enterprises to take risks and venture out into the world of entrepreneurship; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4402E

**★332. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

What are the legal costs of his (a) application to the North Gauteng High Court regarding alleged wasteful expenditure by a certain person (name and details

furnished) and (b) offer to settle the legal costs of the specified person following the withdrawal of the specified application? NO4397E

**★342. Ms L Mathys (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

Whether his department conducted a feasibility study on establishing a state-owned construction company that will undertake all Government construction projects in order not to waste money on contractors? NO4407E

**★333. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

With reference to his reply to question 2839 on 10 October 2017, (a) what are the main outcomes of the specified report and (b) how will the outcomes inform the policy directive to the Independent Communications Authority of SA to start the spectrum licensing process? NO4398E

**★322. Mr C MacKenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

What are the full details of how the R3,7 billion allocated to the SA Post Office in the adjusted budget of Vote 32: Telecommunications and Postal Services will be spent? NO4386E

**★325. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

Whether he intends to introduce an amending provision in Parliament to the broad-based black economic empowerment legislation in order to exclude coloured and Indian persons? NO4390E

**★343. Ms V Ketabale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

What assistance does the South African Post Office need from the National Treasury in order to take over the distribution of the SA Social Security Agency social grants? NO4408E

**★344. Ms V Ketabale (EFF) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

On what date will the post office in Engcobo, in the Eastern Cape, which has been closed for almost two years, be opened? NO4409E

**★345. Mr T Rawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What new strategic plans does she have in place to promote tourism in rural areas and (b) how does the strategic plans relate to radical economic transformation? NO4410E

**★346. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

With reference to the 4 323 farming units around the country, which were bought by the Government following successful land claims, but are yet to be transferred to land restitution claimants (a) what plans has he put in place to ensure that the farming units are transferred to their rightful owners and (b) by what date will the transfer take place?

NO4411E

**★347. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

With reference to his replies to questions 2682 and 2684 on 18 September 2017 and the fact that the Ndabeni land claimants are still in limbo, what specific action is he taking to resolve the problems in that community and ensure the land is being utilised?

NO4412E

**★348. Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

In light of the Government's recent memorandum of understanding (details furnished) with a certain company (name furnished), what assurances can she give that the Indigenous Systems Knowledge Bill of 2015 will protect the indigenous knowledge of the country from possible biopiracy?

NO4413E

**★349. Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

In light of the current drought affecting many parts of the country, especially the Western Cape, and given our vast coastline and the availability of sea water, (a) does her department intend to focus its research efforts on desalination and (b) has the provincial government of the Western Cape had discussions with her department to provide assistance in addressing the water shortage?

NO4414E

**★350. Ms L Mathys (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Works:**

What steps have been taken against the contractor, who failed to finish the renovations of the post office in Engcobo, in the Eastern Cape, which has been closed for almost two years despite being paid for the renovations?

NO4415E

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**QUESTIONS STANDING OVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 144(1) AND NOW  
BY DIRECTION OF THE SPEAKER UNDER RULE 138(5)**

**★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

**★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

**★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