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QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2017

ECONOMICS: Cluster 4E

Benefit of small emerging black constructors

★332. Mr S G Mthimunye (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

What is the benefit of small emerging black constructors regarding remedial action as a result of the ruling by the Competition Commission on the findings on the construction industry's and other industries' collusion? CO456E

Impact of corruption on economy

★339. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

- (1) Whether corruption, especially state capture has an impact on economic growth in South Africa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what actions is his department taking to ensure that South Africa is on a positive economic growth path? CO463E

Programme/policy measures developed

★335. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

What (a) programme and/or (b) policy measures has his department developed to address the current socio-economic conditions that are emanating from the 14 Point Plan by the Minister of Finance to jump-start the economy (details furnished)? CO459E

Enhancing social economy

★352. Ms M C Dikgale (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

Whether any plans are in place to develop a policy framework that will enhance South African Social Economy; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the current status in developing such a policy, (b) when will it be referred to Parliament and (c) what are the further relevant details? CO476E

Prioritisation of education

★340. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

Whether (a) her department and/or (b) any of its entities has offered any (i) bursaries and/or (ii) scholarships to enhance skills and prioritise education; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO464E

NEF/IDC merger

★333. Mr S G Mthimunye (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

What underpins the merger of the National Empowerment Fund and Industrial Development Corporation as they were performing well on their mandates as separate and independent entities? CO457E

Value of Strategic Fuel Fund oil reserves

★343. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

How much (a) was the value of the Strategic Fuel Fund oil reserves that were sold and (b) of the revenue from this sale was paid back to the Central Energy fund? CO467E

Transformation of petroleum industry

★328. Mr B G Nthebe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether his department has any plans to transform the petroleum industry, especially petroleum filling stations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO452E

Selling of oil

★348. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether, with regard to the 10.3 million barrels of oil that were sold in December 2015 (details furnished), he has been informed who the oil was sold to; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether proper tender processes were followed in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what was the scoring in terms of (a) black economic empowerment and (b) the bid price;

- (3) what is the (a) difference of sale price if the oil was sold in October 2017, as compared to the actual sale price in December 2015 for each barrel and (b) total sale price;
- (4) whether there was a loss to the State at the time of sale; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CO472E

Status of contract

★330. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (a) What is the current status of a contract to salvage crude oil in certain mines that was entered into without the required legal requirements (details furnished) and (b) what action is she taking to address the problems of this nature in the future?

CO454E

Sale of crude oil

★345. Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (a) Why only certain companies were invited to purchase crude oil that was sold from the Strategic Fuel stock (details furnished) and (b) why correct tender procedures were not followed in this regard?

CO469E

Economic growth/development

★329. Ms M C Dikgale (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- Whether his department has any plans to address economic growth and development within a time-frame and in a sustainable way as the National Development Plan regards energy as a key contributor towards economic growth; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO453E

Administration of UIF

★337. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Labour:

- (1) (a) What happened with the administration of the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) which has led to the regression in audit outcomes and (b) why has this happened especially in the 2016/17 financial year;
- (2) whether the accounting systems that are used by the UIF and Public Investment Corporation are synchronised to ensure that investments are accurately reported in terms of the required accounting standards; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

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- (3) whether the UIF has developed any plans to ensure positive audit performance in the future; if not, why not; if so, what plans? CO461E

Labour inspectors to detect non-compliance

★346. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:

- (1) How many labour inspectors her department has;
- (2) whether her department has sufficient labour inspectors to ensure (a) that (i) inspection and (ii) enforcement services are effective and (b) timeous detection of issues of non-compliance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO470E

Eviction of farm workers

★351. Ms D B Ngwenya (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Whether her department has taken any actions in relation to its mission statement (details furnished) to protect farm workers in the Western Cape from being evicted by farm owners; if not, why not; if so, what actions? CO475E

Labour dispute

★336. Mr S G Mthimunye (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Labour:

What progress has been made in a certain labour dispute (details furnished), as the said estate has a significant impact on the regional socio-economic conditions and is a large scale employer in the agricultural sector in Mpumalanga? CO460E

Beneficiaries of unclaimed pensions/provident fund

★347. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:

Whether her department has taken any steps to (a) put pressure on and/or (b) assist the Chamber of Mines in tracing beneficiaries of unclaimed pensions and provident fund payments that are owed to former mine workers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO471E

Maximising economic opportunities

★288. Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What are her department's (a) successes and (b) challenges in maximising economic opportunities of the Tourism Industry as the said industry is recognised as a major contributor to radical economic transformation? CO409E

*Violent incidents with foreign tourists***★294. Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) In light of the recent robbery at gunpoint of 36 Dutch tourists after arriving at the OR Tambo Airport, what protocols and/or procedures her department has in place when violent incidents with foreign tourists occur;
- (2) what steps has her department taken to help prevent these types of attacks on international tourists who are visiting South Africa in future;
- (3) whether she has met with the Department of Police to find a way forward to protect tourists; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO415E

*High levels of worker exploitation***★301. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What action is her department taking to address the high levels of worker exploitation in the tourism sector in the Western Cape (details furnished)? CO422E

*Tourism knowledge/skills to rural communities***★297. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) Whether the Government (a) has implemented and/or (b) will implement any programmes to transfer tourism knowledge and skills to the rural communities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are any partnerships between tour operators and the Government that is committed for the long-term in order to develop rural tourism products that show sustained success; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO418E

*Service excellence to tourist industry***★290. Mr S J Mohai (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether, in light of the recent incidents of criminal exposure of tourists in the country, her department is taking any actions to ensure that crime and criminal elements do not adversely expose the service excellence of the tourism industry (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans has her department put in place to increase the safety of tourists in the country and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO411E

Robbery of tourists

★295. Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether she has sent any communications regarding the recent robbery at gunpoint of the 36 Dutch tourists to any (a) SA Embassies or Consulates internationally and/or (b) foreign Embassies or Consulates that are located within South Africa in order to (i) calm down the diplomatic core of other countries and (ii) mitigate any concerns regarding such occurrence; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO416E

Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 246(4):

★287. Mr A S Singh (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC)—Tourism.

★289. Mr S G Mthimunye (Mpumalanga: ANC)—Tourism.

★296. Mr L V Magwebu (Eastern Cape: DA)—Tourism.

★331. Mr J M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC)—Energy.

★334. Mr S G Mthimunye (Mpumalanga: ANC)—Economic Development.

★338. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM)—Public Works. (*Interdepartmental transfer from Economic Development*)

★341. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA)—Energy.

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★349. Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF)—Energy.

★350. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF)—Transport. (*Interdepartmental transfer from Economic Development*)