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***PROCEEDINGS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY***

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The House met at 15:00.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and requested members to

observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, we request you to keep your

masks on and to sit at your designated area. Thank you very

much. Okay, let me go through this. The only item on today’s

Order Paper is questions addressed to the Ministers in Cluster

3, which is Governance. There are four supplementary questions

on each question, and parties have given an indication of

which questions their members wish to pose a supplementary

question on. Adequate notice was given to parties for this

purpose, and this was done to facilitate participation of

members who are connecting to the sitting through the virtual

platform. The members who will pose supplementary questions

will be recognised by the presiding officer. In allocation

opportunities for questions, the principle of fairness, amongst



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others, has been applied. If a member who is supposed to ask a

supplementary question through the virtual platform is unable to do

so due to technological difficulties, the party Whip on duty will be

allowed to ask the question on behalf of their member. When all

supplementary questions have been answered by the executive, we will

proceed to the next question on the Question Paper. Members

asking supplementary questions or raising points of order may

remain seated when doing so.

The first question has been asked by the hon D R Direko to the

Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

Just a quick qualifier, we are requesting you when you are in

the House to remain seated. All it means really is that both

seated in the House and on virtual platform should await being

recognised before talking. That is essentially what it means,

really. That means ...

*IsiZulu*:

... siyalawuleka la eNdlini.

*English*:

I have been informed that the Minister will be answering

questions through the virtual platform. Hon Minister?



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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**

**GOVERNANCE**

**Cluster 3**

Question 148:

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Good afternoon Deputy Speaker and all the hon

members. The answer to the first question is that, first of

all, there was only one municipality that was under section

139(7). And what we have done to assist those municipalities

that had unfunded budgets – as you know that the budget issues

are really under Treasury. So, National Treasury and

provincial treasury deal with this matter, but we also

participate to align with the integrated development plans.

Then, an assessment was done, municipality by municipality,

and they were assisted to redo their budgets and make sure

that in their redone budgets, they also include how they are

going to pay the arrears to us from to the water boards, to

pension funds, and so on.

This process was done and in February it was then completed.

Of course there has to be a council resolution that shows that

they are willing to stick to the proper budgeting process. So,



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the equitable share was only withheld in December after all

this was done. And then in February, some of the

municipalities whose budgets had been corrected, their

equitable share was restored. The Treasury, both national and

provincial will also monitor that everything is going well.

But, we are also having plans to establish a rapid response

teams that would go to the municipalities to assist them. The

municipal infrastructure grant which builds municipalities

were not able to be utilise and the money was being returned.

We have now, working with Treasury, agreed that those

municipalities that are not able to spend the funds halfway

through, we will reallocate the funds to the Municipal

Infrastructure Support Agent, Misa. The Municipal

Infrastructure Support Agent will work with the municipality

to implement the projects that they want implemented. In some

of the municipalities, like in the ones that are under section

139(7), we have sent a planner and an engineer. Treasury has

sent an administrator and we are working together with the

municipalities to assist them. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. The first

supplementary question is asked by the hon Direko.



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Ms D R DIREKO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Minister, we really

appreciate your response which gave more information on what

we needed. However, we understand that budget is the

responsibility of the municipal council, but in some of our

municipalities, we are failing to stick to proper budgeting

processes hence they are still adopting unfunded budgets. So,

I would like to check with you if there is any formal co-

ordinated programme between the national Department of Co-

operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Treasury to

assist such municipalities in this regard, by adopting the

budget that is funded. Where the budget is not funded, is

there any plans in place to assist these municipalities to

ensure that they stick to what they have instead of budgeting

for what they don’t have. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much, hon Direko. First of all, let me

say that following all these processes, we as Department of

Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs are going to

be engaging these municipalities. We will send the hon Direko

the schedule of the municipalities that the departmental

officials would be visiting to assist them so that in the next

budget cycle, they are able to budget better. The visits start

on 22nd, and we are going to be visiting 43 municipalities. We



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hope that these visits will assist so that in the next cycle

the budgeting will be better. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. The next

supplementary question is asked by the hon C Brink.

Mr C BRINK: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. In reference to

municipalities in distress, one of the big problem is often

that there is lack of clarity on what administrators are

permitted to do in relation to the council, to the mayor and

to the municipal manager. It’s been almost a decade since a

draft intergovernmental Support, Monitoring and Intervention

Bill was first prepared. Minister, when can we expect

government to bring a Bill of this nature to Parliament so

that there can be clarity on what administration actually

means? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker and the hon

Brink. The Bill is almost ready. We have to take it to

Cabinet, but before we take it to Cabinet it has to be

certified by the state law advisers and then also to get the

social impact report. So, that is what we are doing now. As



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soon as we get those reports it will go to Cabinet, then from

there - you know the process, hon Brink.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. The third

supplementary question is asked by the hon Majozi.

Ms Z MAJOZI: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Please allow me to

keep my video off. My network is very bad. It keeps on logging

me off. [Interjections.] Hon Minister, the President of the

Republic during his Sona debate response emphasised the

statement by the hon M M Hlengwa saying that since all

development is local, municipalities should be empowered

through increased budget allocation to meet the demands of

development. I appreciate your response; it gives a clear

picture of how far you have gone. But what I would like to

know is what other measures has government implemented since

then to enact the above statement by the President as water

delivery, sanitation and treatment remain a problem throughout

the country. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much, hon Majozi. It is true that

water is a problem in the country. We are working closely with

the Minister of Water and Sanitation. The Minister of Water



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and Sanitation has gone round almost the entire country,

looking at the problems and he is putting together a plan,

working together with the district municipalities to assist

them. I know, for instance, we were just discussing about a

week and a half ago with him on the issues of Jozini where

there is a dam but people don’t have water.

We discussed the plan, and the plan was that, amongst other

things, he is going to get the water board to assist the

district municipalities to make sure that water is reticulated

properly to communities. So, yes, he is making those plans

district by district. There is work that is being done. It is

not the only district, there is also Modimolle. There are a

number of them that he has put plans into, and he is

continuing to put plans in place to ensure that this water

issue is solved. And where there is no source of water, we are

also working together- sometimes using Misa as well in the

meantime to dig boreholes that can supply the water. So, a lot

of work has been done. But as I say, we are working with the

authorities that are there for water, like water and

sanitation in districts. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. The next

supplementary question is asked by the hon Groenewald.



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Mr I M GROENEWALD: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. It is happening

more and more that municipalities do not comply with

legislation and as a result service delivery is neglected or

there is no service delivery at all. But it is the core

function of municipalities, yet in terms of the code of

conduct for councillors, no councillor may vote against the

existing legislation. By proving an unfunded budget, it is in

controversial with the Municipal Finance Management Act, MFMA.

National Treasury funded unfunded budget and it is such a

material contravention of legislation and they are withholding

equitable share payments. Do the Minister know of any

competent management that the ANC as the ruling party

implemented against its councillors that approved such

unfunded budgets? Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you, I thought I was here as the Minister of

Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, and not as

ANC’s disciplinary committee. But let me say to the hon

Groenewald that we do talk to the political parties because

indeed a lot of problems has to do with the behaviour of the

councillors and councils. We talk to them, and as you know, we

also have a legislation now that says that if a councillor is

found to have acted wrongly, they cannot be re-elected within



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two years of that incident. So, yes, we are doing something to

actually do what the hon Groenewald is saying about

consequence management. We also talk to the ANC and also other

parties. Thank you.

Question 145:

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much, hon Shaik Emam ... I think your

question ... just give me one moment I have mixed up the

questions here. Just one moment here, Chair. The question of

hon Emam is about whether we will ensure that local government

structures establish comprehensive central database in terms

of tenders issue and contracts and names of people?

We will not do that because Treasury already has that kind of

database in their e-portal. Municipalities are required to

publish the tenders and contracts on their own websites and on

notice boards. They are also required to create list of names

of companies to whom they have awarded the tenders. However,

the tenders and the awarding of tenders is dealt with by

Treasury not us, that is why the e-portal for that is

administered by Treasury. Thank you.



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Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Minister, what

prompts me to ask this question – and I do understand that it

is administered by Treasury – but I also think it falls to the

co-operative governance for the purposes of good governance.

Now, we know what is happening at the local government level.

There is a lot of lobbying going on between political parties,

monies are changing hands and tenders are being given where

private sector is funding the political parties. There is a

whole lot going on where we are not getting value for money.

So, what I am asking - and this is not being available and it

is not being published – is that local government, all spheres

of government wherever there is procurement, let us be

transparent. Let us let the public in those areas of

advertising know what is going on and what you pay for per

item. So, you know for the purpose of examination you have to

pay R9,99 or R999,00. You know, it is estimated that we lose

hundreds of billions of rands in this country. Thank you,

Minister.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much. We will indeed discuss again

with our Treasury colleagues because I was under the

impression that their e-portal does work and does have this



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database. However, if there is a problem I will talk to my

colleague so that it becomes available.

I do agree that we need to be transparent about it. In some

countries, you just go into a municipality and on the notice

board you can see everything, you even see projects that are

still ongoing; see how far they are, how much they are costing

and who is doing them. I think we must also go towards that

kind of a situation where we really are transparent.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, I

will not give you unsolicited advice about the quality of your

notifications, please, switch them off. My ear is very

musical. I love music but yours is not quite, if I may say so.

Just switch it off, please. [Laughter.]

Mr G G MPUMZA: Thank you, hon Speaker. May you allow me to

keep my video off.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Go ahead and call me Deputy Speaker.

Mr G G MPUMZA: Oh! Deputy Speaker. Sorry, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Sir.



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Mr G G MPUMZA: Hon Minister, municipalities are required to

publish supply chain management contracts on their websites in

line with section 75 of the Municipal Finance Management Act,

MFMA. Additional to that they are required to publish the

description of goods and services and infrastructure projects

as well as bids and the Broad-Based Black Economic

Empowerment, B-BBEEs, status level of all contribution of the

bidders. With reference to the response given to question

number 363 of 30 November 2021, has the hon Minister taken

steps to ensure that in the interest of transparency all the

relevant procurement information is published by all

municipalities including on expansion and deviations? Thank

you.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much. Hon Mpumza is correct.

Municipalities are supposed to do that and transactions are

also supposed to be reported to the Treasury as I have said.

However, in our future plans of the structure that we are

requesting, we will have people who will be based in provinces

fulltime who will be able to monitor and assist municipalities

if they have network problems to deal with those issues so

that indeed everyone does do what they are supposed to do.



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Last night I was even checking, quite a number of them, maybe

I did not check all of them obviously do publish on their

website, but we will make sure that we work with Treasury that

that happens. Thank you.

Mr W M THRING: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, it

is an open secret that some 50% or so of our municipalities

are struggling to function as going concerns and or are

dysfunctional. This can also be verified by the numerous

reports of the Auditor-General on the status of our

municipalities.

Now, in the light of this, what is your department doing? How

will your department prepare, support and hold accountable

those municipalities that do not comply with municipal and

national legislation pertaining to the databases for tenders

and contracts awarded to the companies and or individuals?

Thank you.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much. As I said earlier that this

particular function falls under Treasury because the Municipal

Finance Management Act, MFMA, is a legislation that is

administered by Treasury. Nevertheless, we do try and work



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together with Treasury and the responsibility for that falls

under Treasury.

As I earlier said that for a start we will be visiting 43

municipalities amongst which are those which are

dysfunctional, in fact, most of them. The reason for us to

dispatch officials to go to the municipalities is to precisely

try and sit with them and assist. We are also working with

South African Local Government Association, Salga, and the

school of governance to ensure that capacity is built within

the municipalities. Of course, municipalities must also employ

people who are properly qualified. If they do not employ

people who are properly qualified for the job, that is where

sometimes things go wrong. Thank you.

Mr I M GROENEWALD: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker,

in 2018, the Matlosana Municipality procured a new accounting

system at a great cost to the taxpayers of Matlosana. This

accounting system could not be implemented though taxpayers’

money was spent. As a result, the municipality reverted back

to the old system. No benchmarking was done by the

municipality due to the fact that the entrepreneur was a

friend of the ANC. If they did benchmarking they would have

learned that the accounting system does not work at four other



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municipalities and could the loss to the taxpayers be limited

by quality assurance of products.

These companies are registered on a centralised database to be

able to qualify and apply for tenders. Thus, is there any

system of procurement in place to assess quality assurance of

products and services before they are procured by supply chain

processes? Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Well, I don’t know how many times I have to say that

the procurement is done and the people who oversee it is

provincial and National Treasury, it is not Co-operative

Governance and Traditional Affairs, Cogta. We work and try to

assist but because we don’t administer the Municipal Finance

Management Act, MFMA, that responsibility is administered by

Treasury.

As hon Emam said, because we are interested in good governance

we also put our shoulders on the wheel to assist. However, I

think sometimes you must ask the questions from the

departments that are directly involved. Thank you.

Question 160:



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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Deputy Speaker, Dr Schreiber, Chapter 10 of the Constitution

covers the basic values and principles governing public

administration. Section 195(1)(i) stipulates that pubic

administration be broadly representative of South African

people with employment and personnel management practices

based on ability, objectivity, fairness and the need to

redress the imbalances of the past. The White Paper on the

Transformation of Pubic Service of 1995 was adopted and aimed

to transform the South African service into a representative

organisation, in line with section 10(2) of the White Paper

that advocates for the introduction of reforms in the

procedures of recruitment, selection and promotion of staff to

promote greater equal opportunities in the public service.

Section 3(1)(c) of the Public Service Act of 1994 makes

reference to (c) the condition of service and other employment

practices for employees; (d) for labour relations in the

public service; (e) for health and wellness of employees; (f)

for information management in the public service; (g) for

electronic government; (h) integrity, ethics, conduct and

anticorruption in the public service; (i) transformation,

reform, innovation and any other matter, to improve the



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effectiveness and efficiency of the public service in its

service delivery to the public.

Legislation governing the filling of the posts in the public

service are as follows. Firstly, the Labour Relations Act of

1995, which is section 5 of the Act actually focusses on the

protection of persons seeking employment. Secondly, the Basic

Conditions of Employment Act of 1997, section 29 thereof,

which focusses on the written particulars of employment.

Thirdly, the Employment Equity Act of 1998, section 528, which

focusses on unfair discrimination, medical testing,

psychological testing. Lastly, the Public Service Act of 1994,

the Public Service Regulations that actually supports the

Public Service Act of 1994, and collective agreements,

determinations and directives within the public service.

In summary, the intention of recruitment based on the broad

principles is to ensure that a transparent, fair and

competitive process is followed in order to appoint the most

suitable candidates who are fit and proper for the positions,

as advertised. Thank you.

Dr M M GONDWE: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Deputy Minister, on 20

January 2020, the ANC’s cadre deployment committee met at the



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St George Hotel. At that meeting, the ANC directly interfered

in the appointment of the Director-General, DG, of the

Department of Public Service and Administration and the

appointment of the Principal of the National School of

Government. Hon Minister, given that your department is

directly tasked with the responsibility to create a capable,

ethical and nonpolitical public service, do you believe it is

appropriate for the Minister of Public Service and

Administration to be taking instruction from a political party

on who to appoint in the department? Thank you.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION: Hon

Gondwe, I think, what I have just presented now was actually a

demonstration of processes within the Public Service in term

of appointments. They are actually based on fair and

nondiscriminatory processes. They are supported by

legislation. I have just read a number of pieces of

legislation, including Public Service rules that are supposed

to be adhered to in the appointment of personnel in the Public

Service. Thank you.

Ms M M NTULI: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Deputy Minister, we are

so pleased that you were able to explain and elaborate on this



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matter and we hope everyone does understand, as you have put

the matter on the table. Thank you.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Deputy Speaker, thank you for the question, hon Ntuli. It is

just an endorsement of what I have just presented in a way

that explains the principles, procedures that are ethical and

that follow norms and standards within the Public Service.

Ms C C S MOTSEPE: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Deputy Minister, for

the DA, cadre deployment means employment of black people and

that for them is bad, regardless of the qualifications and

expertise of black people. They are emboldened in this notion

because of the action of the ruling party, which has

repeatedly employed people whose sole purpose is stealing from

the public, while leaving out thousands of fully qualified

black people who can contribute towards building the public

sector. What plans do you have to limit political interference

in the appointment of DGs and DDGs in the Public Service, to

allow them to do their jobs without having to consistently

worry about their often corrupt political principals? Thank

you.



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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Deputy Speaker, the public service does not have anything that

is called cadre deployment. It is something that is an

assumption made just for political point-scoring, to make the

department and the leading organisation in government look

bad.

As I have indicated right at the beginning, I have articulated

clearly how employment is carried out in the Public Service

and there is nothing but the legislation that was adopted by

this very House that I am in now.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Deputy Minister,

let me start off by saying that all political parties wherever

they govern, only employ their own people. There is no doubt

about it. What is important here is that the President, in the

Zondo Commission, has also admitted that yes, indeed, the

employment committee existed and that people were appointed.

He knew of them some but others he did not know about, but he

could not do anything about it. The question is: Learning from

our mistakes, what measures can be put in place to ensure that

we have independent bodies responsible for appointments and

deployment all over the country in all spheres of government?

Thank you.



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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION: Hon

Deputy Speaker, hon Shaik-Emam, the public service in South

Africa is one of the areas in government that is meant to

ensure that there is effective and efficient service delivery

across government to the people of South Africa. The executive

and also probably the leading party in South Africa take this

very seriously. Because of the constitutional democracy in

which we work, we will always remember that we are supposed be

guided by legislation, by the precincts of the constitution

and whatever we do, we continue to adhere to those precincts

of the Constitution. I thank you.

Question 150:

*IsiZulu*:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Inkinga umbhobho wokukhuluma, manje uba

sezansi uma umile kanti uma uhleli uyakwazi ukuwusondeza.

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA KOMPHAKATHI ESIKHUNDLENI

SIKANGQONGQOSHE WABESIFAZANE, INTSHA NABAPHILA NGOKUKHUBAZEKA

EHHOVISI LIKAMONGAMELI: Awuthi ngizame-ke Sekela Somlomo.

Uyangizwa angithi Sekela Somlomo? Uuyangizwa? Angithi ningizwa

kahle? Ngikwazi ukuphendula kahle uma ngime ngezinyawo.

*English*:



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I wish to thank the hon member for ...

*IsiZulu:*

...umbuzo. ngiqale ngokuthi uNgqongqoshe Maite Nkoana-

Mashabane use-New York emhlanganweni omqoka kakhuli kabi ...

*English*:

... for women, the Convention on the Status of Women. That is

why ...

*IsiZulu*:

... engicele ukuba ngike ngithi ukummela ngoba esaphumile

esayomela iNingizimu Afrika.

*English*:

Yes, in monitoring co-ordination of multiple initiatives

inclusive of youth employment the Department of Women, Youth

and Persons with Disabilities is working with partners in

government such as the project management office ...

*IsiZulu:*

... ejwayele ukubizwa nge- ...

*English:*



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... Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, PMU, in the Presidency.

The National Youth Development Agency, Nyda, Department of

Employment and Labour, Trade and Industry and Competition,

Small Business Development ...

*IsiZulu:*

... neminye nje iminyango esibona ukuthi iyakwazi ukusiza

ekuqashweni kwentsha.

*English:*

Other partners are in civil societies such as Harambee Youth

Employment Accelerator, Activate Southern Africa Labour and

Development Research Unit, the University of Johannesburg,

etcetera. As conceptualised in the National Youth Policy, NYP,

2030, this partnership ensures that youth employment is

tackled through collaboration with different stakeholders. All

these partners are part of the Presidential Youth Employment

intervention announced by President in his February 2020,

state of the nation address as comprehensive response to

challenges of youth unemployment in South Africa. The

intervention is co-ordinated by the project management office,

PMO, in the Presidency. The PMO co-ordinates the national

pathway management network which will provide active support



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through multiple channels to support the entry and retention

of young people in the labour market.

Furthermore, it is worthy to note that 23 114 young people

were capacitated with skills to enter the job market, 9 292

youth were supported with nonfinancial business development

intervention, 831 youth-owned enterprises were supported with

financial interventions, and 3 905 jobs were created and

sustained through supporting entrepreneurship and enterprises.

Important to note is that jobs were created and sustained

through entrepreneurship development derived from three

programmes, namely: market linkages voucher and grant

programmes. These jobs are either created or sustained as a

result of the intervention offered by the programming business

with young entrepreneurs.

And then (b) yes, the Department of Women, Youth and Persons

with Disabilities developed the monitoring and evaluation

framework for national youth policy. The framework has, among

others, the indicators of youth unemployment. Data is

requested from different stakeholders on programmes and

projects aimed at creating jobs. This framework enables

department to monitor progress on the high-level indicators as

part of tracking implementation. In addition, there is



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integrated youth development strategy developed by the Nyda

which will soon be presented to Cabinet for approval. The

strategy encourages society-wide, cross-sectoral exchange and

programmes at developing and empowering our youth at local and

provincial level. I know, Deputy Speaker, that this is what

government does and we are very conscious of the fact that

jobs are very difficult to find, the economies are doing very

well. However, we are hoping that between government, the

private sector and community, we can create the opportunities

for young people. Thank you.

Ms A S HLONGO: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. Can the

Acting Minister of the department enlighten the House on

findings the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

of National Youth Policy that it developed? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER

IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH

DISABILITIES: Hon member ...

*IsiZulu*:

... ngiyaxolisa nje ukuthi kuzofuneka uloko ushintsha kancane

kodwa kuyofuneka ngisukume ukuze ngikwazi ukuphendula umbuzo.



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*English:*

Yes, thank you very much, hon Hlongo. Any evaluation that is

done is done with an intention of appreciating and

understanding what are the challenges that are faced so that

when we develop policy, but not only when we develop policy,

when we look for partners we must be able to be very specific

about what the challenges are. Therefore, in my answering the

question earlier on I did indicate that ...

*IsiZulu*:

... sinenkinga yemisebenzi, sinenkinga yomnotho ongakhuli

ngokushesha ...

*English:*

... so that ...

*IsiZulu*:

... abantu bakwazi ukuthola imisebenzi.

*English*:

And because of that ...

*IsiZulu*:



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... yiyo into eyenza ukuthi ikakhulukazi abantu abasakhula

...

*English:*

... young people, many of them who by the way, if I may add

...

*IsiZulu*:

... eMnyangeni Wokuthuthukisa Amabhizinisi Amancane, kulaba

abathola u-R350 salenza ucwaningo olusibonisayo ukuthi ...

*English:*

... those who are not getting the jobs are in years of 25 up

to 40 and that is actually the period when young people are

supposed to be in jobs. Therefore, working together with the

Department of Women, Youth and People with Disabilities, and

all other departments any research that is being done is

supposed to be used by all governments departments.

*IsiZulu:*

Ngiyabonga.

*English:*



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Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. Since

the start of the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention

and the National Pathway Management Network Innovation Fund in

2021, and other programmes to actively address unemployment

amongst our youth. Can the Acting Minister elaborate on

successes so far and whether the programmes such as enabling

youth to access learning and earning opportunities are

accessible to youth living in deep-rooted villages. For

example, in the uMuziwabantu Local Municipality villages, like

KwaMashu under ... [Inaudible.] ... and also ... [Inaudible.]

... village, which has an ocean with fish and as far as where

the most ... [Inaudible.] ... in South Africa and also ...

[Inaudible.] ... village, in the uMdoni Municipality near

Bram. Has the Minister been helpful in providing these

villages with free internet connectivity to access learning

and earning opportunities? I do parliamentary consensus work

in these villages and really I care about them and I want to

know whether the Minister ... [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER

IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH

DISABILITIES: Thank you very much, hon Hendricks. Maybe I

should start from your point in order for you to get a full

appreciation of the questions that you have asked. I will ask



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the department to provide you, specifically because you are

asking about very specific projects, and upfront with regard

to those specific projects I was not giving the answer

specifically for those projects. I’m not sure whether the

department was given the follow-up question where they should

have put the information together. I will be upfront with you

and say that the specific areas you are talking about I cannot

respond to right now. However, I promise that I’ll make sure

that you get the necessary information.

Of course, I’m very much appreciative of the fact that you are

the parliamentarian, the Member of Parliament, MP, that does

the oversight over the executive on this. And that your

interest is to make sure that the people that you represent

and the constituencies that you go to need to get the

necessary information. With regard to free internet, I think

you are very much aware of the fact that government at all

levels, national, provincial and local is doing a lot to make

sure that we give people free access to internet connectivity

and you are very much aware of the fact that there has been

engagement with the telecommunications company, Telcos, all of

them the Telcos, to make sure that they walk with us in this

one because the more people have this free internet and

especially young people, the more they are able to access the



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information they need for either schooling or looking for jobs

or even those that are doing businesses. Therefore, hon

Hendricks apology that I’m not able to give you the full

answer, I will make sure that you get it. Thank you.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Yes, thank you, Deputy Speaker. Minister,

in order to enhance youth employment considering that we have

70% unemployment rate in the country. Now, this matter was

raised before on the challenges that we faced must start from

the Technical and Vocational Education and Training, TVET,

colleges themselves. They should be speaking about the skills

need so that many people can be employed. What you find is

that TVET colleges based on the availability of lectures a

curriculum is created not based on the skills needs of the

country. That is why you would find not many of the youth are

being employed or entering the trade like plumbers, electrical

and many other fields including the agricultural things. What

mechanisms can you put in place to ensure that there’s some

level of co-ordination between these colleges and the skills

needs of this country to ensure that we enhance employment in

the country, particularly among the youth and ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER

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DISABILITIES: Thank you very much, hon Shaik Emam, and my I

also thank you because one of the things that you always doing

to keep us in our feet. You write to us, you ask us the

questions, you tell us what is happening and we respond as

much as we possibly can. With regard to the question that you

are posing, yes, I think it’s being said so many times that

the skills sets that is produced not only at TVET colleges. It

is not actually the skills set that is needed in the new

industry.

However, I do want to say that from a government point of

view, from science and technology, Department of Basic

Education, Department of Higher Education and Training, there

is now a focus by government which government cannot work

alone. Government here must make sure that especially the

private sector which needs these skills must work together

because you are asking me about the mechanisms and the view

that we have is that we need to look for a new skills set

considering the fact that technology is also running very

fast. We have artificial intelligence; we have got a whole new

way of technology that is happening.

Therefore, it is important for TVET colleges in particular to

change their curriculum and change the way they are working.



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In fact, if I may also add my own practical experience because

as the Department of Social Development working together with

Basic Education, working together with Women, Youth and People

with Disabilities. We have got young people who are coming out

of matric, and who are coming out of schools where there’s

free education and the department through SA Social Security

Agency, Sassa, is paying for their fees and all and we are now

looking at how can we be able to assist them to go to the

right TVET colleges to choose the right subjects so that when

they finished the college they are then able to get the jobs.

However, importantly, we also think that young people must be

assisted with starting their own businesses. Therefore, the

importance of small and medium enterprises here is very

important. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Mr S N SWART: Deputy Speaker, may I with your permission put

the question on behalf of hon Sukers. Thank you. Hon Acting

Minister, one of the biggest barriers to economic advancement

and employment for youth and women is access to further

learning. One such initiative is to advanced learning is the

National Senior Certificate for adults which obvious include

young adults, which when implemented with provide access to

further learning and training for millions of school dropouts.

Who, the hon Minister, and your department join the ACDP to



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call for the urgent and better implementation of this policy

as it provides a bridge to employment and learning programmes.

Now, I appreciate Acting Minister that you might not be able

to respond to this question at this stage, but you might want

to comment in general or refer to hon Sukers in this regard

once you have the relevant information. Thank you so much.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER

IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH

DISABILITIES: Thank you once again. Hon member, thank you for

the follow-up question. Yes, we don’t mind joining you in

calling for exactly ensuring that this programme is

implemented and I say so yes, because hon Sukers and myself

have agreed on going into certain communities and dealing with

the issues which are being faced, and even with this one I

agreed with her on issues that are related to social

development, but I’m 100% sure that Minister of Women, Youth

and People with Disabilities wouldn’t mind going onto a

campaign like that because quite frankly this is exactly what

we need to do to make sure that the young people – firstly the

recognition of the National Senior Certificate, but also the

implementation of a programme that will make it easy for them

we will gladly do that. I’ll pass the message to the Minister

and I’m 100% sure that she won’t say no to it.



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Question 173:

*IsiZulu*:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUBUSA NGOKUBAMBISANA NEZENDABUKO:

Umhlonishwa uMkhaliphi, Sekela Somlomo, uyangithanda kakhulu

ngibona nje ngemibuzo angibuza yona. Ungibuza nje nemibuzo

ekungeyona engabe uyibuza mina kodwa uyangibuza. Ngiyabona

ukuthi, hhayi, uyangithanda impela umhlonishwa uMkhaliphi.

Umhlonishwa uMkhaliphi ungibuza ngempesheni manje impesheni

akuyona into elungiswa ngu-CoGTA, impesheni yizinto

ezilungiswa kowezimali ka-Treasury.

Kodwake, ngoba uyangithanda, ungibuzile ukuthi impesheni ...

ngicela ukusho ukuthi, cha, angikwazi ukuwuphendula lo mbuzo

omayelana nempesheni ngoba akumina ozisebenzayo izimpesheni.

Ukube bekuyimina bengizokuphendula impela nje kahle. Ngiyacela

nje ngokukhulu ukuhlonipha nangokukhulu ukuzithoba ukuthi lo

mbuzo mhlawumbe uye kwa-Treasury mayelana namabhodi

ezimpesheni kanjalo. Ngiyacela. Ngiyacela impela, Sekela

Somlomo.

*English*:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, I think the Questions Office

too has a responsibility to do this. Hon Mkhalipi asked a

relevant question. The Questions Office should have redirected



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it to the correct place. What it means is that, given the fact

that the Minister is unable to deal with it supplementary

questions on this matter will have to be handled elsewhere.

Ms D W MACPHERSON: Deputy Speaker, this is the second question

that the Minister has said it should actually be referred to

the Treasury. Often many issues are crosscutting, but the fact

of the matter is that this is the municipal pension fund that

falls under municipalities. Those contributions are made by

municipal councillors. While it may be to deal with prudential

issues, it is the responsibility of the Minister to then

consult the Treasury about what she and the Treasury are doing

about this specific issue. So, I am not sure if it is fair to

just say it is the Questions Office. The Questions Office

deemed it a suitable question, and the Minister must answer

the question.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Deputy Speaker, I think it is unfair because

we wrote and followed all process in terms of the Rules of

Parliament when we pose this questions to the Ministers. Above

that this matter was also discussed in a Co-operative

Governance and Traditional Affairs, Cogta, meeting - the

portfolio committee, PC, which Minister Dlamini is our

Minister. Therefore, I don’t think it is fair to just process



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all the questions here and only when we are expecting the

Minister to respond we get an answer saying that we love

Minsters that’s why we ask questions that do not belong to

their portfolios. This matter was discussed in her portfolio

committee. Therefore, I think the Minster must try to answer.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Hon ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before that Minister, let me reply first.

I think I need to reply. Chapter 10 part 1, 134(5)(a) and (b)

of the Rules read as follows:

No question may be addressed to any person other than a member

of the Cabinet; and questions must relate to matters for which

Cabinet members are officially responsible.

That is essentially what the Minister is saying. She is!

Minister, you were going to speak and I said let me reply, go

ahead and speak. I have read the Rules and now you can reply,

Minister. You wanted to speak earlier on.



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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I just was

wanted to respond to the hon member who said this is the

second question I have refereed. I have answered the two

questions that were asked. I have answered the supplementary

questions and it is not correct to say I did not answer the

questions and I said they must be referred to the Treasury.

This is the first one. Honestly, I don’t deal with pensions

and I can’t lie and say this is what is happening, this is

what is happening. Also, you have assisted me by reading the

Rules. Thank you.

Ms S GWARUBE: Deputy Speaker, you referred to Rule 134 where

you particularly talked about 5(b) that it must relate to

matters for which Cabinet members are officially responsible

for. The reality is that the Minister did go to the portfolio

committee to present this very matter which is now on the

Question Paper. The reason why this matter was not kicked off

by the Questions Office is because it does relate to her

official duties on some level. While it may crosscut other

departments, but the reality is that [Interjections.] excuse

me, Minister, I am busy.



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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Hon Deputy Speaker!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, let the hon member speak. You

can’t ... [Interjections.]

*IsiZulu*:

Anikwazi ukumxubha edla. Yimani. Yimani bo [Ubuwelewele.]

Anikwazi ukumxubha edla. Qhubeka lungu elihloniphekile.

*English*:

Ms S GWARUBE: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. The point

that I am trying to make is that many matters in government

are crosscutting across departments. If one aspect of the

matter is doubted by the Minister it is in fact an official

duty of hers as per the Rule that you had reference. And it is

also with due respect that I think the Minister must answer.

What did she present in the portfolio committee if she can’t

answer now? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: `Let me clarifies ...[Interjections.]



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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, just hold on. Let me hear

what hon Groenewald want to say.

Mr I M GREONEWALD: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. My hand has been

up quite a while. Please, make sure you look at the hands on

the platform as well. The question I want to ask in relation

to the pension fund is directly under the Minister in terms of

the SA Local Government Association’s Salga, involvement in

this. That’s why I think that, especially in terms of that

that department do fall under the Minister. I would request

that she answer the question that came forward. Please, Deputy

Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please respond.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERTATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: I never ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, you want the Minister to

speak to you. Just hold your horses. Let the Minister speak.

*IsiZulu*:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUBUSA NGOKUBAMBISANA NEZINDABA ZENDABUKO:

Angizange ngethule ngezimpesheni. Ikomidi elibhekene



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nomsebenzi yabiza isikhwama zezimpesheni ukuthi bazokwethula

kulo. Hhayi ukuthi mina ngethula ngesikhwama sezimpesheni.

*English*:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, the Minister has responded to

the issues you are raising. Hon Gwarube, the Minister says it

was the Pension Fund that presented to the committee and this

is why ... just give me a second. There is a reference here.

Hon members, my attention is being drawn to the guidelines for

asking and responding to questions. It is (f) in the

guidelines and it says:

Questions may not be asked about the action of a Cabinet

member for which he or she is not responsible to Parliament.

It is not in order to put a question to a Cabinet member for

which another Cabinet member is more directly responsible, or

to ask a Cabinet member to influence a colleague.

In essence what I understand this to mean is that this

question that has been posed, the Minister best responsible to

answer it is the Minister who deals with pensions and so on.

We have read it in the Rules and we have read it in the

guidelines and I think the best solution is that we get the



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Minister who is responsible to directly respond. I can ask the

Minister to respond. I have been asking her to do so, and she

has replied and given you her response to this. What do you

want to say now, hon Gwarube? Tell me!

Ms S GWARUBE: I have a suggestion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, hold on. Let me chair the

meeting please. Don’t scream it is out of order. Let’s be

appropriate for a while.

Ms S GWARUBE: Deputy Speaker, my suggestion is that we must

now discuss this because Cogta will always have crosscutting

issues. Obviously, there are many other entities that Cogta

will deal with. We need an understanding from you and your

team how then best to deal with this going forward because, of

course, the Minister can’t then come every single time and say

it doesn’t directly affect me. So, please can I ask that this

be looked into.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In the mannerism speaking I know we do

that - every time she would say this. She hasn’t done so every

time. [Laughter.] No, I am just cleaning up the language. But

I agree with you that the best place to deal with . . .



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because these guidelines for answering questions come from the

Rules. We will place it on the agenda so that we clean it up.

If you think it needs cleaning up, please bring your

suggestions there. We can’t discuss it in the House right now

here. Thank you very much, hon members.

Mr I M GROENEWALD: Deputy Speaker!

Mr A B RADEBE: Chairperson, you have made a ruling.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, no! Wait a minute I am chairing.

Mr E W MECPHERSON: Deputy Speaker, in terms of Rule 134 the

question was placed with the Questions Office and placed on

the Order Paper within the prescribed timelines. If the

Minister fell that she could not answer the question, she

should have notified the Speaker’s Office that this question

is not for her. She chose not to do that and that is directly

infringing on the member’s right who asked the question and

she didn’t do that and I think that yourself need to have a

word with the Minister that if she believe that this was not

in her privy to answer, she should have said so within the

timeframe which she did not do.



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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will do that. I will have a word with

the Minister.

Mr A B RADEBE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I think that this

House will go into chaos if we don’t respect your rulings. I

request that the Rules be implemented to the later. There are

a lot of prejudices which have occurred here. The people who

were asking questions previously some had asked three

questions and they overturn your own ruling. This thing will

lead to chaos in the House. I request that there must be

consistency, Chair.

Mr I M GROENEWALD: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. In relation to

what I said earlier as well as in terms of the Rules that you

have read, my question still pertains specifically to Salga

and the role that they play in the directorship within that

municipal bank’s pension fund. If you would, Deputy Speaker,

allow me to ask at least my follow-up question because as soon

as the other Minister comes, the Minister will also say that

that doesn’t follow under him. Now we are sitting with a

problem. To who must I ask this question? May you allow me,

Deputy Speaker, to ask my question.



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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I will not allow you, but I will take

what you are saying. May you give us that question so that in

addressing this question in the Rules committee we provide a

broader one and not necessarily only this one so that we get

answers that you are going to be responded to. Let us not over

milk the cow now, please. I think you have made an appropriate

observations and we would like to have answers. As a result,

hon Mkhalipi, unfortunately, because of that we will not be

able to have any other supplementary questions.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Deputy Speaker

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, I am saying that you have asked

the question and there will also be no supplementary questions

because of the reasons we have given. I am aware it is not a

supplementary question. I was just gesturing to you as the

original asker of the question. That’s all!

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: I am calling for an order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is the order for?

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Deputy Speaker, I think you as a person

presiding over this meeting owe me an apology because it means



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that Parliament misled me as a Member of Parliament when I was

doing my oversight. Now you can’t brush it away as if I have

not done my oversight.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, can you allow us

...[Interjections.]

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: `Can I finish, Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I request your indulgence. We can’t be on

this matter for so long. What I am suggesting is that we will

come back to you. Allow us to go and discuss it in the Rules

so that we bring to the House an appropriate response.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: I do take that, Deputy Speaker, but I am

saying that we have brought the question here and we have

followed all the proper procedures in terms of bringing the

questions. I think you, as the presiding officer today, owe me

an apology to say that you as Parliament have misled me.

That’s what I am saying, Deputy Speaker. Going to the Rules to

discuss this matter is another thing, but now I am saying that

I was misled by Parliament to say that I am going to do my

oversight to the Minister



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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam, hon member Mkhalipi, you are

jumping into a dangerous conclusion and I disagree with you. I

have ruled on this matter and we proceed. You will hear from

us after the discussions in the appropriate structure. With

the greatest respect I am not entertaining any more

discussions on this matter. Thank you very much.

Question 152:

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Hon Deputy Speaker, let us

appreciate the question. The Department of Planning,

Monitoring and Evaluation indeed has published guidelines on

the impact evaluation whose purpose is to assist government

departments to effectively plan and manage impact evaluation.

Randomly the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

does at different times do go and do on its own an impact

assessment.

The recent strategic planning assessment has demonstrated that

only limited number of these assessments have been done by

various departments. It is against that background that our

overall evaluation is ongoing in this regard.

With regard to tools; we are again using various tools to do

the work. Firstly, the annual performance plans. Recently, we



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have introduced what we now commonly refer as the national

annual planning tool to align Medium-Term Strategic Framework,

MTSF, with the given year of planning. The department does

monitor government performance on quarterly basis. Also on

biannual terms at times using electronic quarterly performance

reporting system. The biannual reports are submitted to

Cabinet to ensure corrective measures.

With regard to evaluations; up to now, we have focused on

implementation and evaluation. We are actually turning that

around to make sure that there is a healthy balance between

monitoring and evaluation in order to ensure that as we

implement, we are on the predetermined direction.

Lastly, of course, the other new tool is the district

development model which is driving one plan, one programme and

so on. Those are sort of tools that we are using. Thank you,

Deputy Speaker.

Ms M T KIBI: Hon Deputy Speaker and hon Minister, thank you

for the response. Hon Minister, noting that your department

issues guidelines to departments, to conduct impact

evaluation: Does the department monitor and assess whether the

guidelines are effectively implemented by the department’s to



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yield the expected outcome? If so, what are the findings of

the assessment? I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Hon Deputy Speaker, that

aspect it is being carried, but we have come to accept that it

is not carried as frequent as it is supposed to. As a result,

I will show as we continue to give you answers that we have

been doing what we call the biannual examination on six

months’ basis and only evaluating pure activities. We are

changing that to go on quarterly basis as I have said already

to balance between monitoring and evaluation; it is only after

that we will be able to give a full and a sound answer to your

question, hon member. Thanks.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, you do not sound well. If

you have a fever, please, man: Should you be here? If it is

true and I am serious. Sir, if you are not well, please man,

and especially – you should not overlook your doctor’s advice.

Please! We know it is important to be present on duty all the

time. If it is correct that you do sound as I suggest you do,

do not feel obliged to stick around.



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The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Hon Deputy Speaker, unless you

chase me out, I feel alright. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not know whether it is about you

alone.

Mr K CEZA: Deputy Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Deputy Speaker.

Mr K CEZA: Deputy Speaker, can you also ask the Minister to

wear his mask, please. For his nose ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I know, but he was speaking. That is why

he did not have it in. Normally when you speak we ask you not

to put on your mask. Thank you. Alright. Let us proceed. I

raised the issue and if we are assured, I hope we are not

going to have a problem. Alright. The hon J J Mcgluwa. I have

not seen you in a long time.

Mr J J MCGLUWA: Hon Deputy Speaker, you really made me worry

because I am sitting directly opposite the Minister.

[Laughter.]



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Hon Minister, clearly the tools to conduct impact assessment

has been in existence since the inception of our Constitution.

Our Constitution referred to the Auditor-General and the

Public-Protector of South Africa, let alone the Public Finance

Management Act that is also in place; whatever government is

going to do to assess the impact on how money is stolen,

clearly, it is not working.

The fact remain that the irregular expenditure is at a record

high. Hon Minister, my question does: How will any new tool be

different and more effective in ensuring the persecution of

corrupt officials in government departments? I thank you.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Hon Deputy Speaker, I hope you

hear me with a mask.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, no, when you speak, it is

alright to take it off.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: For we do not want you to muffle the

sound. At least I appeal to you. Yes.



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The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Thank you very much, Deputy

Speaker.

Hon member, we mainly deal with the performance. Of course,

when we produce results they are mainly oriented to make

assessments and evaluate performance.

You are correct that if there are irregular expenditures that

do not pass the test, there is something wrong. Is as if you

were listening to me when I was introducing this that one of

the instruments we are introducing this year, is something

called the national annual strategic plan instrument. It is a

tool which is tightened to ensure that the Magento Functional

Testing Framework, MFTF, goals are structured and properly

followed in a given year.

Secondly, we have done assessments of annual performance

plans, APPs, two times now before this coming year, 2022-23.

We are doing a final check-up in the coming week so that

before they enter the space we want to make sure that they

pass the test of the theory change.

Hon member, our attitude, whilst it is important to look at

the rear mirror, we are now spending a lot of time using the



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windscreen, may lest we fall. In other words, we take your

questions very serious and I hope the measures we are now

introducing will make a difference. I may not say a lot about

the measures that happen there before, but we accept a lot has

not gone right. That is why a lot of reports be it on

corruption and the Zondo Commission are there because a lot

has not been going right. All together as colleagues in

Cabinet, we are trying to introduce measures that we think are

going to work, hoping to reduce the irregular expenditure as

you have articulated. Thanks.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon Minister, you may

now put on your mask. The hon R N Komane.

*IsiZulu*:

Akekho!

*English*:

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Hon Deputy Speaker, let me take her question

as a Whip on duty?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright. Go ahead.



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Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Alright, thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and

hon Minister, one clearest indicator of the fact that

government at the national level has no clue of what is going

on across the national, provincial and local spheres of

government. It is the reality that year after year, the

Auditor-General, AG, releases the reports about the state of

government departments across all spheres.

Municipalities are dysfunctional, the education system is

collapsing, the public health is on its knees: Why have you

not used the reports and the recommendations of the AG report

in order to address the systemic and chronic inefficiencies of

governance across the three spheres of government? Thank you,

Minister.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Hon Deputy Speaker, I think

dealing with the hon member preceding the hon member, on the

platform, I have just said, we acknowledge that just it is not

even us not revealing anything, there is a lot of things that

we are dealing with.

Hon member, one of the things we are doing is, we were just

recently in Mahikeng. We introduced what we call integrated

planning, monitoring and evaluation framework and also



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introducing institutionalisation of this mechanism. As I am

talking to you now, we are looking at having a session with

the premiers and mayors, so that we ensure that this system

that we are trying to check-up, both in balancing and

evaluation and monitoring is not a national story, but it is a

story that must be shared by the provinces.

We are also saying that the frequency of monitoring is going

to improve. More especially on catalytic projects, monthly and

more on quarterly basis, so that we are able to pick up things

on time.

Again, we hope implementing the japed up system that we are

going to execute, we are going to get better. We are hopefully

going to deal with issues you have already raised. Thank you,

hon Deputy Speaker.

Ms Z MAJOZI: Hon Deputy Speaker and hon Minister, across all

departments and especially in relation to crime within the

Republic, we are not only seeing persistent challenges, but

also increasing crime statistics.



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I would like to know what tools have been put in place to

assess the impact of current resources in government efforts

to reduce crime across the board?

The hon Minister, will measures be taken to increase the

budget of entities who are failing to address the needs of

service delivery where measuring tools indicate insufficient

budget noncompliance with regulations and irregular

expenditure? If not, why not? Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Hon Deputy Speaker, if you

look at the Budget made by the Minister of Finance, he has

added not less than R8,7 billion to the Police. The President

announced that more than 10 000 new police recruits will be

trained and a number of related personnel will be trained.

The other issue is as you know is against the Prof Mufamadi

High-Level Review Panel report, a lot of stories came out

there against which plans have been put in place. All those

issues of which the intensions are to deal with crime.

Over and above, as I am saying, the annual performance plans,

APPs, cut across all the organs of state. Whether you are a

state-owned entity, or a department. When it comes to state-

owned entity, I am sure again if you remember what the



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Minister of Finance said, and he said it is no longer father

charismas as usual in accessing finances by them. If you want

to access finances as a state-owned enterprise before the

Minister you must put a turnaround plan that pass the

authenticity test.

So, all those measures in toto we believe that are able to

deal with that. I hope I have tried to answer your question,

hon member, with its underlying concerns. Thanks.

Question 144:

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY Thank you very much, hon Deputy

Speaker. The Ministry in the President pays an oversight role

to the Government Communication and Information System, GCIS,

which pays an oversight role over the Media Development and

Diversity Agency, MDDA. Against that background, it is our

observation based on records that that institution has been

able to stabilise. As we speak, one of the manifestations to

that effect is that they have been able to get a clean audit.

The GCIS has a media bulk-buying unit that procures all types

of media, including community media while MDDA lobbies for

funding and provides grant funding and other non-functional

support to these small medium enterprises. The stability in



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the institution has led to an engagement with

telecommunication companies. amongst us, we ended up having

Memorandum of Understanding, MoU, with the Citizen

Entrepreneurial Development Agency, CEDA, National Electronic

Media Institute of South Africa, NEMISA, the Media,

Information and Communication Technologies Sector Education

and Training Authority, MICTSETA on sector training and are

looking forward for partners that can play various support

roles to the sector.

The entity through the board and the Deputy Minister has been

opened for discussion around the funding of MDDA by the

Commercial Print Media Houses. At the moment the sector has

been given print in discounts. The entity, hon Deputy Speaker,

will also be meeting the Department of Co-operative Governance

and Traditional Affairs and the SA Local Government

Association, Salga, to galvanise support by municipalities to

these entities.

The entity launched its fundraising strategy on 11 March 2022

to identify new partners and lobby for more resources to fund

the small media enterprises, including community media. The

entity is also undertaking sustainability research, which will

culminate into sustainability model aimed to assist SMMEs in



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the areas of MICT and also to ensure sustainable in the long

term. Thanks, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon minister, can I

use as an example some of your responses to make a point that

I know we are talking to each other? This is members asking

Minister to respond. But it is the public that is listening to

us and they would like to hear what you are talking about.

When we abbreviate or use acronyms we will lose the full

meaning of them. So, can I plead that as a general practice,

Ministers, Deputy Ministers and members in the questions that

we posed that we speak a language which anybody listening to

us immediately know what we are talking about. Media

Development Diversity Agency as an example. So, I am just

pleading with all of us, not just you. Maybe that will help,

especially because you are talking about what we call GCIS.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Do you want me to correct

those abbreviations?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, I am just mentioning as a

principle approach to communicating ...



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The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY I accept your counselling.

Thank you.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Thanks to the Minister for a very good

encouraging response. Minister, the members of the Media

Development and Diversity Agency, MDDA, are appointed by the

President and two more from the mainstream media. The question

is whether the Minister will consider that members of the

small media publishers also be represented on the Media

Development and Diversity Agency Board? It cannot be that

advertising revenue goes to those media who promoted apartheid

and media that create a narrative that kindly there will be

better so in apartheid returns to South Africa. Appointing a

competent person representing small media publishers on how to

bring the state to order if the Minister want that

transformation. We cannot live for 25 years without

transformation. The advertising industry has been under fire

this week by the Human Rights Commission, the Media

Development and Diversity Agency ... I look forward to the

Minister’s answer, Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

To the hon member, I think what he raises is very important. I

think we are open, hon member, to reconfiguration of



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representation MDDA that is going to add value because we take

serious the issue of media diversity, especially to the extent

that it ensures that small institutions in the sector are

given energy and wings to fly. If therefore improving the

board representation in the manner proposed, it’s a matter we

are prepared to look at. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Ms T MGWEBA: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. And thank

you very much, Minister, with your response. But however, my

supplementary question to you is that instead of calling for

all three spheres of government to fund the small media

enterprises, is it not the funding model of small media

enterprises through the Media Development and Diversity Agency

that needs to be revisited? I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Thank you, Chairperson. Maybe

to draw your attention - it’s not the first time one

interfaces with this agency. I interfaced it when I was a

member of portfolio committee at a given point in time. I

think a lot of interventions will stay opened to even if is

the funding model that we need to speak about because where I

am sitting now I can tell you that GCIS does actually give

quite a number of these institutions. It buys platforms from

them except that the challenges in the small commercial one’s.



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One of the things that we are trying to deal with is to make

sure that we get full records of their audience. But does it

make it enough? No, a lot of them still don’t access the funds

as minimal required.

Against that background your point, hon member, is taken that,

it’s one of the issues on the table like what other hon

members said about improving representation even model

improvement needs to be looked at. If there is a case for

improving the model, we will have to deal with that. And we

are open.

Mr Z N MBHELE: Minister, given the short to medium term

focuses of low economic growth and thus reduce checks and

revenue for the public purse is which seems highly unlikely

that the government in any sphere will be able to increase

advertorial support for community media as suggested by the

primary question.

So, will the Minister therefore not agree that a more feasible

approach one in line with the President’s call for social

actors to work together more closely will be one of

partnership building and increase stakeholder collaboration

such as incentivising low interest loan providers to help fund



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start-up small commercial media operators and encouraging big

corporates, especially in the retail sector by more air space

in community media towards the markets. Thank you, Chair.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Thank you very much, hon

member. Thanks for reminding us about the call by the

President for a new consensus. We will leave no one behind. I

guess when the President make that call, it is in essence in

line with what you are saying, hon member, that the call

faltered around in the country and the resources required to

support that call are of such a nature that working together

we can do better. Therefore, I would just maybe let you know –

one of the large print house media had left the MDDA because

of instability at this spot in time. They are beginning to

come back, and some of the are already making undertakings

that they are going to talk to amongst one another to actually

see a bigger picture because a clearer society is a comer

society and a comer society is the better society to unleash

its energy. And when the entire society unleashes its energy

is a better chance for better impact in our economy.

So, in another words it could not have been stated better than

in your side and your point is taken seriously in that

context.



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Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Minister, there are over 200 community radio

stations in this country and almost all of them are struggling

to make ends meet and are laying the blame at the MDDA for

lack of support. What is the government’s conceptualisation of

the role of community radio stations as a tool of information

sharing? What have you done to make sure that these stations

are supported?

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Thanks, hon Mkhaliphi. I guess

this government is this government which put the media

diversity agency in place. Again, amongst other thing, it was

responding to us to ensure the fruits of a hospital government

which is people’s centred, it’s a government where the general

societal a level of clarity is very high and the chances of

transparency with regard to opportunities are also very high.

Therefore, it is against that background that this government

accepted that SABC on its own even large houses on their own

are not an adequate capacity to inform society. Therefore,

against that background coming from our Constitution, we

remain committed to that already based on what I have already

said.

That’s why I am so sad now. The NTT is also undertaking

sustainability research, which will culminate into



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sustainability model aimed to assist the SMMEs in the areas of

needs and to ensure that they are self-sustainable in the long

term.

And this research is not coming from the moon out of the blue.

It’s because it is actually affected by the issues that I have

just raised, hon member. That we can do better in that area

but there is a number of community media institutions that

have benefitted in this assistance. The story is in each

province but we do accept that huge amount of work still needs

to be done. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Question 154:

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Thank you, Chair. Hon Ntuli, through the development

interventions that are prioritized, the department is

definitely witnessing resilient public service. One of the

clear factors shaping the performance of public services, a

broad education and training and environment that is currently

in place. Over years, the Department of Public Service and

Administration has been assisting departments in the

development of their employees in a co-ordinated manner

through the implementation of Human Resources Development

Strategic Framework for public service, supported by



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associated, determinations, directives, guidelines and other

related subordinate legislations provided under the Public

Service Act No 103 of 1994, as amended to guide them on how to

plan and conduct education and training for employees, to

conduct needs assessment for both employees and organisations,

alignment of human and capital resources, and to put in place

a monitoring and evaluation systems for impact assessment.

The implementation of these development initiatives within the

public service contributes towards implementation of the

National Human Resource Development Strategy of South Africa

towards 2030 and the National Skills Development Plan 2030.

Both of which are aimed at ensuring that South Africa has

adequate, appropriate and high quality skills that contributes

towards economic growth, employment creations and social

development to using a combination of these measures.

The National Development Plan suggests that in order to

achieve a high quality public service, improving and

maintaining infrastructure and conditions for economic

development all require a professional public service and a

capable state. This was quoted from the National Planning

Commission Report of 2011, page 365. One of the observations

made by the National Development Plan is that public service



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faces a severe shortage of staff and specialised skills,

especially in health, policing, infrastructure, planning and

engineering, finance and information technology. These

adversely impacts not only front lines services, but also the

long term planning and co-ordination in line with the plan for

building a capable, effective and professional public service.

The Department of Public Service and Administration has

identified interventions which will contribute to the

achievement of the above agenda. These interventions are to

contribute to professionalization of public service by

improving skills levels of existing employees, by assisting

them to acquire the requisite professional and technical

qualifications, in order for them to undertake their

responsibilities in professional and competent manner, and

also strengthening the talent pipelines by investing in ...

[Inaudible.] ... and undergraduate students studying towards

occupation considered scarce with a view to channel and retain

them in the employ of the department by increasing the

capacity of the departments. I thank you, Chair.

Ms M M NTULI: Hon Deputy Minister, thank you very much for

your informative response. You elaborated and expatiated and

indeed we are educated in this House. But I wanted to ask a



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follow up Question on that one to say that the public service

is a strategic and critical human resource for the nation. Are

we nurturing this human resource and is the nation

experiencing the impact of this or is it getting lost in the

mediocre of the challenges? Thank you, Chairperson.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

House Chair, the Department of Public Service has developed a

new Human Resource Development Strategic Framework based on

lessons learned from the previous and implemented Human

Resource Development Strategy Frameworks. Whilst a full impact

study was not conducted, there has been evidence of improved

performance due to the implementation of a strategic

frameworks across public service. New strategic frameworks

build on the work that was consulted with Cabinet committee

which recommended further work which the Department of Public

Works and Administration is currently dealing with.

Whilst there has been recorded improvement, including

enhancement in human resource planning, filling of vacant

positions and performance management, the Department of Public

Service and Administration is working on measures to build

capacity through enhancement to individual employees and how



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this links towards government performance. I thank you, House

Chairperson.

Dr M M GONDWE: Thank you, Chairperson. Hon Deputy Minister,

one of the reasons that the public service is failing our

people and riddled with elements of corruption and fraud is

due to the ruling party’s entrenched practice of cadre

deployment. I know you said in your previous response that

there is nothing like that. But Deputy Minister, we do have

access to indicate otherwise. So my question becomes, how will

your department ensure that cadre deployment is totally rooted

out of the recruitment and selection process in the public

service? Thank you.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Thank you, House Chairperson. Hon Gondwe, thanks for

acknowledging that we have already dealt with the matter of

cadre deployment - that it does not exist. Maybe you had

already prepared the question, but its fine. One thing that I

want to actually say to you is that we are a government that

is viciously fighting corruption ... [Laughter.] ... even if

you may want to continue to create an impression that this

government is corrupt. You should, with the same breath,

manage to acknowledge the fact that this government is



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viciously fighting corruption ... [Applause.] ... and this is

based in the measures out in place.

If you look at what we are doing from the Department of Public

Service and Administration, there is a task team that is

called the Public Administration Ethics Integrity and

Disciplinary Technical Assistance Unit, PAEIDTAU, that was

launched towards the end of last year. We are busy with

lifestyle audits and I know that some of the questions will

actually be bothering on lifestyle audit, and it is because of

the fact that we are viciously fighting corruption. There is

what is called a fusion centre that was formed when there were

allegations around Personal Protective Equipment, PPEs. That

fusion centre has all the state organs that have to do with

crime together so that we can be in a position in the first

place to fast track, to have proper investigations and to fast

tracks ways of dealing with matters of corruption within

government. So this government - please listen carefully - ...

[Laughter.] ... is viciously fighting corruption. I thank you,

House Chairperson.

Ms C C S MOTSEPE: Thank you very much, House Chairperson.

Deputy Minister, for many South Africans, seeking assistance

from public service for workers is a painful experience. From



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the conversation I have had with many members of the public,

they claim for instance that it is now almost impossible to

get services at Home Affairs offices without bringing

officials to expedite your matter. What has cost the

degeneration of public service to this level and what are you

doing to salvage the image of public service in the eyes of

the public? I thank you, House Chair.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Thank you, hon Motsepe for the question. But let me begin by

saying to you that we are a government that manages to

acknowledges the shortfalls within government. We are not

saying that we are perfect government, but we know that we are

a government that is delivering. You are making reference to

Home Affairs. We know the kind of flaws that we have within

Home Affairs, but we also acknowledge the good work that our

Department of Home Affairs is doing for us. What is important,

moving forward, is also to try and manage to understand all

the deliverables that are coming from various departments. I

thank you, House Chairperson.

Ms H DENNER: Thank you, House Chair. Hon Deputy Minister,

resilience is one thing, and we appreciate that you

acknowledge the flaws of the public service as well. But we



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all know that one can only do so much with what you have to

work with in a way of resources, such as ICT equipment,

adequate office space and facilities, technical support and

the likes. South Africans are bombarded with service delivery

problems as previous speakers also mentioned such as drivers’

licences that can’t be printed, medical staff having to buy

their own supplies, water and electricity to public service

buildings being shut off due to non-payments, dilapidated

office spaces and the list is never ending.

Does your department see the working environment and

conditions of public service employees as an important

priority? Do you agree that some work under the impossible

conditions and what is your department’s plan to address these

conditions that despite the best efforts of some public

servants make their work and public service delivery

impossible? Thank you, Deputy Minister.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

House Chairperson, what I want to say in response to the

question that has been put forward is that as the Department

of Public Service and Administration, it is our duty to

continue to work towards effective and efficient public

service. It is our duty to build a capable state and this is



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demonstrated in a manner in which we will put measures in

place to ensure that we capacitate our public servants in

order for them to be in a position to perform in their duties

maximally. If you look at public service and you look at the

kind of provisions that we make towards capacitating public

service servants, you would realise that, like I indicated

earlier, there is a whole lot of education and training that

goes on within public service, and that is meant for

capacitating public services.

Where we realise that there is a need, we are saying that

there are areas where there is a little bit of chaos or many

things are not working okay, once we identify that, we make it

a point that we make the necessary interventions in order for

us to be sure that public service will continue to operate in

an effective and efficient way. Also, taking into

consideration the most important principle that we apply which

is the Batho-Pele Principle, because we take the people of

South Africa serious. And, we know that public servants are

there to offer services to our people as we have promised

them. And this is a promise as government we intend keeping. I

thank you, House Chairperson. [Applause.]

Question 147:



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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: House Chair, and thank you to the hon member. Let me

start just by saying that the community works programme,

remodelling process was designed to be a journey rather an

event. Our intent is to experiment with new and innovative

ways, to maximize the impact on our limited resources on

poverty, inequality and unemployment.

We are still in the early stages of this remodelling process.

Although there’s been a significant improvement on the

operational side. Improving the actual impact of the Community

Works Programme will be evident over the medium term, that is

one to two years.

The new Community Works Programme Implementation Policy, as

well as the updated service level agreements, have so far had

an impact in the following areas: implementing agents were

appointed through an open competitive building process and had

to compete on the percentage project management fees. This

resulted in an overall reduction in the total project

management fees, due to implementing agency.

Both the policy and service level agreement addressed the

operational shortcomings that resulted in material



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irregularities, previously identified by the Auditor General.

Unlike the previous model implementing agency project

management fees are now based on actual financial performance.

All procurements above a R100 000 by implementing agency are

now also verified by the Department of Co-operative Governance

and Traditional Affairs supply chain management to ensure

compliance with applicable legislation and regulations.

In the short term, this resulted in procurement delays,

including training due to several implementing agency

adjusting to procuring on a fully compliant manner. We are

however confident that these arrangements will have a positive

impact in future.

Service realised through improved procurement processes and

reduction project management fees, were utilised to increase

the participants’ stipends for eight day participants from 780

to 840. And, for 20 days’ participants from 2540 to 2600 per

month, that is 7,7% and 2,3% respectively. Savings were

further utilised to increase the total participation targets

from 250 000 to 255 000.

In terms of the new implementation policy, the department has

direct oversight over the development and the implementation



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of site business plans and training plans aimed at improving a

positive impact on the Community Works Programme on public

goods and services and on participant’s skill development.

The department is in the process of developing its internal

skills base. To provide the direction needed in the areas of

useful work and training. The full impact of this new approach

will therefore be realised over the medium term. While the

community ...

*IsiZulu*:

USIHLALO WENDLU (Mnu M L D Ntombela): Siyabonga. Siyabonga,

Ngqongqoshe. Sesiphelile isikhathi kodwa ungaqhubeka.

Singakupha omunye umzuzu wokuthi uqedele. Qedela, Ngqongqoshe.

*English*:

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: I also wanted to say as part of our progressive

remodelling, we also got National Youth Development Agency,

NYDA, to work in the Public Works Programme but it’s only in

one province. They have been able to facilitate 100 youth

participants to exit approximately into the tourism and retail

value chains. The NYDA does receive project management fees

but are only rather reimbursed for actual programme overheads.



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We have seen that actual overheads are approximately over 4%

of the programme’s budget compared to project management fees

of implementing agency rate fees ranging from 5 to 6,5% ...

[Time expired.]

Mr F D XASA: Hon House Chair, hon Minister, over the past ...

[Inaudible.] ... financial years the agrarian revolution

programme, which has been a dedicated programme of the

Community Works Programme was allocated R324 million to fund

its 36 projects across the seven provinces; the Eastern Cape,

KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West, Free State and

the Western Cape. But, several nonprofit organizations which

were implementing agencies, exceeded their budgets but had not

completed the project. What is the status of these projects,

following the implementation of the remodelled Community Works

Programme, CWP? Thank you very much.

*IsiZulu*:

USIHLALO WENDLU (Mnu M L D Ntombela): Siyabonga, baba u-Xasa

noma ubungabonakali kahle kodwake izwi lona besilizwa.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: House Chair, the department between April and

December 2021 verified all projects and the expenditure in the



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agrarian programme. All the agrarian projects were put on hold

during this period. The verification process confirmed that,

in several cases agrarian projects were poorly managed with

inadequate business plans. The department has not yet paid the

nonprofit organizations, npos the 5% retained portion of their

project management fees for the April 2018-21.

The verification process will enable the department to hold

the NPOs accountable and to recover the funds from the NPOs

where necessary. The department is currently finalising plans

to complete existing projects during this 2022-23 financial

year. Thank you.

Ms E R J SPIES: Hon House Chair, hon Minister, the people on

the ground simple does not have one to two years to wait for

this remodelling plan. Minister on 1 February I received

complaints from Community Works Programme workers from the

Langerberg and ... [Inaudible.] ... districts, respectively

ranging from not receiving their salaries to not having

equipment and non being procured. Minister, it is now five to

six months after this progressive remodelling policy

implementation plan, call it what you want, the situation

remains the same. Minister, can you give us your assurance

that no irregular expenditure what so ever would be incurred



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on the Community Works Programme in this financial year? Thank

you.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: House Chair, we do acknowledge that during that

period, there was a problem, but the problem was due the

connectivity issue at State Information Technology Agency,

SITA, so the servers were down, so we were not able to pay

just during that period but subsequently and before they were

paid and subsequently they are being paid.

And we say the impact - for instance if you look at what NYDA

has been able to do, it’s been able to train the CWP so that

they could even exit the programme and go into tourism, into

retail and they will be going to other areas. Because that was

originally what the CWP was meant to do. But unfortunately it

wasn’t doing that. The implementing agency were not training

young people so that they have portable skills that they can

take and exit the programme and get jobs or create jobs

themselves. So, they were just recycling the same

participants, without them getting the skills. So we are

improving, is not the same as I say and even the amount that

they are charging us, we have been able to reduce. So, there



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is progress but I cannot say that you can change CWP

overnight. Thank you.

*IsiZulu*:

Nk H O MKHALIPHI: Ngiyabonga, Sihlalo, ngiyethemba uNgqonqoshe

ngoba uthe uyangithanda, unayo impendulo-ke kulo mbuzo wami

ngoba ...

*English*:

... it is a follow-up question. Minister, your department

allocates annual budget for the Community Works Programme,

this kind of work is permanent in nature but people are

employed on rotational, temporary basis. Why have you not

considered using this budget allocation to employ people on a

permanent basis to do exactly the kind of work, that CWP

workers do. For instance, to fix potholes, to fix water leaks,

to clear alien vegetation and so on and so on.

*IsiZulu*:

... ukuze abantu bakithi babe nemisebenzi wanomphela hhayi

lawa manqampunqampu umnyango wakho mhlonishwa Ngqongqoshe

obanika yona. Ngiyabonga, Sihlalo.



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UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUBUSA NGOKUBAMBISANA NEZINDABA ZENDABUKO:

Hhayi, ngiyamthanda vele umhlonishwa uMkhaliphi

ngizomphendula. Lolu hlelo lwaluvele lungazange lidalelwe

ukuthi luqashe abantu ngokugcwele. Laludalelwe ukuthi

lulekelele abantu abangenawo umsebenzi abangenawo amakhono

ukuthi baqeqeshwe ukuze bakwazi ukuthola imisebenzi bakwazi

futhi mhlawumbe baziqalele imisebenzi yabo. Kodwake

esikutholile uma sifika kulo mnyango ukuthi abakwenzi lokhu

abaqashelwe ukuthi bakwenze. Yingako sithi indlela yokusebenza

siyayishintsha ukuze kwenzeke ngale ndlela ekwakufanele

kwenzeke ngayo ukuthi baqeqesheke, bakwazi ukuyothola

imisebenzi noma bakwazi ukuziqalela imisebenzi.

Khonamanje kukhona uhlelo esisaluvivinya ukuthi lungasebenza

yini lokuthi sisebenze ne-Construction Seta siqeqeshe laba

bantu be-CWP ukuthi bahlanze amadolobha, bavale imigodi. Uma

sebenawo lawo makhono, omasipala sebengabaqasha ukuthi babheke

imigaqo ukuthi uma umgaqo ubanezigodi bakwazi ukuyivala.

Ngakhoke senza kanjalo. Uma sizovele nje mabaqashwe

ngokugcwele kusho ukuthi, okokuqala, bazoba mbalwa kabi abantu

abazoqashwa kanti lokhu kusiza abantu abangu-250 000. Uma

sesizothi abaye komasipala bonke ngokugcwele kusho ukuthi

bayoba mbalwa abazoqashwa. Ngiyabonga.



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*English*:

Ms M D HLENGWA: House Chairperson, hon Minister, please may

you confirm if the new 2021 Community Works Programme Policy,

has in any way impacted the number of municipalities, that are

able to offer the CWP as well as the number employment

opportunities created? Further, please confirm the number of

municipalities that have implemented the new policy. I thank

you.

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: The number of sites have not necessarily increased

but the number of participants have increased. Thank you.

Question 163:

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Thank you, House Chairperson. Hon Gondwe, the report is an

outcome of the investigation, the mandate of the investigation

belongs solely to the SA Police service, SAPS. The SAPS is in

charge of the investigations, and would be in a better

position to provide answers in terms of the numbers that have

been investigated relating to the fraudulent transactions or

fraudulent applications for the R350 grants. Thank you, House

Chairperson.



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*Setswana*:

Ngaka M M GONDWE: Ke a leboga, Modulasitulo.

*English:*

Hon Deputy Minister, the office of the Auditor-General found

out that at least 5 812 public servants fraudulently applied

for and received the Social Relief of Distress, SRD, Grant,

and you say that you take people of this country seriously,

but to date there is 5 812 public servants who stole money

from the state during the pandemic, are still the employees of

the state.

My question is very simple hon Deputy Minister, when are the

cases involving these public servants who unlawfully applied

for and benefitted from these SRD Grants going to be

finalised, and when will the implicated public servants be

fired and arrested? you take corruption in a serious light and

you are dealing with this viciously, thank you. Why hasn’t

anything happened?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Thank you, hon Gondwe, basically, the question says, or the

information that you actually managed to get says, the 5 000

had applied. Now, remember that we are living in a



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constitutional democracy, where there has got to be fairness.

Where there is an allegation, it needs to be fair and there

must be a due process that actually takes place.

You are actually saying to me now that, these people must just

be punished because there have been allegations that they have

applied fraudulently for the R350 grants. Basically, an

initial response to your question was that, as the Department

of Public Service and Administration, we are not investigating

any cases, that is the mandate of the SA Police service. Also

remember that, the R350 grants has also to do with SASSA, and

SASSA has got a ministry that is responsible for it. Probably,

your answer lies somewhere, but not with the Department of

Public Service and Administration. I thank you, hon House

Chairperson.

Ms S GWARUBE: House Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Order, hon members.

Hon Gwarube.

Ms S GWARUBE: House Chair, I am rising on Rule 134 of the

National Assembly Rules which states that, questions are given

to Ministers ahead of time, and when the Minister or Deputy



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Minister deemed it that it was not in her purview to answer

the question around, consequence management or people in the

public service, she should have flagged Parliament, so that

the question can be revised or reposed, or a different

question would be answered, but Ministers can’t come here and

then simply pass the buck to other members of Cabinet, it’s

unacceptable and it makes a mockery of this whole session.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon members, the

session for question and answer is meant for the public out

there, let alone ourselves. So, the Minister or the Deputy

Minister should, of course, use the best opportunity if he has

to answer the questions, but they always do their best in

answering those questions. If Members of Parliament are not

happy with that, there are processes to follow, but for now,

we have to accept how the Ministers and the Deputy Ministers

answer the questions in the House. I am not prepared to argue,

hon members. Over to you, hon Macpherson.

Mr D W MACPHERSON: Chair, I would like to rise on Rule 138(3)

which says, Minister may authorise his or her Deputy to reply

to the question, and I assume that is was done in the case of

the Deputy Minister, but it also says that, they must be able



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to respond competently to any permissible supplementary

questions that might be asked.

Now, I put it to you, Chair, that the Deputy Minister is not

competent to be able to reply to these questions if she is

simply saying, I don’t know the answer, go and ask somebody

else. So, I would like you to rule on the competence of the

Deputy Minister to answer the question.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Macpherson, ...

[Interjections. ... order, hon members. Hon Macpherson, hon

members, may I advise that, please, let us not use words that

will cause tension in the House. It’s not necessary. ...

[Interjections.] ... We are ceased with very important issues,

so, let us not allow a situation where the House goes out of

order, into chaos unnecessarily; let us not use words of

awkward nature, hon Macpherson. It might be the rules, as you

understand it, but I have already made my input on that. Hon

Radebe, I see that you have raised your hand.

Mr B A RADEBE: Thank you, Chairperson. I think that, if the

member has got any complaint about what the Deputy Minister

has answered to, he has a place to go to, which is known as

the Rule Committee where he can raise that issue there, even



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if he contends your ruling, he can also go to this committee

to raise that. But we cannot have a debate on the floor. Thank

you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Thank you, hon

member.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Gwarube, I have

ruled on the matter.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: It’s Mkhaliphi.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): I have ruled on the

matter. I wouldn’t like to entertain an argument between

ourselves. I have ruled on the matter.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): No, you are not

allowed. Thank you.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Chairperson.



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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): The second

supplementary question ... [Interjections.] ... Do I hear

another person?

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Yes.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Chief Whip. Are

you rising, hon Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAHORITY PARTY: No.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Oh, hon Mkhaliphi.

Over to you, hon member.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Yes, Chair. Do you hear me?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): I can hear you. Go

ahead.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: You have ruled correctly on the matter. So,

why is hon Radebe repeating what you have said? It is my

concern.



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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Thank you, hon

Mkhaliphi ... [Interjections.] ...

Mr B A RADEBE: She just wants attention that one.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Shall we continue,

hon members. Shall we go ahead, please?

Ms M T KIBI: Thank you, hon Chair, and thank you, hon Deputy

Minister.

*IsiXhosa:*

Andinawo umbuzo, uyitye yonke. Enkosi.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Thank you, hon

member. The third supplementary question will be asked by hon

Sithole. Order, hon members. Over to you, hon Sithole.

Mr K P SITHOLE: Thank you, Chairperson. Hon Deputy Minister,

in relation to the fraudulent of R350 grant application and

payment, please provide details of the new security mechanism

that has been introduced to prevent such fraud from happening

again. If fraud mechanism has not been introduced, tell us why



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they have not been introduced, and what is the way forward.

Thank you very much.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Thank you, hon

Sithole. Hon Deputy Minister ...

*IsiZulu:*

... umangabe umbuzo uwuzwile.

*English*:

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Thank you, House Chair, it was a bit little difficult to hear

what the hon member was actually saying. But briefly, I could

actually pick up that he is worried about the way forward,

whether are we still going to find ourselves in a situation

where people successfully or fraudulently manage to access

grants, a situation I would actually say that we are confident

that, because on an ongoing basis, we keep on improving our

systems, such a thing will actually be prevented. Thank you.

Ms C C S MOTSEPE: Thank you very much, hon House Chair. Deputy

Minister, it is not only the matter of social grants. Many

public servants are owning businesses and are getting

contracts from the state. This paints a picture of a state



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that has no idea of what their public servants are doing, or a

state that simply does not care about the corruption in the

public service. Why have you failed to monitor and be able to

assist and eradicate corrupt activities of public servants who

engage in corrupt activities? Thank you very much, hon House

Chair.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Thank you, hon House Chairperson, I have actually indicated

earlier that, we are steadfast as a government in fighting

corruption, ... [Interjections.] ... yes, of course, and

measures continue to be strengthened, to be put in place to

ensure that we fight corruption. I have also indicated of the

number of systems that have actually been put in place to

fight corruption including what we call, Technical Assistance

Unit, TAU, which is the technical, integrity, disciplinary

task team that is supposed to have to help us monitor

corruption, across government, that is supposed to help us to

make interventions where there is corruption.

Also, that is why we now have what we call ethical offices

that TAU will be working with across government, that will

help in every government department, to manage to identify

where there is wrongdoing and to put measures in place to



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ensure that action and decisive action will be taken to deal

with any public servant that is doing something that is wrong,

so that we shouldn’t continue to just come with allegations

that are not substantiate and just accuse in general public

servants and remember, when we talk about public servants, we

talk about people who are taking care of the people of South

Africa, and we need to be careful about how we talk about

them.

These are the people who wake up every morning to go and

deliver services across government for South Africans, for the

lives of the South Africans to be improved and lives of the

South Africans to be developed. That is why therefore,

fairness means, when we talk about public servants, and we

know that, from amongst public servant’s officials, there are

those that are doing wrong things, but we shouldn’t paint them

with the same brush. Thank you, hon House Chairperson.

Question 172:

The MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: House Chair, the question is about the total amount

that is paid by metropolitan councils, paying the outsourcing

of security guards per annum. We have been able to get figures

from five metros, that is the City of Cape Town Metropolitan



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Municipality which in 2020-21 paid R1,21 4 billion. The

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, R13,6 million.

Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, R92,9 million. EThekwini

Metropolitan Municipality, 1,056 billion. Nelson Mandela Bay

Metropolitan Municipality, R2,62 million. These we have been

able to verify with the cities themselves.

When we looked into the annual financial reports, the City of

Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality is R447,3 million and the

City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality is

R43,5 million, but as I say, until now we’re still waiting for

them to verify the figures. In Tshwane Metropolitan

Municipality, we couldn’t find the figures. They say that,

they do not disaggregate the security, they put it under

contracted services. So, they are still going to disaggregate

it for us. So, we don't so we don’t have any figure for

Tshwane.

Point B wants to know what would the difference be in cost if

the security guards were insourced. We did ask this question

from the municipalities which are of course responsible for

doing that. We have not got responses from all of them. I will

just talk about those that have already given us the

responses. Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality says that,



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one permanently employed security guard costs the metro R274

032 per annum. Then they say, they cannot compare that with

outsourced security guards, because the outsourced security

guards come with their own arms and they also come with an

armed backup response. Therefore, they cannot compare them. It

would be like not comparing apples to apples but comparing

apples to something else. That is the answer they have given

us.

Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality says that within the

timelines provided, it was not possible to provide complete

and accurate figures. However, based on an assessment of

average cost per security guard, as they estimate there, to

insource the security guards would be 20% more than their

current cost and in figures, it would be about R18,7 million

that they would have to pay more if they were insourcing.

EThekwini Metropolitan Municipality gave us this response and

the municipality did not calculate the costs for insourcing

services. However, they are anticipating that the costs will

be double due to the shift system. The City of Cape Town

Metropolitan Municipality said it is not in a position to

respond to the question, as it has not done an analysis to

compare outsourcing and insourcing. Nelson Mandela Bay



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Metropolitan Municipality has already insourced almost all the

security guards that previously guarded its assets, when they

were employed by private contractors. The municipality has not

outsourced any security guarding to outside companies. [Time

Expired]

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Hon Chair, I will assist on behalf of hon

Matumba. Minister under the previous administration of the

City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality led by Herman

Mashaba assisted by the EFF, insourced security guards

actually saved a lot of money that ordinarily went to labour

brokers. Labour brokers constitute to one of the biggest costs

to municipalities for rendering services that municipalities

themselves can perform if they employ people directly. Why has

the government resisted calls for the eradication of labour

broking in order to employ people directly? What does the

government benefit from labour brokers other that the

kickbacks given to senior officials? Thank you very much

Minister.

The MINISTER OF COORPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: I cannot really answer on the kickbacks given to

officials because I don’t have evidence of that. I cannot



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respond to that. I’ve not come across the officials who are

getting kickbacks from labour brokers. Thank you.

Mr F D XASA: Hon Chair, I hope I am visible now. Hon Minister,

according to a report compiled by the City of Johannesburg’s

Group Forensics and Investigation Services, the project to

insource security and cleaning services that was implemented

by the DA led by Mr Mashaba as was indicated by the previous

member. They got a report that indicated that, the services

after insourcing cost them R1,2 billion instead of a projected

R557 million due to irregularities and poor oversight. Is the

Minister aware of this report? What steps are being taken to

hold those responsible accountable? Thank you very much

Chairperson.

The MINISTER OF CO-ORPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Hon Chair, I will follow up on that matter and I will

come back and give a report to the Minister because I have not

... [Interjections.] I’ve not ... [Interjections.] Sorry I was

...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Minister you

can go ahead.



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The MINISTER OF CO-ORPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: House Chair, I was just saying, I will follow up on

that ...[Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Order hon members!

Order!

The MINISTER OF CO-ORPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: I will follow up on that question and bring a full

answer to the hon member Xasa. Thank you.

Mr C BRINK: Minister I join this meeting from Msunduzi Local

Municipality in Kwazulu-Natal, where the municipality doesn’t

have many security guards either insourced or otherwise. In

fact, the municipality hardly has qualified personnel to

attend to basic services. Residents suffer the power and water

outages for days on end. This is a municipality under

provincial administration. You know, I’ve written to you about

this case. Can the Minister please agree to dispatch civil and

electrical engineers from the Municipal Infrastructure Support

Agency to at least assist Msunduzi and the community to

stabilise the service ... [Inaudible] ... municipality. Thank

you.



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AFFAIRS: Thank you very much hon Brink. I will indeed speak to

Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency, Misa and see if they

can do that. We are also assisting Msunduzi by taking some of

the Community Work Programme, CWP training them through the

sector education and training authority, Setas to try and look

at maintaining and closing boreholes and cleaning the city. I

will do that with Mr Brik, I will talk to me Misa. Thank you

Ms M D HLENGWA: Hon Chair, I think hon Zondo has a bad network

connection. Let me take his question. Hon Minister, with

regards to the insourcing of security guards which has shown

to be more cost effective in metropolitan municipalities such

as eThekwini. Will your departmental policy in this regard

also be favouring unemployed members of defence and military

veterans, who have the required skills but currently find

themselves unemployed? I thank you.

The MINISTER OF COORPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL

AFFAIRS: Thank you very much hon member. Even though that is

an idea that is good and I agree with, we don’t have the

authority prescribe to the municipalities and metros how to

carry on their employment. But, as an idea it is something



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that you can discuss but we have no authority to enforce it.

Thank you.

Question 151:

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Chairperson, you were not

here earlier on when I indicated that the Minister is in a

really serious discussion in New York as I am answering the

questions for her here.

The process of institutionalising the National Strategic Plan,

NSP, on gender-based violence, GBV, started during 2020-21

financial year. This has enabled the department to gradually

monitor and enforce accountability and compliance with

reporting by departments. I want to say that the Minister

really does that. Any Cabinet Minister can tell you that she

watches for this because she wants to make sure that the

institutionalisation of this National Strategic Plan happens,

not for us, but for the women of South Africa.

I want to add that this is something that needs a buy in from

both political and administration, and I can tell you that the

ANC has the political will to make sure that this is

implemented and the administrative will is also happening but



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we will need to try and strengthen it so that the National

Strategic Plan is properly institutionalised.

Currently, we have an average of 25 departments consistently

reporting on a monthly basis to the Presidency. The department

has undertaken sensitisation and capacity building sessions to

ensure the integration of the National Strategic Plan on

gender-based violence and femicide within institutional plans

and budgets at national, provincial district and local

municipalities. As you are all aware, we have the District

Development Model and we are hoping that through this new

model we are going to be able to ensure that this is enforced.

On a regular basis, the department assesses the integration of

the National Strategic Plan priorities into the departmental

plans and integrated developmental plans. In the financial

year 2021-22 the department assessed draft departmental plans

to ensure integration of priorities and this is a very

difficult task, even for us as Ministers, because we have to

go through all the documents to make sure that all the annual

plans are aligned.

To increase reach, the department, through support from the

European Union, EU, is in the process of appointing technical



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monitors and data captures in three pilot provinces, Gauteng,

KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape. Currently, the department

is leading in the establishment of multisectoral rapid

response teams at local levels and will co-ordinate the plans

in responses.

Four provinces have finalised their National Strategic Plans

on GBV implementation plans. These are Western Cape, Gauteng,

Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal. The five remaining provinces,

Northern Cape, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Free State and North West

have started working on their implementation plans but have

not yet completed.

The process has been very intensive requiring provinces to

adequately customise their strategic plans on GBV. In

provinces that currently do not have aligned provincial GBV

National Strategic Plans the department continuously organises

information sessions to localise National Strategic Plan and

support the establishment of rapid response teams.

Yesterday, fortunately I was also in this meeting, we had an

opportunity to engage with the Department of Youth, Women and

Persons with Disabilities portfolio committee on the national

council GBVF Bill for establishment of the council. A number



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of issues were raised in the portfolio committee which we will

be addressing to fast-track the implementation of the NSP on

GBVF targets to ensure maximum impact. I thank you.

*Tshivenḓa:*

Vho C M PHIRI: Mudzulatsidulo, kha vha ntendele ndi loshe heyi

Nnḓu, ndi loshe vhaṱhoniphei, ndi tshi ri kha mufareli vho mme

Lindiwe Zulu vha ḓo mpfarela. Arali vha si khou pfa kha vha

ambare vhudzaipfi uri vha kone u ḓologeliwa zwavhuḓi.

Mudzulatshidulo, Minisiṱa ...

*English:*

... my part is that if you can’t understand Tshivenda you must

put on your earpiece. I will continue in Tshivenda with

translation.

*Tshivenḓa:*

Mudzulatshidulo, ngauri vhuḓifhindleli ha u vhona uri

mbekanyamushumo dza tshumelo ndi dza muhasho honeha muhasho u

ḓo ita mini kana u ḓo dzhia maga afhio a uri u sa shuma

zwavhuḓi kha u konyana mbekanyamushumo dza u tambudzwa ha

vhafumakadzi na vhana zwi si dovholole kana zwi si bvele



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phanḓa uri zwi si shume zwavhuḓi muhasho wavho u ḓo ita mini?

Ndo livhuwa.

Mr S N SWART: House Chair, may I rise on a point of order. I

am sure you are aware there was no translation in the Chamber.

Ms C M PHIRI: I can give you a translation.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Phiri, you

still have some time. Can you please do it. [Interjections.]

Can I check with the hon Minister? Hon Minister, are you at

home?

*IsiZulu*:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA KOMPHAKATHI: Hhayi, ngimuzwe

kahle. [Uhleko.] Ngizwe kahle, Sihlalo.

*English*:

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): The reason why I am

asking ... [Interjections.]

*IsiZulu*:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA KOMPHAKATHI: Indaba wukuthi

sonke sila eNingizimu Afrika kuyafuneka ukuthi sizame ...



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*English*:

... by all means ...

*IsiZulu*:

... sifunde izilimi zethu. Angikwazi ukuthi ngingakhuluma

isiRashiya kodwa ngingamuzwa yena. Ayisebenzi kanjalo.

Angikwazi ukukhuluma isi-French, nesiPutukezi nakho konke bese

ngibuye ngingamuzwa yena. Kodwake, Sihlalo, kuyenzeka ngesinye

isikhathi umuntu uma ekhuluma okunye kuyakulahlekela kodwa

ngaphandle kwalokho, sihlelekile ngapha kwa-ANC.

Lingitshelile ilungu ukuthi uyabon-ke namhlanje ngizokushaya

ngolimi lami ngizofuna ukuthi ungizwe ngithini ngakhoke

ngiyaphendula manje, Sihlalo. Ngixolise nje ukuthi angeke

ngikwazi ukumphendula ngolimi lakhe ngoba ngizovela

ngikwitizise bese kuba kubi. Angibuyele kulesi Singisi sami.

Angifune kukwitizisa.

*English*:

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Minister, I

think it will help if you can maybe give your answer in

English ... [Interjections.]



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The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, I will give it in

English.

*IsiZulu*:

USIHLALO WENDLU (Mnu M L D Ntombela): ... kuzokwazi ukusisiza

ngoba nami la ngihleli khona ngizwe nje ekhuluma nge-load

shedding angazi utheni. [Uhleko.]

*English*:

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Chairperson, I will wait

...

*IsiZulu*:

... ngoba wena awuzwanga uzwe u-load shedding kodwa mina

ngizwe umbuzo ngakhoke ngizolinda.

*English*:

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Swart, I am

sure you will be taken care off. Your English will be taken

care of. Hon Minister?

*IsiZulu*:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA KOMPHAKATHI: Kuyofuneka ukuthi

kube namaklasi, omunye ngapha uthi yena uzwe ihashi kodwa mina



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angizwanga ihashi, Sihlalo. Ngiyabonga kakhulu, Sihlalo,

ngingaqinisekisa ukuthi ...

*English*:

... work is underway to strengthen the co-ordination of a

multisectoral national response.

*IsiZulu*:

Futhi ngisho nje, Sihlalo ...

*Setswana*:

Ke a tshepa gore le ena wa nkutlwa fa ke bua IsiZulu. Wa

nkutlwa? Ga o utlwe IsiZulu? Wa bona yaanong wa nswabisa. Wa

se utlwa? Nnya, ba seke ba go arabela.

*English*:

So, in order to address some of the weaknesses that we

identified in the inaugural review of the implementation of

the NSP, the department is fast tracking the establishment of

structures at provincial local level such as provincial

directors general forum, the rapid response teams and the

placement of monitoring and evaluation experts in premier

offices in three provinces, namely, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-

Natal and Gauteng.



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We move from the premise that protection and safety of women

and girls can be achieved only through co-ordinated collective

and sustained action. We also have a bit of history in this

one from a position of how do we co-ordinate it and how do we

institutionalise it. It is 27 years now and since we started

it has been very hard. At some point, offices and structures

that were related to gender-based violence were usually in the

premier’s office and they will not get attention but get

shifted to another. I think the fact that we have this

department in particular it gives it a chance, not only to

monitor, but also to make sure that those that are following

up on the issues of gender-based violence they themselves are

assisted in understanding what is this scourge that we are

talking about. Thank you, Chair.

Ms N P SONTI: Chairperson, to the Minister, we have repeatedly

asked you to specify what collaborative efforts you have

undertaken with the police and the Department of Home Affairs

in order to fight against gender-based violence. We have not

received any answer except for the paper it is written on.

Every quarter in this country over 10 000 women are raped.

What have you done in collaboration with the police to ensure

that all rape of South African women stops? Thank you, Chair.



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The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Chairperson, I would agree

with the member in terms of ensuring that whatever we do must

not end up written on paper, it has to be something that is

practically implemented and also see the impact of it by the

reduction of the number of women and children that are abused

and killed.

I can assure you, hon member, that between my Ministry, which

is the Ministry of Social Development, the Minister of Police,

Minister Bheki Cele, and of course the Department of Women,

Youth and Persons with Disabilities, we do have co-ordinated

plans practically. Even this morning the Minister of Police,

Minister Bheki Cele, was presenting to us the co-ordinated

plan.

It is one thing to have these things that government is

planning to do and the police doing the best that they can to

catch the perpetrators and all that, the whole issue of

gender-based violence in South Africa is about behavioural

change. Behavioural change is not something that can be

enforced only by us political people, it is a responsibility

of every member of society.



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In the South African context, the painful part of it is that

it looks like the only women who are being beaten are only

black women. Let me tell you, this issue is an issue of all

women across the board whether you are white or whatever,

whether you are EFF or IFP it doesn’t matter. Violence against

women gets into homes and therefore this is one issue that we

should, by all means, avoid politicising and just work

together as a nation and say, how do we end this scourge that

is making us look like monsters to the world. Thank you.

Ms M D HLENGWA: House Chairperson, to the hon Minister, this

challenge appears to be one that is cross cutting all sectors,

both public and private. What are you specifically doing to

enhance and promote gender awareness in work places and

conducive empowerment environment for women in general? And

what challenges are you facing in this regard? I thank you.

*IsiZulu*:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA KOMPHAKATHI: Ngibonga kakhulu

... [Ubuwelewele.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Order, hon members!

*IsiZulu*:



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Malandela! [Ubuwelewele.]

*English*:

Order, hon members!

*IsiZulu*:

Kahleni! Kahleni! Malungu ahloniphekile, hhayibo.

*English*:

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Chairperson, I am not sure

if you were hearing what the hon member is saying, but ...

[Interjections.]

*IsiZulu*:

... awumzwanga, makazikhulumele.

Ms M D HLENGWA: House Chairperson, I do not know whether the

member is referring to me when he says ... I don’t know what

is banana or wanana, what is the meaning of that and what ...

[Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon member ...



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Ms M D HLENGWA: I am a small girl? Do you think I am a girl? I

am a grandmother at home. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Hlengwa ...

[Interjections.]

Ms M D HLENGWA: No, I need an apology. I need an apology on

this one because it is a disgrace to me, even to my children

at home. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon members,

please. Is it hon McGluwa? Hon McGluwa, did you say that?

Mr J J MCGLUWA: Hon Chair, I referred to the former Minister,

Manana. I mentioned his name because one of the questions was

relevant to the former Minister Manana. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon members, I

honestly did not hear what he said, but this will be followed

up and I will respond.

*IsiZulu*:

Ngicela siqhubeke.

*English*:



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Ms M D HLENGWA: House Chairperson, I will report this to my

Chief Whip because this is an insult to me. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): I will make a

follow up on that, Mama uHlengwa. I will definitely make a

follow up. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you very much,

Chairperson ...

*IsiZulu*:

... ngiyasaba ukuyingena le ngoba uma ngingayingena mina

kungaketuka amatafula. Cha, angizoyingena. Ngiyabonga kakhulu

mama ngombuzo wakho futhi umbuzo wakho ...

*English*:

... really hits the nail on the head. As I said earlier on

that it is important for us to deal with this scourge across

the board. Yours is particularly talking about the fact that

it is a cross cutting issue and I fully agree. It is also an

issue that sometimes is hidden in the workplace, and

therefore, as a department, not only the Department of Women

but government in general, we have been calling — of course we

know that there are organisations like COSATU and the rest of



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them who fight for the rights of workers and they never lose

sight of bringing on to the table the issue of gender-based

violence and femicide — The challenges that we face are

acceptance by the employer accepting the fact that it is their

responsibility to make sure that even within their employment

contracts and everything the issue of gender-based violence is

something that is reflected there. It is also about

accountability, and unfortunately in many instances, workers

who are not protected, when they go and report it ends up

there in the boardrooms. So, it is important for workers to

ensure that even if they do not belong to a union, they know

their right and know where they must go to when the issues

arise.

It starts in the private sector — because you are talking

about the private sector — it is about the private sector

creating a conducive environment for women or any other person

who is being abused, but in the main it is women that are

abused, to be able to go somewhere and report and make sure

that action is taken. Thank you, Chair.

Mr S N SWART: House Chair, to the Minister, at the end of

January this year the President referred to a number of

important amendment Bills to strengthen the fight against



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gender-based violence. These are the Criminal Law Sexual

Offenses Amendment Bill, the Criminal Related Matters Bill and

the Domestic Violence Bill. They cover a wide range of issues;

they are victim cantered and are aimed at protecting the

vulnerable. I am sure you are also aware of these Bills in

terms of being the Minister of Social Development.

Rising from your response in the acting Minister capacity, to

what degree are the departments, and of course it is incumbent

on all of us, spreading the message about these very important

Bills so that the public is aware of these important

amendments? For example, with the Domestic Violence Bill, one

can now apply online for orders for protection. I think it is

very key that the public are informed about these far-reaching

Bills which we support. We all need to accept responsibility,

and I appreciate the fact that you emphasise behavioural

change and that it affects everyone in society and previously

you have also referred to the importance of family in this

regard. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you very much hon

member for that follow up question. Yes, I think we have to do

much more in terms of making the public aware and we also need

to do much more to strengthen the families because as



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government we believe that we have to do something in

supporting the families. It is for that reason that the

Department of Social Development is responsible for

mobilising, supporting and advocating even amongst those

organisations that are based in communities.

It is also about ensuring that where there is a broader reach

like faith-based organisations and religious organisations who

have people coming to their churches every Sunday, these are

the platforms where such Bills must be explained to the

people. We have radio stations, from the SABC including your

community radio stations, these are the stations we have to

use.

I think the last one for me which is very important is the

work that is being done by Parliamentarians in their oversight

and holding us accountable as the executive. I believe that

every time you go to your constituencies you must not lose

sight of this programme of gender-based violence and you must

continue to hold us accountable in terms of the finances that

we are spending here. Hon Swart, when I look at how much money

we are spending on non profit organisations which are supposed

to be doing this work, we spend R8,2 billion per year. That

money comes to us but we take it to the different NPOs and



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NGOs and I personally believe that those NGOs must not

necessarily be an extension of government but they are given

resources by this government to make sure that they render

those services. We have guidelines as to how they can get the

funds and what they must do with the funds.

Where I think there is a weakness it is in the monitoring and

evaluation because if they were doing their work, the impact

would be felt in the different communities. So, I do believe

that your question is also like a message to us that do better

than you are doing in terms of making sure that people are

aware of the good work. We develop the policies, we sit long

hours doing that, it comes to Parliament to the portfolio

committees, you spend so much time going through it and once

it is adopted it must not be something that is folded and put

away. We must strengthen our institutions so that communities

know that they have institutional recourse. It is one thing to

have a policy nicely written, it is another for people to feel

that the institutions are not adequately responding to them.

Thank you very much.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Thank you very

much, hon Minister. Hon members, as already stated, the

remarks attributed to hon McGluwa, which clearly caused



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offense to hon Hlengwa, were not clearly heard by myself the

chair, we will refer to Hansard to check if the remarks were

recorded. In instances where the remark is not captured, we

rely on the integrity of members to state clearly what was

said when called upon to do so by the Chair. I will therefore

revert to Hansard. Thank you, hon members.

Mr J J MCGLUWA: Chairperson, may is rise and ask the hon

member to forgive me, and I apologise. I have never, for the

past 12 years that I am a Member of Parliament, offended

anyone in this House. I would like for her to take my word

that I said Manana. The hon member’s follow up question

referred to gender-based violence.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Okay, thank you,

hon McGluwa, I will take that to the Table. Hon members, the

time allocated for Questions has expired. Outstanding replies

received will be printed in Hansard.

The House adjourned at 18:05.

