

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2022

CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

★309. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Against the global outrage and condemnation of the Russian Federation’s invasion of Ukraine, and specifically the resultant rising fuel and food costs that has contributed to the suffering of every South African, (a) what motivated her to accept the invitation from the Russian Minister of Defence, who is the architect of the invasion, which gave rise to alleged human rights abuses and atrocities committed by Russian troops against ordinary Ukrainian citizens, to attend the 10th Moscow Conference on International Security and (b) how will the Republic and the SA National Defence Force benefit directly from her attendance at the specified conference, given its dire financial constraints?

NO2945E

★357. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether he has been briefed by the National Prosecuting Authority on any progress made in relation to the prosecution of all those involved in the Phala Phala game farm break-in and theft; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) has caused the delays and (b) progress has been made in this regard? NO3000E

★327. Ms N P Peacock (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) What is the update on the current progress of the SA Police Service (SAPS) in the fight against gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) and (b) which other campaigns does the SAPS run to ensure that the fight against GBVF is intensified? NO2966E

★355. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al-Jamah-ah) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) What are the details of the legislative provisions that Muslim marriage officers rely on to perform a Nikah, the Islamic marriage ceremony, and have both spouses to consent in obtaining a marriage certificate;
- (2) whether his department intends to take steps to train and allow Imams to formally officiate an Islamic marriage at the approximately 2 000 mosques in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, will such marriages be recognised in terms of the Recognition of Customary Marriages Amendment Act, Act 1 of 2021? NO2994E

★330. Ms T I Legwase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) What role does her department play in assisting growth in the Defence Industry with the Presidentially-led Public-Private Growth Initiative, especially in Denel and Armscor;
- (2) whether the Defence attachés are adequately equipped to help market the SA defence industry abroad; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2969E

★339. Mr B S Nkosi (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

With her department having identified economic diplomacy as a key focus area for 2022, and that SA Heads of Missions will contribute to the specified objective as economic envoys, what programmes will be undertaken by Heads of Missions to (a) attract investments from abroad into our economy and (b) provide diplomatic support to SA businesses to expand abroad, especially on the African continent? NO2978E

★323. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What is the current status of the request(s) from the government of the Republic of Namibia for mutual assistance in relation to the investigations into the events surrounding the break-in and theft at the Phala Phala game farm of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa? NO2961E

★358. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether the SA Police Service (SAPS) was used to investigate and hunt down those who were involved in the break-in and theft at the Phala Phala game farm belonging to the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what legal provisions did the SAPS rely in doing so as there was never a case opened for the specified crime?

NO3001E

★344. Mr X Nqola (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

With reference to the formal extradition application that was submitted to the Central Authority in the United Arab Emirates, as confirmed by the National Prosecuting Authority on 25 July 2022, what progress has been made in the extradition process of the Gupta brothers, Atul and Rajesh?

NO2983E

★305. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, with regard to an illegal ceremony performed at the Enyokeni Royal Palace on Saturday 13 August 2022 in which Prince Simakade kaZwelithini declared himself King of the Zulu Nation, despite His Majesty, King Misuzulu kaZwelithini, already having been declared the rightful heir of King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu, having been recognised by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr M C Ramaphosa, and gazetted as King of the Zulu Nation, any steps were taken to prevent such an illegal activity after complaints were made to the local SA Police Service; if not, why not; if so, what steps will be taken in this regard?

NO2941E

★348. Ms M C Dikgale (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether he can provide an update on the progress made, after the Report of the Expert Panel into the July 2021 Civil Unrest was finalised and published, with regard to the number of recommendations that need to be addressed on issues of the reorganisation of the Intelligence Services in order to repurpose the organisation; if so, what has been the progress?

NO2987E

★312. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether he has commissioned any studies and/or investigations into the decentralisation of policing services in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he intends to commission any such studies and/or investigations; if so, by which date will such studies and/or investigations be commissioned?

NO2948E

★354. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What total number of kidnappings of children and women have taken place in the Republic over the past two years;
- (2) whether it has been established that the kidnappings were primarily linked to crime syndicates; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2993E

★351. Mr M S Chabane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether he will provide clarity on the position of his department regarding the Automated Biometric Identification System contract to clear up the misinformation that exists in the public domain, despite the fact that his department has given an account of its position in the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2990E

★366. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Police to question 2141 on 17 June 2022 regarding the investigations and prosecutions arising out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, wherein he states that 100 cases were referred to the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), what is the position with regard to the other 200 cases of apartheid-era atrocities, where no amnesty was applied for and/or granted, that were recommended by the TRC for investigation and/or prosecution;

(2) what criteria were determined by the National Prosecuting Authority for selecting and/or prioritising, the 100 out of 300 to the DPCI for investigation?

NO3009E

★328. Ms L N Moss (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

(1) Whether he had any dialogues with the MEC of Community Safety, Mr R Allen, of the Western Cape Provincial Government, in trying to respond to the challenges of underfunding and the project of affirming neighbourhood watches at the expense of community police forums; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what interventions are in place to respond to the specified challenges?

NO2967E

★322. M. Gen O S Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

By what date is it envisaged that the recommendations of the (a) Marikana Commission of Enquiry, led by Judge I G Farlam, and (b) Panel of Experts Report on Policing and Crowd Management, will be fully implemented?

NO2960E

★359. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

What (a) progress has been made in the police investigation relating to the murder of Namhla Mtwa in Mthatha, Eastern Cape, and (b) are the reasons that the police have not arrested anyone as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

NO3002E

★331. Ms T N Mmutle (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

(a) On what date did her department contract the suppliers of essential services, like rations and fuel supplies, and (b) what is the status of the specified contracts?

NO2970E

★340. Ms B Swarts (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

With reference to her address during the 20th Commemoration of the African Union (AU) at the University of Cape Town, where she stated that the Republic remains extremely concerned about the humanitarian consequences of conflicts on the Continent and the resultant displacement of people, what (a) role will the Republic continue to play in bringing peace and stability to the countries facing conflicts and (b) are the details of the progress with regard to interventions that the Republic, within the Southern African Development Community and the AU, is making in conflict resolutions on the Continent (details furnished)?

NO2979E

★342. Mr Q R Dyantyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) What is the total number of escapes and/or attempted escapes from correctional centres which implicated staff in his department in the past two years;
- (2) whether any arrests have been made in this regard; if not; what are the plans of his department to ensure that escapes are curbed in the future; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2981E

★310. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

By what date can each of the 815 military veterans and former SA National Defence Force members who were called up to the Umzimvubu Regiment at 14 SA Infantry to assist with Operation Prosper expect to receive full remuneration?

NO2946E

★362. Mrs T P Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether, in light of the fact that the Republic's two BRICS partners, Russia and China, are supposedly under intense provocation from the United States of America (USA) on the Ukraine and Taiwan matters respectively; she affirmed in her recent meeting with the Secretary of State of the USA the Republic's strong ties with the two BRICS partners and its opposition to the agitation for wars at the global stage; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details?

NO3005E

★350. Mr K B Pillay (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether his department has taken any steps to implement the recommendations of the task team he established to investigate and report on the issuing of all permits granted to foreign nationals since 2004, which found that the system is not advanced enough to flag anomalies proactively and that existing technology, legislation and regulations needed to be reviewed; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2989E

★304. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What (a) portion of the proposed budget of her department is used to service inoperative members and (b) total number of members of the SA National Defence Force are on extended leave and/or suspension and considered as being inoperative?

NO2940E

★334. Dr M Basopu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What has been the progress with regard to the finalisation of the database of military veterans? NO2973E

★311. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether the SA Police Service has rendered security services to conferences and/or any other event of any political party since 1 April 2019; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the full costs of providing security services? NO2947E

★303. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What steps are being taken by (a) him and (b) the National Prosecuting Authority to ensure that the investigation and successful prosecution of money-laundering, terrorist financing and serious corruption cases forms part of the process to avoid the Republic from being greylisted by the Financial Action Task Force? NO2936E

★341. Mr X Nqola (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What progress has been made with regard to his department's public programme to abolish all apartheid laws that are not in tandem with the spirit and letter of a democratic South Africa, which he has mentioned on numerous occasions? NO2980E

★302. Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) Which member(s) of the SA Police Service received the complaint of the robbery at the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa's Phala Phala game farm and (b) what action is being taken against such members of the SA Police Service for failing to open a docket in this regard? NO2931E

★352. Ms M A Molekwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

In view of the dismissal of two and suspension of four officials of his department for their involvement in the fraudulent sale of the Republic's identity documents to foreign nationals who do not deserve such documents, which raises the question of patriotism among officials of his department, what has he found can be done to raise patriotism amongst staff members of his department so that, even when temptation comes, the interests of the Republic are put first so that all and sundry know that it is not for sale? NO2991E

★313. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

Whether, with reference to the recent revelation during the proceedings of the committee on the Section 194 Inquiry into the removal of the Public Protector, Adv Busisiwe Mkhwebane, that the State Security Agency gave inputs in 2017 on a proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, to change the mandate of the SA Reserve Bank, which led to a massive fall in exchange rates and the selling off of R1,3 billion worth of the Government's bonds, any disciplinary action was taken against any officials found to have been involved with the specified input; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) which officials faced disciplinary action and (b) what are the relevant details of the disciplinary action each specified official faced? NO2951E

★364. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) What is the current status of his publicly proclaimed fight against queues at Home Affairs offices across the Republic and (b) on what date will the long queues be eliminated? NO3007E

★329. Ms T I Legwase (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What (a) are the reasons for the slow progress in Armscor sweating its assets such as Gerotek and others and (b) plans does she have in place in order to capacitate Armscor to speed up the process to sweat its assets and generate income? NO2968E

★332. Ms T N Mmutle (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

By what date will the SA National Defence Force dispose of the scrap metals in the Walmansdal depot in order to generate income out of the scrap and mitigate possible risks such as fire and theft? NO2971E

★333. Dr M Basopu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether there are plans within her Department of Military Veterans to forge partnerships with municipalities in the implementation of the projects of the military veterans given that the projects are implemented in municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2972E

★314. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

(a) By what date does he intend to introduce amending legislation in the National Assembly to restructure the State Security Agency and/or intelligence structure(s) in the Republic and (b) what are the reasons for the delay in introducing the specified amending legislation? NO2952E

★360. Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What (a) is the current state of defence capabilities of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF), following reports that the SANDF is not in a position to defend the sovereignty of the Republic should there be a need and (b) steps is she taking to address the causes of the decline? NO3003E

★343. Mr Q R Dyantyi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) With reference to the training offered to officials in the Western Cape, Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal on the Maintenance Defaulters Track and Trace System, what progress has been made to provide such training in other provinces;
- (2) what progress has been made with the development of the framework through which the concealment of income and assets gained in the informal economy can be traced for the courts to be able to grant maintenance orders in such cases? NO2982E

★308. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Considering the corrupt officials who were uncovered in the Home Affairs offices of Benoni, Germiston and Tzaneen during the past months, what (a) methods have been implemented by his department's Counter Corruption and Security Services branch to prevent the occurrence of passport fraud and (b) audit measures are used by his department to detect passport fraud in Home Affairs offices across the Republic?

NO2944E

★345. Ms W S Newhoudt-Druchen (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

With the rising levels of violence between inmates, inmates and officials, as well as the increase of cases of suicides and attempted suicides, what steps is his department taking to address issues of mental health for both inmates and officials of the Department of Correctional Services?

NO2984E

★315. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

With reference to the withdrawal from prosecution of CAS 803/8/2021 opened at the Durban Central Police Station, what are the (a) names of the suspects and (b) reasons that the KwaZulu-Natal Director of Public Prosecutions issued a *nolle prosequi* decision in the specified case?

NO2953E

★349. Mr P M P Modise (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether, in view of the challenges and dangers of illegal immigration facing our communities, which are a grave concern, and also noting the tireless work of the department to address these challenges and the progress made thus far, whilst also being mindful that the issue of illegal foreign nationals in the Republic needs collective intervention, his department is collaborating with any other government departments, law enforcement agencies and/or community organisations to address the challenges and dangers of illegal immigration facing our communities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO2988E

★353. Ms M Modise (ANC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

With reference to the discussions between his department and the trade unions on the new shifts system which would see Home Affairs offices opening on Saturday, which have not yielded positive results, what are the details of the progress of the Bill that his department has submitted to Cabinet, which will change the nature of his department into a security department that is entitled to open on weekends?

NO2992E

★325. Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

On what date (a) did the Government's agreement with the Republic of Cuba on Cooperation in the Fields of Public Health and Medical Sciences commence and (b) will the specified agreement lapse?

NO2963E

★363. Mrs T P Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What (a) engagements has the Republic had with their Zimbabwean counterparts to ensure that the 2023 Zimbabwean elections will be free of violence and vote rigging that are allegedly synonymous with that country's elections and (b) are the details of preventative measures that the Republic will recommend in this regard as a member of the Southern African Development Community and African Union observer missions?

NW3006E

★365. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What total number of Home Affairs offices (a) does the Republic have and (b) have outside shelter to shield those standing in queues from severe weather conditions?

NO3008E

★356. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Notwithstanding the unveiling on 14 July 2022 of the first 200 cohorts of Border Guards of the Border Management Authority to curb further illegal migration into the Republic, what measures have been put in place to address the current illegal migration crisis within our country which is a safety and security risk that destabilises communities and the nation?

NO2995E