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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2015

CLUSTER 2: SOCIAL SERVICES

★524. Mr T Makondo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

In light of the legacy projects that his department has built in the country's rural areas and the plans that his department has in place to build the specified projects in other areas in the country, (a) what steps has he, in collaboration with his respective colleagues in Cabinet, taken to ensure that infrastructure and resources such as roads, telephone networks, geographic information, water and electricity are made available in order to allow easy access to the specified legacy projects, (b) what measures have been put in place to ensure that communities are involved in all processes of the development of the specified projects and (c) to what extent will the specified projects contribute toward local economic growth, job creation and transformation of the country's historical narrative? NO4594E

★531. Dr P Maesela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Whether there is a shortage of staff in most public health institutions; if not, what is the current state public health facilities in relation to human resource; if so, what (a) is the average vacancy rate of public health facilities and (b) plans are in place to address the specified vacancy rate;
- (2) what plans are in place to ensure that public health institutions are well refurbished and re-equipped with modern equipment and technologies, particularly built facilities? NO4602E

★541. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

What additional amount does his department require to provide sufficient (a) subsidies to universities and (b) funding to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) in order to ensure that, without negatively affecting the quality of education, there are no further fee increases in the next two financial years and there is fee-free university education for all students who qualify for financial assistance under the NSFAS at universities? NO4615E

★533. Ms B N Dlulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

In light of the fact that rugby, cricket, football, netball and athletics have signed the transformation score cards with him and that the other 12 sport federations are still to do so, what mechanisms has he put in place to deal with federations that default in their commitments to reach targets set in their respective transformation score cards? NO4604E

★530. Mr L P Khoarai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What steps are being taken by her department to ensure that wasteful expenditure emanating from contractors not availing themselves to finish off projects for which they have already been paid is stopped? NO4600E

★577. Mr G R Davis (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether her department undertook any study to establish how in general the SA Democratic Teachers Union help or hinder the Government in its objective of achieving a quality education for all children, especially those children living in poor communities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4653E

★542. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

With regard to the World Water Week Conference held on 22 to 28 August 2015, in Sweden where she stated that the country faces the possibility of having water cuts, similar to load shedding because of water scarcity, what plans has she put in place to prevent such water cuts? NO4616E

★539. Mr D H Khosa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) With reference to the National School Nutrition Programme, what number of schools are currently (a) benefiting and (b) not benefiting from the specified programme;
- (2) whether her department has managed to implement the specified programme in all deserving schools countrywide; if not, what are the time frames for implementing the specified programme in all deserving schools?

NO4613E

★557. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

What are the full details of additional plans that his department has in place to assist university students with study loans since the National Student Financial Aid Scheme appears to be patently unsustainable?

NO4631E

★534. Mr M L Shelembe (NFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether, in view of the requests for her department to intervene in evictions of hundreds of families living in Phoenix, Ethekwini, on land that was sold by the Ethekwini Municipality to a developer in order to alleviate the housing crisis, her department has taken any steps to (a) investigate the challenges and (b) address the plight of the residents of the specified area; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4607E

★527. Mr C D Kekana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

- (1) (a) How will the establishment of the two new universities in the Northern Cape and Mpumalanga increase the capacity and efficiency of the 23 existing universities to deal with the increased number of qualifying students enrolling at tertiary institutions;
- (2) whether there is a correlation between the increase in the number of qualifying post-matric students and the overcrowding experienced by the existing inadequate infrastructure like residences in the 23 existing universities;
- (3) whether the Government intends to establish additional two new universities in the longer term; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO4597E

★584. Mrs C Dudley (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) Why has the new National Special Needs Housing Programme not been approved and (b) what are the relevant details of the reasons why the programme has not been approved yet?

NO4660E

★523. Ms V P Mogotsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

In light of the caution by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation that there is a rise of brutal and systematic destruction of cultural heritage in many parts of the world, (a) what measures has his department put in place to ensure that the country's heritage is secure and safe and (b) what strategies have been adopted by his department to galvanise citizens to protect their cultural heritage?

NO4593E

★573. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

Whether, in light of the recent crisis relating to university funding, he has found that universities have too great a degree of autonomy under the current legislation; if so, (a) in what particular respect and (b) what steps does he intend to take in this regard?

NO4649E

★525. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

(a) What is the total number of films that received funding from the National Film and Video Foundation and National Arts Council were produced during the 2014-15 financial year, (b) how many of the specified films were screened by South African broadcasting agencies and (c) what economic spin-offs were derived from the specified films?

NO4595E

★526. Ms M F Nkadimeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

In view of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS and TB stipulating that the majority of the persons affected and infected by the HIV/AIDS, TB and STIs are aged between the ages 18 to 26 and most probably in the post-school education and training sector, (a) how does his department intend to intervene and contribute to the Government's Getting to Zero Campaign with particular focus on students in the post-school education and training sector and (b) what are the relevant details of the impact of the interventions that his department has put in place to fight against the scourge of HIV/AIDS and TB?

NO4596E

★565. Mr S M Gana (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

With reference to her reply to written question 1579 on 18 May 2015, (a) how many contractors have been instructed by the National Home Builders Registration Council to rectify state subsidised houses due to shoddy workmanship (i) in the 2014-15 financial year and (ii) since 1 April 2015 and (b) what are the names of these contractors?

NO4641E

★528. Mr E K Siwela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

In view of the fact that most students at universities find it difficult to settle their outstanding debts, what measures is his department putting in place to assist these students to settle their outstanding debts?

NO4598E

★529. Mr N Capa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

In view of the misunderstandings around the implementation of housing programmes by provincial departments (details furnished), what steps are being taken by her department to ensure compliance and differentiation in the implementation of respective housing programmes such as the housing rectification programme and the emergency housing programme? NO4599E

★570. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether her department has intervened at the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works in Tswane that is currently polluting the Apies River; if not, why not; if so, what action has been taken as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what were the results of the latest tests for e.coli done by her department in the (a) Apies River and (b) adjacent boreholes;
- (3) whether her department has taken any action including but not limited to criminal charges against the Tswane municipal manager in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4646E

★543. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

With regard to the various sporting codes that were previously only for whites at a national team level, such as cricket and rugby, what plans has he put in place to ensure that (a) the specified sporting codes are transformed to reflect the demographics of a post-colonial South African nation and (b) no rugby teams will in future go to the World Cup without being adequately representative of the demographics in the country? NO4617E

★532. Mr S M Ralegoma (ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

Whether, in light of the challenges with regard to school sport facilities, he intends to take steps to increase the budget allocation for the ministerial bursary scheme to enable talented youth from disadvantaged schools and rural areas to (a) access the best schools and (b) be competitive in their chosen sporting codes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4603E

★555. Ms S J Nkomo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether there are national and provincial registers which record protein-energy malnutrition such as kwashiorkor and marasmus which occur amongst young children so that his department may readily identify areas and communities which require interventions in order to stave off these preventable conditions through proper government feeding schemes; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4629E

★535. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

- (1) In light of the notion and belief that the current upheavals and protests in the institutions of higher education is mainly triggered by high tuition fees, student accommodation, tuition matters, governance and management issues, what is his department doing to ensure that management and governing structures in universities and other tertiary institutions resolve the specified issues;
- (2) what amount did the National Student Financial Aid Scheme pay in tuition fees in the 2014-15 financial year;
- (3) (a) what are the compelling reasons for universities to increase tuition fees and (b) what is his policy position with regard to the increase in tuition fees in view of the all-time low economy? NO4608E

★537. Mr D Mnguni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Does her department have any plans in place to deal with the problem of dams that are drying up in Mpumalanga and elsewhere in the country; if not, when does she foresee that a solution can be found for the specified problem; if so, what are the relevant details of the plans? NO4611E

★538. Mr T Z M Khoza (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) (a) Is her department ready for the 2015 National Senior Certificate examinations in all the provinces in terms of furniture for candidates and (b) have security measures been verified by her department;
- (2) what are the details of her department's plans with regard to the readiness of schools for the 2016 academic year;
- (3) were the challenges that were picked up during school visits by her and/or her department at the beginning of the 2015 school year addressed? NO4612E

★560. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What is the reason for R1,4 billion of her department's budget being returned to the National Treasury at the end of the 2014-15 financial year in light of her department's records which show that (a) 2504 social work bursary recipients, who are now graduates, are unemployed because of a lack of funding in provincial departments and (b) there is an acute shortage of drug rehabilitation centres across the country? NO4635E

★540. Ms V P Mogotsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

Whether, in view of the fact that part of the Government's strategic priorities that are aligned to the 2014-19 Medium-Term Strategic Framework are to deepen the scope of social security and universalise the old age grant by

2016 (details furnished), can she provide information on the progress that has been made in this regard? NO4614E

★567. Dr H C Volmink (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Since his reply to written question 3100 on 23 September 2015, (a) which province currently has the (i) highest and (ii) lowest maternal mortality ratio in the country and (b) what is the ratio in both cases;
- (2) whether each health district has dedicated obstetric ambulances; if not, why not; if so, what has been the impact of the availability of the specified ambulances in respect of maternal mortality? NO4643E

★576. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

Whether, with reference to his reply to written question 3618 on 7 October 2015 regarding gender inequality in sports, he has taken steps to initiate interventions to bridge the gap between the match appearance fees of female national team players in (a) football, (b) cricket, (c) rugby and (d) boxing as against their male counterparts; if so, (i) when will they be implemented and (ii) what are the further relevant details in each case? NO4652E

★544. Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

(a) When will she release the National Treasury's report into the National Treasury's investigation into corruption at the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) and (b) what steps has she taken to root out corruption within SASSA? NO4618E

★554. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What progress has been made to realise her vision of employing one social worker for each municipal ward throughout the country? NO4628E

★536. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What steps does she intend taking to address the (a) situation of elderly persons who have to stand in long queues unattended for a long time to collect their grants and (b) issue regarding the safety of the specified elderly persons who are transported in unroadworthy vehicles to collect their grants? NO4609E

★580. Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

With reference to her department's Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative, (a) how many of the targeted number of schools have been completed and (b) what is the average period between the completion of the building contract and the hand over? NO4656E

★571. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether any projects will be affected by the National Treasury's disapproval of the roll-over of R2 billion worth of unspent funds in her department's main account in the 2014-15 financial year; if not, how is this possible; if so, (a) which projects will be affected and (b) how will they be affected? NO4647E

★563. Ms K de Kock (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

In light of the fact that the number of registered non-profit organisations (NPOs) has increased quite significantly in the past five years, to a current number of 136 453 NPOs, what is the rationale and criteria behind her decisions to allocate funds to the various NPOs? NO4638E

★545. Ms M O Mokause (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

When is she going to intervene and resolve the issues raised by the Mayor of Thembelihle Local Municipality (details furnished), relating to the fact that the specified municipality has not had housing projects for a very long time and that allocations are shifted on a regular basis by both the national and provincial departments in order to frustrate the leadership of the specified municipality? NO4619E

★556. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

What mechanisms has her department put in place to capacitate municipal officials to ensure that they implement the Urban Settlement Development Grants according to applicable legislative provisions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4630E

★569. Dr W G James (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) Why has the Compensation Commission for Occupation Diseases (CCOD) failed to submit its annual reports for the last four consecutive years;
- (2) whether anyone has been held accountable for this; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there has been negative consequences to claimants as a result of the CCOD and the inadequate management of the Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases? NO4645E

★566. Mr S M Gana (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) Whether her department has undertaken any interventions to ensure that title deeds are issued for Breaking New Ground (BNG) houses as part of the handover of the houses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) what has been the delay in issuing title deeds to newly built BNG houses;
- (3) what is the current backlog of title deeds across the country?NO4642E

★572. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether any municipal managers are currently being investigated by the Blue Scorpions for contravention of section 151(1)(j) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) which municipal managers and (b) what is the status of each investigation?NO4648E

★546. Dr H Chewane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) What steps has he taken to solve the crisis at Mamelodi Hospital, where services cannot be delivered properly because the specified hospital is in a state of neglect, with the intensive care unit unable to operate patients due to the shortage of staff;
- (2) whether he has a road map to solve the crisis in the public health care sector; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4620E

★552. Mr J A Esterhuizen (IFP) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

What (a) are the reason(s) for the current state of disarray at the National Archives, (b) measures are being taken by his department to rectify the lack of skilled personnel and (c) plans does his department have in place to provide for a comprehensive policy framework in respect of the national and provincial management, whilst also addressing issues such as chronic underfunding, lack of resources and the apparent lack of political will for documenting and record-keeping in the country? NO4626E

★562. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What initiatives has her department undertaken in conjunction with the Department of Home Affairs to reduce the red tape burden of producing documents such as birth certificates at state hospitals for babies who have been abandoned at orphanages, which affects welfare organisations across the country? NO4637E

★561. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What is the current status of the Central Drug Authority's (a) board of executives and (b) number of vacancies? NO4636E

★568. Dr H C Volmink (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

- (1) What steps has he taken in respect of the Auditor-General's report which indicates a total of R5,1 billion in irregular expenditure in the public health sector in the 2014-15 financial year and R941 million in the 2013-14 financial year;
- (2) whether there has been consequences for the transgressors, particularly in the provinces with the highest irregular expenditure, namely Mpumalanga, KwaZulu-Natal, North West, Northern Cape and Limpopo; if not; why not; if so, what are the relevant details?NO4644E

★547. Ms A Matshobeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

Why do museums and other heritage sites charge entrance fees to South Africans? NO4621E

★553. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

What progress has her department made in the fight against gender-based violence since the launch of the Integrated Programme of Action Addressing Violence against Women and Children? NO4627E

★574. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

(a) On what grounds does the National Skills Fund withdraw funding from its projects and (b) how severe must the deficiency in respect of these grounds be to warrant the withdrawal of such funding? NO4650E

★575. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

- (1) What is the total number of separate private service providers in all spheres of teaching and training provided by entities under the purview of his department;
- (2) whether there are measures in place to monitor quality in respect of the specified private providers to ensure standards of (a) competence and (b) professionalism at the specified institutions; if not, why not; if so, what are the specified measures? NO4651E

★578. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What percentage of (a) learners are taking part in sports training within their weekly curriculum and (b) the specified learners receive instruction from educators with appropriate training in sports education? NO4654E

★548. Ms A Matshobeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

With reference to his reply to oral question 262 on 19 August 2015, (a) what has been the progress in the appointment of the National Archivist for the National Archives as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how have the operations of the National Archives been affected by not having a National Archivist for such a long period of time?

NO4622E

★558. Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

What (a) is the total number of accredited coaches in all sporting codes in the country and (b) steps has his department taken to ensure that coaching is fully representative of all demographic racial groupings in the country?

NO4632E

★579. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(1) (a) What percentage of learners with disabilities participated in structural sport programmes in the (i) 2013-14 and (ii) 2014-15 financial years and (b) what was the (i) nature and (ii) regularity of the specified structural sport programme;

(2) does her department, in collaboration with the Department of Sport and Recreation, have an agreement with regard to increasing employment of persons with disabilities as coaches and sport educators; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) what plans does her department have in place in collaboration with coaches and trainers in order to increase the participation of learners with disabilities in sports?

NO4655E

★581. Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

With reference to the National Learner Transport Policy that was adopted by Cabinet, what is the role of her department in ensuring that each learner has access to a school?

NO4657E

★582. Mr Y Cassim (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:

What was the average fee increment at universities for the (a) 2014 and (b) 2015 academic years?

NO4658E

★549. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

With reference to her reply to written question 1970 on 18 June 2015, when will she publish the findings of the investigation into the SA Democratic Teachers Union's jobs-for-cash scheme that was reported early in 2015?

NO4623E

★559. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

With reference to her reply to written question 2443 on 9 July 2015, what additional steps has she taken to rectify the situation of teachers who are employed by her department but are not adequately qualified in the subjects that they teach?

NO4633E

★564. Ms K de Kock (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Since his reply to written question 1283 on 19 May 2015, what progress has his department made with regard to the implementation of the recommendations by the SA Human Rights Commission (details furnished), in respect of the conditions faced by patients accommodated in prison while they wait for admission to state-funded mental health facilities that are yet to be completed in the Northern Cape?

NO4639E

★550. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

With reference to her reply to oral question 103 on 19 March 2015 regarding her department's plan to close a thousand schools in the Eastern Cape, (a) how many schools has her department closed since 1 January 2015 and (b) what impact has this had on rural school learners?

NO4624E