

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2024

CLUSTER 1: PEACE AND SECURITY

★1. Ms A Ramolobeng (ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

What (a) steps has he taken against the specified officials and all other inmates referred to in a video clip that went viral (details furnished), who were found guilty of similar offences and (b) is his department doing to dispel the offensive narrative to victims of crime and the general public that correctional centres are hotels? NO301E

★37. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

In light of the recent conviction of Mr Julian Aires, the first person who has been prosecuted by the US Department of Justice on charges related to state capture and convicted after being found guilty of bribing SA Airways procurement officials and a former director, Ms Yakhe Kwinana and given that all of the information, evidence and other documents which led to the specified person's conviction have been available to law enforcement agencies in the Republic for years, what (a) are the reasons why the Republic has only managed to unsuccessfully prosecute three persons for state capture to date and (b) steps will her department take to assist the National Prosecuting Authority to ensure that persons implicated in state capture are prosecuted successfully and swiftly?

NO339E

★24. Ms M Rweqana (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Following the public pronouncement by the former Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms T R Modise, that all benefits to military veterans will be implemented in line with the Military veterans Act, Act 18 of 2011, when does she envisage issuing directives to expedite the process of paying out all benefits to military veterans?

NO325E

★8. Mr C M Dugmore (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

What progress has been made in implementing the recommendations of the Public Protector in June 2024, concerning the difficulties that victims of gender-based violence experience when their cases are dealt with in magistrates' courts throughout the Republic?

NO308E

★54. Ms M S Letlape (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

Considering that in the 2022-23 financial year a total of 53 498 South Africans reported being victims of sexual crimes and, of those, 80% are registered to be rape, what measures is the SA Police Service currently putting in place to ensure that it contributes towards rape prevention?

NO356E

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

(1) What progress has he made with the development of the *White Paper on Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Protection: Towards a Complete Overhaul of the Migration System in South Africa*;

(2) whether he will introduce a Bill in Parliament in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO311E

★62. Mr G F Jonas (PA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

With reference to the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union march to the Union Buildings in 2022 to hand over a memorandum of demands for, amongst others, salary increases and decent living and working conditions (details furnished), what measures does he intend to put in place to (a) ensure that Correctional Services employees do not face racial discrimination for occupational levels but receive fair and competitive wages and (b) establish a transparent and effective model for promotions and pension payout?

NO364E

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

Whether she and the State Security Agency (SSA) have found that the more than 50 kidnappings every day in the Republic have served as a means to raise millions of Rands in ransom to fund terrorist activities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) steps has the SSA taken to address the prevalence of the kidnappings and (b) are the reasons that only one person has been prosecuted for involvement with financing terrorism to date?

NO336E

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

(1) Whether she has found that the intelligence community is effective and efficient in detecting crime and sharing intelligence estimates with other departments to fight crime; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what is the work of the intelligence community in the fight against crime to enable South Africans to appreciate the operations of the State Security Agency?

NO314E

★25. Mr S R Moodley (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

In light of the recent discovery of a secret military base on a private farm outside White River, Mpumalanga, what steps has she taken to deal with the potential military threats it poses to the security and stability of the Republic?

NO326E

★59. Adv B J Mkhwebane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

What (a) total number of statutory rape cases have been opened and successfully prosecuted in the past year and (b) were the outcomes and/or sentences handed down in the prosecuted cases?

NO361E

★17. Ms J L Mokoena (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police

What measures will the SA Police Service (SAPS) undertake to develop an effective collaboration mechanism between the SAPS and respective metro and/or local police to address crime?

NO317E

★41. Ms L Schickerling (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

With reference to the reply to question 777 on 29 April 2024, and the subsequent indication by the SA Police Service (SAPS) through a reply to a request submitted in accordance with the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act 2 of 2000, that 68,75% of case dockets which were stolen from police stations in Limpopo were open cases of rape and sexual assault, (a) from which police stations in Limpopo were the specified case dockets stolen and (b) what are the details of the immediate measures the SAPS is taking to ensure that all case dockets are correctly registered and safely and securely stored to avoid any losses in the future?

NO343E

★21. Ms T Sokanyile (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Regarding South Africa's upcoming G20 Presidency, how will his department leverage the opportunity to advance the priorities of developing nations, especially those from the African continent?

NO321E

★23. Mr W T D Plaatjies (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Given the challenges in verifying military veterans and managing their benefits, (a) what steps has her department taken to streamline the processes and (b) how is the budget being allocated to improve critical services (details furnished) for veterans and their dependents?

NO324E

★36. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What (a) steps has his department taken to secure the release of the two South African engineers who have been unlawfully detained in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for over 550 days and (b) are the details of the engagements with the government of the United Kingdom in this regard?

NO338E

★26. Mr S R Moodley (MK) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What are the reasons that the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) has not implemented the Integrated Border Management Surveillance and Security System as presented to the current Chief of the SANDF?

NO327E

★6. Mr M S Moela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Noting that, whilst his department is capacitated with women and men of integrity, there are some officials who bring his department into disrepute, what integrity vetting mechanisms are employed by his department in the recruitment processes?

NO306E

★56. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether he intends to make changes in the Republic's stance against Israel as a result of the foreign policy positions of other members of the so-called Government of National Unity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NO358E

★10. Mr O M Mathafa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

Considering that incidents of racism amongst young and old have been spiking in schools throughout the Republic, what steps has she taken to ensure that a culture of human rights and racial tolerance is embraced in schools? NO310E

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

Given his recent assertion that corruption within the SA Police Service (SAPS), which continues to erode the confidence of the public in law enforcement agencies, would not be tolerated, what (a) mechanisms are in place to strongly discourage the prevailing culture of criminal behaviour by some members of the SAPS and (b) will be done to ensure that offenders are swiftly and decisively dealt with? NO363E

★28. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

What (a) is the status of the Automated Biometric Information System project that was scheduled to go live in November 2018 and (b) total amount has his department recovered in penalties from the irregularly issued contract? NO329E

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

What measures, including the allocation of financial resources, will he expedite to capacitate the Border Management Authority to ensure border management and control over the movement of both people and goods across our borders? NO312E

★49. Mr Y Tetyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

In light of the alleged high levels of corruption and lack of accountability within his department, which have been prominent for over three decades, what recent measures of intervention has he taken to (a) clamp down on fraudulent activities and (b) root out corruption, especially in the Immigration Services Branch. NO351E

★13. Ms L S Makhubela (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:

What steps has she taken to strengthen the capacity of the intelligence community to deal with the challenges of cyber security? NO313E

★32. Mr D D Klopper (DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether any officials employed at any correctional facilities are currently under investigation on suspicion of aiding and/or smuggling contraband into correctional facilities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) total number of officials are currently under investigation and (b) are the names of the facilities where the officials are employed? NO334E

★20. Ms A N Kumbaca (ANC) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

In light of the recent events in Gaza, what action has he taken to strengthen the call of the Republic for a rapid protection force and further support in international humanitarian efforts? NO320E

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

- (1) Whether she has found that the delayed discovery by the Republic's intelligence structures and security services of an illegal military training camp in Mpumalanga in July 2024, where at least 95 Libyan nationals had been receiving training since at least April 2024, has impacted the Republic's efforts to exit financial greylisting; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what steps has her Office taken to address the failure of the Republic's intelligence structures and security services to discover the illegal military training camp sooner?

NO335E