

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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# QUESTION PAPER

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025

### *National System of Innovation Transformation Summit*

**★90. Mr M F Mokwele (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

What are some of the (a) outcomes, (b) recommendations and (c) programmes of action that are emanating from the National System of Innovation Transformation Summit which was held recently in Gauteng? CO297E

### *Implementation of emerging technologies*

**★88. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

(a) What plans are in place to ensure equitable implementation of emerging technologies in key economic sectors (details furnished) and (b) what mechanisms will be implemented to prevent a widening digital divide during the transition to a digital and circular economy? CO295E

### *Economic spinoffs*

**★91. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

What are some of the economic spinoffs of the (a) Square Kilometre Array and (b) SA Astronomical Observatory that have been derived by other areas across South Africa besides Sutherland and Carnarvon? CO298E

### *Promotion of science/technology/mathematics*

**★77. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

Whether he has made any urgent interventions to (a) promote and (b) advance subjects such as (i) science, (ii) technology and (iii) mathematics in schools, given the urgent need for learner performance improvement; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO284E

[No 4—2025] SECOND SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

*Meetings with ambassador of Iran***★97. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

With reference to his recent meetings with the ambassador of Iran and the fact that such discussions have been ongoing since 2000, (a) what contributions has Iran made to South African (i) science, (ii) innovation and (iii) technology since then, (b) what exchanges of technology were discussed during the last meetings and (c) how will South Africa benefit from this? CO304E

*Plans to increase investment***★92. Ms S Ndhlovu (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation:**

Whether, in light of the current unfavourable economic climate, his department has any immediate plans to increase investment in (a) research and (b) development by both the public and private sector, especially in areas like healthcare, renewable energy and climate change; if not, why not; if so, (i) what plans and (ii) what are the further relevant details? CO299E

*Improving sports infrastructure/facilities***★93. Ms D W Fienies (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether the Government has any plans to improve sports (a) infrastructure and (b) facilities at grassroots level and school sport, especially in areas that have been previously disadvantaged; if not, why not; if so, what plans? CO300E

*Converting abandoned/dilapidated buildings***★78. Ms L H Arries (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

Whether his department has made any interventions to convert (a) abandoned and (b) dilapidated buildings into (i) cultural hubs and/or (ii) museums; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO285E

*Funding for cultural institutions***★80. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) What urgent actions his department will take to secure funding for cultural institutions beyond adjusting budgets, particularly in the North West (details furnished) and (b) what innovative strategies such as (i) public-private partnerships and/or (ii) global grants have been advanced to ensure they thrive but not merely survive? CO287E

*Programmes to assist artists***★95. Mr M Feni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether any programmes are in place to assist artists in their careers (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what programmes and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO302E

*Safeguarding athletes***★75. Ms Z N Ngcobo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(a) What steps will he take to ensure that sporting organisations prioritise (i) safeguarding and (ii) allegations of abuse seriously, given the recent alleged rape incidents at the SA Gymnastics Federation and (b) what support systems are available for victims of abuse? CO282E

*Equal status to official languages***★96. Mr M P Sibande (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

What is his department's programme in (a) promoting, (b) developing and (c) utilising all official languages in a manner that accords equal status for all such languages? CO303E

*Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):*

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