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1.   † Indicates translated version of the question.

2.   ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.

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Hotspots for gender-based violence

★1.   **Ms S E Lucas (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(1)   Whether, in light of the announcement of the hotspots for gender-based violence in South Africa, the Government has considered putting more resources into such hotspots to address the scourge of gender-based violence; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2)   whether any proactive interventions have been undertaken to ensure the protection of women and children is such areas; if not, why not; if so, what interventions;

(3)   whether the fundamental characteristics of these areas such as alcohol abuse, poverty, lawlessness, poor facilities and persisting social ills will be addressed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?   CO703E

Diplomatic trip to Zimbabwe

★2.   **Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(1)   Regarding the recent diplomatic trip to Zimbabwe by the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, (a) when was he first informed of the flight and (b) on what grounds did he approve the flight;

(2)   whether he was informed that a delegation of a certain political party (name furnished) was included on the flight at the time of approval; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?   CO706E

Covid-19 corruption/procurement irregularities

★3.   **Ms M N Gillion (Western Cape: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(1)   Whether, in light of the various reports of corruption and procurement irregularities regarding the disbursement of funds to ensure a comprehensive national response to manage the impact of Covid-19 pandemic, the Government has set any timeframes for the investigation of all allegations of Covid-19 corruption and related procurement irregularities; if not, why not; if so, (a) what timeframes and (b) what are the further relevant details;

(2)   whether any measures are in place to ensure that all those who used Covid-19 pandemic funds to enrich themselves, their families and friends are held accountable; if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures and (b) what are the further relevant details?

CO704E

Sustainability of municipalities

★4.   **Mr A B Cloete (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the President of the Republic:**

In view of the mandate of the Municipal Finance Improvement Programme to support struggling municipalities and the National Treasury spending of R900 million on consultants towards specialised skills advisory support to capacitate municipalities, how is the future sustainability of municipalities in South Africa ensured?   CO701E

Investigations into Covid-19 fund

★5.   **Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Whether any progress has been made regarding the investigations into all cases of Covid-19 fund (a) manipulation, (b) fraud and (c) corruption that he authorised the Special Investigations Unit to investigate through a proclamation he issued in late July 2020; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?   CO707E

Restoration of public transport infrastructure

★6.   **Mr M I Rayi (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(1)   Whether the Government has any processes in place to quantify the damage that has been caused to public transport infrastructure such as trains, railway lines and train stations during the lockdown period; if not, why not; if so, (a) what processes and (b) what are the further relevant details;

(2)   what plans are in place to ensure that the restoration of the damaged infrastructure does not have a dire long term impact on our national efforts in order to restore economic activity and rebuild our economy?   CO705E