



**MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

Private Bag X1000, Pretoria, 0001, Union Buildings, Government Avenue, PRETORIA

Tel: (012) 300 5200, Website: [www.dpme.gov.za](http://www.dpme.gov.za)

---

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 38**

**WRITTEN QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

In assessing the performance of national departments, what (a) strategies have been employed to address any deviations from the set goals outlined in their strategic plans, (b) measures have been taken to (i) ensure effective course correction and (ii) optimise the departments' performance in response to unforeseen circumstances and/or obstacles, (c) specific (i) key performance indicators and (ii) benchmarks are used to gauge the success of the departments in the implementation of their strategic plans and (d) adjustments have been made to the metrics over the course of the five-year period?

**[NW38E]**

## Reply:

- a) Any deviations or amendments from the set goals outlined in National Departments' strategic plans should be approved by Parliament.
  
- b)
  - (i) The Department of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) share the biannual and other monitoring and evaluation reports with Departments, Clusters, FOSAD, Cabinet and Parliament; throughout that process the DPME makes recommendations on what should be corrected.
  
  - (ii) The DPME advises Departments which are faced with unforeseen circumstances to shift funds and deviate, for instance; the DPME advised the Departments to reprioritise in order to implement interventions to mitigate the negative effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.
  
- c)
  - (i) All APPs are based on performance indicators that are critical for the monitoring and evaluation of the performance of the Departments. The Departments are required to re-submit their quarterly performance reports to the DPME as prescribed, to enable and track progress against the approved APPs and Strategic Plans.
  
  - (ii) Both the DPME and Auditor General South Africa (AGSA) audit the performance of the Department against the indicators. The DPME's role is to ensure that indicators are smart and can be measured. As indicated above performance reports are presented to the various decision-making structures within the Government and Parliament for consideration and to address identified constraints.
  
- d) The MTSF (2019 – 2024) targets were revised in 2020 to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 pandemic. The Departments were required to re-table the adjusted APPs to Parliament.