

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WRITTEN REPLY

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 1134

Mr M.J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry

- (1) With reference to the Second Quarter report of his department's 2019-20 budget, what steps will be taken to fill the 125 vacancies within his department?
- (2) What are the reasons for the (a) 100% variance from projected expenditure on the National Metrology Institute of South Africa capital line item and (b) -113% variance from projected expenditure on the National Metrology Institute of South Africa operations line item? NW2294E

Reply:

My office has requested the Honourable member to provide a copy of the second quarterly report referred to in this question. Both the Departments of Trade and Industry and Economic Development have only tabled Q1 Performance and Financial Reporting to the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry.

I am advised that the 100% variance from projected expenditure on the National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA) capital line item and -113% variance from projected expenditure on the NMISA operations line item is due to formula errors on the In-Year Monitoring report template. This has been reported to National Treasury.

According to the Department's financial records, NMISA's actual expenditure for both the capital and operations line items is in line with the projected expenditure.

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