

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [★86] (Interdepartmental transfer – 21 May 2021)

Whether his department established any small industrial parks in the (a) 2018/19 and (b) 2019/20 financial years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what is the (aa) status and (bb) location and (ii) how many small businesses were assisted by his department in the specified business industrial parks? [CW259E]

REPLY

(a) & (b)

The Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme (IPRP) of **the dtic** was initiated in 2015. Its primarily objective was to refurbish and upgrade existing state-owned industrial parks that were established in prior years and in many cases had deteriorated due to lack of maintenance or neglect. The IPRP was not developed to establish small industrial parks (IPs), but to assist in the refurbishment of existing state owned parks. I am advised that these industrial parks include smaller businesses as tenants.

The Department is considering ways in which small businesses can be further assisted within both industrial parks and SEZs.

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