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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO. 269

DATE OF ORAL REPLY: 7 JUNE 2023

Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What conclusions did he arrive at from the data of Eskom, Transnet, Telkom and local government to issue a call for an extension on the scrap metal ban, as published in Government Gazette 48598 on 15 May 2023? NO2391E

REPLY:

I took into account inter alia, the continuing damage caused by theft of copper cable and metal to public infrastructure, with associated hardships on communities, small and large firms and the economy more generally; and the work underway within government to develop the next phase of the measures to address trade in scrap metal and copper identified in the notice published during 2022. Following careful consideration, I concluded it would be appropriate to provide an opportunity for public comment before making a decision on the prohibition on the export of identified copper and metal products, and if so, on what terms.

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