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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 553

**DATE OF ORAL REPLY: 28 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Ms N E Motaung (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Given that his department has undertaken to ban the export of scrap metal for a temporary period and that it has been argued that this will have a devastating impact on small traders, (a) has his department done an impact assessment on how this will impact small traders and (b) what has he found is the broader impact of the specified ban on the economy?

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#### **REPLY:**

The Department put forward a proposal for public comment, to restrict export of scrap metal and copper cable for a limited period. No final decision has been made.

The impact of theft of scrap metal and copper cable on small businesses is very damaging, inter alia as small businesses (in industry and trading) are in most cases not able to afford back-up generators nor carry the cost of electricity or transport outages.

Researchers consulted in the development of the proposals took into account the impact of the proposed measures on informal scrap collectors and reference is made to this part of the industry in the published research report.

The final decision on the appropriate measures will take all relevant factors into account.

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