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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1082

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Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Whether, given that many factories in QwaQwa, Butterworth, Hammanskraal, Botshabelo, Thaba Nchu, and many other places are being destroyed on a daily basis due to not being used, he will account on what his department is doing to restore the factory buildings for operation and production of many household items such as candles, brooms and clothes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what plans does his department have in place to ensure that the occupancy of such factories is solely for South African citizens, who produce either on a large-and/or small-scale in the economy;
- (3) whether there are supply chain mechanisms to ensure that when the factories are resuscitated, big corporates can be compelled to procure a portion of their stock from the factories and/or businesses that are purely South African-owned; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what total amount is allocated towards such plans in the budget of his department? [NW1331E]

REPLY

Industrial Parks are currently established, run and managed by provinces and local authorities. In a number of cases, provinces have in turn appointed provincial development agencies to run the industrial parks.

The Department's role has to date been to consider applications for funding from provinces, for improvements to infrastructure.

The Department is currently reviewing the industrial park model to provide a new framework that entails a stronger role for national government in promoting industrial parks.

World Trade Organisation rules regulate access of goods on a domestic market. Government has used its own procurement policies to promote greater levels of local industrial development; and other measures and support programmes have assisted South African firms.

Occupancy policies are determined by provinces and local government who own the industrial parks.

Supply-chain measures are being put in place in a number of sectors, through competition settlement agreements, agreements under the BB-BEE Act and Master Plans.

The various Master Plan partnership agreements and budgets of the Department and entities contain details of the measures, ranging from tariff support to industrial funding, that are available to promote investment and greater levels of industrial development. For example, measures to support the development of the local clothing industry are contained in the relevant Master Plan.

The Spatial Development budget of the Department covering inter alia budget set-asides for Industrial Parks and SEZs are contained in the Annual Performance Plan of the Department, tabled in Parliament during March 2022. A copy of the APP is available on the website of the Department. In addition to such funding, the

budgets covering sector development, investment promotion, exports and the financing branches of the dtic, and the budgets of the development finance institutions, contain resources that firms in the industrial parks can draw on.

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