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Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 247

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#### **Prince Z Burns-Ncamashe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

With reference to the announcement made by the President of the Republic, Mr M.C Ramaphosa, in his State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022 that the hemp and cannabis industry will be supported to create 130 000 jobs in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, what collaborative efforts has his department undertaken by working with the Department of Agriculture to (a) improve the regulatory framework and (b) attract the necessary investment needed for the industry? [NO1611E]

#### **REPLY**

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development is leading government's work on the cannabis industry. **The dtic** forms part of the team tasked with the development of a National Cannabis Masterplan for South Africa. Deputy Minister Gina leads the Department's work in this area.

The Masterplan will serve as a broad framework for the development and growth of the South African cannabis industry in order to contribute to economic development, job creation, inclusive participation, rural development and poverty alleviation. To date, **the dtic** has consulted with key stakeholders, who are members of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Cannabis, on key policy principles that should be included in the Cannabis Commercialisation Policy. A policy discussion document on cannabis commercialisation is being drafted by **the dtic** for consultation.

Finalisation of the Master Plan will drive investment decisions in the sector.

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