

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3098

Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What (a) was the quantum of the budget allocated to the Ekandustria Revitalisation Programme in the (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2021-22 and (iv) 2022-23 financial years, (b) phases and deliverables were completed in each financial year and (c) further phases and deliverables are planned beyond the 2023-24 financial year? NW4166E

REPLY:

Industrial Parks fall within the responsibility of Provinces and in some instances, municipalities. The role of the dtic is to consider requests for funding for infrastructure improvements, typically on areas such as fencing and security. The dtic does not manage implementation of upgrading nor does it operate industrial parks. The Department has tabled reports on SEZs and Industrial Parks at the Portfolio Committee of Trade and Industry, addressing the challenges with the existing model and the need for reform.

The Department has provided the following details on developments relating to the Ekandustria Industrial Park, which I set out below.

- (a) Budget allocations for industrial parks, under the Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme (IPRP) of **the dtic**, are approved on an application basis and there is therefore not a dedicated budget to a specific industrial park.

The Ekandustria Industrial Park received approval for R51,812,604 in the

2015–2016 financial year (FY), and construction was finished in the 2019–2020 financial year.

(i) FY 2019-2020 - R268,398 was spent as the last tranche of the allocation;

(ii) FY 2021-2022 – nil; and

(iii) FY 2022-2023 – nil.

(b) (i) The activities listed below that began in FY 2015–2016 were finished in FY 2019-2020:

- 13 Factory spaces were revamped, amounting to 35 835 square metres of roofing with new ventilators, box gutters and insulation;
- 2km Clear View fencing installed;
- 3 Guard houses constructed;
- 3 Swing gates and 6 boom gates with pedestrian walkways/gates; and
- Refurbishment of Waste Water Treatment Plant;

(ii) 2021-22 – nil; and

(iii) 2022-23 – nil.

(c) The original application submitted by MEGA has been reworked to include investors/tenants' priority critical infrastructure needs. A Project Steering Committee comprising of City of Tshwane, MEGA, and Gauteng Department of Economic Development, is finalising the application to be submitted to **the dtic**.

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