

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 4095

Mr F J Mulder (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

- (1) (a) For what period has the position of Director-General in the Department of Trade and Industry been vacant and (b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling the position;
- (2) whether there are plans to fill the position soon; if not, why not; if so, what are the timelines for filling the position, including a deadline for the final appointment of a new Director-General?NW5377E

REPLY:

The post of Director General was advertised, and applications were considered by an Inter-Ministerial Committee. However, during the process, the Minister was requested to consider whether structural changes should be proposed involving the responsibilities within the dtic, which would affect the selection of a suitable candidate. This has taken some consideration during the second half of 2023. The Department intends that the position will be filled by the end of the financial year.

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