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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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921. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) In view of the Poultry Master Plan which is one of multiple master plans that were announced by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during his State of the Nation Address on 11 February 2021, which is aimed at supporting local businesses in line with his Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP) which was tabled in October 2020, what role does his department play in the President's localisation drive, in line with his ERRP;
- (2) the assistance of state-owned structures in establishing their businesses in (i) the poultry industry and/or (ii) any other industry and (b) where are they located in each case?
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REPLY

- (1) The Poultry Master Plan is an outcome of the social compact between government, and other stakeholders in the value chain including poultry and feedstock producers and importers. It is also the Department's contribution towards the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan through focus on increasing local production, growing exports and improving dynamism in the sector. The ultimate goal of these interventions is to create more jobs and strengthen food security. To support the outcomes of the Masterplan, chicken producers have committed R1.5 billion in new investment in their own production facilities within the next four years towards the investment drive. This is expected to result in nearly 3000 additional jobs in the production of chicken.

In addition, the Masterplan has prioritized the development of both commercial contract famers and small to medium (SMMEs) poultry enterprises so to integrate them to the poultry supply chain. In order to back this priority, the sector has pledged R1.7 billion of investment in the

establishment of 50 commercial scale contract farmers - this investment will be supported by the industry and various government agencies.

- (2) A major new fund has been launched that will also cover the poultry industry has been launched in a partnership between the DALRDD, DTIC and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC). Details of the Fund can be provided to the Honourable Member.

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