



**the dtic**

Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 242

#### *Budget for Laboratory Recovery Plan*

**Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

(a) What total budget has been allocated for the implementation of the Laboratory Recovery Plan of the SA Bureau of Standards and (b) what amount has been spent to date on (i) infrastructure upgrades, (ii) replacement of laboratory equipment and (iii) the recruitment of technical personnel? CW313E

#### **REPLY:**

I have been advised by the SA Bureau of Standards (SABS) as follows.

- (a) The annual allocated budget for the Laboratory equipment recapitalization is R39mil. This is significantly lower than the required total capital cost estimated at over R2bn.
- (b) (i) R35.7mil has been invested on infrastructure upgrades;  
(ii) R76.3mil on replacement of equipment; and  
(iii) In the last two years SABS managed to recruit 16 technical personnel to strengthen laboratory capacity and address skills requirement at the cost of R5.5mil.

**-END-**