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Trade, Industry and Competition  
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## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 246

#### *SABS Laboratory Recovery Plan*

**Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether the Laboratory Recovery Plan of the SA Bureau of Standards includes measurable performance indicators that are linked to the restoration of industry confidence and laboratory utilisation rates; if not, why not; if so, (a) what specified indicators and (b) what progress has been recorded against each indicator to date?  
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#### **REPLY:**

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

- (a) Yes, some of the indicators included on the Laboratory Recovery/Turnaround Plan are maintenance of accreditation, Turnaround time, CAPEX implementation, number of personnel trained and declared competent, and these are tracked on the divisional scorecard.
- (b) All SABS laboratories *maintained* their accreditation, Turnaround time (*17% improvement as at the end of Q3*), CAPEX implementation (*R76.3mil spent on equipment replacement over three years*), a number of personnel were trained and declared competent (*18 new technical signatories have been added in the last three years*), and these are tracked on the divisional scorecard.

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