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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 360

Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Whether his department will commit to a specific timeline for the rehabilitation of Markman's roads, sewage, water and stormwater infrastructure in consultation with the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what is his department's position regarding Coega Development Corporation's demand of payment for access to Neptune Road despite it being a public road and (b) what measures are in place to prevent further environmental degradation that is caused by untreated sewage from Markman which is flowing into (i) the residential areas and (ii) Zwartkops Estuary;
- (3) (a) why has the planned bulk ore terminal in the Coega Special Economic Zone not been developed, (b) what impact has such delays had on the deterioration of Markman's infrastructure, (c) what is the Government's position on establishing an Industrial Development Zone in Markman as proposed by the Markman Business Forum and (d) how is his department planning to integrate private-sector investment into Markman's revitalisation while ensuring state accountability? CW417E

REPLY:

- (1) The Department has not received any application to support critical infrastructure upgrades from the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality for the Markman Industrial area; and therefore, cannot commit to a specific timeline.
- (2) (a) Neptune Road, is publicly accessible to businesses using the Transnet Port facilities. It can be accessed via the N2 and the MR435. Thus, there is no payment required.

(b)(i)&(ii)

The services impacting the two areas are managed by the Municipality, it is therefore, proposed that these questions be directed to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality.

(3) (a)&(b)

The development of the planned bulk ore terminal will not be located in the Coega SEZ, as it is not in-line with the SEZ zoning. It is proposed that it be located on the Transnet land, as part of its back-of-port activities. It is further proposed, this question be directed to the Transnet Ports Authority as they would be best placed to respond.

(c) The Markman Business Forum has not submitted a formal application to **the dtic** for an Industrial Development Zone.

(d) Discussions between **the dtic** and affected stakeholders are at conceptualisation phase, with a common outcome towards a shared value proposition for an integrated model of private and public partnership.

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