

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 465

Funds for infrastructure development

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

- (1) Whether his department will provide assurances that funds that have been allocated for infrastructure development in Markman will not be diverted to other projects; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what specific policy reforms his department intends to implement to prevent such neglect of industrial areas in the future? CW528E

REPLY:

- (1) the dtic has not received an application for infrastructure development from Markman Industrial Park. Once such an application is received, it will be duly considered through the formal assessment process.
- (2) The Department has a dedicated programme in-place, the Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP), which also makes provision for the refurbishment or upgrade of industrial infrastructure, in and around the Industrial Parks. Applications for specific requests are accepted throughout the year; and approved applications are given financial relief – subject to availability of budget and criteria of the said Programme.

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