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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 466

Collaboration with NMBM

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

- (1) Whether his department is collaborating with the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality to extend the socio-economic assessment over the entire road-based logistics network, inclusive of the impact on tourism-related enterprises (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, when will the study be (a) completed and (b) made available;
- (2) whether his department has investigated the alleged non-compliance with the zoning scheme as the operators permit for the Coega Special Economic Zone require compliance with all legislation (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his department responded to the representations of the Markman Business Forum (MBF) on the allegations of the Coega Development Corporation demands for payment for use of a public road (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether he intends engaging the MBF on the planning of the industrial park for Markman (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) how and (b) when will such engagements take place to ensure his department's alignment with its policy objectives for industrial parks as identified to Parliament on 20 November 2024?
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REPLY:

- (1) The department has not been approached to collaborate on any socio-economic assessment study by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, and hence cannot comment on the existence of such an assessment.
- (2) The Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) is responsible for administering and implementing the zoning schemes within its jurisdiction, whilst the Coega Development Corporation (CDC) is responsible for the zoning and land

use planning within the Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ). To date, the department has not received any communication from NMBMM that CDC is in non-compliance of its zoning. However, the department has written to the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), who regulates environmental management, including EIAs, and is the custodian of CDC, to indicate if they received any complaints of non-compliance. We are still awaiting a response from DEDEAT.

- (3) A letter was received from the Markman Business Forum on 05 August 2024, subsequent the department had an in-person meeting with the Forum on 06 August 2024.

The meeting resolution was twofold -

- a) that a meeting will be arranged with **the dtic's** Unit dealing with the revitalisation of Industrial parks, in order to investigate how this programme can assist with the improvement of road infrastructure in the industrial area, thus assisting private sector with blended finance options; and
- b) to facilitate discussions between the Municipality and Coega on the access via Ranger road in Markman to Neptune road. The department was subsequently informed that engagements were postponed and that the matter was escalated to the Competition Commission (CC) - registered under case number: 2024Oct0005. The departments are awaiting feedback on this matter.

The department further established that Neptune Road, is publicly accessible for businesses using the Transnet Port facilities and can be accessed via the N2 and the MR435, with only the Port Fees administrated by the Ports authority payable.

- (4) A meeting and drive around the park took place at the Markman Industrial Park with MBF -
- a) on 11 March 2025, with the objective of appreciating MBF's attempts to make industrial park conducive for business, and to understand their request to **the dtic**. Subsequently, a meeting with the MBF mother-body, the Nelson Mandela Bay Chamber of Business, was held at **the dtic** on the 25th March 2025, with the CEO and her team; and
 - b) both meetings resolved that further engagement with both Coega and NMB Metro officials would be critical to create a common approach and to devise a feasible plan that will be adopted by all stakeholders. **the dtic** will organise a follow up meeting with all stakeholders during the month of May 2025, where relevant executive official at the NMBM will be available.

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