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Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Medium-Term Development Plan 2024-2029

QUESTION NO: 564

Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) With reference to the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2024-2029 (details furnished), (a) what specific directives have been issued within his department to achieve such objectives, (b) what steps have been taken to engage Cabinet in reviewing or removing discriminatory legislation such as Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment and race-based laws to foster a more inclusive economy and (c) what measures have been implemented to (i) strengthen foreign relations and (ii) promote a market-friendly environment to attract private sector investment in each case;
- (2) how the Government intends to align its policies with the MTDP 2024-2029 to ensure inclusive growth and equal opportunities for all (details furnished)? CW677E

REPLY:

- (1)(a) **the dtic's** Strategy and Annual Performance Plans are aligned to the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP), which outlines Government's targets, measurable indicators, and expected impact for the electoral cycle up to the next National elections in 2029. To this extent, targets are aligned to Performance Agreements of the DG/DDGs and Heads of Entities, to ensure objectives are met; and the Department monitors progress on a quarterly basis.

- (b) The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, firmly states the need to effect redress and equality in the interest of equity. Section 9(2) of the Constitution places a collective burden on all to advocate for equality and redress.

The B-BBEE Act is one of the key pieces of legislation; and an instrument driving transformation and fostering a more inclusive economy. Therefore, it will not be removed instead it will be enhanced through implementation of transformation fund and strengthened enforcement mechanisms. The Department's targets are aligned to the MTDP to ensure inclusive growth.

- (c)(i)&(ii) In terms of the Country Investment Strategy, **the dtic's** Trade Policy and Global Export Strategy prioritises key markets for trade and investment. For key countries like the EU, we are developing investment packages to engage on. The Department has further developed an Investment book of projects for investment.

Through the InvestSA, **the dtic** offers an investment facilitation service to unblock and fast-track registrations, permits and licensing for all investors in our One-Stop Shops and Energy One-Stop Shops.

- (2) **the dtic's** Strategy and Annual Performance Plans are aligned to the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP). Inclusive growth is at the heart of **the dtic's** mission. The Department is determined to ensure that small, medium, and micro enterprises, along with designated groups such as black people, women, youth, and persons with disabilities, are actively supported to participate meaningfully in the economy. This commitment extends to empowering underdeveloped regions, including townships and villages, to ensure they benefit significantly from our efforts. To achieve this, we will initiate a skills revolution, focusing on training and development to equip our youth and the "missing middle" for success in an evolving economy.

The Department also aims to streamline processes and to reduce red-tape, thereby creating a more favourable business environment. The ease of doing business; attracting investment; and fostering growth across all targeted sectors, require that we double our efforts to overcome hurdles and red-tape in the business

environment. Our goal is to create a robust ecosystem that encourages innovation and drives economic transformation.

The Department will be briefing the Select Committee on its Strategic Plan, Annual Performance Plan and Budget on 18 June 2025 and will further elaborate on the set targets.

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