

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 60

Industrial Parks in Gauteng

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

- (1) (a) How many inter-provincial industrial parks in Gauteng are part of the (i) provincial and (ii) national parks and (b) when last was an audit conducted on the (i) budget and (ii) actual on-the-ground expenditure for such industrial parks;
- (2) (a) why has the Ennerdale Industrial Park been left to decay and (b) why has the burnt-down buildings in Orlando East Industrial Park not been rebuilt even though the insurance has paid out? CW60E

REPLY:

- (1) (a) **There** are 3-interprovincial industrial parks linked to Gauteng Province, none supported by national government (**the dtic**).
 - (b) (i) Provinces (through NWDC and MEGA) conduct their own audits for parks budgets, as accounting entities. **the dtic** accounts for approved application budgets. Ekandustria, Garankuwa and Babelegi, and were supported with R51, 812,604.00; R24, 042,041.02 and R87, 113,052.90, respectively.
 - (ii) NWDC and MEGA are responsible for their own operational expenditures. Expenditures resulting from approved dtic budgets on projects were as follows: Ekandustria R58, 580,877.00; Garankuwa R24, 042,041.02 and Babelegi R91, 894,000.00. Cost overruns were due to incurred penalties arising from construction delays and work stoppages.

- (2) (a) **No** application was received by the dtic from Gauteng Province for consideration of the Ennerdale Industrial Park support.
 - (b) According to IP operator / owner, SEFA, they faced budgetary constraints and thus were unable to refurbish the IP. They indicated that insurance companies refused to insure the park due to tenants' non-compliance with Occupational Health & Safety (OHS), municipal by-laws, etc. amongst the cited reasons.

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