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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 1217

**Rev N B Gcwabaza (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Of the businesses that attended the Vietnam-South Africa Business Meeting in Hanoi on 5 February 2026, (a) what total number were (i) small-, medium-, and micro enterprises, (ii) women-owned, (iii) youth-owned and (iv) black-owned enterprises and (b) how does the delegation led by his department align with the transformation and inclusive economic participation objectives of his department? NW1365E

#### REPLY:

- (a) The department, through the Export Marketing and Investment Assistance (EMIA) scheme applications received and approved, financially supported a total of eleven (11) South African entities to participate at the outward selling mission (OSM) to Vietnam held in February 2026. As part of this delegation:
- (i) Ten (10) SMMEs were supported;
  - (ii) Six (6) Women-owned Entities were supported;
  - (iii) No Youth-owned Entities were supported; and
  - (iv) Ten (10) Black-owned Entities were supported.
- (b) The selection criteria for all the departmental export promotion initiatives is guided by the department's objectives, which includes:
- Transformation and inclusivity: Enterprises owned or managed by Previously Disadvantaged Individuals (PDIs) are targeted in support of government's transformation objectives;
  - Geographical representation: Efforts were made to ensure participation from a broad range of provinces to promote inclusive regional representation;



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- Export diversification: Consideration was given to include new and emerging exporters to broaden South Africa's exporter base; and
- Sectoral balance: The selection sought to achieve representation across relevant sectors and products where there is potential demand in the market, in order to showcase the diversity of South Africa's export capabilities.

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