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Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1280

Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) What (a) specific strategies is his department implementing to address the issue of abandoned factories across the Republic and (b) is the timeline for the specified strategies;
- (2) (a) how does his department intend to revitalise the abandoned factories to contribute to local goods production and (b) what role does he envisage for (i) small-, medium- and micro enterprises and (ii) co-operatives in the process;
- (3) in what way does he intend to leverage the potential of the abandoned factories to create jobs and stimulate economic growth in local communities? NW1379E

REPLY:

1. (a) As you aware, **the dtic's** Strategy is pursued and implemented through its Industrial Parks (IPs) Programme to support State-Owned Industrial Parks. Provinces or Entities such as Ithala or the North West Development Corporation, are legislated to own and manage these Industrial Parks.

(b) Through the Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme (IPRP), Provinces or Entities can submit applications for funding support subject to budget availability and to meeting the requirements of the Programme.

2. (a) The Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme supports the following elements to stimulate manufacturing and services by SMEs from local industries:
- Assist companies locating and expanding their operations within Industrial Parks.
 - Refurbishment of infrastructure, including electrical and water components.
 - Bulk Infrastructure refurbishment and upgrade.
 - Security features such as fences, cameras etc.
 - Outside the Industrial Park, critical infrastructure may be supported through the Municipality or Entity application to the Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP).
- (b) (i)&(ii) Provinces or Entities, as part of the contract and procurement spend for construction, refurbishment or upgrade, make provision for local SMEs and Co-operatives.
3. Working together with Provinces and Entities, in terms of our Industrial Strategy, Master Plans and the District Development Model (DDM), we need to build value chains and eco-systems to ensure sustainability of Industrial Parks (IPs).

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