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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1320

Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

In view of his department's objectives of expanding market access opportunities for the exportation of Republic's goods and services, what (a) specific sectors and/or industries are prioritised for export growth and (b) measures are in place to support their international competitiveness? NW1600E

REPLY:

- (a) The Department promotes exports and market access in a range of sectors, including amongst others, automotive and components; rail equipment and services; chemicals and plastics; steel and metal fabrication; clothing, textiles, leather and footwear; meat and poultry; furniture; creative industries; ICT and software; defence and aerospace; capital equipment; mining and beneficiation equipment and services; agriculture and agro-processing; health and pharmaceuticals as well as engineering and infrastructure services.
- (b) In supporting exporters and their international competitiveness, the Department funds the participation of exporters in international exhibitions and missions to profile their products and services through the Export Marketing and Investment Assistance (EMIA) scheme. The Department also undertakes capacity building and export training initiatives to expand the Country's exporter base, including through the Global Exporter Passport Programme (GEPP), which trains companies to be export-ready. Current support measures for export-led growth are inadequate and as such, the Department is assessing improvements in this regard for greater economic impact.

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