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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1353

Ms N L Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Given that the Government announced a target to allocate at least 40% of public procurement spend to black women-owned businesses, what (a) has his department done to achieve this target and (b) is the current percentage of public procurement spend of his department that goes to black women-owned businesses? NO1646E

REPLY:

Indeed, the target for public procurement is set at 40% for women-owned businesses. The following are the strategic interventions to advance public procurement:

- (a) Branches within the department are encouraged, where feasible, to prioritize women-owned enterprises in their procurement of goods and services, in alignment with the government's established goals. The procurement spend towards designated groups is analysed regularly.
- (b)
 - i. For the 2023/2024 financial year, the total approved contracts amount to R111, 802,839.66, with 42% (R46, 417,465.16) allocated to women-owned businesses.
 - ii. In quarter two (Q2) of the 2024/2025 financial year reporting period, the department's approved contracts total R68,415,205.24, of which 43% (R29,211,347.68) were awarded to women-owned businesses.

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