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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1914

Mr M Khoza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

How does his department justify the significant public funds invested in efforts to revitalise the Dimbaza Industrial Park, which include more than R100 million in private sector support, R38 million in infrastructure and nearly R90 million in stalled projects when there is no measurable return in terms of sustainable jobs, industrial activity and/or local economic development? NW2127E

REPLY:

The Eastern Cape's Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) confirms that public investment has delivered measurable outcomes.

The revitalisation programme was intentionally structured in phases, with initial intervention focused on foundational infrastructure including – fencing; electricity; water; and bulk services, to restore baseline functionality of the park.

The Report submitted to **the dtic** (2022) on the Dimbaza IP status, indicated that six (6) manufacturing companies recorded a total investment of R100m, with 650-job opportunities created. The report also showed diverse sectors operating in the park, namely - distribution, auto-mechanics, mining, and construction.

During Phase 1 construction intervention, funded under **the dtic** Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP), resulted in 248-jobs, with 68 of those individuals in the youth category.



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There were 19-SMMEs, averaging R280 500.00 each, for which services were procured from the local area.

Subsequent upgrade of Phase 2 in the IP, implemented by the ECDC and BCMM, had an estimated Project Value of R115, 3m. The project was concluded in the 2023/24 Financial Year. **the dtic** has requested DEDEAT to facilitate receipt of the Close Out Report to update the impact on revitalisation.

These upgrades were necessary to stabilise the assets and enable the current phase of investment attraction. These interventions have created construction-related employment during implementation and established the necessary platform for subsequent investment attraction, leveraging private sector co-investment.

All pipeline projects have been reviewed, with project resources now being directed toward high-impact initiatives that will deliver sustainable jobs and industrial activity, supported by private sector participation.

The Eastern Cape Provincial Government, the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC) has therefore implemented a strategic pivot towards demand-driven industrial development, targeted and market-aligned investment, and increased private sector participation.

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