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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO. 4435**

**Mr S Thambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) In light of the recent appointment of certain persons (details furnished), what transparent and merit-based processes were followed in the appointment of board members of the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) in 2025;
- (2) whether he will furnish Mr S Thambo with the full shortlist of candidates considered for the appointments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how does he justify the appointments of certain persons (names furnished) in terms of section 13 of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, and principles of good governance and independence;
- (4) what measures has his department implemented to (a) safeguard the IDC from undue political influence and/or cadre deployment and (b) ensure that the board operates in the best interests of industrial development rather than party political agendas;
- (5) whether he will make the minutes of the nomination, vetting and final decision-making processes available to the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4992E

#### **REPLY:**

The Minister has been invited to brief the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition on the appointment of the IDC Board. The meeting was scheduled for 22 July 2025 and has since been postponed. Upon the rescheduling of the meeting, specific questions will be directly responded to during the meeting or after if there is still a need.

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