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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 4650

Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether his department consulted the industry in the development of the Industrial Development Strategy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details, including the name of each entity consulted? NW4980E

REPLY:

The Department consulted extensively with industry stakeholders during the development of the Industrial Development Strategy (IDS) through structured engagements with industry representative bodies, organised business formations, sector associations, labour representatives and other social partners.

The consultations were undertaken through various platforms, including sector engagements, bilateral meetings and existing industry-government forums. These engagements provided stakeholders with an opportunity to make inputs on the strategic priorities, challenges and opportunities relating to industrial development.

Entities consulted included, amongst others, the following: The IDS was presented to the Economic Sectors, Investment, Employment and Infrastructure Development (ESIEID) Cluster and NEDLAC's Trade and Industry Chamber, comprising government, labour and industry representatives, with the key areas of focus highlighted. The development of the IDS also benefited from inputs from industrial policy researchers, academics and advisory bodies, as well as contributions arising from the Masterplan process. Industry stakeholders



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were further invited to submit critical issues for consideration through their respective associations and Masterplan Executive Oversight Committees.

The purpose of the consultations was to ensure that the Industrial Development Strategy reflects industry perspectives, addresses sectoral challenges and opportunities, and supports a collaborative approach to industrial development. The Strategy will continue to be refined through ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders as part of its implementation process.

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