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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 506

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

- (1) Whether he and his department have reviewed the cost-benefit of the Health Promotion Levy since its implementation (details furnished); if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether he will furnish Mr R W T Chance with a copy of the review and/or report; if not, why not; if so, on what date;
- (3) whether another review will be performed; if not, why not; if so, (a) by what date and (b) what are the relevant details? NW687E

REPLY:

The Health Promotion Levy on sugary beverages was legislated through the Rates and Monetary Amounts and Amendment of Revenue Laws Act, 2017 (Act No. 14 of 2017), published in the Government Gazette on 14 December 2017, with effect from 1 April 2018. This levy is a domestic consumption tax that manufacturers in the Country are required to pay. Imported sugary beverages are also taxed when they are cleared for domestic consumption. The levy is administered and collected by SARS and is not within the mandate of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**). Therefore, the Department does not have the legislative mandate to review the cost–benefit of Health Promotion Levy since its implementation.

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