

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 520

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

What (a) total amount of money has (i) his department, (ii) the Industrial Development Corporation and/or (iii) any other entity reporting to him, spent on subsidising ArcelorMittal South Africa since the company announced that it was closing its steel plant in Newcastle and (b) further commitment in cash and in kind has he made to ArcelorMittal South Africa to maintain its current operations? NW547E

REPLY:

I have been advised by the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) as follows.

(a)&(b) **the dtic** and other relevant government institutions have been in constant engagement with ArcelorMittal South Africa (AMSA) stakeholders to explore initiatives and interventions aimed at saving and/or mitigating the impact of the closure of the AMSA longs business.

In June 2024, IDC provided AMSA with a 12 months' R1bn working capital facility. This facility was restructured in January 2025 and there are no arrears. Furthermore, in February 2025, IDC and **the dtic** provided AMSA with a R380m shareholders' loan for working capital, particularly aimed at averting the closing of the longs business plant in Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal.

the dtic and IDC, in consultation with stakeholders, including AMSA, are investigating various interventions and initiatives to mitigate the impact on the steel industry and other affected sectors and protect jobs. These include financial, strategic, operational and regulatory initiatives.

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