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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 5370

Mrs H Denner (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

In light of the reported decline in the film and television production industry in the Republic and concerns regarding the administration and payment of incentives under the SA Film and Television Incentive Programme, what are the relevant details of the (a) total number and monetary value of approved film and television production rebates that remained unpaid as at 30 June 2026, (b)(i) total number of production projects affected by such outstanding payments and (ii) estimated total number of jobs thereby affected, (c) reasons for the outstanding payments and (d) measures that have been implemented to (i) ensure the timely payment of approved rebates and (ii) restore the competitiveness of the Republic as a destination for international film and television productions? NW5810E

REPLY:

(a)

As at 30 June 2026, a total of 28 approved film and television productions with rebates of R255 million are yet to submit all required documentation to process the payments.

(b) (i)&(ii)

The total number of 28 production projects was not impacted as the incentive payments are evidence-based and payments are made only once beneficiaries provide evidence that the applicable investment was made and other programme requirements have been met.

Approved projects must have commenced production before claims can be processed and considered for payment and 997 jobs were not impacted as the incentive is a reimbursable

grant. Furthermore, the 997 jobs are projected jobs, associated with the approved projects, rather than the actual jobs created.

(c)

The submission of all required documentation is necessary to enable the Department to undertake the requisite verification and processing before payments can be authorised and finalised. The Department continues to engage with the relevant stakeholders to facilitate the submission of outstanding documentation and expedite the processing of such payments, where all requirements have been met.

(d) (i)&(ii)

The Department has implemented measures to improve the timely processing and payment of approved rebates by regularly reviewing outstanding claims to identify and address delays, engaging applicants to obtain any outstanding or incomplete supporting documentation, and prioritising claims that meet all prescribed requirements and have been duly verified. The Department remains committed to ensuring that approved rebates are processed and paid as expeditiously as possible, subject to the availability of the necessary supporting documentation and compliance with the applicable requirements.

The Department recognises the significant contribution of the film and television sector to economic growth, investment, employment creation, skills development and tourism. Appropriate measures are being implemented to strengthen the competitiveness and attractiveness of the Republic as a destination for international productions. These measures include reviewing and strengthening the film and television incentive guidelines, improving the efficiency and predictability of the incentive administration process, and addressing administrative barriers that may affect the ability of international productions to operate efficiently in the country.

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