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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 5736

Mr M P Motubatse (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

(1) With reference to the R28 million refurbishment announced for Ga-Rankuwa Industrial Park in 2019, and allegations that development funding did not achieve its intended purpose, (a) where did the funding come from, (b) who was the implementing agency, (c) what was the approved scope of work and (d) what are the relevant details of the contractors who were appointed, contract values and amounts transferred and paid, work completed and person(s) who verified and certified its completion;

(2) whether he will furnish Mr M P Motubatshe with the relevant expenditure records, completion certificates and inspection reports; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether his department has investigated the allegations and established whether the reported deterioration arose from incomplete or defective work and inadequate maintenance or financial misconduct; if not, why not; if so, what (a) were the findings and (b) corrective action were taken, such as recovery of funds and/or referrals to investigating authorities? NW6214E

REPLY:

(1) The department has not received any complaints on the assertion of the stated allegations, suffice to state that the refurbished infrastructure at the time (2019) could not be launched because of concomitant community protests related to lack of job opportunities and high unemployment in Garankuwa. According to the DBSA Close-Out Report on project, the development funding achieved its intended purpose.

(a) Funding of the infrastructure was provided by **the dtic** Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP).

(b) The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) was the appointed implementing agency.

(c) The following elements were the approved scope of work: invisible fencing; security gates; guardhouses; High Mast lights & paving of walkways.

(d) Leloba Bright were the appointed contractors. The value of the contract was R28 320 677.32, and amounts transferred and paid to the contractors stood at R 24 165 782.95. All completed work was verified and certified by NWDC, DBSA and appointed engineers.

(2) Relevant expenditure records, completion certificates and inspection reports are available – see **Annex A** https://dtishare.thedti.gov.za/filr/public-link/file-download/8a8b4b7ea0a43e0601a15d2fd51f23ea/37437/-6676322778435229463/Annex%20A.zip

(3) As indicated above, we are not aware of any complaints on the assertion of the stated allegations. Although, the contractor service provider Close-Out report indicated stolen CCTV infrastructure material and electrical connections. All work as contracted with the service providers, was reportedly completed and certified in April 2019. Due to the volatile community protests and tensions at the time, which led to vandalism of vulnerable infrastructure in and around the industrial park, it was expected that some level of deterioration will arise because of such actions.

(a) There were no reported allegations of resource mismanagement or financial misconduct tabled to the department.

(b) No applicable corrective actions undertaken, since no such allegations arose.

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