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Trade, Industry and Competition
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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 63

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Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Whether his department has crafted appropriate ways to designate sugar and sugar-containing products under the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act Regulations for all procurement by Government and state-owned entities as stated in commitment one of the Sugarcane Value Chain Master Plan to 2030; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? NW63E

REPLY

- (1) Following the Constitutional Court decision in February 2022, relating to preferential procurement, it is now clarified that it is the responsibility of each organ of state which procures products to put in place a preferential procurement policy applicable to its procurement.

the dtic is engaging various organs of state on the importance of including local content in their supply chain policies and tenders. While this does not currently include sugar, this sector will be part of the programme for March/April 2023.

The new Procurement Bill that National Treasury is finalising may provide additional clarity on mechanisms to address preferential procurement.

the dtic has made notable progress in Commitment One of the Sugarcane Master Plan, which focuses on restoring the local market and facilitating offtake commitments. Core commitments facilitated by **the dtic** include a pledge by large sugar users to procure at least 80% of their sugar needs from local growers, and increasing it thereafter; and a partnership with retailers to prioritise the sale of local sugar in stores.

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