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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 6890

Mrs N L Hlazo-Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether his department has identified specific sectors under its National Township Economic Development Programme; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) in which townships has the rollout commenced for each identified sector and (b) which of the specified townships does his department intend to designate as special economic zones?
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REPLY:

The Department, through its Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme (IPRP), is working with 15-Industrial Parks to deepen the footprint of MSMEs in the manufacturing and services provision sectors. Depending on existing feasibility studies done around each park, township interventions on sectors are at different stages, and largely dependent on existing and potential investors on the ground for uptake. Bulk work on interventions have been made through funding support given by **the dtic** (incentives under programmes such as the Black Industrialist Programme, etc.) and DFIs (IDC, NEF and SEDFA) to individual enterprises.

(a) Work is being done in –

- Gauteng (Soweto, Joburg South, Kagiso, Randfontein, Babelegi / Hamanskraal, Garankuwa, Geluksdaal, KwaThema, Tsakane, Lesedi/Ratanda, Boipatong / Vaal);
- Limpopo (Seshego, Jane Furse, Nkowankowa);

- KwaZulu-Natal (Umlazi, Mandeni, KwaMashu, Ulundi);
- Eastern Cape (Mthatha, Komani/Ezibeleni, Zwelitsha, UGIE);
- Free State (Welkom / Thabong, Thaba-Nchu, Botshabelo, Phuthaditjaba);
- Northern Cape (Kathu / Gamagara, Upington / Dawid Kruipper, Kuruman);
- Western Cape (Motherwell, Perseverance, Atlantis);
- Mpumalanga (KwaMhlanga, KaBokweni, Middleburg/Mkuze).

(b) There are ongoing assessments for requests made by –

- (1) Gauteng (for the Vaal SEZ and West Rand SEZ);
- (2) North West (for Bojanala SEZ); and
- (3) Limpopo (for Fetakgomo SEZ), based on cited townships.

In the same vein, capacity is also being extended to underperforming designated SEZs, to integrate MSMEs in those locations with potential markets within the zones.

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