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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO. 706**

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

What steps is the SA Bureau of Standards taking to (a) repair the collapsing roofs and flooded areas at its Pretoria campus, in particular the heating, ventilation and air conditioning room in Block A and (b) repair or replace the damaged fridges at its Rosebank offices in Cape Town, which have led to complaints of offending odours from neighbouring residents since May 2024? NW917E

#### **REPLY:**

(a)&(b) The assessment that was conducted on the roofing and piping network at the SABS Groenkloof campus showed a need to repair some of the roofs and pipes. The Roofing Repair Project has been approved with the funding allocated to it. The process is currently at the procurement stage to source contractors to repair the roofs. The implementation will be in a phased approach starting with prioritised buildings. The first building is estimated to be completed by March 2025.

The Piping Replacement Project has also been approved for a certain section of the facility due to limited budget. The replacement of the water pipes will address the HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) challenges for some laboratories. That is in addition to the air handling units that have already been replaced and repaired where necessary. The estimated completion date for this project is March 2025.

The issue of the faulty freezers at the Cape Town laboratory was resolved in April 2024.

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