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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 7345

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

- (1) With regard to the Special Economic Zone project management unit established by his department, known as the Industrial Zones Programme (IZP), (a) on what date was the IZP established, (b) who authorised its establishment and (c) to whom does it report in his department;
- (2) whether it is included in the organisational structure of his department as approved by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details; and
- (3) what is the (a) purpose, (b) mandate and (c) degree of authority in its dealings with the independent boards of the Special Economic Zones established under the Special Economic Zones Act, Act 16 of 2014? NW8209E

REPLY:

- (1) The Industrial Zones Programme (IZP) was established on, -
 - (a) 30 October 2019;
 - (b) On 30 October 2019, Cabinet authorised the establishment of the Programme Management Unit (PMU), which is now known as IZP;
 - (c) The IZP reports to **the dtic** through the Investment and Spatial Industrial Development (ISID) branch and the IDC.

(2) No, the IZP is a specialised programme of the department, and it is housed within the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) in-line with the Cabinet decision of 2019; and therefore, it does not form part of the organisational structure of the department.

(3)

(a) The IZP has been established to support industrial delivery by way of accelerating the implementation of the Special Economic Zones, which are the key tools driving industrialisation in South Africa. Primarily, the IZP is tasked with providing specialist advisory and engineering support to the underperforming SEZs with capacity challenges and driving the implementation of the strategic SEZs at a national level.

(b) The mandate of the IZP is to:

1. Support **the dtic** to be an active participant in the planning, development and management of SEZs.
2. Provide specialist advisory services to assist provinces and municipalities in accelerating the planning, development, and management of SEZs.
3. Strengthen the country's industrialisation agenda by fostering operational optimization of SEZs.
4. Support **the dtic** in coordinating the contribution of all national stakeholders to the planning and development of SEZs, ensuring that there is alignment and that all synergies are realised.

(c) The IZP does not have authority over the independent boards of the Special Economic Zones.

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