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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO. 978**

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

- (1) What (a) are the agreed terms of reference for the independent investigation into alleged governance, management and operational failures at the SA Bureau of Standards (SABS), (b) is the total budget that his department has allocated for the investigation and (c) safeguards have been implemented to protect whistleblowers, including both internal SABS employees and external stakeholders such as customers and suppliers;
- (2) how long does his department anticipate deliberations on the findings and recommendations of the investigator's report will take place before publicly announcing its decisions regarding implementation? NW1083E

#### **REPLY:**

- 1)
  - a) The terms of reference are enclosed.
  - b) The total budget allocated for this investigation is around R1,96 million.
  - c) Protocols are followed to protect employees and external stakeholders.
- 2) As alluded to in my previous response, the investigation should be concluded end May 2025; and we will endeavour to release the Report as soon as we have fully interrogated it within the Department. I request Hon. Chance to allow the process to be completed.

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