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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1486

Ms L Mathys (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What are the (a) reasons that the option for amending the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, Act 46 of 2013, is being considered and (b) are the details of the (i) discussions between his department and other relevant stakeholders, including other government departments, regarding the possibility of Starlink providing satellite internet services in the Republic and (ii) other optional service providers that offer services that are similar to those provided by Starlink? NW1796E

REPLY:

- (a) The year 2024 marked twenty-one years (21) since the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003) was promulgated. Government acknowledges that efforts to transform our economy using B-BBEE as one of the instruments has resulted in more black South Africans and women meaningfully participating in the economy as owners and workers. However, even after 21 years, South Africa remains one of the most unequal countries globally, with many still marginalised from the economy. As a result, the Government is strengthening B-BBEE implementation, compliance and enforcement of transformation.
- (b) The relevant department that will be able to provide information about the Starlink matter is the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. **the dtic** will provide its view on the matter once consulted about the details by the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies.

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