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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1499

MP Mr MK Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Question Whether there are positions of trade attachés vacant in our foreign missions; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) total number of the foreign missions have not filled the vacant positions, (b) processes have been initiated to fill the specified positions so that the organogram becomes a true representation of the departmental structure and (c) for how long have the positions been vacant? NW1809E

REPLY:

The number of vacant Foreign Economic Representative (FER) posts are 30, with 4 officials currently deployed at the Geneva WTO Mission.

Key FER positions have been vacant since November 2023. The department is reviewing the approach to the FERs and the footprint of markets where they will be deployed.

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