**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Question 2836**

**Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

1. How many (a) persons have applied for support under the Black Industrialist Programme and (b) applications have been approved;

**Response**:

(a) and (b) the dti has conducted extensive consultations with key stakeholders as part of the Black Industrialist Policy development process. Such Stakeholders include Cabinet Committee, MinMec, Business, Development Finance Institutions, State Owned Enterprises and NEDLAC. The inputs from these Stakeholders have been considered in the development of the Black Industrialist Policy (BIP) which is en route to Cabinet for consideration and approval. No applications have been approved as the application process for the BIP has not as yet been finalized.

(2) What are the names of all those (a) who have applied for support under the specified programme and (b) whose applications have been approved to date?

**Response**:

(a) None, the Black Industrialist Programme has not yet approved by Cabinet.